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#### Professional Experience

7/2018 – Present: **Director of the Rabbinical Program and Eleanor Sinsheimer Distinguished Service Professor of Jewish Education**, *Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York.* In addition to academic teaching, responsible for curriculum design and implementation, rabbinical student formation and faculty support on the New York campus of HUC-JIR. Since 2020, also serve as Coordinator of Special Seminary Projects, reporting to the Provost, to design and implement new initiatives relating to clergy education.

*7/2000 - Present*: ***Professor of Jewish Educational Leadership***, *Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York.* Responsible for teaching and advising education, rabbinical, and cantorial students at the New York school and in the national Executive Masters in Jewish Education. Provide service to the College through various committees and projects. Involved a variety of research and service projects relating to Israel education, adult learning, and the professional development of Jewish educators.

*7/99 - 6/2000:* ***Instructor and Special Projects Coordinator,*** *The Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary, NY*. Responsible for recruitment planning and new program development to support and enhance the academic mission of the Davidson School. Taught and advised graduate students, including supervision of their field placements.

*7/97- 5/2000:* ***Research & Pilot Project Manager****, Melton Research Center for Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary, NY.* Designed and conducted formative and summative evaluation of new programs and curricula developed by or in conjunction with the Melton Research Center. Projects included the development and testing of new curriculum, evaluating the Distance Learning initiative, the Secondary School Leadership Training Initiative, a preschool Hebrew language immersion pilot, and Judaic studies enrichment program for preschool educators.

*1994-1997:* ***Hillel Advisor****, Trinity College, Hartford, CT.* Coordinated and led Jewish student programming at this small liberal arts college. Concentrated on student leadership development and providing a wide range of religious, educational and social programs to enrich Jewish life on campus.

*1994-1997:* ***Teacher****, Yachad Community High School, West Hartford, CT.*

Taught three courses over this time period, including a Teen leadership development seminar, Jewish literature, and Jewish ritual life.

*1994-1995:* ***High School Coordinator****, Temple Beth Sholom, Manchester, CT.*

Designed curricula and taught at this Conservative synagogue high school. Developed a collaborative initiative, including tzedakah programs and a guest scholar-in-residence with a neighboring Reform congregational school.

*1994-1995:* ***Family Educator****, Commission on Jewish Education, West Hartford, CT.*

Designed and facilitated a 5-part Shabbat program series for intermarried families.

#### Other Teaching and Consulting

***Selected Scholar-in-Residence Activities***

CCAR – Webinar on Teaching for Ambiguity – Summer 2018.

Jewish Education Project, NY – Webinar on Philosophical Approaches and Challenges to Israel Education – Spring 2018

Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY – Wise Aging Facilitator – Spring 2018

Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, NY – Wise Aging Facilitator – Fall 2015, Winter, 2017

Kane St. Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY – Israel Scholar, 4/16

East End Temple, NY, NY – Summer Scholar on Israel, 8/15

Temple Beth Shalom, Austin, TX – Weekend scholar, 2/15

Temple Beth El, Providence, RI – Israel One Land, Many Narratives, 11/13

Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, New Brunswick, NY – Outer Signs of Inner Struggle, Exploring the Mystery of the Shalshelet in Sacred Text, 10/13

HUC-JIR Education Alumni Day of Learning, The Place of Israel in Personal and Professional Identity, 11/12

UJA-Federation of New York, Consultant for the Global Jewish Connections Program, Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education, 2012-2013

Leo Baeck College, London UK – Centre for Jewish Education and Professional Development -5/11

B’nai Israel, Bridgeport, CT – Teaching Psalms 3/09, Israel: One Land Many Narratives 3/11

Beit Knesset Yisrael, a joint project of ARZA and MAKOM to enhance the place of Israel in Reform Congregations. 10/07-2/09.

Professional Development Seminars for Educational Coordinators in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for the World Union for Progressive Judaism. 3/06, 5/06, 11/06, 2/07.

Professional Development Seminars for teaching staff of the Lokey International Academy of Jewish Studies at the Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa, Israel. 4/06, 5/06, 7/07.

Beit Binah, Jewish Education Program for Project Kesher a women’s leadership development organization in the CIS. 3/05, 11/05, 8/06, 2/07.

Leo Baeck College – Centre for Jewish Education, Department of Education and Professional Development, London UK, 3/06 and 5/03.

Israel Seminar Scholar, New York BJE-sponsored Israel trip for principals and teachers from Congregational schools in Greater New York. 2/03

***Research & Evaluation Studies***

UJA-Federation of New York (with Mijal Biton, Dr. Steven M. Cohen, Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz, Dr. Jack Ukeles). A Policy Oriented Approach to Research on Jewish Connective Identity. 2016-2018.

The Gamliel Institute of Kavod V’Nichum – Evaluation of on-line learning program for individuals interested in learning about Jewish practices of preparing the dead for burial. 2014-2016.

UJA-Federation of New York (with Dr. Diane Tickton Schuster). Longitudinal research study of J Learn, an adult Jewish learning initiative on Long Island, NY, 2005-2009.

Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation (with Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz). Evaluation study of the Israel on Campus Coalition, 1/09-6/09.

Jewish Federation of St. Louis (with Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz). Evaluation study of Focus Israel: The Place of Israel in Four St. Louis Congregations, 2008-09.

Covenant Foundation. Evaluation study of the Proficiency Approach to Hebrew

Language Instruction at the Jewish Community Day School, Newton, MA, 2007-2008.

United Jewish Communities. Evaluation study of Limudim, a lay leadership development program through text study. 9/05 – 7/07.

Lokey International Academy of Jewish Studies, Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa, Israel. Evaluation of Yachdav/School-to-School Shared Curriculum Project Spring-Summer 2006.

Melton Research Center for Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary, NY. Evaluation studies of two innovative programs, a Middle school curriculum for the congregational schools and a Hebrew immersion program for early childhood education. 1/02 – 7/06.

Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning, Formative evaluation of Iyun, a 3-year certificate program in Jewish study. Spring 2005.

***Consultant Teaching***

1997 - 2005*:* ***Instructor****, Beit Midrash - Greater Hartford Institute of Adult Jewish Learning.* Taught a two-semester course on the Jewish calendar and life cycle in this two-year program of adult Jewish study.

*Summers, 1994, 1998:* ***Teacher/Advisor*** *- Camp Ramah in New England, Palmer, MA.* Taught Judaic studies and provide staff development support to counselors and division heads.

*1996- 2004:* ***Adult and Family Educator****, Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT.*

Teach and facilitate a range of programs for religious school faculty and members. Developed and led groups for mothers and daughters during the year prior to becoming bat mitzvah.

##### Professional Experience – Management & Planning

1984-1994*: Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Northeast Region, Hartford, CT.*

Served in a range of marketing and planning positions at this health care organization, including Area Marketing Manager for 3 years, and Regional Director of Planning for 2 years. Responsible for a number of special regional initiatives relative to systems improvement, organizational change, and quality management. For 4 years, served as Regional Quality and Resource Management Director.

1981-1983:***Director****, Hilltown Community Development Corporation, Chesterfield, MA.*

Managed a community economic development organization for nine small towns. Focused on developing economic opportunities within the region, such as tourism, forestry services and small business support.

1976 - 1980.***Affirmative Action Coordinator****, Division of Student Affairs, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.* Designed staff development programs and prepared reports to support the Division’s affirmative action program.

##### Education

2017 – Rabbinic Ordination, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, NY.

2000 - Ph.D. in Jewish Education, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY.

1993-1995 - Completed 20 credit hours in Judaic studies through the Hartford branch of the Hebrew College, Brookline, MA.

1981 - M.B.A. in Public Management, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

1976 - B.A. in Drama, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

##### Publications

Grant, Lisa D. Editor, and Segal, Lisa B., Consulting Editor. *The Year of Mourning:*

*A Jewish Journey*, CCAR Press (forthcoming)

Grant, Lisa D., “Reimagining Dualisms for a Nondual World,” HUC-JIR Scriptions (2021). https://scriptions.huc.edu

Grant, Lisa D. “*Emunah* – “Faith/Trustworthiness” as a Pathway to Patience, Courage, and Acceptance,” *The Mussar Torah Commentary*, Rabbi Barry H. Block, editor. New York: CCAR Press (2020).

Grant, Lisa D. “Between Urgency and Hope: *El Nora Alilah, in Lawrence Hoffman, ed. My People’s Prayerbook: N’ilah. Turner Publications (2018).*

Grant, Lisa D. “Loving Your Neighbor as a Path to Justice,” in Seth M. Limmer & Jonah Dov Pesner, eds., *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority*. New York: CCAR Press (2018).

Grant, Lisa D., “Educating for Ambiguity,” in Rabbi Stanley, M. Davids and Rabbi Lawrence Englander, eds. *The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism*. New York: CCAR Press (2017).

Muszkat-Barkan, Michal and Grant, Lisa D., “Like a Distant Cousin”: Bi-Cultural Negotiation as Key Perspective in Understanding the Evolving Relationship of Future Reform Rabbis with Israel and the Jewish People.” *Journal of Jewish Education.* 81:1 (2015).

Grant, Lisa D. Marom, Daniel, and Werchow, Yehudit. The Purposes of Israel Education. Policy Brief for CASJE – The Consortium for Applied Studies in Jewish Education, (2012).

Grant, Lisa D. and Kopelowitz, Ezra. *Israel Education Matters: A 21st Century Paradigm for Jewish Education.* Jerusalem: The Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education (2012).

Miller, Helena, Grant, Lisa D., Pomson, Alex, editors. *The International Handbook of Jewish Education.* Springer (2011).

Grant, Lisa D. and Schuster, Diane T. “The Landscape of Adult Jewish Education,” in Miller, Grant, and Pomson (editors) *The International Handbook of Jewish Education.* Springer (2011).

Grant, Lisa D. and Muszkat-Barkan, Michal. “Rabbis as Educators - professional training and identity formation”in Miller, Grant, and Pomson (editors) *The International Handbook of Jewish Education.* Springer (2011).

Grant, Lisa D. "Pluralistic Approaches to Israel Education,” *Journal of Jewish Education.* Vol. 77:1 (2011).

Schuster, Diane T. and Grant, Lisa D. “Education, North America: Adult.” Entry in Baskin (ed.) *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*. Cambridge University Press (2011), 145.

Grant, Lisa D. and Ravid, Shlomi. “Creating a sustainable sense of peoplehood: Towards a pedagogy of commitment.” *Jewish Educational Leadership*, Vol. 9:2 (2011), 4-6.

Grant, Lisa D. “When the Jewish People and Israel Conflict,” *Peoplehood Papers*, Vol. 5, Jerusalem: Peoplehood Hub of the Jewish Agency for Israel (2010).

Grant, Lisa D. “Mamie Gamoran: Modeling an American Life,” in Carol K. Ingall, editor, *The Women Who Reconstructed American Jewish Education*, 1910-1965. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press (2010).

Grant, Lisa D. “Sacred Vision, Complex Reality: Navigating the Tensions in Israel Education.” *Jewish Educational Leadership*, Vol. 7:1, Fall 2008, 22-27.

Schuster, Diane T. and Grant, Lisa D. “What We Know about Adult Jewish Learning” in Flexner and Goodman, eds. *What We NOW Know About Jewish Education: Perspectives on Research for Practice*. A.R.E. Press (2008).

Grant, Lisa D. “Authenticity, Autonomy, and Authority: Feminist Jewish Learning among Post-Soviet Women.” *Journal of Jewish Education* Vol. 74, No. 1 (2008)

Grant, Lisa D. (2007). “Why Israel Matters to Me” in Jeffrey Salkin, ed. *A Dream of Zion: Americans Reflect on Why Israel Matters. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing.*

Grant, Lisa D. “Israel Education in Reform Congregational Schools.” *CCAR journal* (Summer, 2007).

Grant, Lisa D. (2007). “Finding Her Right Place in the Synagogue: The Rite of Adult Bat Mitzvah,” in Riv Ellen Prell, editor, *Women Remaking American Judaism*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

Grant, Lisa D. and Marmur, Michael (2007) “The Place of Israel in the Identity of Reform Jews,” in Danny Ben Moshe, editor, *Israel, World Jewry, and Identity*. London: Sussex Academic Press

Grant, Lisa D. “Jewish Men and Adult Jewish Learning”, in The Gender Gap. New York: URJ Press, (2007).

Grant, Lisa D. *T’tazveh* – Contemporary Reflection, in the *Women’s Torah Commentary*, New York: URJ Press, (2007).

Grant, Lisa D. and Weiss, Andrea (2007). Working Paper #9: *Teaching Adult Jewish Educators about Teaching Bible: What They Need to Know and How They Might Learn It*. Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy in Jewish Studies. Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education, Brandeis University. <http://www.brandeis.edu/centers/mandel/BridgingWorkingPapers.html>

Schuster, Diane T. and Grant, Lisa D. “Adult Jewish learning: what do we know? What do we need to know?” *Journal of Jewish Education*, Vol. 71, No. 2 (Fall 2005).

Grant, Lisa D. “Educating for Jewish Citizenship.” *Jewish Education News*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (Winter 2005).

Grant, Lisa D., Schuster, Diane T., Woocher, Meredith, and Cohen, Steven M. *A Journey of Heart and Mind: Transformative Jewish Learning in Adulthood.* New York: JTS Press, 2004.

Grant, Lisa D. “Connection and Caring: The Role of Educational Leadership in Adult Jewish Learning.” *Religious Education*, Vol. 99, No. 2 (Spring 2004).

Pomson, Alex and Grant, Lisa D. “Getting Personal with Professional Development: The Case of Short-term Trips to Israel for Diaspora Teachers,” in Joseph Bashi, Miriam Ben Peretz, and Ami Bouganim, editors, *Education and Professional Training*. Jerusalem: The Jewish Agency for Israel, (2004).

Grant, Lisa D. and Schuster, Diane T. *The Impact of Adult Jewish Learning in Today’s Jewish Community.* New York: United Jewish Communities, 2003.

Grant, Lisa D. “Restorying Jewish Lives Post Adult Bat Mitzvah.” *Journal of Jewish Education,* Vol. 69, No. 2 (Fall 2003).

Grant, Lisa D. “The Role of Mentoring in Day School Leadership.” *Jewish Education News,* (Spring 2003).

Schuster, Diane T., and Grant, Lisa D. “Teaching Jewish Adults,” in Nachama Moscowitz, editor, *The New Jewish Teachers Handbook*, 2nd edition. Denver: A.R.E. Publications, (2003).

Dashefsky, Sandra W., Grant, Lisa D., Miller, Regina, and Koteen, Lois. “La’atid: Synagogues for the Future – An Experiment in Synagogue Revitalization.” *Jewish Education News,* (Winter 2002).

Grant, Lisa D. (2001).*Eytz Chaim Hi****:*** *She is a Tree of Life - An Adult Bat Mitzvah Curriculum Guide*. New York: Women’s League for Conservative Judaism.

Grant, Lisa D. and Robins, Frieda. “Judaic Enrichment as a Change Agent in Early Childhood Education: Limitations and Possibilities.” *Conservative Judaism*, 53:4, (Summer 2001).

Grant, Lisa D. “The Role of Mentoring in Enhancing Experience of a Congregational Israel Trip.” *Journal of Jewish Education,* Vol. 67, No. ½, (Spring/Summer 2001).

Grant, Lisa D., Kelman, Naamah, and Regev, Hannah. “Traveling Towards the Self While Visiting the Other: Israeli TALI School Educators on a U.S. Study Tour.” *Journal of Jewish Communal Service.* Vol. 77, No. ¾, (Spring/Summer 2001).

Grant, Lisa D. “Planned and Enacted Curriculum Stories on a Congregational Israel Trip.” *Conservative Judaism,* 53:3,(Spring 2001).

Grant, Lisa D. “A Journey of the Mind to Feed the Spirit.” *Jewish Education News*. (Winter 2001).

Grant, Lisa D. “Bar and Bat Mitzvah Trips to Israel: Variations on a Theme of Affirmation.” *Jewish Education News,* (Winter 2000).

Grant, Lisa D. “Adult Bat Mitzvah: An American Rite of Continuity,” *Courtyard,* (Fall/Winter 1999/2000).

Grant, Lisa D. “Review of: What We Should Ask About Intelligence by Robert Sternberg,” *Melton Gleanings,* (Spring 1999).

Grant Lisa D. and Robins, Frieda D. “Hebrew Immersion at Camp Ramah in New England,” *Jewish Education News,* (Winter 1999).

##### Papers and Presentations

Respondent to Jon Levisohn’s paper “Mature Love, Nuanced Loyalty, and Redemptive Vision: Conceptualizing the Desired Outcomes of Israel Education.” Presented at Israel Education: The Next Edge Conference sponsored by The Jewish Agency for Israel, October 2018.

The New Landscape of Adult Jewish Learning. Paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2015.

Like Distant Cousins: Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors towards Israel in Reform Rabbinical Students. Spotlight session with Michal Muszkat-Barkan at the Network for Research in Jewish Education Conference, June 2015.

Impact of the Year-in-Israel on Future Rabbis’ Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors towards Israel. Paper presented with Michal Muszkat-Barkan at the Association for Israel Studies Conference, June 2014

Israel Education Policy Frameworks, Presentation with Ezra Kopelowitz at Israel in the Development of Jewish Identity: Philosophical Reflections and Educational Implications. Conference Sponsored by the iCenter and the World Zionist Organization, January 2013.

Israel Education, for What? Paper presented at Taglit/Birthright Academic Symposium, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 2013.

Keynote speaker: Reaching & Teaching Adult Learners at the Alliance for Continuing Rabbinic Education (ACRE) conference, November, 2011.

Fields of Engagement: Debating some Key Questions of Research and Jewish Education. Keynote Session with Helena Miller and Alex Pomson at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, York University, Toronto, June 2011.

The Impact of the International Handbook of Jewish Education – Keynote Session with Helena Miller and Alex Pomson at the Research in Jewish Education in the UK, May 2011.

Keynote speaker: Defining not Defending Israel at UJA-Federation of New York Israel Education Forum, April 2011.

The Impact of Rabbi-Educators in Shaping Culture in Pluralistic Jewish Educational Settings. Paper presented with Michal Muszkat-Barkan at the Challenges in Jewish Education: Cultural Vitality - Israel Association for Research in Jewish Education, Bar Ilan University, December 2010.

International Handbook of Jewish Education: Window and Mirror. Spotlight Session presented with co-convener Alex Pomson, and Hanan Alexander, Yehuda Bar Shalom, Nava Nevo, and Alex Sinclair at the Challenges in Jewish Education: Cultural Vitality - Israel Association for Research in Jewish Education, Bar Ilan University, December 2010.

Sh’ma-AJS Roundtable Discussion, “Jewish Studies, Jewish Money, and the Future of an Academic Field:  Reflections by Scholars and Donors, Steve Zipperstein (Stanford), Paul Zakrzewski (Foundation for Jewish Culture), Yael Zerubavel (Rutgers), Lisa Grant (HUC NY) and Julian Levinson (U Mich), Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December 2009.

Strengthening the connection of American Jews to Israel: A case study of one attempt to transform the place of Israel in Four St. Louis Synagogue. Paper presented with Ezra Kopelowitz at the International Conference on The Purposes and Practices of Israel, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December 2009

Pluralistic Approaches to Israel Education. Paper presented at Pluralistic Jewish

Education: Trends and Challenges conference, Hebrew University and Hebrew Union College, July 2009.

A Vision for Israel Education. Paper presented at the Melton Centre Conference on Israel Education, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, January 2008.

A Vision for Israel Education. Paper presented at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, Cleveland, June 2008.

Professional Identity Formation of Rabbi-Educators. Consultation presented at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, American Jewish University, June 2007.

Give us a Teacher: Negotiating the Quest for Authenticity with Transformative Learning in the Former Soviet Union. Paper presented at theNetwork for Research in Jewish Education, HUC-New York, June 2006.

Teaching Israel in Diverse Educational Settings. Spotlight Session with Shirah Hecht and David Starr at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, HUC-New York, June 2006.

Current Research and Challenges in studying Adult Jewish Learning, presentations made with Diane T. Schuster at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem and University of Haifa, April and May 2006.

Purposes of Adult Jewish Learning. Spotlight Session with Diane T. Schuster, Beth Cousens, and David Starr at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, Brandeis University, June 2005.

What Do Adult Jewish Educators Need to Know About Teaching Bible? Paper co-written and delivered with Andrea Weiss at Teaching Bible: Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy Brandeis University, January 2005.

Educating for Jewish citizenship. Paper presented at a Symposium on Educating for Jewish Peoplehood, Haifa University, Israel, July 2004.

Getting Personal with Professional Development: The Case of Short-term Trips to Israel for Diaspora Teachers. Paper co-written with Alex Pomson, delivered at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, Baltimore Hebrew University, June 2004

From In-Service Training to Professional Development: Alternative Paradigms in Israel Seminars for Diaspora Educators. Paper co-written with Alex Pomson, presented at the Department of Jewish Education, The Jewish Agency for Israel, December 2003.

# Rites of Passage into Community: Mothers and Daughters Learning Together in the Bat Mitzvah Year. Paper presented at the Conference on Jewish Family Education, University of Haifa, Israel, July 2003.

Going Public with Narrative: Challenges in Conducting Narrative Research. Spotlight Session with Carol Ingall and Alex Pomson at the Network for Research in Jewish Education, Cincinnati OH, June 2003.

Finding One's Right Place in the Synagogue: The Rite of Adult Bat Mitzvah. Paper presented at The Changing Role of Women in American Jewish Life, Wayne State University, Detroit MI, May 4-5, 2003.

Meaning Making at the Melton Mini-Schools: The Intersection of Learner, Teacher, and Text in Jewish Adult Learning, paper presented with Diane Tickton Schuster at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Los Angeles CA, December 2002.

Developing Jewish Educational Leadership for North American Day Schools, paper presented with James Hyman at the Joint International Conference of the Israeli Association for Research in Jewish Education and the North American Network for Research in Jewish Education, University of Haifa, Israel, June 2002.

Transitions and Trajectories Post Adult Bat Mitzvah, paper presented at the Joint International Conference of the Israeli Association for Research in Jewish Education and the North American Network for Research in Jewish Education, University of Haifa, Israel, June 2002.

The Impact of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School on Learners and Teachers: What’s Unique, What’s Generalizable? Spotlight Session with Steven M. Cohen, Diane Schuster, and Meredith Woocher at the Research Network in Jewish Education, Toronto, Ontario. June 2001.

Judaic Enrichment as a Change Agent in Early Childhood Education: Limitations and Possibilities, paper presented at the Research Network in Jewish Education, Toronto, Ontario. June 2001.

Traveling Towards the Self While Visiting the Other: Israeli TALI School Educators on a U.S. Study Tour. Paper presented with Hannah Regev at the Israeli Association for Research in Jewish Education conference, Bar Ilan University, December 2000.

The Role of Mentoring in Enhancing Experience of a Congregational Israel Trip. Paper presented at the Research Network in Jewish Education Conference, New York, NY, June 2000.

Adult Bat Mitzvah - An American Rite of Continuity. Paper presented at the Research Network in Jewish Education Conference, Cleveland, OH, June 1998.

Mother/Daughter Bat Mitzvah Workshop - A Case Study. Paper presented at the First Conference on Adult Jewish Education sponsored by the Joint Authority for Zionist Education, Jerusalem, Israel December, 1997.

Contemporary Reflections on Israel in American Jewish Life. Pape presented at the Jewish Studies Forum, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, November, 1996.

The Power of Memory: Mezirow’s Theory of Transformation as a Window into Extremism. Paper presented at the Research Network in Jewish Education, Jerusalem, Israel, June 1996.

##### Courses Taught

Teaching & Learning in Jewish Education

Engaging Adults in Jewish Learning

Teaching Bible to Jewish Adults (co-taught with Rabbi Andrea Weiss, professor of Bible)

Why Israel Matters

Ideologies of Jewish Education

Curriculum Design

Dynamics of Congregational Change

From Talmud Torahs to Learning Communities: A History of Jewish Education in America

Beyond the Classroom – An Introduction to Informal Jewish Education

The Nexus of Family and Adult Jewish Learning

Teaching the Holocaust

#### Other Professional Activities

Chair, Network for Research in Jewish Education, 2006-2009

Editorial Board Member, The Journal of Jewish Education, 2015-present

Editorial Board Member, Sh’ma, An On-Line Journal of Responsibility, 2007- 2014

Program Chair, Network for Research in Jewish Education, 2004

Fellow, Institute for Reform Zionism, ARZA, 2005-2007

Member of Israel Education Think Tank, Melton Center for Jewish Education, The Hebrew University, 2007-2009.

Editorial Board Member, URJ Press, 2003-2011

Advisory Board Member, Leadership Institute for Congregational School Principals, a Joint program of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Theological Seminary, 2004-2013.

Advisory Board Member, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning Temple Emanu-El, New York, NY, 2003-2009.

Advisory Committee Member for Project EngaJE, Judaic enrichment for early childhood educators through SAJES, (Suffolk County Jewish Educational Services), 2007- 2009.

#### Awards and Scholarships

LSA Scholarship - University of Michigan, 1975-1976.

Nirenberg Fellowship - Jewish Theological Seminary, 1996-2000.

Recipient of the Rabbi Wolfe Kelman Memorial Prize, Jewish Theological Seminary, 1998.

Recipient of the Rabbi Carl and Barbara Friedman Award, Jewish Theological Seminary, 2000.

Grant recipient from the Hadassah Brandeis Research Institute to study the impact of feminist pedagogy on Jewish learning and identity in the Former Soviet Union, 2005.

Fellow at the Tauber Institute, Summer Institute for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, 2005.

Grant recipient from UJA-Federation of New York to study the long-term impact of an adult Jewish learning initiative on Long Island, NY, 2005-2009.

##### Community Service

2007 - 2010: Strategic Planning Consultant and Board Member, The Jewish High School of Connecticut.

1997-2006: Ritual Committee, Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT.

1999-2005: Member of the La’atid: Synagogues of the Future Task Force, and STAR (Synagogues Transformation and Renewal) Executive Committee, Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT.

1994-2006: Co-Chair Adult Jewish Learning Committee, and member Israel Education Task Force, Greater Hartford Commission on Jewish Education.

1992-1995: Strategic Planning Committee, West Hartford Public Schools.

1990-1991: Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Jewish Community of Amherst, MA.

1987-1990: Board Member, Hampshire County United Way, Northampton, MA.

1983-1987: Member, Planning Board, City of Northampton, MA

1982-1983: Consultant, New England Rural Leadership Development Project