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Educational Background

Ph.D.	1985	Temple University (Religion: “with distinction”)
M.A.	1979	Temple University
B.A.	1976	Brandeis University (Magna cum Laude)

Honors and Grants

2007	Visiting Professor of Religion, Princeton University
2003	Summer Research Fellowship, Muhlenberg College
1998	Research Grant, Pew Charitable Trusts Summer Research Fellowship, Muhlenberg College
1997	Harry Starr Fellowship, Harvard University
1993	Muhlenberg College Class of 1932 Research Professorship
1992	Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung Research Fellowship (taken 1994, 1996 at the University of Cologne) Summer Research Fellowship, Muhlenberg College
1991	Robert C. Williams Faculty Award, Muhlenberg College

Areas of Teaching Competence

Primary:	Modern Jewish Thought Jewish Political Tradition Religion and Politics
Secondary:	Theory and Method in the Study of Religion Jewish Ethics

Languages German, Hebrew, Yiddish

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Professional Background

- 2010-present Director, The Tikvah Institute for Jewish Thought
- 2004-present Professor of Modern Jewish Thought
The Jewish Theological Seminary
Chair, Department of Jewish Thought
- 2004-2010 Director, Louis Finkelstein Institute
- 2000-2004 Director, Jews and the American Public Square
Center for Jewish Community Studies
- 1988-2004 Professor of Religion and Head of Department (1997-2003)
Muhlenberg College
- 1984-1988 Program Associate
The American Jewish Committee
New York, New York
- 1981-1983 Rabbi
Temple Beth El
Endicott, New York

Professional and other Associations

Association for Jewish Studies
Editorial Board Member, *Hebraic Political Studies*
Editorial Board Member, *Jewish Political Studies Review*
Institute for the Study of Religion, Baylor University (non-resident Fellow)
Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (Fellow)
Rabbinical Assembly

Selected Lectures and Papers

- 2009 Presentations on “Hope in a Democratic Age” at Princeton, Oxford, Wisconsin (Madison) and Columbia Universities
- 2006 “Social and Economic Rights in Rabbinic Judaism,” USC Law School, Columbia SC
“Economic Thought in Religious Zionism,” Boston University
- 2005 “No Fear of Foundations: Human Rights in Contemporary Jewish Philosophy, Conference on the 40th Anniversary of Dignitatis Humanae,” Gregorian University, Rome
- 2003 “The Authentic Job: Thoughts on the Demise of Jewish Theodicy,” Conference on the Philosophical Foundations of Secularism, Oxford University
- 2002 “The Suburban Condition of American Jewry,” Seminar on Religious Communities and the New Urbanism, Seaside, Florida

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- “Liberty, Truth, and Toleration,” Becket Fund for Religious Liberty International Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- 2001 “The Theological-Political Predicament of American Jews,” Boston University Symposium on Authority in the Jewish Political Tradition
- “The Jew in the Imagined Community: Three Modern Jewish Utopias,” University of California-San Diego, Judaic Studies Colloquium
- 2000 “American Jews and Religious Liberty,” Becket Fund for Religious Liberty International Conference (Prague)
- “Jews and American Public Life,” The Brookings Institution
- 1999 “Continuity and Change in the Constitutional Experience of the German Jews,” Harvard-Bar Ilan Conference on Jewish Political Thought and History
- “Pluralism: Identity, Civility, and the Common Good,” Academy for Jewish Philosophy, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting
- 1998 “The Constitution of a Jewish State: The Thought of R. Shimon Federbush,” Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- “Leo Strauss on Relativism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- 1997 “The Constitutional Experience of German Jewry,” Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies
- “The German Origins of Agudat Israel,” Brandeis University, Tauber Center for European Jewish Studies
- 1996 “Jewish Fundamentalism and the Transformation of Zionism,” Konrad Adenauer Foundation. (Bonn)
- 1995 “The Limits of Rabbinic Authority in Agudat Israel: a Contribution to the History of *mishpat melucha*,” Bar Ilan University
- “American Jews and America Multiculturalism,” Evangelische Akademie (Loccum, Germany)
- 1994 “Autonomy, Authority and the Modern Jewish Condition,” Friedrich Wilhelm Rheinische Universität (Bonn)
- 1993 “Agudat Israel: An Early Case of Jewish Fundamentalism?” Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies
- 1992 “Max Weber’s Concept of Covenant,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- “Some German Orthodox Attitudes Towards the Land of Israel and the Zionist Movement,” International Center for the University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, The Hebrew University
- 1991 “From Private Right to Common Good: Communitarian Critiques of Liberalism in a Talmudic Perspective,” International Center for the University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, The Hebrew University
- 1990 “Early Controversies over the Meaning of Political Action in Agudat Israel,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting
- “Court Jews and Theocrats: The Reluctant Messianism of Agudat Israel,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- “Two Orthodox Jewish Theories of Rights,” International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, The Hebrew University
- “Das Selbstverständnis amerikanischer Juden,” University of Bayreuth (Bayreuth, Germany)
- “The Concept of the Jewish Political Tradition,” Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- “Catholic-Jewish Relations in the ‘80’s,” University of Scranton
- 1989 “Christianity in the Mirror of Modern Jewish Thought,” Jacob Perlow Lecture, Skidmore College
- 1988 “Toward a History of Jewish-Christian Relations in America,” 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations
- 1986 “Religion, Politics and the Neo-Conservatives,” University of Hamburg (Germany)
- “The Limits of Freedom of Religion in Democratic Societies,” Elizabethtown College
- 1985 “Catholic Catechesis and the Jews,” St. Mary’s University, Baltimore
- 1984 “Modern Jewish Views of Jesus,” Protestant Theological College (Berlin, GDR)
- 1982 “Eine Jüdischer Einschätzung von Paul van Buren’s Discerning the Way,” Tübingen University (Germany)
- “Wittgenstein and Religious Language,” Holy Cross College

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Publications

Current Book Projects

A Short History of Jewish Ethics (under contract with Wiley Blackwell Publishers)

The Library of Jewish Ideas: Human Nature (under contract with Princeton University Press)

Books

Hope in a Democratic Age: Philosophy, Religion and Political Theory, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.

The Scepter Shall Not Depart From Judah: Perspectives on the Persistence of the Political in Judaism, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2000.

The Politics of Torah: German-Jewish Orthodoxy and the Founding of Agudat Israel, New York: State University of New York Press, 1996.

Between Kant and Kabbalah: An Introduction to Isaac Breuer's Philosophy of Judaism, New York: State University of New York Press, 1990.

Edited Volumes

Uneasy Allies: Jewish-Evangelical Relations, Alan Mittleman, Byron Johnson and Nancy Isserman, eds., Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007.

Religion as a Public Good: Jews and Others on Religion in the Public Square, Alan Mittleman, ed., Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003.

Jewish Polity and American Civil Society, Alan Mittleman, Jonathan Sarna and Robert Licht, eds., Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002.

Jews and the American Public Square, Alan Mittleman, Jonathan Sarna and Robert Licht, eds., Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002.

Chapters

“Judaic Sources and Western Thought”, Jonathan Jacobs, Jerusalem's Enduring Presence, Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Judaism: Covenant, Pluralism, and Piety,” in Bryan S. Turner, The New Blackwell Companion to The Sociology of Religion, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

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- “The Covenantal Politics of Johannes Althusius,” in Gordon Schochet and Fania Oz-Salzberger, Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Early Modern Political Thought, Jerusalem: Shalem Press, 2008.
- “Marc Ellis: The Torah as a Suicide Pact,” in Edward Alexander and Paul Bogdanor, The Jewish Divide over Israel, New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2006.
- “Judaism and Democracy in America,” in Dana Evan Kaplan, The Cambridge Companion to American Judaism, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- “Between Adjustment and Ambivalence: The German Jewish Community,” in S. Ilan Troen, ed. Jewish Centers and Peripheries: European Jewry Between America and Israel, New Brunswick: Transaction, 1999.
- “American Jewish Perceptions of Germany: A Brief Survey,” in Stephan Eisel Christian Koecke, eds., Deutschland und die Amerikanischen Juden: Versöhnung, Begegnung, Perspektiven, Sankt Augustin: Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung Interne Studien, 1997.
- “How to Teach About the Modern Jewish Religious Experience,” in The Modern Jewish Experience, Jack Wertheimer, ed. New York: NYU Press, 1993.
- “Fundamentalism and Political Development: The Case of Agudat Israel,” In Religious Fundamentalism: Judaism, Ideology and the Crisis of Modernity, Laurence Silberstein, ed. New York: NYU Press, 1993.
- “Religion, Politik und die Neo-Konservativen,” (trans. K-M Kodalle) in Gott und Politik in USA, Klaus-M. Kodalle, ed. Frankfurt/M: Athenaem, 1988.
- “Modern Jewish Views of Jesus,” in Breaking Down the Wall Between Americans, East Germans: Jews, Christians, Leonard Swidler, ed., Washington, DC; University Press of America, 1987.
- “Von der Schuld “historischer” Akteure zum zeitlosen Konflikt des Menschen mit dem Bösen,” in Das Rosner Spiel: Eine Dokumentation, Hannes Burger, ed., Oberammergau: Ammergauer Spiel-Gemeinschaft, 1987.
- “Remarks on Paul M. van Buren’s Discerning the Way,” in Jewish Civilization: Essays and Studies, R. Brauner, ed., Vol. III, Philadelphia: Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Press, 1985.

Articles

- “No Fear of Foundations: Reflections on Human Rights in Contemporary Jewish Philosophy,” *The Heythrop Journal*, Vol. XLVIII, 2009.
- “The Job of Judaism and the Job of Kant,” *Harvard Theological Review*, Vol.102: No. 1, 2009.

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- “The Voice of Judaism in the Conversation of Mankind: Thoughts on Michael Oakeshott,” in *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 19: Nos. 1 & 2, Spring 2007.
- “Politics as a Vocation: Max Weber’s Political Ethics,” in *The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy*, Vol. 20, Issue No. 1, 2006.
- “The Meaning of Judaism for the Religious Progress of Humanity by Hermann Cohen: An Introduction and Translation,” in *Modern Judaism*, February 2004.
- “Fretful Orthodoxy” *FIRST THINGS*, October 2003.
- “The Jew in Christian Culture” by Hermann Cohen: An Introduction and Translation, *Modern Judaism*, February 2003.
- “Toleration, Liberty, and Truth: A Parable,” in *Harvard Theological Review*, October 2002.
- “From the Jewish Street to the Public Square” *FIRST THINGS*, August 2002.
- “Jews in the Age of Compassionate Conservatism,” *FIRST THINGS*, January 2002.
- “Continuity and Change in the Constitutional Experience of the German Jews,” *PUBLIUS: Daniel J. Elazar Memorial Volume*, Fall 2000.
- “Pluralism: Identity, Civility, and the Common Good,” *Modern Judaism*, May 2001.
- “Jewish Political Theory,” *Reader’s Guide to Judaism* (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2000).
- “Jewish Fundamentalism,” *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4th edition (JCB Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2000).
- “Bibhuti S. Yadav—In Memoriam,” *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. III: 2000.
- “*Mishpat Ha-melukha* and the Jewish Political Tradition in the Thought of R. Shimon Federbush,” *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 10: Numbers 3 and 4, Fall, 1998.
- “Leo Strauss and Relativism: The Critique of Max Weber,” in *RELIGION* (March 1999).
- “American Jews and American Multiculturalism,” *FIRST THINGS*, 68, December 1996.
- “Jüdischer Fundamentalismus: Religion, Politik und die Transformation des Zionismus,” *KAS Auslandsinformationen*, Vol. 12, No. 9, 1996.
- “Some German Jewish Orthodox Attitudes toward the Land of Israel and the Zionist Movement,” *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 6, Numbers 3 and 4, Fall, 1994.
- “The Modern Jewish Condition,” *FIRST THINGS*, 42, October, 1994.

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“Max Weber’s Conception of Covenant in Ancient Judaism with Reference to the Book of Judges,” *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 6, Numbers 1 and 2, Spring, 1994.

“From Private Right to Common Good: Communitarian Critiques of Liberalism in a Talmudic Perspective,” *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Spring, 1993.

“The Origins of the Polity: A Judaic Account,” *SVARA: A Journal of Philosophy and Judaism* Vol 3, Nos. 1-2, 1992.

“Christianity in the Mirror of Jewish Thought” *FIRST THINGS*, 25, August/September, 1992.

“Two Orthodox Jewish Theories of Rights: Isaac Breuer and Sol Roth,” *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol 3, Numbers 3 and 4, Fall, 1991.

“Judaism and American Public Life,” *FIRST THINGS*, 11, March, 1991. Reprinted in: *American Jews and the Separationist Faith*, David Dalin, ed., Washington, D.C.: Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1993.

“Jews and Separationism,” *THIS WORLD: A Journal of Religion and Public Life*, 22, Summer, 1988.

“Reflections on a Jewish Theology of Pluralism,” *THIS WORLD*, 19, Fall, 1987.

“The Language of Misunderstanding,” *Christian Jewish Relations*, Vol. 20:4, Winter, 1987.

“Rights, Beliefs and Dialogue,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Winter 1981, Vol. 18:1, pp. 33-40.

Popular Articles

“Interfaith Circles,” with Martin E. Marty and Edward Flannery, Anoka, Minn.: Interfaith Resources, 1988.

“The Trouble with the “Judeo-Christian Tradition,” New Conversations, Spring, 1987, Vol. IX:3.

“Evil,” Shoah Companion Guide, Russell H. Herman, ed., New York: Educational Broadcasting Corporation, 1987.

“Jews and Catholics: Taking Stock,” with Judith H. Banki, Commonweal, September 6, 1985, Vol. CXII: 15.

“A Conversation on Religion and Culture,” Reconstructionist, July 1981, Vol. 47:5.

Reviews

Jews and Power, by Ruth Wisse, *Modern Judaism* (October 2008)

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For the Sake of Heaven and Earth, by Irving Greenberg, *First Things* (April 2005).

American Judaism, by Jonathan Sarna, *First Things* (May 2004).

The Politics and Public Culture of American Jews, by Arthur Goren, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* Vol. 26:1 (Spring 2002).

The Jewish Political Tradition: Volume I, by Michael Walzer et al, *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 13:3-4 (Fall 2001).

Must a Jew Believe Anything?, by Menachem Kellner, *Jewish Political Studies Review* Vol. 12: 1-2 (Spring 2000).

Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King and the Jewish Community, by Marc Schneier, *CHOICE* (March 2000).

Spinoza, Liberalism and the Question of Jewish Identity, Steven B. Smith, *FIRST THINGS*, No. 79, January, 1998.

Paths of Emancipation: Jews, States and Citizenship, Pierre Birnbaum and Ira Katznelson, eds., *Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 39, No. 4, Autumn, 1997.

On Modern Jewish Politics, Ezra Mendelsohn, *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 8, Nos. 1-2, 1996.

Dialogical Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Buber, S. H. Bergman, *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, Vol. 7, 1994.

Modernity Within Tradition: The Social History of Orthodox Jewry in Imperial German, Mordechai Breuer, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, XXV:4, Spring, 1995.

Moses, Mendelssohn and the Enlightenment, Allan Arkush, *CHOICE*, April, 1995.

Tolerance and Transformation, Sandra Lubarsky, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, XXXIV, No. 4, April, 1994.

The Idea of Civil Society, Adam Seligman, *FIRST THINGS*, No. 39, January, 1994.

Judaism: Between Yesterday and Tomorrow, Hans Kung, *FIRST THINGS* No. 31, March 1993.

Jewish Politics in Vienna: 1918-1938, Harriet Friedenreich. *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 4, No. 2, Fall, 1992.

The Emergence of Jewish Theology in America, Robert Goldy. *Jewish Political Studies Review*, Vol. 4, No. 2, Fall, 1992.

Renewing the Covenant, Eugene Borowitz, *FIRST THINGS*, No. 30, February, 1993.

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Dialogue and Disagreement, Ronald Miller, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* Vol. XVII, No.2, Fall, 1992.

Beyond Innocence and Redemption, Marc Ellis. *Journal of Religion* Vol. 72:4, October, 1992.

Conflicting Visions, David Hartman. *Journal of Religion* Vol. 72:2, April, 1992.

Halakhah and Politics, Sol Roth. *Journal of Religion*, Vol.70: , Winter 1990.

Gottesaugapfel, Edna Brocke and Jurgen Seim, eds. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Fall 1989, Vol. 26:4.

A Dictionary of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue, L. Klenicki and G. Wigoder, eds., and Kleines Lexikon des Judentums, J. Maier and P. Schaefer, eds. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Fall 1985, Vol. 22:4.

Theologia Judaica: Gesammelte Aufsätze, Schalom Ben Chorin. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Spring 1984, Vol. 21:2.

Judentum und Christentum: Einheit und Unterschied, P. Lapide and W. Pannenberg. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Summer 1982, Vol. 19:3.

Personal

Married, two children
Date of Birth: October 12, 1953