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DEGREES AND ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Rabbinical Ordination, Yeshivat Harav Kook, 1974
B.A. Touro College, 1975
M.A. Brandeis University, 1978
Ph.D. Brandeis University, 1984 "Rabbi Samuel ben Meir's Commentary on Genesis,"
supervised by Professors Marvin Fox and Nahum Sarna

CURRENT POSITIONS

University Professor Emeritus, York University, Toronto
Professor, Givat Washington Educational College

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

University Professor 2014-2016
Professor in Humanities and Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, 2002-2016
Chair, Division of Humanities, 2000-2001, 2005-2006, 2012-2015
Director, Centre for Jewish Studies 2001-2005
Associate Professor in Humanities and Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, 1984-2002
Assistant Professor in Humanities and Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, 1982-84
Lecturer in Humanities and Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics 1978-82

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Researcher, Institute for Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1992-3, 1999-2000, 2007-2008

Visiting Lecturer in Bible, Bar Ilan University, 1999-2000

Visiting Scholar, Safed College, Winter 2000

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1990: Canadian Jewish Congress Book Prize for best Canadian book in Rabbinics/Biblical Scholarship for *Rabbi Samuel ben Meir's Commentary on Genesis*.

1998: Canadian Jewish Congress Book Prize for best Canadian book in Rabbinics/Biblical Scholarship for *Rashbam's Commentary on Exodus*.

1999 Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto Award "Friend of Campus"

1999 Canada Israel Galilee Fellowship

2005: Canadian Jewish Congress Book Prize for best Canadian book in Rabbinics/Biblical Scholarship for *Rabbi Samuel ben Meir's Commentary on Deuteronomy*.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Peirush ha-Rashbam al ha-Torah (Choreb: Jerusalem, 2009) 2 volumes, 35 + 537 pages.

Rashbam's Commentary on Deuteronomy: An Annotated Translation (Brown University Judaic Studies/Society of Biblical Literature, 2004) 329 pages.

Rashbam on Leviticus and Numbers: An Annotated Translation (Brown University Judaic Studies Series/Society of Biblical Literature, 2001) 309 pages.

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CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

"Sinat Yisrael (Hatred of Jews)," in *Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism*, edited by Sol Goldberg, Scott Ury, and Kalman Weiser (Palgrave: 2021).

"When Does the Shabbat That We Observe Begin and End?" in *V'shamru: The Sabbath*, ed. by David Birnbaum and Martin S. Cohen (New York: New Paradigm Matrix, 2019).

"Bible Studies," in *The Cambridge History of Judaism*, volume 6 (The Middle Ages: The Christian World), edited by Robert Chazan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 555-581.

"Why is Holiness not Contagious?" in *Holiness in Jewish Thought*, edited by Alan L. Mittleman (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 54-66.

"Peshat in Genesis Rabbah," in *Genesis Rabbah: Text and Context*, edited by Sarit Kattan Gribetz, David M. Grossberg, Martha Himmelfarb and Peter Schäfer (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 213-242.

"An Unlikely Prayer," in *Kaddish* edited by David Birnbaum and Martin S. Cohen, (New York: New Paradigm Matrix, 2016) pp. 341-352.

"Twice Told Tales in Medieval Jewish Bible Commentaries," in *Twice-Told Tales: Truth Fiction and Authority* (= *Parcours Judaique* 13) ed. by Daniele Paycha and Bernard Zelechow (Paris: Université Paris Ouest, 2016), pp. 19-32.

"Is Holiness Contagious?" in *Purity, Holiness and Identity in Judaism and Christianity: Essays in Memory of Susan Haber*, ed. C. Ehrlich, A. Runesson and E. Schuller (Mohr Siebeck: Tübingen, 2013), 253-262.

"Peshat or Polemics: The Case of Genesis 36," in *New Perspectives in Jewish-Christian Relations (in Honor of David Berger)*, edited by Elisheva Carlebach and J.J. Schachter (Brill: Leiden, 2012), 437-453.

"Jesus in Medieval Jewish Tradition," in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, edited by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler (Oxford University Press: New York, 2011), pp. 581-582.

"Rashbam as a Literary Exegete," in *With Reverence for the Word*, edited by Jane McAuliffe, Barry Walfish and Joseph Goering (Oxford, 2003) pp. 83-91.

"Teaching Torah to Gentiles in Jewish Law and Jewish History," in *The Holy and the Worldly: Studies in Cultural Meaning* (Cergy-Pontoise, 2001), ed. by B. Zelechow and D. Paycha, pp. 84-99

"Pursuing Opportunities for Shalom in the World" in *World Order for a New Millennium: Political, Cultural and Spiritual Approaches to Building Peace*, ed. by A. Walter Dorn (New York, 1999), pp. 186-195.

"Judaism, Christianity and Jewish Christianity," in *Cult and Culture: Studies in Cultural Meaning* (Cergy-Pontoise, 1999) ed. by B. Zelechow and D. Paycha, pp. 137-148.

"Introduction" to chapter on religion, in *Creating the Jewish Future*, edited by B. Lightman and M. Brown, Altamira, 1998.

"Translation as Polemic: The Case of *Toledot Yeshu*," in *Minhah le-Nahum (The Nahum Sarna Festschrift)*, ed. by M. Brettler and M. Fishbane, Sheffield Press, 1993, pp. 226-292.

"Truth or Peshat: Issues in Law and Exegesis," in *Law Politics and Society in The Ancient Mediterranean World*, ed. by B. Halpern and D. Hobson, Sheffield Press, 1993, pp. 271-279.

"Tradition or Context: Two Exegetes Struggle with Peshat," in *From Ancient Judaism to Modern Israel*, ed. by J. Neusner and E. Frierichs, volume 3 (Atlanta, 1989), pp. 173-186.

"Judaism: The Rabbinic Era," in *Civilizations: A Cultural Atlas*, ed. by A. Haberman, pp. 42-47, Gage Publishing, Toronto, 1994.

ARTICLES

"Does Halakhah Really Uproot Peshat," *Diné Israel: Studies in Halakhah and Jewish Law*, volume 32 (2018), 211*-226*.

“Signs of Sensitivity to *Peshat* in the Collections of Midrash Halakhah” [Heb.], *Michlol* 1 (2016): 5-15.

“Moses Wrote the Torah: Rashbam’s Perspective,” *Hebrew Union College Annual* 84-85 (2015), 109-125.

“Obstetrics and the Curse of Eve,” *Hakirah: Flatbush Journal of Jewish Law and Thought* 16 (2013), 145-151 (with Seth Winberg).

Review Essay, “An Unfortunate Coincidence: Jews, Jewishness, and English Law by Didi Herman, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 50:1 (2012), 283-290.

“Lonely Man of Peshat,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 99.2 (Spring, 2009), 291-300.

“*Ba-meh madlikin*: Why Do We Still Say it,” *Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance Journal* 8 (Spring, 2009), 11-12.

“Was Joseph Bekhor Shor a Peshat Exegete?” (Hebrew), *Iggud* 1 (2008), 161-172.

“Some Approaches to the Question of the Tension Between Peshat and Midrash Halakhah” (Hebrew), *Studies in Bible and Exegesis* 8 (2008), 33-45.

“Jewish Studies, the State of Israel and Anti-Semitism on Canadian Campuses,” *Academic Matters* (December 2007) 19-21.

“Levirate Marriage: The Limits of the Law,” *Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance Journal* 6 (Summer 2007) 18-19.

“The Limits of Translation,” in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 96 (2006), 578-590.

“Teaching Judaica Without Teaching Hebrew,” in *Jewish Educational Leadership* 6 (2005), 3-10.

“‘Rashbam’ on Job: A Reconsideration,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 8 (2001): 80-104.

“Zeev Falk’s Attitude to Halakhah,” *The Reconstructionist*. 54, number 3 (1988) pp. 25-28.

“*Be’inyan ha’ataqat tokhnah lelo reshut ha-meyatserim*,” *Or Ha-mizrach*, vol. 35, number 1 (1986).

“Orthodox Intolerance: A Blessing?” *Sh’ma*, volume 17 (November 1986).

“Hasidism and Orthodox Feminism,” *Viewpoints*, volume 13, number 6 (summer, 1985).

“Jewish Teacher Training,” *The Canadian Jewish Educator*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Spring 1984,

pp. 9-10.

PAPERS IN PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

"The Connection Between Rabbi Samuel ben Meir's Torah Commentary and Midrash Sekhel Tov," [Heb.] in *Proceedings of the Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies* (Jerusalem, 1994) Division A, Hebrew Section pp. 135-142.

SCHOLARLY WRITING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

"Tradition and Autonomy: The History and Future of Interpretation," in *Think Magazine* (Spring 2014), 18-19.

"On the Virtue of Not Taking a Stand," *Hayedion* (Spring 2014), 32-33 (contribution to a symposium on the teaching of Jewish history).

Is Modern Critical Study a Jewish Way of Studying Torah?" (<http://thetorah.com/is-modern-critical-study-torah/>).

"Did an Aramean Try to Destroy Our Father?: A Medieval Non-Traditional interpretation" (<http://thetorah.com/arami-oved-avi/>).

"Rabbi Samuel Ben Meir (Rashbam) – A Short Bio" (<http://thetorah.com/rashbam-short-bio/>).

"Is Holiness Contagious?" (<http://thetorah.com/is-holiness-contagious/>).

"Whom May a Kohen Gadol Marry?" (<http://thetorah.com/whom-may-a-kohen-gadol-marry/>).

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"A Wife for Isaac: From Abraham's Home Town or Family" (<http://thetorah.com/a-wife-for-isaac-from-abrahams-hometown-or-family/>).

"Esau Hates Jacob': But is Antisemitism a Halakha?" (<http://thetorah.com/esau-hates-jacob-but-is-antisemitism-a-halakha/>)

"The Mitzvah to Love God: Shadal's Polemic against the Philosophical Interpretation of Torah" (<http://thetorah.com/the-mitzvah-to-love-god-shadals-polemic-against-the-philosophical-interpretation/>)

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"When God Punishes Israel: What Will the Gentiles Say?" (<http://thetorah.com/when-god-punishes-israel-what-will-the-gentiles-say/>)

"The Existence of Two Versions of the Decalogue" (<http://thetorah.com/the-existence-of-two-versions-of-the-decalogue/>)

"Haman's Antisemitism: What Did He Not Like about the Jews?" (<http://thetorah.com/hamans-antisemitism-what-did-he-not-like-about-the-jews/>)

"Learning From Balaam's Mistakes," *Jerusalem Report* July 2017

"What Do *Tzitzit* Represent," (<http://thetorah.com/what-do-tzitzit-represent/>)

"*Eglah Arufah*: A Ritual Response to an Unsolved Murder" (<http://thetorah.com/eglah-arufah-a-ritual-response-to-an-unsolved-murder/>)

"Why the Torah Prohibits Incest," (<https://thetorah.com/why-the-torah-prohibits-incest/>)

"Why Do We Read the Incest Prohibitions on Yom Kippur," (<https://thetorah.com/why-do-we->

[read-the-incest-prohibitions-on-yom-kippur/](#))

“Chanukah: The Greek Influence of Martyrdom” (<https://thetorah.com/chanukah-the-greek-influence-of-martyrdom/>)

“Paying Workers Immediately or Within Twelve Hours” (<https://thetorah.com/paying-workers-immediately-or-within-twelve-hours/>)

REVIEWS AND OTHER WRITINGS

April 2018, “Measuring success in the non-profit world,” review of *The Tyranny of Metrics*, by Jerry Muller

March 2018, “Scholar traces shift in biblical encounters with God,” review of *The Great Shift: Encountering God in Biblical Times*, by James Kugel

January 2018, “What is the Jewish code of conduct in Battle?” review of *Religious Zionism, Jewish Law, and the Morality of War: How Five Rabbis Confronted one of Modern Judaism’s Greatest Challenges*, by Robert Eisen

January 2018, “Memoir by modern feminist shows respect for Jewish tradition,” review of *If All the Seas were Ink: A Memoir*, by Ilana Kurshan

December 2017, “The Miracle of Modern-Day Hebrew”

November 2017, “Book examines the ways American Orthodoxy has changed over the years,” review of *Social Change and Halakhic Evolution in American Orthodoxy*, by Chaim I. Waxman

October 2017, “Inside the Mind of American Settlers,” review of *City on a Hilltop*, by Sara Yael Hirschhorn

September 2017, “Religion’s place in the Middle East peace process,” an interview with Rabbi Michael Melchior

September 2017, “Professor instrumental in elevation of Jewish studies,” review of *Jacob Neusner: An American Jewish Iconoclast*, by Aaron Hughes

August 2017, “Book explores the history of the Hebrew language,” review of *The Story of Hebrew*, by Lewis Glinert

August 2017, “Can Jews donate organs,” review of *Halakhic Realities: Collected Essays on Organ Donations*, edited by Zev Farber

June 2017, "Using Chassidic and mussar texts for self-improvement," review of *Changing the World from the Inside Out: A Jewish Approach to Personal and Social Change*, by David Jaffee.

May 2017, "Book details one of Israel's most colorful characters," review of *Rabbi Shlomo Goren: With Might and Strength an Autobiography*, edited by Avi Rath, translated by Miryam Blum

April 2017, "*Waking Lions* arouses latent 'periphery complex'," review of *Waking Lions: A Novel*, by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

March 2017, "How the Bible changed the course of ethical thought," review of *Justice for All: How the Jewish Bible Revolutionized Ethics*, by Jeremiah Unterman

February 2017, "Essays approach Kaddish from many different angles," review of *Kaddish*, by David Birnbaum and Martin S. Cohen

January 2017, "A collection of light-hearted autobiographical stories, review of *Memoirs of a Hopeful Pessimist: A Life of Activism through Dialogue*, by Debbie Weissman

December 2016, "release of Agnon's Buczacz stories a cause for celebration," review of *A city and Its Fullness*, by S.Y. Agnon, edited by Alan Mintz and Jeffrey Saks

November 2016, "Novel explores universal themes against haredi backdrop," review of *The Extra*, by A. B. Yehoshua

September 2016, "A more modern way of looking at the Bible?, review of *The philosophy of Hebrew Scripture* by Yoram Hazony

September 2016, "Look into the mind of a wise—if unorthodox—rabbi," review of *evolution of an Unorthodox Rabbi*, by John Moscovitz

August 2016, "Rabbi explores adoption and her family's experience," review of *Casting Lots* by Susan Silverman

June 2016, "Bringing the biblical Nehemiah to Life," review of *Nehemiah: Statesman and Sage* by Dov. S. Zakheim.

May 2016, "Rabbi Soloveitchik's essays deal with Timeless Issues," review of *Confrontation and Other Essays* (of Joseph B. Soloveitchik)

April 2016, "The struggle to blend Orthodoxy and modernity," review of *Torah and Western Thought: Intellectual Portraits of Orthodoxy and Modernity*, ed. by Meir Soloveichik, Stuart Halpern and Shlomo Zuckier.

March 2016, "Dershowitz's take on the world's first Jewish lawyer," review of *Abraham: The World's First (But Certainly Not Last) Jewish Lawyer*, by Alan Dershowitz.

February 2016, "A glimpse of the exotic world of horse sport," review of *A Three-Day Event* by Barbara Kay.

January 2016, "New Steinsaltz book offers homilies on weekly parshahs, review of *Talks on the Parasha*, by Adin Even Israel Steinsaltz.

December 2015, "A prayer for interreligious tolerance from Rabbi Sacks," review of *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

November 2015, "Women are central characters in book on Bible stories," review of *After Abel and Other Stories*, by Michal Lemberger.

October 2015, "Book shows a lesser-known side of this rosh yeshivah," review of *When God is Near: On the High Holidays*, by Rabbi Yehuda Amital.

September 2015, "Philosopher promotes Maimonides' universalism," review of *Menachem Kellner: Jewish Universalism*, ed. by Hava Tirosh-Samuelson and Aaron Hughes.

July 2015, "The Jewish Dog's Upbeat Attitude Shines Through," review of *The Jewish Dog*, by Asher Kravitz, translated by Michal Kessler.

June 2015, "Remembering Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein," review of *Tradition Special Issue: Essays on the Thought and Scholarship of Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein*.

May 2015, "Book debates issue of organ transplants," review of *Halakhic Realities: Collected Essays on Brain Death*, ed. Zev Farber.

April 2015, "Not a love story," review of *Ruth: From Alienation to Monarchy*, by Yael Ziegler.

March 2015, "New Haggadah Distinctly Canadian," review of *Canadian Haggadah Canadienne*, ed. By Adam Scheier and Richard Marceau.

February 2015, "Modern Interpretations of Peshat or 'plain' meaning of biblical passages," review of *Peshat Isn't So Simple: Essays on Developing a Religious Methodology of Bible Study*, by Rabbi Hayyim Angel.

January 2015, "Continuing the Tradition of Engaging with Maimonides," review of *Maimonides and the Shaping of the Jewish Canon*, by James A. Diamond.

December 2014, "New Book Filled with Errors on Judaism," review of *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence*, by Karen Armstrong.

November 2014, "Book examines marriage and divorce law in Israel," review of *Marriage and Divorce in the Jewish State*, by Susan M. Weiss and Netty C. Gross-Horowitz.

October 2014, "First novel examines world of Matchmaking," review of *Playing With Matches*," by Suri Rosen.

September 2014, "Study of ethical decisions is timely for Rosh Hashanah," review of *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt.

August 2014, "A unique blend of traditionalism and modern academic analysis," review of *Torah MiEtzion: New Readings in Tanach (Deuteronomy)*, edited by Ezra Bick and Yaakov Beasley.

July 2014, "Israel's first Ashkenazi rabbi respectful of the non-religious," review of *Rav Kook: Mystic in a Time of Revolution*, by Yehudah Mirsky.

June 2014, "Talmud Stories from an Unusual Point of View, review of *A Bride for a Night*, by Ruth Calderon, translated by Ilana Kurshan.

May 2014, "Rabbi Silver, Israel and the Diaspora," review of *The Downfall of Abba Hillel Silver and the Foundation of Israel*, by Ofer Shiff.

April 2014, "Novel Offers Window into Israeli Arab Life," review of *Dancing Arabs*, by Sayed Kashua.

March 2014, "Unsubtle Prescription for a Complex Problem," review of *How to Be Secular: A Call to Arms for Religious Freedom*, by Jacques Berlinerblau.

February 2014, "New Approaches to the Psalms," review of *A New Psalm: The Psalms as Literature*, by Benjamin Segal, and *Joy Despair and Hope: Reading Psalms*, by Edward Feld.

January 2014, "Presenting the British Philip Roth," review of *The Finkler Question*, by Howard Jacobson.

December 2013, "'Frumspeak' Can be a barrier to Understanding," review of *Becoming Frum: How Newcomers Learn the Language and Culture of Orthodox Judaism*, by Sarah Bunin Benor and of *Luah Hashanah 5774*, by Miles Cohen and Leslie Rubin.

November 2013, "Guidance from a Compassionate Rabbi," review of *The Diversity of the Divine: Rabbinic Insights into the Richness of Torah*, by Charles Grysman.

October 2013, "Canada's Jewish Community Explored," review of *Canada's Jews in Time, Space and Spirit*, edited by Ira Robinson.

September 2013, "Posthumous Essay Collection Sheds Light on Jewish Identity," review of *Covenant and Community: Six Essays on Contemporary Jewish Life and Education*, by Michael Rosenak.

September 2013, "Lifelong Learning as a Path to Meaning," Rosh Hashana Supplement, *Canadian Jewish News*

August 2013, "Orthodox Leader Teaches Us to Respect, not Venerate Rabbis," review of *The Sages: Character, Context and Creativity* Volume 3, by Binyamin Lau.

May 2013, "Is There a Canon of Jewish Literature?"

April 2013, "Rashi: Exegete or Educator," review of Avraham Grossman's *Rashi*, translated by Joel Linsider (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=37358>)

April 2013, "Young Academics Study Yiddish History and Culture," review of *Choosing Yiddish: New Frontiers of Language and Culture*, edited by Lara Rabinovitch, Shiri Goren and Hannah S. Pressman.

March 2013, "Essays Reflect Values Central to Rabbi Sacks' Teaching," review of *Radical Responsibility: Celebrating the Thought of Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks*, edited by Michael J. Harris, Daniel Rynhold and Tamra Wright.

February 2013, "'Biography' of Jacob Emphasizes Payback for Bad Behaviour," review of Yair Zakovitch's *Jacob: Unexpected Patriarch*.

January 2013, "A Book for the Thoughtful, Skeptical Orthodox," review of Norman Solomon's *Torah From Heaven: The Reconstruction of Faith* in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

December 2012, "Gaon of Vilna was a Great Scholar of Jewish Texts," review of Arie Morgenstern's *The Gaon of Vilna and his Messianic Vision* in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

November 2012, "Antisemitism Not Exclusive to Left-Wing Worldview," review of Robert Wistrich's *From Ambivalence to Betrayal: the Left, the Jews and Israel* in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

October 2012, "We Must Speak Up on Behalf of all Chained Women" in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

September 2012, “Engaging anthology falls short of dust-jacket vow,” review of *All These Vows*,” edited by Lawrence Hoffman, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

August 2012 “Modern Readers will Appreciate the *Koren Talmud Bavli*,” review of the *Koren Talmud Bavli*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

July 2012 “Marking the End of Another 7-1/2 Years of Talmud Study,” in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

June 2012 “Informative New Publications Push Genre Boundaries,” review of Wayne Allen’s *Further Perspectives on Jewish Law and Contemporary Issues* and *Journal of the Beit Din of America*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

May 2012 “History of Orthodox student group captures the vibrancy of the 1960s,” review of Benny Kraut’s *The Greening of American Orthodox Judaism: Yavneh in the 1960s*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

April 2012 “Rabbi Amital’s Yeshiva Combined Army, Torah Study,” review of Elyashiv Reichner’s *By Faith Alone: The Story of Rabbi Yehuda Amital*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

March 2012 “*Kosher Jesus is Rather Treif*,” review of Shmuley Boteach’s *Kosher Jesus*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

February 2012 “*The Peace and Violence of Judaism is Even-Handed*,” review of Robert Eisen’s *The peace and Violence of Judaism: From the Bible to Modern Zionism*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

January 2012, “Book Examines Haredim Through their Popular Literature,” review of Yoel Finkelman’s *Strictly Kosher Reading: Popular Literature and the Condition of American Orthodoxy*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

December 2011, “Book on Academic Freedom Attacks Jewish Community,” review of Jon Thompson’s *No Debate: The Israel Lobby and Free Speech at Canadian Universities*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*.

November, 2011, “New Book Fails to Tackle a Central Question,” review of David Hartman’s *The God Who Hates Lies: Confronting and Rethinking Jewish Tradition*. in the *Canadian Jewish News*

October 2011, “Jewish Life in Toronto, 1933-1948,” review essay on Jack Lipinsky’s *Imposing Their Will; An Organizational History of Jewish Toronto 1933-1948*, in the *Canadian Jewish News*

September 2011, “Rosh Hashanah Machzor Opens New Front in Siddur Wars,” review essay on *The Koren Rosh Hashana Machzor* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

August 2011, "Tisha B'av: Consolation Comes From Discussing Our Travails," review essay on Erica Brown's *In the narrow Places* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

July 2011, "Religious Jews and Israeli Government Decisions," review essay on Gadi Taub's *The Settlers* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

June 2011, "Why Study Talmud?" review essay on Paul Socken's *Why Study Talmud in the Twenty-First Century?* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

May 2011, "Sermons that Can Inspire Us All," review essay on Norman Lamm's *Festivals of Faith: Reflections on the Jewish Holidays* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

April 2011, "Medieval Rabbis Differed About Women," review essay on Avraham Grossman's Hebrew book, *Vehu Yimshol Bakh?* [= *And He Shall Rule Over You?*] in the *Canadian Jewish News*

March 2011, "Israel Identification Among Young Jews Debated," review essay on the 2010 issue of *Contemporary Jewry* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

February 2011, "Troper Writes About Jewish Politics in 1960s Canada," review essay on Harold Troper's *The Defining Decade: Identity, Politics and the Jewish Community in the 1960s* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

January 2011, "Lockshin on Kugel on the Religious Impulse," review essay on James Kugel's *In the Valley of the Shadow* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

December 2010, H-Net review, "Lockshin on Fudeman, 'Vernacular Voices: Language and Identity in Medieval French Jewish Communities' (<http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-Judaic&month=1012&msg=XDbv2YUyg4bzvfWDftr0Bg>)

December 2010, "Book on Hillel Points to the Essence of the Torah," review essay on Joseph Telushkin's *Hillel: If Not Now, When?* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

November 2010, "Writer Says Judaism, Hinduism Have Much in Common," review essay on Elan Divon's *Reaching Beyond Religious: Seven Universal Wisdom Themes From Seven Thousand Years of Human Experience* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

October 2010, "Torah Reading by Women Poses Dilemma for Modern Orthodoxy," review essay on the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance's new reader, *Women and Men in Communal Prayer: Halakhic Perspectives* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

September, 2010, "The Artscroll Revolution," review essay on Jeremy Stolow's *Orthodox by Design: Judaism, Print Politics and the Artscroll Revolution* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

August 2010, "Writing Jewish History is a Touchy Subject," review essay on David Berger's *Persecution, Polemic and Dialogue: Essays in Jewish-Christian Relations* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

July 2010, "Are Independent Minyanim the future?" review essay on Eli Kaunfer's *Empowered Judaism: What Independent Minyanim Can Teach Us About Building Vibrant Jewish Communities* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

June 2010, "This Bible Guide Reaches Out to All," review essay on Shmuel Goldin's *Unlocking the Torah Text (Leviticus)* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

May 2010, "There Was Only One Maimonides," review essay on Sarah Stroumsa's *Maimonides in His World* and David Hartman's *Toran and Philosophical Quest* (Expanded Edition) in the *Canadian Jewish News*

April 2010, "A New Biography of Yehudah Halevi," review essay on Hillel Halkin's *Yehuda Halevi* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

March 2010, "A Lively Book of Responsa," review essay on Wayne Allen's *Perspectives on Jewish Life and Contemporary Issues* in the *Canadian Jewish News*

Review of *The Nations That Knew Thee Not: Ancient Jewish Attitudes Toward Other Religions* by Robert Goldenberg, in Shofar Winter 2000

"Review of *Peshat and Derash: Plain and Applied Meaning in Rabbinic Exegesis*," by David Weiss Halivni, *Hebrew Studies* 23 (1992).

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"Review of *The Myth of Ritual Murder: Jews and Magic in Reformation Germany*," by R. Po-chia Hsia, *Shofar* volume 8, number 1, Fall 1986.

Participant in a symposium on "A New Ethic for Medicine and Society," *Child and Family*, Vol. 20 (1988), pp. 128-131.

"Review of Stephen Speisman's Jews of Toronto" in *Journal of Canadian Church History* (1982).

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"Review of Isaac Klein's Guide to Jewish Religious Practice" in *Tradition*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (1980).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception: Ahab (Judaism); Asylum (Judaism); Athaliah (Judaism); Avenger (Judaism); Baal (Judaism); Baal-Peor (Judaism); Bekhor Shor, Joseph ben Isaac; Cain and Abel, Story of (Medieval Judaism); Cities of Refuge (Judaism); Coveting, Desiring (Judaism); Day and Night (Judaism); Edom, Edomites (Judaism); Eldad and Medad, Persons (Judaism); Eldad and Modad, Book of; Elders (Judaism); Esau (Medieval and Modern Judaism); Expiation (Judaism); Fear of God (Medieval and Modern Judaism); Finger of God (Judaism); Fringes (Judaism); Hanging and Impalement (Judaism); Inerrancy of the Bible (Medieval and Modern Judaism); Jethro (Judaism); Judah, Son of Jacob (Medieval Judaism); Kol Nidrei (Judaism); Luzzatto, Samuel David;

SCHOLARLY PAPERS PRESENTED

"Science and Judaism," York Conference on Science and Religion, 1978

"David in Rabbinic Literature," Religious Studies Conference, York University, 1980

"The Binding of Isaac in Rabbinic Literature," Religious Studies Conference, York U., 1981

Moderator and respondent, "Bible and Archeology" session, Vanier College Bible Conference, 1982

Respondent, "The Changing Jewish Community: A Symposium on Current Research" (Proceedings published in The Changing Jewish Community, (1984) pp. 202-219)

"When Law is Divorced from Legal Institutions: Jews and the Bible in the Middle Ages," Conference on Law in Its Social Setting in the Ancient World, Toronto, 1988.

"Intolerance and Jewish Unity: Are They Compatible," The Harry Crowe Memorial Conference, Toronto, 1989.

"Medieval Jewish Bible Commentators and Their Sensitivity to Literary Issues in the Bible," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, 1994.

"Rashbam as a 'Literary' Exegete" (delivered in Hebrew), Beersheba Conference on Biblical Interpretation, Beersheba, Israel, 1996.

"Literary Sensitivity of Medieval Jewish Exegetes in Christian and in Moslem Countries," presented at the "With Reverence for the Word" Conference, University of Toronto, May 1997.

"Judaism, Christianity and Jewish-Christianity in the Twenty-First Century," presented in the Cult and Culture Conference in Chantilly, France, November 1997.

"'Enlightened' Opposition to Peshat," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 1997.

Chair, Session on the Sociology of the Jewish Community, at the Heritage in Transition Conference, York University, June 1998.

"Rashbam as a Talmud Exegete," AJS Conference, Boston, December 1998.

"Teaching Torah to Gentiles," presented at Studies in Cultural Meaning Conference in Cergy-Pontoise, France, November 1999

"The Jewish Christian Debate and Medieval Bible Exegesis," paper presented at the 1999 Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago. I also organized the session.

“Biblical Interpretation: Between Polemics and Cooperation,” paper presented at the Safed (Israel) conference on Bible and Identity, March 2000.

“Did Jews and Christians Study Bible Together in the Middle Ages,” paper presented (in Hebrew) at by-invitation-only conference on “The Jews and the World: Interactions and Influences” in Beersheba Israel, May 2000.

“The Allegorization of the Land of Israel in Rabbinic and Early Christian Literature,” paper presented in Hebrew at Bet Morashah conference in Israel, December 2000.

“Teaching Torah to Gentiles in the Middle Ages: Halakhic and Historical Perspectives,” paper presented in Hebrew at the Thirteenth World Congress for Jewish Studies, Jerusalem 2001.

“Luzzatto’s Attitude to Midrash Halakhah,” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference in December 2002.

“The Decline of Peshat,” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference in December, 2003.

“Was Bekhor Shor a Peshat Exegete?” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference in December, 2004

“Peshat at the End of the Twelfth Century,” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference in December, 2005.

“Rashi and Rasbam: Who Borrowed from Whom?” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference in December, 2006.

“Joseph Bekhor Shor’s Attitude to Peshat and Midrash Halakhah,” paper presented (in Hebrew) by invitation to the faculty of the Bible Department of Bar Ilan University in Israel, June 2007.

“Harmonizing Peshat and Midrash,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2007.

“Is Holiness Contagious?” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2008

“Attitudes to Rashbam in the Enlightenment” (in Hebrew) World Congress for Jewish Studies Conference, Jerusalem, August 2009

“Dueling Prayerbooks: ArtScroll, Koren, and Contemporary Orthodox Values,” paper presented at Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2009.

“Who was the Audience for Medieval Jewish Bible Commentaries?” paper presented at

Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2010.

“Nahmanides and *peshat*,” [in Hebrew], paper presented at an international conference on Medieval Biblical Exegesis, Haifa, Israel, May 2011.

Chair of session on “Northern French Biblical Exegesis,” at an international conference on Medieval Biblical Exegesis, Haifa, Israel, May 2011.

“*Peshat* or Polemics? Exegesis of Genesis 36,” [in Hebrew], invited conference presentation at an international conference on the exegesis of Rashbam in Ramat Gan, Israel, May 2011.

“Nahmanides’ Attitude to Peshat,” paper presented at Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2011.

“Creation in Medieval Jewish Bible Exegesis,” paper presented in the Studies in Cultural Meaning conference, Paris, France, May 2012.

“Is Higher Criticism of the Bible or New Testament a Resident Alien, a Dangerous Enemy or a Neighbor in Jewish Studies Programs?” discussant on a panel at the conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 2012.

“Peshat in Genesis Rabba,” paper presented at a by-invitation-only conference in Princeton, March 2013.

“Peshat in Bereshit Rabba,” paper presented in Hebrew at World Congress for Jewish Studies, July 2013.

“Twice Told Tales in Medieval Jewish Exegetes,” paper presented at Studies in Cultural Meaning Conference, Paris May 2014.

“Peshat and Midrash Halakhah,” paper presented at Yemei Iyyun beTanakh conference, Alon Shevut, Israel, July 2014.

“Peshat in Mekhilta de-Rabbi Yishmael,” paper presented in Hebrew at the by-invitation-only Pardes Conference on Biblical Interpretation, Jerusalem, February 2015.

“Does Judaism Teach that Antisemitism is Universal and Inevitable?” paper presented at the conference of the Canadian Society for Jewish Studies, Montreal, May 2017.

“Rashbam the Talmudist and Rashbam the Biblical Exegete” [Heb.], paper presented at International Conference on Jewish Thought, Beersheba, November 2017.

“Peshat and Polemics Revisited,” paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies conference, Washington, D.C., December 2017.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2010: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, three-year grant of \$49,010, for research on the history of Peshat

2005: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, three-year grant of \$58,000 for research about Joseph Bekhor Shor

2001: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, three-year grant of \$34,000 for research about Plain Exegesis in the Middle Ages

1998: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, three-year grant of \$30,500 for project "Rashbam's Commentary on Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy."

Various small research grants (\$1500 to \$4250) from York's Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and Centre for Jewish Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Rabbinical Council of America
Member, International Rabbinic Fellowship
Member, Association for Jewish Studies

COURSES TAUGHT IN 2013-2014

AP/HEB 3320 3.0
AP/HUMA 3831 3.0

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Vanier College Academic Planning Committee - 1978-1983, 1986 to 1994

Coordinator of Hebrew - 1980 to 1989, 1992-1996

Academic Advisor, Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Education Jewish Education Option - 1980-1981

Coordinator, Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Education Jewish Education Option - 1981 to 1982 and 1989 to 1991 and 1992 to 1997.

Chair, Search Committee for Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics Chair - 1981-1982

Coordinator, Religious Studies Programme - 1983 to 1985, 1990-1992, 1996-1999

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics Executive Committee - 1983 to 1989

Vanier College Executive Committee - 1983 to 1985, 1987 to 1991

Coordinator Jewish Teacher Education Program 1985-1996

Academic Advisor Vanier College 1987 to 1990

Committee on Academic Planning and Policy (Arts) 1988 to 1990

Faculty of Arts Research Grants and Scholarships Committee, 1990 to 1992

Executive Committee, Centre for Jewish Studies, 1988 to date

Arts Petitions Committee, Arts, 1993-1994

Vice-Chair Faculty of Arts Council, 1994-1995

Chair Faculty of Arts Council, 1995-1996

Executive Committee, Humanities, 1996-1998, 2008-

Member of Senate, 1995-1999, 2000-2006, 2008-

Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1997-1999

Chair, Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1998-1999

Acting Chair, Division of Humanities 2000-2001, 2005-2006

Chair, Search Committee for the Chair of the Department of Languages, 2001

Chair, Arts Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2003-2006

Member, Senate Committee on Curriculum, Academic Standards and Pedagogy, 2009-

Chair, Senate Committee on Curriculum, Academic Standards and Pedagogy, 2010-2011

Jewish Studies Graduate Diploma Coordinator 2008-2013

Associate Director, Centre for Jewish Studies 2010-2011

Coordinator Jewish Studies Program, LA and PS 2010-2011

Member, Humanities Tenure and Promotion Adjudicating Committee 2010-

Chair, Humanities Tenure and Promotion Committee 2011-2012

Member, York Board of Governors, 2012-2014

Member, Academic Affairs Committee, York Board of Governors, 2012-2014

Member, Marketing, Communications and Community Affairs Committee, York Board of Governors, 2012-2014

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