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Education

PhD, Jewish Theological Seminary, 2001 (Talmud and Rabbinics), “with distinction”

MPhil, Jewish Theological Seminary, 1999

LLM, Hebrew University, 1994 (*Mishpat Ivri*, “Jewish Law”), *cum laude*

JD, Columbia University, 1987, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

BA, Barnard College, 1984 (political economy) *magna cum laude*, departmental honors,
Phi Beta Kappa

BA, Jewish Theological Seminary, 1984 (Talmud and Rabbinics)

Fellowships

Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania,
Fellow, 2021–2022

Charles H. Revson Fellow, 1999–2000

Wexner Graduate Fellow, 1995–1999

Revson Fellowship, 1995–1996 (declined)

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor: Jewish Theological Seminary (Spring 2023)

Professor: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (2015–present)

Emily S. and Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman Chair in Rabbinics (2013–present)

Adjunct Associate Professor: Jewish Theological Seminary (2012–2013)

Visiting Professor: Jewish Theological Seminary (Summer 2011)

Horace W. Goldsmith Visiting Associate Professor in Judaic Studies: Yale University
(Fall 2008)

Associate Professor: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (2007–2015)
Tenure awarded: 2009

Assistant Professor: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (2001–2007)

Instructor: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Fall 2000)

Books

1. *Making History: Studies in Rabbinic History, Literature, and Culture in Honor of Richard L. Kalmin*, edited by Carol Bakhos and Alyssa M. Gray (Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies, 2024)

2. *A Talmud in Exile: The Influence of Yerushalmi Avodah Zarah On the Formation of Bavli Avodah Zarah* (Brown Judaic Studies, 2020)(Open access reissue with new preface by author). Available at <https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvzgb95s> or <https://muse.jhu.edu/book/75475> or <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:1111044/>
3. *Charity in Rabbinic Judaism: Atonement, Rewards, and Righteousness* (London and New York: Routledge, 2019)
Paperback edition published December 2020

Reviews:

- Aryeh Cohen, in *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 7 (1–2)(2021): 118–121
 Krista N. Dalton, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 73:1 (Spring 2022): 196–199
 Dov Kahane, at <https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2022/10/3/charity-in-rabbinic-judaism>
4. *Studies in Mediaeval Halakhah in Honor of Stephen M. Passamanek*. Special Issue of *Jewish Law Association Studies* (vol. XVII; Liverpool, UK: Deborah Charles, 2007). Editor, with Bernard Jackson
 5. *A Talmud in Exile: The Influence of Yerushalmi Avodah Zarah On the Formation of Bavli Avodah Zarah* (Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies, 2005)

Book in Preparation

Working title: *The Halakhic Imagination: Reading Jewish Law as Literature*

Articles, Book Chapters, and Translations (Peer-Reviewed)

1. “Sodom Between the Rivers? Revisiting B. Sanhedrin 109a–b,” in *Making History* (ed. Carol Bakhos and Alyssa M. Gray; Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies, 2024), 283–311
2. “Intertextuality and Amoraic Literature,” in *The Literature of the Sages: A Re-Visioning* (ed. Christine Hayes; Leiden: Brill, 2022), 217–271
3. Translation of Mishnah Tractate Horayot with notes and introduction, in *Oxford Annotated Mishnah* (ed. Shaye J.D. Cohen and Hayim Lapin; New York: Oxford University Press, 2022)
4. Translation of Mishnah Tractate Megillah with notes and introduction, in *Oxford Annotated Mishnah* (ed. Shaye J.D. Cohen and Hayim Lapin; New York: Oxford University Press, 2022)
5. “The Motif of the Forgetting and Restoration of Law: An Inter-Talmudic Difference about the Divine Role in Rabbinic Law,” in *Land and Spirituality in Rabbinic Literature: A Memorial Volume for Yaakov Elman, z”l* (ed. Shana Strauch Schick; Leiden: Brill, 2022), 175–207
6. “*Dê Mahgoro* as the Key to Jewish Almsgiving: A Maimonidean Interpretive Innovation and Its Legal Afterlife to the Fifteenth Century,” in *Accounting for the*

- Commandments in Medieval Judaism: Studies in Law, Philosophy, Pietism, and Kabbalah* (ed. Jeremy Brown and Marc Herman; Leiden: Brill, 2021), 27–44
7. “Rabbis and the Poor in Palestinian Amoraic Literature and the Babylonian Talmud,” in *A Companion to Jews and Judaism in the Late Antique World, 3rd Century BCE – 7th Century CE*, (ed. Naomi Koltun-Fromm and Gwynn Kessler; Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020), 217–228
 8. “Private Property in the Synagogue (R. Isaac bar Sheshet Perfet, Responsum 253),” in *Judaism and the Economy: A Sourcebook* (ed. Michael L. Satlow; London and New York: Routledge, 2019), 119–124
 9. “Almsgiving and the Public Order,” in *Judaism and the Economy: A Sourcebook* (ed. Michael L. Satlow; London and New York: Routledge, 2019), 125–126
 10. “Jewish Law,” *Cambridge History of Judaism*, vol. 6 (ed. Robert Chazan; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 620–647
 11. “Tractate Avodah Zarah (in the Talmud).” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*. Ed. Naomi Seidman. New York: Oxford University Press (2018) (REVISED: FEBRUARY 2023) <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199840731/obo-9780199840731-0165.xml?rskey=uB6hw7&result=166>
 12. “Reading Tosafot as (Law and) Literature,” *Jewish Law Association Studies* XXVII (2017): 308–335
 13. “The People, Not the Peoples: The Talmud Bavli’s ‘Charitable’ Contribution to the Jewish-Christian Conversation in Mesopotamia,” *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 20:2 (2017): 137–167
 14. “R. Eliezer of Metz’s Twelfth-Century Exclusion from Charity of the Jewish *Avaryan B’mezid* (‘Deliberate Transgressor’),” in *Approaches to Poverty in Medieval Europe: Complexities, Contradictions, Transformations, c. 1100-1500* (ed. Sharon Farmer; Turnhout: Brepols, 2016), 67–92
 15. “Wealth and Rabbinic Self-Fashioning in Late Antiquity,” in *Wealth and Poverty in Jewish Tradition* (ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon; West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2015), 53–81
 16. “Poverty and Community in R. Joseph Karo’s *Shulhan Arukh*: ‘Law and Literature’ and Halakhic History,” *Diné Israel* 29 (2013): 57–89
 17. “Jewish Ethics of Speech,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics and Morality* (ed. Elliot Dorff and Jonathan Crane; New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 433–444
 18. “Redemptive Almsgiving and the Rabbis of Late Antiquity,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 18:2 (2011): 144–184
 19. “The Formerly-Wealthy Poor: From Empathy to Ambivalence in Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity,” *AJS Review* 33:1 (April 2009): 101–133
 20. “Married Women and Tzedaqah in Medieval Jewish Law: Gender and the Discourse of Legal Obligation,” in *Studies in Mediaeval Halakhah in Honor of Stephen M. Passamaneck* (ed. Alyssa Gray and Bernard Jackson; Jewish Law Association Studies XVII; Liverpool, UK: Deborah Charles, 2007), 168–212

21. "A Bavli Sugya and Its Two Yerushalmi Parallels: Issues of Literary Relationship and Redaction," in *New Methods in Reading Rabbinic Literature: Hermeneutical Limits and Possibilities* (ed. Matthew A. Kraus; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2006), 35–77
22. "The Power Conferred By Distance From Power: Redaction and Meaning In b. AZ 10a-11a," in *Creation and Composition: The Contribution of the Bavli Redactors (Stammim) to the Aggada* (ed. Jeffrey L. Rubenstein; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005), 23–69
23. "A Contribution to the Study of Martyrdom and Identity in the Palestinian Talmud," *Journal for Jewish Studies* 54:2 (Autumn 2003): 242–272
24. "Halacha and Law," with Bernard Jackson, Berachyahu Lifshitz, and Daniel B. Sinclair, in *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies*, (ed. Martin Goodman et al.; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002), 643–679

Articles, Book Chapters, and Translations in Press, Forthcoming, Under Review, and In Preparation (Peer-Reviewed)

25. "Literary Theory and the Literature of Jewish Law," to be included in *New Perspectives on Jewish Law* (ed. Suzanne Last Stone and Yonatan Brafman; DeGruyter), forthcoming
26. "Rabbinic Judaism," Chapter XII of *The Cambridge History of Rights*, vol. 1 (ed. Clifford Ando), forthcoming
27. "Law and the Land in the Shulhan Arukh," to be included in *Worlds of Jewish Law: Premodern Legal Cultures in the Making* (ed. Natalie Dohrmann, Marc Herman, and Micah Perry [Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press]), forthcoming
28. "Bavli as a Reflective Adaptation of Yerushalmi: The Case of Tractate Temura," to be included in *What Is the Bavli?* (ed. Christine Hayes and Jay Harris; Cambridge: Harvard University Press), under review
29. "The Yerushalmi's Influence on the Bavli: YYoma 1:1, 38a–d and Its Babylonian Reception," submitted to *Te'udah* (solicited), under review

On-Line Essays (Peer-Reviewed)

1. "Law and Rhetoric in Tosafot," *Ancient Traditions, New Conversations*, the Jewish Law and Legal Theory Blog of the Center for the Study of Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Cardozo Law School (February 2011) www.blogs.yu.edu/cjl/ (link inactive: December 2020)
2. "Law and Rhetoric in Tosafot, Part II (parts 1 and 2)," *Ancient Traditions, New Conversations* (October, 2011) www.blogs.yu.edu/cjl/ (link inactive: December 2020)

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries ("PR" indicates peer review)

1. "Tsedakah," *Encyclopedia of Jewish Histories and Cultures Online*, ed. Dan Diner (Brill, 2017; updated 2023)

2. “Zedaka,” *Enzyklopaedie juedischer Geschichte und Kultur*, vol. 6 (Stuttgart and Weimar: JB Metzler, 2015), 503–507
3. “Halakhah: Rabbinic Judaism,” *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 11, (ed. Christine Helmer, et al.; Berlin: Walter De Gruyter, 2015), 11:8–12. **PR**
4. “Talmud, Jerusalem,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture* (ed. Judith Baskin; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 584. **PR**
5. “Amoraim,” *Encyclopedia Judaica*, 2nd ed. (2007), 2:89–95 **PR**
6. “Johanan b. Nappaha,” (with Stephen G. Wald), *Encyclopedia Judaica*, 2nd ed. (2007), 11:370–372 **PR**

Review and Review Essays (“PR” indicates peer review)

1. Review Essay, “Is Critical Rabbinic Biography Possible?” Review of Goshen-Gottstein, Alon, *The Sinner and the Amnesiac: The Rabbinic Invention of Elisha ben Abuya and Eleazar ben Arach in Prooftexts 23:3* (Fall 2003): 376–382 **PR**
2. Hayes, John H. and Mandell, Sara K. *The Jewish People in Classical Antiquity: From Alexander to Bar Kochba*, in *Hebrew Studies* 40 (1999): 355–357 **PR**
3. Review Essay, “Making Central the Peripheral: Women Reading the Rabbis Reading Women,” review of Hauptman, Judith, *Rereading the Rabbis* in *Conservative Judaism* 51:1 (1998): 74–80

Public-Facing Scholarship

1. “Toward a Reform Jewish Theological Renewal in Dark Times,” *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* (Winter 2024): 47–52
2. “Uncertainty, Action, and Faith: Talmudic Theological Musings for the Year(s) of COVID,” *Scriptions: Jewish Thoughts & Responses to COVID-19* (November 2020)
3. “Charity (*Tzedaqah*) as a Late Antique Rabbinic Religious Idea,” *Ancient Near East Today*, vol. VIII, no. 9 (September 2020)
4. “The Halachic Canon as Literature: Reading for Jewish Ideas and Values,” *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* 67:2 (Spring 2020): 155–173
5. “The *Talmud Bavli*’s Intertextual Invention of Benjamin the Tzaddik,” *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* 66:2 (Spring 2019): 95–109
6. “Blessing and Challenge: A Further Look at the Sources,” in *The Sacred Exchange* (ed. Mary Zamore; New York: CCAR Press, 2019), 15–24
7. “‘In the Beginning’ of BT *B’rachot*: Another Creation,” in *Seven Days, Many Voices: Insights into the Biblical Story of Creation* (ed. Rabbi Benjamin David; New York: CCAR Press, 2017), 16–23
8. Reading Charity Texts: Intertextuality and Social History,” <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/8/30/reading-charity-texts>
9. “The Feminist Commentary on the Babylonian Talmud at SBL 2015,”

<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/4/6/the-feminist-commentary-on-the-babylonian-talmud-at-sbl-2015>

10. "A Talmud in Exile: The Continuing Conversation," www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2014/11/16/a-talmud-in-exile-the-continuing-conversation
11. "Talmud Beyond Halachah," *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* (Summer 2014): 31–39
12. "Justice and Faith," *Huffington Post* (February 4, 2013)
13. "The Sin of Enabling Another's Sin: The Evolution of a *Halakhah* in Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity." *G'vanim: The Academic Journal of the Academy for Jewish Religion* 6:1 (May 2010): 1–27
14. "Medieval Commentators," *My People's Passover Haggadah*, ed. Lawrence A. Hoffman and David A. Arnow (Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2008)
15. "Post-Biblical Interpretation: Parashat Korah," in *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, (ed. Tamara Eskenazi and Andrea L. Weiss; New York: URJ Press, 2008)
16. "Post-Biblical Interpretation: Parashat V'Etchanan," in *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* (ed. Tamara Eskenazi and Andrea L. Weiss; New York: URJ Press, 2008)
17. "Our Talmudic Heritage," in volumes 6–10 of *My People's Prayer Book* (ed. Lawrence A. Hoffman; Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2002–2007)
18. "The Ministering Angels Told Me': Bavli Nedarim 20a-b And Its Medieval Interpreters," in *Sexual Issues in Jewish Law* (ed. Walter Jacob [with Moshe Zemer]; Pittsburgh, PA: Rodef Shalom Press, 2006), 31–81

Invited Scholarly Presentations

1. "The Land of Israel in R. Joseph Karo's *Shulhan Arukh*." To be presented at the Early Modern Workshop at the University of Pennsylvania (August 2024)
2. "Bavli Yoma 2a–14a and yYoma 1:1, 38a–d," *Maskil Le-David: David Weiss Halivni Memorial Conference* (June 2024)
3. "*Eretz Israel* as 'Halakhascape' in R. Yosef Karo's *Shulhan Arukh*," The Jewish Studies Scholars Israel Forum: Israel in Jewish History and Culture (May 2024)
4. Panelist, "Halakhic Change: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Processes," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2023)
5. "The Formation of the Bavli in Light of the Yerushalmi: A Reading of Yerushalmi Yoma 1:1," *New Perspectives on the Talmud Yerushalmi: The 500th Anniversary of the First Edition: A Researchers' Workshop*; Tel Aviv University (June 2023)
6. "The Palestinian Amoraic Inheritance in the Bavli: The Case of Tractate Temurah," *What is the Talmud?*; Harvard Law School; Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law (May 2023)

7. Panelist, "What is Halakhah: Methodological Reflections," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2022)
8. "Joseph Karo's Halakhic Revival of the Land of Israel: A Law-and-Literature Perspective," Seminar, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (January 2022)
9. "'Restorative Returns: Narratives of the Development of *Halakhah* in the *Shulhan Arukh* and *Beit Yosef*," Oxford Handbook of Jewish Law Contributors' Conference (June 2021)
10. Invited Panelist, *Charity and the Poor in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity*, Yeshiva University/Nyack College/CSAJCO: Colloquium in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity; Zoom Videoconference (April 2021)
11. "'Sufficient for His Lack': Aspects of Maimonidean Charity Law and Their Post-Maimonidean Reception," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2020)
12. "The Charity Homily in *Midrash Zuta* to Song of Songs," *Charity in Classical Jewish Law*, held at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (July 2019)
13. "The Different Approaches of Eretz Israel and Bavel to the Forgetting and Restoration of Halakhah." To have been presented at *Avirat Eretz Israel Mahkimah: Land and Spirituality in Rabbinic Literature*. Yeshiva University (March 2019)(unable to present)
14. "Literary and Conceptual Transition in *Tzedakah*: Bavli Bava Batra 8a-11a," *Transitions: Investigations into the Methods of Transmission of the Oral Torah from Tannaitic Times Until Today*, held at Bar-Ilan University (March 2018)
15. "Giving the Needy Just What They Need: A Biblical Idea and Its Transformation in Judaic Religious Thought," *Sacred Cultures of Care: Judaism, Islam, and the Politics of Poverty and Justice*, held at the University of Illinois at Chicago (March 2018)
16. "The Working and the Non-Working Poor: A Distinction with a Difference in the Talmud Bavli," Jewish Law Association Regional Conference (Jewish Law and Social Justice) (March 2017)
17. "The Bavli's Sequences of Tzedakah Material in Bava Batra and Ketubot," part of the panel "The Redactions of the Talmudim," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2016)
18. Respondent, "Sexualized Boundaries between Jews and Non-Jews," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2016)
19. Respondent to Tsvi Blanchard, "Undecided Verdicts: Jewish Law's Respect for Doubt, Uncertainty and Ambiguity." Annual John Wolff and Nancy Eppler-Wolff Lecture in Jewish Law, Fordham Law School (January 2015)
20. Panelist, *Charity: The Place of the Poor in the Biblical Tradition*, by Gary Anderson. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 2013)
21. "Wealth and the Rabbis of Late Antiquity," 26th Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium: *Wealth and Poverty in Jewish Tradition* (October 2013)
22. "The Amoraim of Bavel and Eretz Israel as Collectors and Distributors of Charity Funds," Symposium on *A History of Jewish Giving* (October 2012)

23. "The 'Invention of Tradition' and the Formation of the Bavli: Reflections on the Selective Incorporation of Y. Yoma 1:1, 38a–c into B. Yoma 2a–12a," *Berkeley Talmud Workshop* (February 2012)
24. "The Law and Literature Movement and Medieval Jewish Law," Association for Jewish Studies, *Roundtable: The Impact of Contemporary Legal Theory on the Study of Halakhah* (December 2010)
25. "Certainty and Skepticism: Approaches to Redemptive Almsgiving in Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity," *Reunion of the Charity and Piety Group*, Institute for Advanced Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (September 2009)
26. "Who are the 'Blind'? What is a 'Stumbling-Block'? Rabbinic Interpretations of Lev. 19:14," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Panel on History of Interpretation; Theme: Contextualized Interpretations in Jewish and Muslim Exegesis (November 2007)
27. "The Rabbis and Martyrdom: Texts, Contexts, and Subtexts," Yale Judaic Studies Program; *Early Jewish Ideologies of Martyrdom*, (November 2007)
28. "Poverty and Tsedakah in the Bavli: Historical and Literary Perspectives," Conference in Tribute to Professor David Weiss-Halivni (May 2005)
29. "Aspects of Joseph Karo's Codification of Poverty Law in the *Shulhan Arukh*," Symposium on *Religious Perceptions of Poverty and Welfare Policy* (May 2005)
30. "The Literary Relationship Between Yerushalmi and Bavli: A Reevaluation," *Revson 25: Academic Conference and Celebration* (May 2004)
31. "A Bavli Sugya and Its Two Yerushalmi Parallels: Issues of Literary Relationship and Redaction," Paper presented at Talmud Department symposium, Jewish Theological Seminary (November 2003)
32. "The Bavli and Two Yerushalmi Sugyot (yBer 7:2, 11b and BerR 91:4)," conference on *New Approaches to the Study of Rabbinic Literature* (October 2003)
33. "Changing Attitudes Toward Marital Sexual Behavior: The Halakhic Career of B. Nedarim 20a-b," *Freehof Institute for Progressive Halakha* (March 2003)
34. "Distance From the Emperor Is Next to Godliness: Redaction and Meaning in b. A.Z. 10a-11a," NYU conference entitled *Creation and Composition: The Contribution of the Bavli Redactors (Stammaim) to the Aggada* (February, 2003)
35. "The Yerushalmi as a Key to Interpreting the Bavli," *Jewish Studies Workshop of the University of Chicago Divinity School* (March 2002)
36. "The Implications of Jewish Law for General Jurisprudence," conference entitled *The Modern Study of Halakha: Methods and Meanings* (March 2001)

Other Presentations at Academic Conferences

1. "'Sufficient for His Lack': Medieval Jewish Interpretations of a Late Antique Charity Concept," Leeds Medieval Congress (July 2017)
2. "Progressive Judaism in an Increasingly Fundamentalist World," plenary address for day one of HUC-JIR Symposium One: *Crafting Jewish Life in a Complex Religious Landscape* (November 2016)

3. "Teaching Introductory Talmud," at *Learning to Read Talmud*, held at Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education, Brandeis University (June 2016)
4. "Wealth and the Privatization of Communal Space in R. Isaac bar Sheshet Perfet's Responsum #253," *Jewish Attitudes Toward Wealth and Poverty*, Brown University (November 2015)
5. "Wealth as Concept and Religious Idea in Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (November 2014)
6. "Medieval Jewish Legal Sources on Charity for Jewish *Mumarim*," Leeds Medieval Congress (July 2011)
7. "Redemptive Almsgiving and the Rabbis of Late Antiquity," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 2009)
8. "The Extension to Gentiles of the Relational Understanding of Leviticus 19:14 (*Lifnei Iveir Lo Titen Mikhshol*) in the Later Strata of the Talmud Bavli," Regional Meeting of the Jewish Law Association (HUC-JIR/Los Angeles; December 2007)
9. "Patterns in the Presentations of Wealth, Poverty, and Tsedakah in the Bavli," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2005)
10. "Uncovering Recurring Themes in Bavli Avodah Zarah," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2002)
11. "Martyrdom and Identity in the Yerushalmi," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 2002)
12. "The Yerushalmi's Influence on the Bavli," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 2000)
13. "Recent Books on Early Rabbinic Judaism," SBL Annual Meeting (November 2000)

Conferences Co-Organized

1. *Jews and Law in the Middle Ages and Early Modernity*, Spring Colloquium of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies of the University of Pennsylvania (April 2022). Co-convenor along with other Fellows working on medieval and early modern Jewish legal texts
2. HUC-JIR Symposium One: *Crafting Jewish Life in a Complex Religious Landscape*, faculty co-chair along with Professor David H. Aaron (HUC-JIR) (November 2016)

Conference Panels Organized

1. "The Feminist Commentary on the Babylonian Talmud," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (November 2015)
2. "Theory and the Reading of Rabbinic Literature," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (November 2014)
3. "Wealth: Theology, Social Vision, and Self-Fashioning from the Bible to Late Antiquity," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (November 2014)

Appearances in Documentaries, Video Publications, and Podcasts

1. TRP: The Relatable Parsha Podcast (Host: Mia Raskin) (May 2024); discussion of *parashat* Kedoshim. Episode title: Episode 29, “Choosing to be Chosen”
2. *Interleaved* Podcast (Host: Netanel Zellis-Paley) (March 2021); discussion of Yerushalmi tractate *Sheqalim* and my book *Charity in Rabbinic Judaism*
3. “Tzedakah in a Time of Crisis” (April 2020): www.facebook.com
4. “Tzedakah (Charity): Who and What Is It For?” (March 2020): <https://vimeo.com/402730683>
5. “Daf Shvui/Weekly daf Special Episode: A Conversation with Alyssa Gray” (Host: Dr. Aryeh Cohen)(March 2020): <https://dafshvui.buzzsprout.com>
6. “Ancient Law Made Modern and Spiritual,” HUC-JIR College Commons podcast (February, 2020): http://collegecommons.huc.edu/bully_pulpit/dr-alyssa-gray/
7. Expert contributor to documentary “Your People Shall be My People,” documentary by Rudi Wolff (on Barbara Wolff’s illuminated manuscript “The Book of Ruth”) (2018)
8. “Imagining the Jewish Future: Social Responsibility” (August 2014)
www.huc.edu/academics/learn/social-responsibility
9. ELI Talk, “Jewish Law as Great Literature” (June 2014)
www.elitalks.org/jewish-law-great-literature
10. Podcasts on B. Yoma 42-48. Part of “Daily Daf Differently” podcast series;
www.jcastnetwork.org and iTunes (December 2013)
11. “Poverty, Avoiding the Judgment of Hell, and the Responsibility of the Non-Poor” (Summer 2013)
www.huc.edu/academics/learn/poverty-avoiding-judgment-hell-and-responsibility-non-poor
12. Podcasts on B. Eruvin 21–27. Part of “Daily Daf Differently” podcast series;
www.jcastnetwork.org and iTunes (March-April 2013)
13. Videotaped teaching Jewish charity law as part of multi-video presentation of Talmud teaching around the world. Part of the exhibition *Printing the Talmud: From Bomberg to Schottenstein* at the Yeshiva University Museum at the Center for Jewish History (Summer, 2005)

Select Other Invited Lectures and Public Presentations

1. “Poverty, Individuals, and Communities: Perspectives from Jewish Law and Thought,” Drisha Institute for Jewish Education (November 2022)
2. “Resetting the Set Table (‘Shulhan Arukh’), lecture as part of *Canon in Context*, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (January 27, 2021) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijtcEosv8Bc&t=14s>
3. “Charity in Rabbinic Judaism: Atonement, Reward, and Righteousness. Is That All?,” LEAP presentation; Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies in conjunction with CLAL (November 9, 2021)

4. “Three *Shi’urim* on Economic Justice,” Chicago Area Reform Rabbis Annual Kallah (January 31–February 1, 2021)
5. “Community Conversations: Wealth and Dignity,” Colby College and Congregation Beth Israel (Waterville, ME) (April 2017)
6. “‘It is the Blessing of the Lord that Enriches’: The Challenges of Wealth and Poverty in Rabbinic Law and Thought,” Rabbinic Training Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (January 2017)
7. “Rhetorical and Cultural Readings of Halakhic Literature,” Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis Kallah (July 2014)
8. “Human Trafficking: Insights from the Jewish Legal Tradition,” T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights (July 2017, June 2016, June 2015, June 2014, July 2013, July 2012)
9. “Reclaiming the Jewish Legal Codes as Jewish ‘Great Books,’” North Jersey Board of Rabbis (June 2012)
10. “Eretz Israel, Bavel, and Their Talmuds: Did the Story Ever End?,” Global Day of Learning at Mechon Hadar (November 2011)
11. Scholar-in-residence at the Conference of the Jewish Communities in Latin America, co-sponsored by the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the Masorti movement in Latin America (Punta del Este, Uruguay; November 2006)
12. “Earning Money and Providing Social Welfare: Jewish Legal Perspectives,” Wexner Graduate Fellowship, (August 2006)
13. Lectured on Jewish law sources on human trafficking for the 2005 Jules M. Backman Memorial Symposium at HUC-JIR entitled “Freeing the Captives: A Jewish Response to Human Trafficking.” Panel presenter together with Rabbi David Saperstein and Sister Clare Nolan, MSW (December 2005)
14. Presented analysis of development of Jewish law governing women’s participation in Jewish ritual and religious life for “A Symposium: Women in Law/Women in Halakhah” at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Panel presenter together with Professor Judith Hauptman of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Professor Elizabeth Schneider of Brooklyn Law School (November 2005)
15. “Poverty, Privilege, and Justice: Major Themes in the Jewish Law of Tzedakah,” Florida Atlantic University (February 2003)
16. Contributor to “Ethical Jam” series on Jewish ethics published weekly in the *Times of Israel*

Current Service as Editor, Editorial Board Member, or Reviewer

1. Member, Editorial Board, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (started July 1, 2024)
2. Member, Advisory Board, *Horeb: A Journal of Rabbinic Culture* (January 2023–present)
3. Member, Academic Advisory Council, *MASORTI: The New Journal of Conservative Judaism* (March 2022–present)
4. Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Jewish Ethics* (December 2013–present)

5. Member, Executive Editorial Committee, HUC Press (December 2013–present)

Past Select Service to the Profession

1. Co-Editor, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (July 1, 2020–June 30, 2024)
2. Member, AJS Program Committee (June 2013–May 2018)
3. Co-chair, History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section; Society for Biblical Literature (2009–2015)
4. Member, Board of Women’s Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies (2003–2007)
5. Sub-Editor, *Review of Religious Studies* (Early Judaism Section) (2006–2008)
6. Grant Applications Reviewer: National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Israel Science Foundation
7. Article reviewer, *AJS Review*; *Journal of Law and Religion*; *Journal of Jewish Ethics*; *Hebrew Union College Annual*; *Jewish Quarterly Review*; *Mo’ed: Annual for Jewish Studies*; *Harvard Theological Review*; *Diné Israel*; *Law and History Review*; *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*; *Sidra*

Dissertation and Thesis Supervision; Doctoral Committee Engagement

HUC-JIR

1. Dissertation advisor for Brian Stoller (Jewish Law; PhD)
2. Dissertation advisor for Neil Hirsch (Jewish Law; DHL)
3. Dissertation advisor for Rabbi Jeremy Weisblatt (Jewish Law; DHL)
4. Advisor in Talmud minor for Rabbi Richard Davis (DHL awarded, May 2011). Title: *Emmanuel Levinas: An Amoral Ethics*
5. Examiner in Legal Theory for PhD Comprehensive Examination, Brian Stoller (March 2020)
6. Examiner in Talmud for PhD Comprehensive Examination, Ari Ballaban (April 2018)
7. Examiner in Talmud for PhD Comprehensive Examination, Tamar Duvdevani (November 2015)

Other Institutions

1. **Jewish Theological Seminary**: member of dissertation committee, Rachel Leigh Rosenthal (PhD awarded, April 2019). Title: *Rebel With a Clause: Interpretation, Pedagogy, and the Problem of the Stubborn and Rebellious Son*
2. **Columbia University**: member of dissertation committee, Krista N. Dalton (PhD awarded, August 2018). Title: *Rabbis and Donors: The Logics of Giving in Palestinian Rabbinic Literature*
3. **Jewish Theological Seminary**: member of dissertation committee, Noah Bickart (PhD awarded, April 2015). Title: *Tistayem: An Investigation into the Scholastic Culture of the Bavli*

4. **Jewish Theological Seminary:** member of dissertation committee, Joshua Cahan (PhD awarded, May 2012). Title: *Sources and Innovation: How the Rabbis' Relationship to Received Teachings Shaped Their Legal Thinking*
5. **University of Chicago Divinity School:** member of dissertation committee, Jane Kanarek (PhD awarded, May 2007). Title: *Let the Story Remain With Us: Biblical Narrative and the Formation of Rabbinic Law*

Current Select College-Institute Service (As of June 2024)

1. **Chair,** New York Faculty
2. **Member:** Graduate Executive Committee of the Pines School of Graduate Studies
3. **Member:** Editorial Director, HUC Press
4. **Founding and Continuing Member:** Faculty Council
5. **Member:** Strategic Advisory Group

Select Previous College-Institute Service

1. **Member,** Group II: Standard 2 (“Ethics and Integrity”), Accreditation Self-Study Process (2023–2024)
2. **Chair, Committee on Faculty:** overseeing promotion review process for three junior colleagues
3. **Member:** Pines School of Graduate Studies Academic Program Assessment
4. **Member:** Renaming Committee
5. **Member:** Task Force on Rabbinical School Configuration (Strategic Planning)
6. **Member:** Senior Faculty and Administration Working Group for Strategic Planning
7. **Member:** Faculty Consultation Group (Strategic Planning)
8. **Member:** Search committee for tenure-track faculty position in Jewish musicology
9. **Chair,** Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty (Tasked to chair the reappointment review of two junior colleagues)
10. **Member:** Task Force on Faculty Support (COVID-19)
11. **Chair,** Committee on Honors
12. **Member:** Communications Committee of the Board of Governors
13. **Chair,** Search committee for tenure-track faculty position in Modern Jewish Thought and Culture
14. **Member:** Dean Search Committee, HUC-JIR (New York)
15. **Member:** Faculty Governor, HUC-JIR Board of Governors (2009–2012)
16. **Chair:** Working Group on Faculty (MSCHE Standard 10), as part of the HUC-JIR decennial accreditation review as required by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (2011–2012)
17. **Chair:** Curriculum Committee on the New York campus (June 2007–January 2010)

18. **Chair:** Subcommittee on Student Affairs, authored subcommittee report for inclusion in Middle States accreditation report (April–June 2001)

Languages (Fluency)

Reading, writing, and listening fluency: Modern Hebrew

Reading fluency: French; Biblical, Medieval, and Maskilic Hebrew; Babylonian Jewish and Galilean Aramaic

Studied: Classical Arabic; German

Professional Associations

Association for Jewish Studies

The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities