**Rabbi Carole B. Balin, Ph.D.**

*As a prolific writer and teacher, Rabbi Carole B. Balin is known for her fresh ideas, authenticity, and way with words. She brings the Jewish past to life by blending storytelling with history.*

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**EDUCATION**

Columbia University, Ph.D. History, 1998, M. Phil., 1994, with distinction

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities / Edna V. Moffett Fellowship/ Columbia Scholar

Areas of specialization: Modern Jewish History/ Russian History/ Gender Studies

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbinical Ordination, 1991, M.A., 1989

Wellesley College B.A., History, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*

Thesis: Rosa Sonneschein and *The American Jewess* (1895-99)

**TRAINING**

Institute for Jewish Spirituality, Clergy Leadership Training

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Certification, Crime Victims Treatment Center

Mt. Sinai West, Mt. Sinai St. Luke’s, Lenox Health Greenwich Village, NY, NY

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***\*EDUCATOR***

**Professor of Jewish History, HUC-JIR, New York**

Professor (2005 - ); Associate (2003-5); Assistant (1997-2003); Adjunct Instructor (1992-1997) Awarded tenure: 2005

Awarded emerita status: 2016

**Historian-in-Residence, Auburn Seminary, New York** (2016 - 2019)

I led the organization through a process of reckoning with its past as a Presbyterian seminary whose graduates missionized among Indigenous Peoples even as its students championed racial justice. Primary responsibilities included (1) archival research, writing, and production of a documentary and (2) guiding its Task Force on Reparations.

**Faculty, Wexner Heritage Program**

I taught modules in modern history and thought across North America to lay leaders at this selective, two-year program of Jewish study.

**Instructor/Rabbi, Moscow Institute of Advanced Jewish Studies**

I instructed college students and served as guest rabbi at several emerging Jewish communities in far-flung Russian cities.

***\*WRITER***

(See attached supplement for full list of publications)

Author of scholarly books, chapters and articles in peer-reviewed publications

Author of popular articles

Commentator, Torah and Haggadah

Documentarian, “A Bit Swerved” Story of a white, male Christian seminary’s dramatic transformation into a center for leaders across religions, race, and class

Co-curator, “Bat Mitzvah Comes of Age,” National Museum of American Jewish History

Writer/Narrator, “The Click Moment: Jewish Feminism 101” (video short)

Blogger, *Huffington Post*

***\*COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT***

Lecturer/Scholar-in-Residence/Keynote Speaker

At synagogues, colleges/universities, JCCs , museums, national gatherings in US and abroad

Guest, NPR “All Things Considered”

Podcast Guest, Association of Jewish Studies, “Adventures in Jewish Studies”

Podcast Guest, Jewish Women’s Archive, “Can We Talk?”

Guest, NPR/KCRW, “Press Play with Madeleine Brand”

Narrator, PBS, “The Jewish People: A Story of Survival”

Guest, NPR/KCRW’s Good Food with Evan Kleiman (“the fairy godmother of the LA food scene”), discussion of the *Maxwell House Haggadah* as an American-Jewish cultural icon

Instructor, Derekh Torah (30-week introduction to Judaism course), 92Y, New York

Curriculum Advisor/Guest Rabbi, Abraham Joshua Heschel School, New York

Teacher/Darshan (preacher)/Israeli Book Club Founder and Facilitator/Member, Committee for the Prayer and Spirituality Institute/Guest Historian/Curator

Congregation B’nai Jeshurun, New York

Board Member

Jewish Women’s Archive (chair), Moving Traditions, Camp Young Judaea (vice chair)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**LANGUAGES:** Hebrew, Russian, Yiddish

**PERSONAL:** Partner with Michael Gertzman and parent of three

**PASSIONS:** crossword puzzles, Iyengar yoga, knitting with hand-dyed yarn