

## **GARY PHILLIP ZOLA**

Curriculum Vitae  
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### **CURRENT POSITION:**

Executive Director,  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives  
*and*  
The Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the  
American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History,  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. in American Jewish History  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (1991)

Master of Philosophy  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (1988)

Rabbinic Ordination  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (1982)

Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (1981)

Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (1976)

Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1973)

### **AREAS OF ACADEMIC EXPERTISE:**

The American Jewish Experience  
History of American Reform Judaism  
Abraham Lincoln and American Jewry  
Southern Jewish History  
American Hebraica

**PUBLICATIONS:****Books and Edited Volumes**

- “An Equal Share of Freedom”*: *American Jews, Zionism, and World War I* (Cincinnati: University of Cincinnati Press, forthcoming)
- New Perspectives in American Jewish History: A Documentary Tribute to Jonathan D. Sarna* edited by Mark A. Raider and Gary Phillip Zola (Brandeis University Press, 2021)
- American Jewish History: A Primary Source Reader*, edited, with notes and introduction by Gary Phillip Zola and Marc Dollinger (University Press of New England, 2014).
- “We Called Him Rabbi Abraham”*: *Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History* edited, with notes and introduction by Gary P. Zola (Southern Illinois University Press, 2014).
- Sisterhood: A Centennial History of Women of Reform Judaism*, eds. Carole B. Balin, Dana Herman, Jonathan D. Sarna & Gary P. Zola (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2013).
- A Place of Our Own: The Beginnings of Reform Jewish Camping in America* edited, with an introduction by Gary P. Zola and Michael M. Lorge (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: The University of Alabama Press, 2006).
- Three Hundred Fifty Years: An Album of American Jewish Memory* selected, written, and compiled by Michael Feldberg, Karla Goldman, Scott-Martin Kosofsky, Pamela S. Nadell, Jonathan D. Sarna, and Gary P. Zola (New York: American Jewish Historical Society and the American Jewish Archives, 2005).
- The Dynamics of American Jewish History: Jacob Rader Marcus’s Essays on American Jewry*, edited, with introduction and notes by Gary P. Zola (Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2004).
- Women Rabbis: Exploration and Celebration* edited by Gary P. Zola (Cincinnati, HUC-JIR Rabbinic Alumni Association Press, 1996).
- Isaac Harby of Charleston: Jewish Reformer and Intellectual* (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 1994).

*Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion -- A Centennial History, 1875-1975* by Michael A. Meyer and edited by Gary P. Zola (Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College Press: 1992).

*To Learn and To Teach: Your Future as a Rabbi* by Alfred Gottschalk and revised by Gary P. Zola (New York, Richards Rosen Press: 1988).

### **Published Monographs**

*The Americanization of the Jewish Prayer Book and the Liturgical Development of Congregation Ahawath Chesed, New York City* (New York: Central Synagogue Press, 2008)

### **Scholarly Articles**

“Consonance or Dissonance: American Jewry in a Post-Trump Era” in Steven F. Windmueller (ed.), *The Impact of the Presidency of Donald Trump on American Jewry and Israel* (West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press, 2021).

“Isaac Mayer Wise’s Op-Eds on the Yellow Fever Epidemics of the 1870s,” offprint supplement to *The American Jewish Archives Journal* Vol. 72, Nos. 1 & 2 (double issue), 2020.

“On Rabbis, Doctors, and the American Jewish Experience” in Jeffrey S. Gurock (ed.) *Conversations with Colleagues: On Becoming an American Jewish Historian* (New York: Academic Press, 2019)

“Historical Reflections on 350 Years of American Jewish History” in In Beth Lieberman and Hara Person (eds.) *Embracing Modernity: A Reader for the Union for Reform Judaism’s Introduction to Judaism Course* (New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis Press, 2017): 550-565.

“Reflections on Transnationalism and the American Jewish Experience” in *American Jewish History* Vol. 101, No. 4 (October 2017):535-544.

“JTS, HUC, and Women Rabbis—Redux” in *Forty Years of Women in the Rabbinate* (New York: CCAR Press, 2016).

“The Founding of NFTY and the Perennial Campaign for Youth Engagement,” *American Jewish Archives Journal* LXVI, nos. 1 & 2 (2014): 59–82.

- “Sisterhood and the American Synagogue: An Introduction,” *Sisterhood: A Centennial History of Women of Reform Judaism*, eds. Carole B. Balin, Dana Herman, Jonathan D. Sarna & Gary P. Zola (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2013), 1–16.
- “The Ascendancy of Reform Judaism in the American South During the Nineteenth Century” in *Jewish Roots in Southern Soil: A New History* edited by Marcie C. Ferris and Mark I. Greenberg (Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2006).
- “Jewish Camping and Its Relationship to the Organized Camping Movement in America” in *A Place of Our Own: The Rise of Reform Jewish Camping* edited by Gary P. Zola and Michael M. Lorge (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: The University of Alabama, 2006).
- “The Beginnings of Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, 1952-1970”: Creation and Coalescence of the First UAHC Camp in *A Place of Our Own: The Rise of Reform Jewish Camping* edited Gary P. Zola and Michael M. Lorge (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: The University of Alabama, 2006).
- “Southern Rabbis and the Founding of the First National Association of Rabbis” [reprint] in Mark Bauman (ed) *Dixie Diaspora: An Anthology of Southern Jewish History* (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 2006).
- “The 2003 Concurrent Resolution of Congress to Commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the American Jewish Community” in *American Jewish History* (Volume 91, Numbers 3 & 4, September and December 2003) [journal appeared in 2005]
- “Historical Reflections on 350 years of American Jewish History” in *CCAR Journal* (Fall 2004).
- Foreword in *From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish life in America* edited by Michael Grunberger (New York: George Braziller in association with the Library of Congress, 2004).
- “NATE's Place in the History of Jewish Education in America: An Afterword” in *Vision and the Will: A History of the National Association of Temple Educators, 1954-2004* by Alan D. Bennett (New York: Union for Reform Judaism, 2004).
- “The First Reform Prayer Book in America: The Liturgy of the Reformed Society of Israelites” in Dana Evan Kaplan (ed.) *Platforms and Prayer Books: Theological and Liturgical Perspectives on Reform Judaism* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2002) pp. 99-118.

- “The Common Places of American Reform Judaism’s Conflicting Platforms” in *Hebrew Union College Annual*, Volume 72 (2001): pp 155-191.
- “The Man Behind the Name: Stephen S. Wise” in *Stephen S. Wise Temple Bulletin* (October 2001) pp 6-7.  
 “An Account of the Jews and Judaism 34 Years Ago in New York (Circa 1870)” by Zvi Hirsch Bernstein (annotated and translated from the Hebrew by Gary P. Zola) in *The American Jewish Archives Journal*, Vol. L, 1998, No. 1 and 2, pp 110-130.
- “Why Study Southern Jewish History” in *Southern Jewish History* (Vol. 1, No. 1 1998) pp. 1-21.
- “The Rabbinate” in *Contemporary American Religion*, edited by Wade Clark Roof (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999).
- "What Price Amos?: Rabbi Perry E. Nussbaum's Career in Jackson, Mississippi" Mark K. Bauman and Berkley Kalin (eds.) *The Quiet Voices: Southern Rabbis and Black Civil Rights* (Tuscaloosa, Alabama, University of Alabama Press: 1997), pp. 230-257
- "Southern Rabbis and the Emergence of a National Association of Rabbis" in *American Jewish History* December 1997 (Vol. LXXXV, No. 4), pp. 353-372.
- "Funding Rabbinic Education: Retrospect and Prospect" in *CCAR Journal* Winter, 1997 (Vol. XLIV, No. 1), pp. 9-24.
- “Reform Judaism Magazine” in *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States*, edited by Mark Flacker (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1995).
- “Isaac Harby” in *Reform Judaism in America: A Biographical Dictionary of Reform Judaism*, edited by Marc Lee Raphael, Lance Sussman and Kerry Olitzky (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1993).
- “Maximillian Heller” in *Reform Judaism in America: A Biographical Dictionary of Reform Judaism*, edited by Marc Lee Raphael, Lance Sussman and Kerry Olitzky (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1993).
- “Gustavus Poznanski” in *Reform Judaism in America: A Biographical Dictionary of Reform Judaism*, edited by Marc Lee Raphael, Lance Sussman and Kerry Olitzky (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1993).

- "NFTY After Fifty Years: A Symposium" in *Journal of Reform Judaism* Fall, 1989 (Vol. XXXVI, No. 4), pp. 1-3.
- "The American Rabbinate, 1960-1986: A Bibliographic Essay," (Cincinnati, American Jewish Archives: 1988)
- "Louis Kraft" in *Biographical Dictionary of Social Welfare in America*, edited by Walter I. Trattner (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1986).
- "Louis H. Levin" in *Biographical Dictionary of Social Welfare in America*, edited by Walter I. Trattner (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press: 1986).
- "A History of the Communitarian Settlement Known as 'New Odessa'" (a translation of Herman Rosenthal's Hebrew essay with introduction by Zola) in *The American Jewish Farmer* (Cincinnati: American Jewish Archives: 1986).
- "You Are in Canada Now: Zvi Hirsch Masliansky on Montreal Jews - 1898" in *Canadian Jewish Historical Society*, Spring 1985 (Vol. 9, No. 1), pp 31-40.
- "HUC, JTS and Women Rabbis" in *Journal of Reform Judaism*, Fall 1984 (Vol. XXXI, No. 4), pp. 39-45.
- "Reform Judaism's Pioneer Zionist: Maximillian Heller" in *American Jewish History*, June 1984 (Vol. LXXIII, No. 4) pp. 398-421.

### **Encyclopedia Articles**

- "Camps, Jewish Summer" in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture* Edited by Judith R. Baskin (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- "Perry Nussbaum" in *Mississippi Encyclopedia* (Jackson, Mississippi: University of Mississippi Press, forthcoming).
- "American Jewish Archives" in *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik, Eds. 2nd ed. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2007).
- "Jonathan D. Sarna" in *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik, Eds. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2007)
- "Bertram W. Korn" in *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History*, edited by Stephen H. Norwood and Eunice Pollack (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO), forthcoming in 2007.

- “Jacob Rader Marcus” in *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History*, edited by Stephen H. Norwood and Eunice Pollack (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-Clio), forthcoming in 2007.
- “Isaac Harby” in *Southern Writers: A New Biographical Dictionary*, edited by Joseph M. Flora, Amber Vogel, and Bryan Albin Gienza; 2006 Edition p.180-181 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2006).
- "Penina Moïse" in *Southern Writers: A New Biographical Dictionary*, edited by Joseph. Flora, Amber Vogel, and Bryan Albin Gienza: 2006 Edition p. 286-287 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2006)
- "Isaac Harby" in *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*, edited by Walter Edgar: 2006 Edition p.428 (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2006).
- “Julius Eckstein” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “Solomon B. Freehof in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “James K. Gutheim” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “Isaac Harby” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “Edgar F. Magnin” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “David Neumark” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)
- “Benjamin Szold” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)
- “Jacob Voorsanger” in *American National Biography*, edited by John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)
- "Jews" in *Encyclopedia of Colonial and Revolutionary America*, edited by John Mack Faragher (New York: Sachem Publishing Associates, 1990): pp 216-217.

## Book Reviews

- Review: "A New Vision of Southern Jewish History Studies in Institution Building, Leadership, Interaction, and Mobility" by Mark K. Bauman (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2019) in *Southern Jewish History* (Vol. 23, 2020): 191-194.
- Review: "A Race Against Death: Peter Bergson, America and the Holocaust" by David S. Wyman and Rafael Medoff (New Press: New York, 2004) in *Jewish Culture and History* (Vol. 8, No.3, Winter 2006): 140-143.
- Review: "Fight Against Fear: Southern Jews and Black Civil Rights" by Clive Webb (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2001) in *The North Carolina Historical Review* (October 2001)
- Review: "Rabbi Max Heller: Reformer, Zionist, Southerner, 1860-1929" by Bobbie Malone in *AJS Review* (Vol. XXIV, No. 1, 1999).
- Review: "Branching Out: German-Jewish Immigration to the United States, 1820-1914" by Avraham Barkai in *The International History Review* (Vol. XX2: June 1998).
- Review: "The Forerunners: Dutch Jewry in the North American Diaspora" by Robert P. Swierenga in *Journal of the Early Republic* (Vol. 15, No. 2, Summer 1995), pp. 305-307.
- Review: "This Happy Land: The Jews of Colonial and Antebellum Charleston" by James William Hagy in *American Jewish Archives Fall/Winter*, 1994 (Vol XLVII, No. 2), pp. 357-362.
- Review: "Guts and Ruts: The Jewish Pioneer on the Trail in the American Southwest" by Floyd S. Fierman in *The Western Historical Quarterly* (April 1987)
- Review: "Jerry Falwell and the Jews" by Merrill Simon in *Religious Studies Review* (Vol. II, No. 3/July 1985)



## EDITORIAL WORK ON SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

*The American Jewish Archives Journal*\* (volume 49 [1997] through Volume 72 [2020]).

\* *The American Jewish Archives Journal* received the 2006 Ohioana James P. Barry Award for Editorial Excellence from the Ohioana Library Association.

## PUBLICATIONS ON CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS CONCERNS

“The Past is Prologue: Great Moments in Reform Jewish History” in *Ten Minutes of Torah* (online weekly newsletter, Union of Reform Judaism, January 22, 2015 (<http://www.reformjudaism.org/blog/2015/01/22/past-prologue-great-moments-reform-jewish-history>))

“The Bicentennial of Reform Judaism: 1810-2010” in *CCAR Newsletter* (vol. 57, no. 8 - June 2010): 8.

“Our Sacramental Personality” in *Life, Faith, and Cancer: Jewish Journeys through Diagnosis, Treatment, and Recovery*, ed. Douglas Kohn (New York: URJ Press, 2007): 213-227.

“A Rose Among the Thorns; A Tiny Wellspring, A Thundering River”; and “Written on the Heart” in *For Praying Out Loud: Interfaith Prayers for Public Occasions*, edited by L. Annie Foerster (Skinner House Books, 2003), 78-800, 101-103, 134, 135.

“Lessons from 180 Years of American Reform Judaism,” *Torah at the Center* (UAHC, 2003): 7-9.

“Are Jews the Chosen People?” Allan L. Smith (ed.), in *Where We Stand: Jewish Consciousness on Campus* (New York: UAHC Press, 1997), 60-65.

“On Being A Blessing,” *The Orchard: A Compendium of Sermonic and Other Material* (Fall 1997), 9-10.

"Becoming A Rabbi: A Wonderful Occupation," *Shofar* 7, no. 2 (November 1989): 24-25.

"Who Will Lead Us Tomorrow?" *Reform Judaism* 17, no. 1 (Fall 1988): 4-6.

"Becoming a Rabbi" *Keeping Posted* 33, no. 6, 14-15.

"My People Jacob: Thy Tents have Grown Old: A Manual for Organizing Weekend Kallot for Older Adults," (New York, U.A.H.C.: 1981). "The High School Community Period" (with Kerry M. Olitzky) in *The Jewish Principal's Handbook*, edited by Audrey Friedman Marcus and Raymond A. Zwerin (Denver, Colorado, Alternatives in Religious Education: 1983), pp. 327-336.

## **ORGANIZATIONS:**

### **Academic Organizations:**

Commissioner, U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad,  
(Appointed by President Barack Obama, 2011)

Member, Academic Advisory Council, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (United States Congress).

Member, Academic Advisory Council, Department of Judaic Studies, University of Cincinnati

Member, Academic Advisory Council, Jewish American Heritage Month (proclaimed by United States Congress and the President of the United States)

Member, Academic Council, American Jewish Historical Society

Chair, Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History  
(recognized by the United States Congress)

Member, Organization of American Historians

Member, American Historical Association

## **CURRENT COMMUNAL ORGANIZATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member (and Past President), Martin Luther King Jr., Coalition, Cincinnati, OH.

Board Member (and Past Vice President), Jewish Community Relations Council, Cincinnati, OH.

Advisory Board Member, American Jewish Committee, Cincinnati Chapter

Member, Ethics Committee, Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

Member, Central Conference of American Rabbis (Committee assignments have included Editorial Board, CCAR Journal, Task Force on Hebrew Literacy, Youth Committee, Nominations Committee)

Member (and Past President), Greater Cincinnati Board of Rabbis

### **PAST COMMUNAL ORGANIZATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, Board of Trustees, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati

Member, Board of Directors, Glen Manor Home for the Jewish Aged, Cincinnati, OH.

Member, Board of Trustees, Hillel Jewish Student Center, Cincinnati, OH.

Delegate (one of two rabbinic delegates) on Religion Commission of the first USA/USSR Emerging Leaders Summit, sponsored by The American Center for International Leadership.

Rabbinic Representative, MARCC (Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati), Cincinnati, OH:

### **HUC-JIR FACULTY SERVICE**

Chair - Committee on Honors, HUC-JIR Board of Governors

Member - HUC-JIR Academic Advisory Council

Member - HUC-JIR Administrative Advisory Council

Member - HUC-JIR Press, Publications Committee

Member - HUC-JIR All-Campus Hebrew Literacy Committee

Program Chair, HUC-JIR All-Faculty Retreat, June 2000

Member - Extra-Curricular Affairs Committee, Cincinnati

Member - Faculty Search Committee

Administrative Support, Archives, Library, Museum Committee, HUC-JIR Board of Governors

## **MARCUS CENTER ACADEMIC INITIATIVES**

Establishment of The Marcus Center's Academic Advisory & Editorial Board

Establishment of The Marcus Center's B'nai Ya'akov Council (a committee composed of rabbinic supporters of American Jewish history and the American Jewish Archives).

Establishment of The Marcus Center's Educational Advisory Council (a committee composed of educators interested in promoting the teaching of American Jewish history).

Establishment of The Ezra Consortium in 2001, a fundraising committee comprised of approximately 30 men and women interested in preserving the American Jewish past).

Establishment of five Marcus Center Fellowship Program Endowment funds (bringing scholarly researchers to study at the American Jewish Archives).

Establishment of The Marcus Center's Conference on Synagogue Archiving (a total of 155 delegates have attended the three conferences, 1999, 2001, 2003).

Organized Marcus Center's Consultation on Teaching American Jewish History.

Establishment of the Rhea Hirsch School of Education Seminar of Teaching American Jewish History 2000, 2002, and again in 2004.

## **RECENT AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, Thomas More University, 2018

Visiting Professor of the Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies, Haifa, Israel (May 2016).

Lighthouse Youth Services: Beacon of Light Humanitarian Services Award, April 2016

The Stanley I. Kutler Lecturer at The University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin (November 3-4, 2014)

The Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold Distinguished Visiting Professors of Judaic Studies at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina (Spring Semester, 2014).

The Rabbi David Ellenson Award for Service on the Faculty of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, presented by Women of Reform Judaism (2013).

Bridges for a Just Community: Distinguished Service Award (2012)

Underground Railroad Freedom Center: King Legacy Award (2012)

The Cincinnati Human Relation Commission: The Bishop Herbert Thompson, Jr.  
Distinguished Humanitarian Award (2009)

Ohioana James P. Barry Award For Editorial Excellence (2006)

Rabbinic Leadership Award – Jewish Federation of Cincinnati (2004)