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* Professor of courses in Jewish education, Israel Education, Modern Jewish Thought, and Jewish ethics
* Co-creator of organizational partnerships throughout the Cincinnati Jewish Community
* Designer of *Avodat HaKodesh* – An online journal of Sacred Service-Learning

(sacredservicelearning.org) **Adjunct Faculty in Education and Jewish Thought, NY Campus** *1999-2012* **Faculty, the iCenter for Israel Education** *2010-Present** Collaborator on planning seminars for graduate students in seminaries and universities
* Teacher of classical and contemporary texts in Hebrew
* Academic Advisor and Mentor for Graduate Students and *Shelichim* (emissaries from Israel)
* Author of several articles on developing curricular resources for Israel Education
* Facilitator of Birthright Fellows sessions on relationship building and leadership
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|  |  **Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning, Union for Reform Judaism** * Created Network of Regional Jewish Educators
* Designed CHAI and *Mitkadem* for Judaic and Hebraic learning, respectively, in congregational schools
* Proposed and Implemented *Chaverim B’Ivrit* Hebrew Curriculum for Day Schools – funded by the Jim Joseph Foundation
* Founder: Early Childhood Jewish Educators of Reform Judaism
* Director - The Reform Movement’s Commission on Lifelong Jewish Learning
* Created “Torah at the Center”, a quarterly journal for Jewish Educators
* Developed “Ten Minutes of Torah”, daily series of Jewish texts for adult learners

 **Interim Rabbi, Temple Shir Shalom, Buffalo Grove, IL** * Developed curriculum for congregational school
* Stabilized congregational membership
* In partnership with volunteer leadership oversaw resolution of budget deficit
 | *1997-2012**1996-1997* |

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|  |  **Head of Middle School, Solomon Schechter of Northbrook, IL*** Devised individualized schedules for all middle school students
* Facilitated inclusion of students with special learning needs
* Composed statement of Jewish educational philosophy
* Organized multiple, learning minyanim for students and faculty
 | *1995-1997* |
|  |  **Director of Adolescent Learning, BJE (now CFJE) of Chicago, IL*** Built a cohort of 30 teachers of Jewish adolescents
* Developed curricular resources for 20 Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist congregation schools
* Organized a consortium of congregational schools with shared educational programming for adolescents including music, the arts and literature
 | *1991-1995* |
|  |  **Rabbi-Educator, Community Synagogue of Port Washington, NY*** Developed Family and Parent Education model for school
* Inaugurated Jewish Early Childhood Center
* Implemented regional Jewish educational program for developmentally delayed children, adolescents and their families
* Led six 40-day long trips to Israel for rising high school juniors

**Education** **PhD Hebrew University in Jerusalem** * Dissertation: חיים יהודה רות – תולדות חייו והגותו: מקום המוסר בחינוך היהודי The Place of Ethics in The Life and Thought of Leon Roth

 | *1983-1989**1989-1997* |
|  | **M.A. Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic OrdinationHebrew Union College**, *Cincinnati, OH** Thesis: Moses Ibn Ezra and Judah Halevi: Two Experiences of Exile
 | *1978-1983*  |
|  | **B.A. Magna Cum Laude, Religious Studies****Wesleyan University,** *Middletown, CT** Thesis: The Structural Evolution of Synagogue Leadership in Reform Judaism
 | *1974-1978* |

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|  | **Teaching and Leadership Positions*** Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City - Adjunct Faculty – advising and teaching rabbinical, cantorial and education students courses in Education, Jewish Thought, Interfaith Relations and Moral Philosophy, 1999 - 2012
* Jewish Scholar at Wildacres Clergy Retreat, an annual assembly of Jewish and Christian clergy and friends for over 50 years – Topics: Love of Self, Neighbor, Stranger and God in Judaism and Christianity; Difficult Sacred Texts, 2009 and 2010
* Scholar in Residence for more than 75 congregations and conferences for youth and adults in North America and Israel on topics from Education to Rabbinics to Israel to Jewish-Christian relations to Moral Philosophy to Contemporary Jewish Ethics 1997 – Present
* International Education Committee of Taglit – Birthright Israel 2018 - Present

Presentation topics include:1. When American and Jewish Values Collide
2. The Jewish Roots of Social Justice
3. Do Jews and Christians believe in the Same God?
4. Life is Attitude
5. Does Israel Always Have to be a Struggle?
6. Reforming Reform Judaism
7. A congregational continuum: From Functional to Visionary
8. Making Torah Stick and Not Shtick
9. Every Jew is a Jew-by-Choice
10. Joy in Judaism
11. A lingering critique of Reform Judaism: A mile-wide and an inch-deep
12. Reform Judaism Began When Judaism Began
13. A Day Full of Torah
14. Transitions in Jewish Life and Practice
15. Where is Love in Judaism
16. Reform Judaism Returns to Talmud
17. The Inner World of the Teacher
18. Jewish Moral Education
19. All Jewish Education outside of the Home is Supplementary
20. What does it mean to be good?
21. The Talmud and the Internet: Finding a Moral Center
22. Engaging Israel in Dialogue
23. Learning from Failure
24. Both/And Not Either/Or
25. From Passover to Shavuot: From Redemption to Revelation
26. Text in Context: Making a Case for Lifelong Learning

CAJE Shabbat Scholar 2003, CAJE keynote address 2001 – 2008, CAJE Search Committee for new Executive Director, 2005* Limmud Conference, Nottingham, UK invited teacher, 2003
* National Association of Temple Educators Board – ex-officio member 1997 – 2012; Kallah and Conference scholar 1998, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2012
* URJ Press, Editorial Board Chair 1999- 2012
* Fordham University Interfaith Dialogue with Dr. Phillip Cunningham, Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College - 2004
* ECE-RJ (early childhood Jewish educators) keynote 2004, 2008, 2011 ;ex-officio Board member 2003 – 2012
* CCAR (rabbis) – Conference teacher 2004, 2009, 2010
* Director Reform Movement Commission on Lifelong Jewish Learning, 1997-2012
* URJ North American Biennial Convention Forum Speaker, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011
* URJ Regional Biennial Speaker and Teach, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008
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|  | **Honors and Awards*** Recipient of Award in Teaching Excellence – University Consortium in Greater Cincinnati - 2014
* Recipient of a Covenant Foundation: Grant “Adult Jewish Living and Learning Journeys” – creating a North American network of avocational teachers of Jewish adults
* Distinguished Educator Award – National Association of Temple Educators, 2008
* Nominee for the Covenant Foundation Award in Jewish Educational Excellence (2008 – 2010)
* Jerusalem Fellow – now the Mandel School in Jerusalem, Israel, selected for fellowship awarded to international leaders in Jewish education, 1989-1991
* Simon Lazarus Prize – awarded by Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion to the ordinee with the best academic record, 1983
* Rabbi Morris H. Youngerman Memorial Prize- awarded by HUC-JIR to the ordinee who delivered the best sermon, 1983
* Nathan Stern Prize – awarded by HUC-JIR for the best Hebrew essay, 1981, 1983
* Trench Prize – awarded by Wesleyan University for excellence in the Department of Religious Studies, 1978
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|  | **Publications*** “Moses lbn Ezra and Judah Halevi: Their Philosophies in Response to Exile”, The Hebrew Union College Annual, Volume LV, pp. 179-195.
* “The Cantor in Reform Judaism”, Koleinu, the voice of the American Conference of Cantors, 1987.
* “Ready. Fire. Aim.”, CCAR Journal, winter 1998, pp. 45-55.
* “Repairing the World from the Inside Out”, Reform Judaism Magazine, winter 1999, pp. 38-40.
* “Wicked to Wise”, Reform Judaism Magazine, fall 2001, pp. 55-58.
* “Do Jews and Christians Worship the Same God?” with Phil Cunningham, Irreconcilable  Differences? A Learning Resource for Jews and Christians, eds. David Fox Sandmel, et al., Westview Press, 2001.
* “A *Reform*ation in Jewish Education”, The Ultimate Jewish Teacher’s Handbook, ed. Nachama Skolnik Moskowitz, ARE, 2003, pp. 35-43.
* “From Other to Brother”, CCAR Journal, Winter 2004, pp. 29-41.
* “Perfection is not the goal”, Reform Judaism Magazine, Spring 2006, pp. 57.
* “Is there a part of me in the East?”, CCAR Journal, Spring 2007, pp. 52-68.
* “Torah at the Center” – the lead article in forty issues over a thirteen-year period. Union for  Reform Judaism. 1998-2012.
* “The Educational State of the Union” URJ Department of Lifelong Jewish Learning, annually from 1999-2010.
* “To Spiral or Not to Spiral and other Curriculum Questions of the 21st Century” – Roberta Louis Goodman and Jan Katzew – International Journal of Jewish Education – 2011.
* “Thematic Curriculum” in the Aleph Bet of Israel Education. The iCenter for Israel Education, Northbrook, IL. 2011.
* World Religions in Dialogue – “Judaism, the insider’s perspective”. Ed. Pim Valkenberg. Anselm Academic Press. 2013.
* “The Gift of Being Cared For” in *Avodat HaKodesh*, an online journal, 2014.
* “Leon Roth’s Judaism: a (self) Portrait” – Festschrift to honor Prof. Zev Harvey upon his retirement. Magnes Press. Jerusalem, Israel. 2015.
* “A Jewish Common Core” in *Avodat HaKodesh*, an online journal, 2015.
* “Curricularizing Israel” in the Aleph Bet of Israel Education, 2nd edition. The iCenter for Israel  Education, Northbrook, IL. 2015.
* “Service Learning Builds Character” in *Avodat HaKodesh*, an online journal December 2015.
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|  | * “Judaism: An Insider’s Perspective” (revised) in World Religions in Dialogue. Anselm Academic, 2017, pp. 90- 107.
* “Completing Creation Through Education” in the International Journal of Education and Social  Science, The Research Institute for Progressive Knowledge vol.4 no.6, June 2017, pp. 5- 12.
* “Freedom Within Limits” in ­A Life of Meaning edited by Dana Kaplan. CCAR Press, 2017,  pp.123-134.
* “Chavruta” in CCAR Journal. Spring 2019, pp. 181-190.
* Book Review. “A Pedagogy of Humanist Moral Education: The Educational Thought of Janusz Korczak” in the Journal of Jewish Education. Fall 2019.
* “יפה תלמוד תורה עם דרך ארץ”:“Torah Study combined with Ethic Practice is Beautiful”, HUC Press. (to be published)
* Leon Roth: A Stranger and a Resident. Academic Studies Press, Brookline, MA. (to be published)
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2. Dr. Zev Harvey, Professor of Jewish Thought (emeritus). The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Mt. Scopus campus. Harvey@mscc.huji.ac.il.
3. Dr. Philip Cunningham, Professor of Christian Theology, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, PA, 19131. pcunning@sju.edu.
4. Dr. Barry Chazan, Founding Director - Masters in Jewish Professional Studies, Spertus Institute, Chicago, IL, 60805
5. Wendy Grinberg, Founding Director Grinberg Consulting
6. Rabbi Daniel Freelander, President, World Union of Reform Judaism, New York, NY, 10017, dfreelander@urj.org.
7. Marilynn Yentis, Immediate Past-Chair, Commission on Lifelong Jewish Learning, pyentis@aol.com