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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1978 Ph.D. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dissertation: "The Philosophy of David ben Judah Messer Leon." Supervisor: Professor Shlomo Pines
1974-1978 Graduate Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Philosophy and Kabbalah (Direct Ph.D. Program)
1974 B.A. SUNY at Stony Brook, Dept. of Religious Studies, Graduated "With Honors"
1971-1973 Undergraduate Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah and Department of Hebrew Literature

Fields

Jewish Intellectual History; Jewish Philosophy; Jewish Mysticism; Feminist Theory; European Intellectual History; Science and Religion; Religion and Ecology

Current Positions

2008 – Director of Jewish Studies; Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor of Modern Judaism, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
2004 – Professor of History, Department of History, Arizona State University, Tempe Arizona
Affiliate Status: Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies

Administrative Achievements at ASU (not including conferences)

2008 Judaism, Science, and Medicine Group (JSMG)
2009 The Center for Jewish Studies at ASU
2009 Salo Wittmayer Baron Dissertation Award in Jewish Studies (first award issued in October 2012)
2010 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Jewish Studies at ASU
2012 Adult Jewish Learning Certificate in Metropolitan Phoenix
2012 Postdoctoral Fellow in Science and Religion for the Center for Jewish Studies

Positions Held

2007 – 2008	Associate Chair, Department of History, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
2006 (Spring)	Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford; Visiting Scholar at Oxford Centre of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Oxford University, England
1999 – 2004	Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Arizona State University, Tempe Affiliate Status: Department of Philosophy, Department of Religious Studies
1991 –1999	Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
1997 –1998	Visiting Scholar, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
1988 – 1991	Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta
1982 –1988	Assistant Professor, Department of History, Columbia University, New York
1980 –1982	Instructor, Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion, New York
1978 –1980	Instructor, University of Cincinnati, Dept. of Judaic Studies, Cincinnati
1976 – 1977	Instructor, Hebrew Union College -- Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, Israel
1975- 1976	Visiting Lecturer, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel
1975- 1976	Instructor, Hebrew University, School for Overseas Students, Jerusalem, Israel

Editorial Projects (not including edited volumes)

2012 –	Editor-in-Chief, LIBRARY OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS (Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers)
2008 –2010	2010 Co-Editor (with Giuseppe Veltri) of a book series, <u>Studies in Jewish History and Culture</u> for Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden and Boston.

Professional Service

1992 –	Referee for the <u>AJS Review</u> Referee for SUNY Press
1994 – 1995	Institute de Estudos Politicos e Sociais, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Research Project: A Critical Study of History, Responsibility: “The Civilization of the Hebrews”
1997 – 2004	Academic Advisory Board, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
1998 – 2001	Editorial Board of <u>The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy</u>
1998 – 2002	Board of Directors of the Association for Jewish Studies
2000 –	Referee of grant applications for: The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture The National Foundation for Jewish Culture The National Endowment for the Humanities
2000 – 2002	Advisory Board of a book series in Wisconsin University Press: “Modern Jewish Philosophy and Religion: Critical Studies and Translations”
2000 –	Referee for <u>Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism</u>
2001 –	Member of the Forum on Religion and Ecology
2002 – 2004	Board of Directors of Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science

- 2005 – Academic Advisory Board of Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science
 2002 – Referee of grant applications for Israel Science Foundation (Israel)
 Referee for Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science
 Referee for Journal of the History of Ideas
- 2003 – Referee of book manuscripts for the Hebrew Union College Press
 2004 – 2007 Editorial Board, Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History
 2004 – Referee of book manuscripts for Indiana University Press
 Referee for Journal of Hebrew Studies.
- 2005 – Referee for Frontiers: Journal of Women Studies.
 2006 – 2009 Editorial Board of Journal of the American Academy of Religion
 2006 – Referee for Medieval Encounters
 Referee for Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy
- 2007 – Referee for Jewish Studies Quarterly
 Referee for Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion
- 2008 –2010 Editor of Book Series: Studies in Jewish History and Culture (Brill Academic Publishers)
 Referee for Journal of Religion, Nature, and Culture
 Referee of book manuscripts for Wiley-Blackwell (England)
 Referee for American Journal of Bioethics
- 2009 – Referee for Hebrew Union College Annual
 Referee for Journal of Modern Jewish Studies (England)
 Referee for Baylor University Press
 Referee for Oxford University Press
 Referee for University of Haifa Press (Israel)
 Academic Advisory Board, Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science
- 2010 – Referee for Jewish Quarterly Review
 2011 – Referee for International Journal of Well-Being (New Zealand)
 Referee for Journal of Contemporary Religion (The Netherlands)
 2012 – Referee for the Journal of Religious History (Australia)
 2013 – Referee for Shofar
 2014 – Referee for Science, Religion, and Culture
 Referee for Bloomsbury Books (England)

Publications

Authored Books

1. Between Worlds – The Life and Thought of Rabbi David ben Judah Messer Leon (Albany: SUNY Press, 1991).

Reviewed in AJS Review; American Historical Review; Bibliothèque a Humanisme et Renaissance; Speculum; Iyyun; Salesianum; Journal of American Academy of Religion; Jewish Quarterly Review; Renaissance Quarterly; Yediot Aharonot.

2. Happiness in Premodern Judaism: Virtue, Knowledge, and Well-Being (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2003).

Reviewed in: Journal of the History of Philosophy; Religious Studies Review; Revue des études juives; Zion: Journal of the Historical Society of Israel; Iyyun: Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly; Aleph: Historical Studies in Science & Judaism; Renaissance Quarterly; Association of Jewish Libraries Newsletter.

Edited Volumes:

1. Editor, Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2002).

Reviewed in Theological Digest; Jewish Advocate; Science and Spirit.

In 2009 the book was selected for inclusion in the International Society for Science and Religion Library (St. Edmond's College, Cambridge, England).

2. Editor, Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004).

Reviewed in: Studies in Contemporary Jewry; Conservative Judaism; Aleph: Historical Studies in Science & Judaism; Religious Studies Review; Nashim; Journal of Jewish Women Studies and Gender Issues.

3. Editor (with Christian Wiese), The Legacy of Hans Jonas: Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life (Boston and Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2008; paperback edition 2010).

4. Editor (with Kenneth L. Mossman), Building Better Humans? Refocusing the Debate on Transhumanism (Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang GmbH, 2012).

5. Editor (with Daniel Bernardi and Murray Pomerance), Hollywood's Chosen People: The Jewish Experience in American Cinema (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2012).

6. Editor-in-Chief, Eliezer Schweid: The Responsibility of Philosophy, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 1 (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013).

7. Editor-in-Chief, Jonathan Sacks: Universalizing Particularity, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 2 (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013).

8. Editor-in-Chief, David Novak: Natural Law and Revealed Torah, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 3 (Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2013).

9. Editor-in-Chief, Eugene B. Borowitz: Rethinking God and Ethics, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 4 (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013).
10. Editor-in-Chief, Elliot Dorff: In Search of the Good Life, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 5 (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).
11. Editor-in-Chief, Judith Plaskow: Feminism, Theology, and Justice, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 6, (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).
12. Editor-in-Chief, David R. Blumenthal: Living with God and Humanity, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 8, (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).
13. Editor (with Aaron Hughes), Jewish Philosophy for the Twenty-First Century: Personal Reflections (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).

Special Issues of Journals

Editor (with Philip Cohen), "Science and Judaism," CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly (Winter 2012).

Published Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

1. "The Concept of Torah in the Work of David Messer Leon," (in Hebrew), Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Thought 2 (1982) 94-117.
2. "Sefirot as the Essence of God in the Writings of David Messer Leon," AJS Review 7-8 (1982-1983): 409-425.
3. "Maimonides and Aquinas: The Interplay of Two Masters in Medieval Jewish Philosophy," Conservative Judaism 39 (1986): 54-66.
4. "The Political Philosophy of Abraham Shalom – The Platonic Tradition," (in Hebrew), Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Thought 9 (1990) (= Shlomo Pines Jubilee Volume vol. 2): 409-440.
5. "In Defense of Jewish Humanism," Jewish History 3 (2) (1989) 31-57.
6. "Medieval Judaism: The State of the Field: Response" in The State of Jewish Studies, edited by Shaye J.D. Cohen and Edward L. Greenstein (Detroit: Wane State University Press, 1990), pp. 132-48.
7. "Jewish Culture in Renaissance Italy – A Methodological Survey," Italia 9 (1990): 63-96.
8. "Continuity and Revision in the Study of Kabbalah," AJS Review 18 (1991): 161-192.

9. "Dare to Know – Feminism and Jewish Philosophy," in Feminist Perspectives on Jewish Studies, edited by Lynn Davidman and Shelly Tenenbaum (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1994), pp. 84-119.
10. "The Ultimate End of Human Life in Post-Expulsion Philosophical Literature," in Crisis and Continuity in the Sephardic World: 1391-1648, edited by Benjamin R. Gampel (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997), pp. 223-254, notes, pp. 351-380.
10. "Human Felicity – Fifteenth-Century Sephardic Perspectives on Happiness," in In Iberia and Beyond: Hispanic Jews between Two Cultures, edited by Bernard Dov Cooperman (Newark: University of Delaware Press), pp. 191-243.
11. "Jewish Philosophy on the Eve of Modernity," in History of Jewish Philosophy, edited by Daniel H. Frank and Oliver Leaman (London and New York: Routledge, 1997), pp. 499-573.
12. "Maimonides' View of Happiness: Philosophy, Myth, and the Transcendence of History," in Jewish History and Jewish Memory: Essays in Honor of Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, edited by Elisheva Carlebach, David N. Myers, and John M. Efron (Hanover NH and London: Brandeis University Press, 1998), pp. 189-213.
13. "Theology of Nature in Sixteenth-Century Italian Jewish Philosophy," in Science in Context 10 (no. 4) (Winter 1997): 529-570.
14. "A Jewish Perspective on Religious Pluralism," Macalester International 8 (Spring 2000):73-112. Volume entitled: "Contending Gods: Religion and the Global Moment"
15. "Nature in the Sources of Judaism," Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 130 (4) (2001): 99-124.
16. "Editor's Introduction: Judaism and the Natural World," in Judaism and Ecology, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2000), xxxiii-lxii.
17. "The Textualization of Nature in Jewish Mysticism," in Judaism and Ecology, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2002), 389-406.
18. "Jewish Spirituality: Past Models and Present Quest, in Studies in Jewish Civilization 13: Spiritual Dimensions in Judaism, edited by Leonard J. Greenspoon and Ronald R. Simkings (Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2003), 1-30.
19. "Philosophy and Kabbalah: 1200-1600," The Cambridge Companion of Medieval Jewish Philosophy, edited by Daniel H. Frank and Oliver Leaman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 218-257.

20. "The Bible in the Jewish Philosophical Tradition," The Jewish Study Bible, edited by Marc Brettler and Adele Berlin (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003), 1948-75. Revised Second Edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 1916-1943.

The book received the National Jewish Book Award for Scholarship in 2004.

21. "Editor's Introduction: Jewish Philosophy in Conversation with Feminism," Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuels (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004), 1-23.
22. "Rethinking the Past and Anticipating the Future of Science and Religion," Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science 40 (1) (2005): 33-42.
23. "Religion, Ecology, and Gender: A Jewish Perspective," Feminist Theology 13 (3) (2005): 373-397.
24. "Judaism," The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology, ed. Roger S. Gottlieb (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), pp. 25-64.
25. "Kabbalah: A Medieval Tradition and Its Contemporary Appeal," History Compass 6 (2) (2008): 552-587.
26. "Understanding Jonas: An Interdisciplinary Project" in The Legacy of Hans Jonas: Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuels and Christian Wiese (Leiden and Boston, Brill, 2008), xxi-xlii.
27. "Virtue and Happiness," The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth Century, edited by Stephen Nadler and T. M. Rudavsky (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 707-767.
28. "Jewish Philosophy, Human Dignity, and the New Genetics," for Biotechnology, Our Future as Human Beings and Citizens, ed. Sean D. Sutton (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2009), pp. 81-122.
29. "History and the Future of Science and Religion," Zygon 45, no. 2 (June, 2010): 445-461.
30. "Eine Auseinandersetzung mit dem Transhumanismus aus Jüdischer Perspektiv," in Die Debatte über "Human Enhancement": Historische, philosophische, und ethische Aspekte der technologischen Verbesserung des Menschen (Bielfel: Transcript Verlag, 2010), pp. 307-328.
31. "Jewish Mysticism," in The Cambridge Guide to Jewish History, Religion, and Culture, ed. Judith Baskin and Kenneth Seeskin (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 399- 423.

The book is the National Jewish Book Award Winner for scholarship in 2010.

32. "Engaging Transhumanism," in H+: Transhumanism and Its Critics, ed. Gregory R. Hansell and William J. Grassie (Philadelphia: Metanexus Institute, 2011), 19-54.
33. "Judaism and the Care for God's Creation," for Green Discipleship: Catholic Theological Ethics and the Environment, ed. Tobias Winright (Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2011), 286-319.
34. "Kabbalah and Science in the Middle Ages: Preliminary Remarks," Science in Medieval Jewish Cultures, ed. Gad Freudenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 476-510.
35. "Gender and the Pursuit of Happiness in Maimonides' Philosophy." In Tov Elem: Memory, Community and Gender in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Societies: Essays in Honor of Robert Bonfil, ed. Elisheva Baumgarten, Amnon Raz-Karkottzkin, and Roni Weinstein (Jerusalem: The Bialik Institute, 2011), 55-78.
36. "Gender in Jewish Mysticism," Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah: New Insights and Scholarship, ed. Frederick Greenspahn, (New York: New York University Press, 2011, series on Jewish Studies in the Twenty-first Century), 191-230.
37. "Feminism and Gender," The Cambridge History of Modern Jewish Philosophy, ed. Martin Kavka, Zachary Braiterman, and David Novak (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 154-189.
38. "Judaism and the Science of Ecology," The Routledge Companion to Religion and Science, ed. James W. Haag, Gregory R. Peterson, and Michael L. Spezio (London and New York, 2012), 345-355.
39. "New Perspectives on Transhumanism," in Building Perfect Humans? Refocusing the Debate on Transhumanism, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Kenneth L. Mossman (Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang GmbH, 2011), 29-52.
40. "Science and Human Betterment: Three Prophets of Transhumanism," in Building Perfect Humans? Refocusing the Debate on Transhumanism, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Kenneth L. Mossman (Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang GmbH, 2011), 55-82.
41. "The Hollywood Question," in Hollywood's Chosen People: The Jewish Experience in American Cinema, edited by Daniel Bernardi, Murray Pomerance, and Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2012), 1-18.
42. "Jewish Environmentalism: Bridging Scholarship, Faith and Activism," in Jewish Thought and Jewish Belief, ed. Daniel Lasker (Beer Sheva: Ben Gurion University of the Negev Press, 2012), English section, 65-117.

43. "Transhumanism as a Secularist Faith," Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science 47 (4) (December 2012): 710-34.
44. "Religion" for Post- and Transhumanism: An Introduction, vol. 1., ed. Stefan Sorgner and Robert Ranisch (Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang GmbH, 2014), pp. 9-30.
45. "The Preciousness of Being Human: Jewish Philosophy and the Challenge of Technology," in Jewish Philosophy for the Twenty-First Century: Personal Reflections, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Aaron W. Hughes (Leiden and Boston: Brill: Academic Publishers, 2014), pp. 428-457.
46. "Judith Plaskow: An Intellectual Portrait," in Judith Plaskow: Feminism, Theology, and Justice, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Aaron W. Hughes, vol. 6 of the Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014), pp. 1-25.
47. "David R. Blumenthal: An Intellectual Portrait," in David R. Blumenthal: Living with Humanity and God, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Aaron W. Hughes, vol. 7 of the Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014), pp. 1-32.

Work in Press

I am the Editor-in-Chief of the LIBRARY OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS (Brill Academic Publishers), a series of 20 volumes each features an outstanding contemporary Jewish thinker. Each volume includes an edited interview with me and some of the volumes include also an introductory essay by me in addition to several essays by the philosopher and a select bibliography.

Edited Volumes

Moshe Idel: Representing God, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 8, Editor-in-chief Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014)

Lenn E. Goodman: Judaism, Humanity, and Nature, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 9, Editor in Chief Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).

Avi Sagi: Existentialism, Pluralism, and Identity, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers, vol. 10, Editor-in-chief, Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014)

Elliot R. Wolfson: Poetic Thinking, Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers vol. 11, Editor-in-Chief, Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014).

Book Chapters

“Avi Sagi: An Intellectual Portrait,” for Avi Sagi: Existentialism, Pluralism and Identity, editor-in-chief, Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2014).

“Utopianism and Eschatology: Judaism Engages Transhumanism,” for Religion and Transhumanism: The Unknown Future of Human Enhancement, edited Calvin Mercer and Tracy Trothen (New York: Praeger, 2014).

“Jewish Environmental Ethics: The Imperative of Responsibility” for Blackwell Companion of Religion and Ecology, ed. John Hart (Oxford: Willey-Blackwell, 2016).

Encyclopedic Essays

“Ethics,” Key Concepts in the Study of Environment and Culture, ed. Joni Adamson, William Gleason, and David Pellow (New York: New York University Press, 2014)

Digital Media

“Judaism and the Environment: Annotated Bibliography,” Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies, Editor-in-chief, David Biale (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).

Work in Progress

Edited Volumes

Editor (with J. Benjamin Hurlbut), Perfecting Human Futures: Technology, Secularization, and Eschatology (Springer, 2015).

Book Chapters

“Environmental Humanities and Judaism,” *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology*, ed. Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim and Willis Jenkins (New York: Routledge, 2016)

Articles

“In Pursuit of Perfection: A Jewish Critique of Trans- and Post-Humanism,” for Theology and Science 13 (2) (2015), to be included also in Transhumanist Hopes and Religious Expectations, ed. Ted Peters and Joshua Moritz.

Awards

- 1991 Between Worlds: The Life and Works of David ben Judah Messer Leon was awarded the Arnold Vizhnitzer Award for the best work in Jewish history for 1991 by the Institute of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (5,000 Israeli Shekels).
- 1992 Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Indiana University (\$12,500).
- 2007 Distinguished Alumna of Stony Brook University (award given on November 15, 2007).

Grants and Fellowships

- 1976 – Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture \$ 1,000 (“The Life and Thought of R. David ben Judah Messer Leon”)
- 1985 – Columbia University Summer Grant \$3,000
- 1993 – Travel Grant, Indiana University \$600
- 1993 – Maurice Amado Foundation, \$ 5000 (for *Happiness in Premodern Judaism*)
- 2005 – The John Templeton Foundation, \$ 22,000 (conference on Hans Jonas)
- 2006 –2010 Templeton Research Lecture Series \$ 350,000 (for “Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religion, Science, and Technology”)
- 2010 – Arizona Humanities Council \$ 10,000 (conference on “Refugee in the Post-War World”)
- 2011 – ACLS \$ 12,000 (conference on “Memory & Countermemory: The Memorialization of an Open Future”)
- 2010 –2012 Binah Yitzrit Foundation \$ 40,000 (“Evolution and Traditional Religions”)
- 2012 –2013 ASU-College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, educational grant for “Students Success,” \$15,000
- 2012 –2014 Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs (RIHA), Boston University, for “The Transhumanist Imagination: Innovation, Secularization, and Eschatology,” \$200,000
- 2013-2014 Arizona Humanities Council, “Jews of the South-West,” (Eckstein Scholar-in-Residence Lectures by Professor Hasia Diner), February 10, 2014, Arizona Humanities Council, \$5000.
- 2014-2016 Carnegie Investment Fund, ASU, “Interrogating the Post-Secular Moment,” \$40,000.

Book Reviews

1. Review of Isaac Rabinowitz (ed. and trans.), The Book of the Honeycomb Flow Sepher Nophet Suphim by Judah Messer Leon (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 1983), in Renaissance Quarterly 37 (1984): 234-38.
2. Review of Bernard Septimus, Hispano-Jewish Culture in Transition: The Career and Controversies of Ramah (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1982) in Speculum 60 (1985): 199-201.
3. Review of Menachem Kelner, Dogmas in Medieval Jewish Thought: From Maimonides to Abravanel (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986) in Critical Review of Books in Religion 3 (1990): 365-69.
4. Review of Judith Plaskow, Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco1990) in Hadoar 70 (no. 32) (1991): 14-19 (in Hebrew).
5. Review of Yehuda Liebes, Studies in Jewish Myth and Jewish Messianism (Albany: SUNY Press, 1990) in Critical Review of Books in Religion 7 (1994): 432-35.
6. Review of Robert Bonfil, Jewish Life in Renaissance Italy (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994) in American Historical Review (1995): 1615-1617.
7. Review of Elliot Wolfson, Through the Speculum that Shines: Vision and Imagination in Medieval Jewish Mysticism (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994) in The Journal of Religion 76 (1996): 506-509.
8. Review of Meir Zvi Bnaya, Moshe Almosnino of Salonika: His Life and Work (Ramat Aviv: Tel Aviv University, 1996) (Hebrew), Jewish Quarterly Review 89 (1998) 250-52.
9. Review of Joseph Davis, Yom-Tov Lipmann Heller: Portrait of a Seventeenth-Century Rabbi (Oxford, England and Portland, Oregon: The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2004), Renaissance Quarterly 58 (3) (2005): 962-64.
10. Review of David B. Ruderman and Guisepppe Veltri (eds.), Cultural Intermediaries: Jewish Intellectuals in Early Modern Italy (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004), The American Historical Review 100 (4) (2005): 1281-83.
11. Review of Moshe Idel, Kabbalah and Eros (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005), AJS Review, (31) (no. 1) (2007): 187-190.
12. Review of Elliot R. Wolfson, Alef, Mem, Tau: Kabbalistic Musings on Time, Truth and Death (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California, 2006), Journal of Religion 87 (no. 3) (2007): 463-466.
13. Review of Shaul Regev (ed.), Mikve Israel by R. Israel Najara (Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University, 2004) Renaissance Quarterly LX (no. 4) (Winter, 2007): 1329-1330.

14. Review of Robert Chazan, The Jews of Medieval Western Christendom: 1000-1500 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), History: Reviews of New Books 36 (no. 3) Spring 2008): 108-110.
15. Review of Daniel Frank and Matt Goldish (eds.), Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jewish Authority, Dissent and Heresy in Medieval and Early Modern Times (Detroit: Wayne State, 2008), Renaissance Quarterly, vol. LXII (no. 1) (Spring, 2009): 279-281.
16. Review of Adam Shear, The Kuzari and the Shaping of Jewish Identity, 1167-1900 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008) for The American Historical Review 114 (3) (June 2009): 818-819.
17. Review of Michael Oppenheim, Encounters of Consequence: Jewish Philosophy in the Twentieth Century and Beyond (Academic Studies Press, 2010), Journal of Modern Jewish Studies 11:3 (2012): 439-441.
18. Review of Yaacov Dweck, The Scandal of Kabbalah: Leon Modena, Jewish Mysticism, and Early Modern Venice (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011) Journal of Religious History 37 (1) (2013): 125-127.
19. Cass Fisher, Contemplative Nation: A Philosophical Account of Jewish Theological Language (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2012), The Journal of Religion 93 (3) (2013): 401-03.
20. Abraham Melamed, Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Jewish Political Thought (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2012), Renaissance Quarterly, 66 (Spring 2013): 244-246.

Publications On-Line

1. Review of Peter Ochs and Nancy Levene (eds.), Textual Reasonings: Jewish Philosophy and Text Study at the End of the Twentieth Century (Grand Rapid: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003), Review of Biblical Literature, posted 3/17/04, published as a review essay in vol. 6.
2. Review of Randall Collins, The Sociology of Philosophies: A Global Theory of Intellectual Change (Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1998), Metanexus On-Line Journal: Transdisciplinary Approaches to Foundational Questions, posted 4/16/04.
3. "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Philosophical, Religious, and Ethical Considerations," The Global Spiral, e-publication of Metanexus Institute (posted 10/11/07).
4. "Kabbalah: A Medieval Tradition and Its Contemporary Appeal," History Compass, Vol. 6, Issue 2 (2008): pp. 552-587 (posted 2/14, 2008).

5. Editor, Special Issue on Transhumanism, The Global Spiral, Vol. 9, Issue 3 (2008). Contributors: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Don Ihde, Jean-Pierre Dupuy, N. Katherine Hayles, Andrew Pickering, Ted Peters (posted 6/6 2008)
6. Review of David Bakan, Dan Merkur, David Weiss, Maimonides' Cure of Souls: Medieval Precursor of Psychoanalysis (Albany: SUNY Press, 2009), H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews. April 2011.
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=32306>.

Encyclopedia Entries

1. "Messer Leon, Judah," Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Chief Editor, Edward Craig (Routledge: London, 1998), vol. 6, pp. 331-335;
2. "Shem Tov Family," Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Chief Editor, Edward Craig, (Routledge: London, 1998), vol. 8, pp. 737-740.
3. "Kabbalah," in Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999), General Editor, John H. Hayes, vol. 2, pp. 1-7.
4. "Jewish Philosophy," The Encyclopedia of the Renaissance, General Editor, Paul. F .Grendler (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1999), vol. 3, pp. 314-318.
5. "Judaism," for Encyclopedia of Science and Religion, Editor in Chief, J. Wentzel Vrede van Huyssteen (New York: Macmillan, 2003), vol. 2, pp. 477- 483.
6. "Judaism," The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, Editor-in-Chief Bron Taylor (London: and New York: Continuum, 2005), vol. 1, pp. 525-537.
7. "Ecology and Religion: Ecology and Judaism," Encyclopedia of Religion, Revised Second Edition, Editor-in-Chief Lindsay Jones (New York: Macmillan, 2005), vol. 4, pp. 2641-2647.
8. "Beatitude," Encyclopedia Judaica, 2nd edition, ed. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik, vol. 3 (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007), pp. 237-241.
9. "Philosophy, Jewish: Women and Gender" Encyclopedia Judaica, 2nd edition, ed. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik, vol. 16 (Detroit: Macmillan References USA, 2007), pp. 105-114.
10. "Happiness," Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions, edited by Yudit Kornberg Greenberg, (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007), vol. 1, 275-280.
11. "Nature in Judaism," Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions, edited by Yudit Kornberg Greenberg, (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007), vol. 2, pp. 442-443.

12. "Animal Symbolism, Judaism," Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, edited by Hans-Joseph Klauck et al (Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2009), vol. 2, 8-12
13. "Bibago, Abraham," Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, ed. Hans-Joseph Klauck et al (Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2009), vol.2, 1065-1066.
14. "Jewish Mysticism," Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages," ed. Robert Bjork (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), vol. 3, pp. 1189-90
15. "Abulafia, Rabbi Meir Halevi" Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages, ed. Robert Bjork (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), vol. 1.p. 5.
16. "Ethics, Jewish" Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy, editor-in-chief, Henrik Lagerlund (Dordrecht, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York: Springer, 2011), vol. 1, 328-337.
17. "Ecology, Judaism and," The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion and Jewish Culture, edited by Judith R. Baskin (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 141-142.
18. "Ecology" for Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion, revised 2nd edition, edited by Adele Berlin (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 227-228.
19. "Judaism and Ecology," Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions, ed. Anne Runehov and Lluís Oviedo (Dordrecht: Springer Science and Business Media, 2013), 678-687.
20. "Kabbalah and Judaism," Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions, ed. Anne Runehov and Lluís Oviedo (Dordrecht: Springer Science and Business Media, 2013), 1110-1118.

Conferences, Workshops, and Symposia at Arizona State University (Organizer and Manager)

1. Conference, "On Being Human: Women in Jewish Philosophy," held at ASU (February 25-26, 2001).

Publication: Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Indiana University Press, 2004)
2. Symposium: "Are Humans Changing Human Nature; If So, Should They?" held at ASU (April, 18, 2001).

3. International Conference, "Jewish Tradition and the Challenge of Evolution," in collaboration with Geoffrey Cantor (University of Leeds, England) and Dr. Marc Swetlitz (Chicago) held at ASU (February, 28- March 1, 2004).

Publication: Jewish Tradition and Darwinism, ed. Geoffrey Cantor and Marc Swetlitz (University of Chicago Press, 2006).

4. International Conference, "Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life: The Legacy of Hans Jonas" held at ASU (November 5-7, 2005).

Publication: The Legacy of Hans Jonas: Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuels and Christian Wiese (Brill Academic Publishers, 2008).

5. Public Symposia: "Evolution and Intelligent Design," and "Science and Religion on Human Happiness" held at ASU (January 22-23, 2006).

6. Workshop: "Transhumanism and Human Nature" held at ASU (April,, 16, 2007).

7. Workshop: "Transhumanism and the Meanings of Progress" held at ASU (April 24-25, 2008).

Proceedings were published on-line as a special issue of *Global Spiral*, Vol. 9, Issue 3 (posted June 6, 2008).

8. Conference, "Stars of David: The Jewish Experience in American Cinema," held at ASU (November 16-17, 2008).

Publication: Hollywood's Chosen People: The Jewish Experience in American Cinema, ed. Daniel Bernardi, Murray Pomerance, and Hava Tirosh-Samuels (Wayne State University Press, 2012)

9. Workshop, "Transhumanism and the Future of Democracy" held at ASU (April 23-24, 2009).

10. International Conference, "Viewing Mendelssohn, Viewing Elijah: Assimilation, Interpretation and Culture," held at ASU (April 29-May 1, 2009).

11. International Conference, "Revival and New Directions? -- Jewish Arts in German-Speaking Countries," held at ASU (October 5-6, 2009).

12. International Conference, "The Refugee in Postwar World" (April 8-10, 2009), 14 presenters from England, Germany, Israel, and the US.

13. International Conference, "Judaism and the Neurosciences," annual meeting of the JSMG held at ASU (October 10-11, 2010).

14. International Conference, "Phenomenology, Existentialism, and the Neurosciences: A Jewish Approach to Medicine," Annual meeting of JSMG, held at Emory University, Atlanta GA (October 30-31, 2011).
15. International Conference, "Memory and Countermemory: The Memorialization of an Open Future," ASU (November 6-8, 2011).
16. International Conference, "Reimagining Erwin Schulhoff, Viktor Ullmann & The German-Jewish-Czech World," ASU (March 4-5, 2012).
17. International Conference, "Evolutionary Perspectives on Judaism; Judaism and the Epidemic of Obesity," Annual meeting of JSMG held at ASU (September 8-9, 2012).
18. International Research Symposium, "The Revival of Jewish Studies in Eastern Europe," ASU (November 8-9, 2012).
20. Research Conference, "Healing: The Interplay of Religion and Science," Annual conference of JSMG, held at ASU (October 26-27, 2014).
21. International Research Conference, "From Galicia to New York: Salo W. Baron and His Legacy," to be held at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland (May 26-30, 2015).

Collaborative Research Activities

1. 2004-2005: Faculty Seminar "Being Human: Science, Religion, Technology, and Law."
2. 2005-2006: Faculty Seminar: theme "Suffering and the Human Good: The Interplay of Science and Religion."
3. 2006-2007: Faculty Seminar on "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religion, Science, and Technology" funded by a grant from the Metanexus Institute on Science and Religion for the Templeton Research Lectures on Constructive Engagement of Religion and Science (2006-09). Thematic focus for the year: "Transhumanism and Human Nature."
4. 2007-2008: Faculty Seminar on "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religion Science and Technology." Thematic Focus for the year: "Transhumanism, Technology and Culture."
5. 2008-2009: Faculty Seminar on "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religion, Science and Technology." Thematic Focus for the year: "Converging Technologies: Law, Religion, and Science."
6. 2009-2010: Final project: presentations by members of the faculty seminar.

Publication: Building Better Humans?: Refocusing the Debate on Transhumanism, ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson and Kenneth L. Mossman (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2012)

7. 2012 - 2014 Faculty Seminar, "The Transhumanist Imagination: Innovation, Secularism, and Eschatology." Linked to the grant "Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs" (RIHA) given by Boston University and the John Templeton Foundation.
8. 2014-2015, Faculty Seminar, "Interrogating the Post-Secular Moment."

Semi-Academic Publications (Print and Online)

1. "Against Dogmatic Skepticism: A Response to Laura Levitt," Sh'ma, 30/568 (January, 2000), pp. 9-10.
2. "The Jewish Feminist as Jewish Philosopher," Outlook: Women's League for Conservative Judaism 70 (4) (Summer 2000): 11-14.
3. "Beyond Conflict of Science and Religion: The Case of Judaism." Canyon Institute of Advanced Studies vol. 5, issue 11 (Spring 2006): 8-10.
4. "Environmentalism and Gender," Sh'ma 38/651 (June 2008):7-8.
5. "Immortality of Immortality," Religion Dispatches (daily on-line magazine edited by Gary Laderman, Linell Cady, Evan Derkaez and Lisa Webster), (posted July 2, 2008).
6. "The Intrinsically Good Life," Reform Judaism Magazine (Winter 2011): 59-60.

Invited Lectures

1. "The Pursuit of Happiness in Pre-Modern Judaism: Between Philosophy and Kabbalah," The Louis Jacobs Lectures in Rabbinic Thought at the Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University, England (May 1997).
2. "Two Models of Jewish Spirituality," The Franklin B. Moosnik Lecture in Judaic Studies, The Lexington Theological Seminary and the University of Kentucky, Lexington KY (April 1997).
3. "Kabbalah and the Myth of Judaism," The Shalom Lecture of Jewish Studies, the University of Pittsburgh (February 1998).

4. "Jewish Spirituality: Past Models, Present Quest," the Thirteenth Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium on "Spiritual Dimensions of Judaism" organized by Creighton University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (September, 2000).
5. "Judaism and Ecology: An Uneasy Relationship," Dorsha Wallman Lecture in Modern Torah Interpretation, San Diego State University (September, 2003).
6. "Judaism and Environmentalism: Are they Compatible"? University of Arizona (January 31, 2005).
7. "Judaism and Ecofeminism: Convergence and Conflict," Bloome Leadership Institute of COEJL, Washington, DC (February, 27- March 1, 2005).
8. "Beyond Conflict of Science and Religion: The Case of Judaism," Advanced Institute of Science and Religion, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix Arizona (February 16, 2006).
9. "Philosophy and Kabbalah on the Pursuit of Happiness," Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Minnesota (March 22, 2007).
10. "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Reflections," conference on "Transdisciplinarity and the Unity of Knowledge: Beyond the Science-and-Religion Dialogue," Metanexus Institute, University of Pennsylvania (June 5, 2007).
11. "Human Embodiment and Dignified Death: A Critique of Transhumanism," Conference on Extending Life: Setting the Agenda for the Ethics of Aging, Death, and Immortality, organized by the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (Deerfield, IL) (Phoenix, March 6, 2008).
12. "A Feminist Reads Maimonides: Science and Religion in Judaism," St. Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana (April 29, 2008).
13. "Transhumanism and the Pursuit of Immortality: A Jewish Critique," Keynote Address at the International Conference on Personal Identity and Resurrection, Innsbruck University, Austria (July 28-August 1, 2008).
14. "Feminine Aspects of Jewish Mysticism," conference on "Jewish Mysticism: New Insights and Scholarship," Florida Atlantic University (February 15-16, 2009).
15. "Jewish Environmentalism? The Biblical Conundrum," Martin and Helen Schwartz Lecture Series in Jewish Studies, Indiana University (November 16, 2009).
16. "Nature in Modern Judaism: Between the Secular and the Religious," Martin and Helen Schwartz Lecture Series in Jewish Studies, Indiana University (November 17-18, 2009).
17. "Nature and Renewal in Modern Jewish Thought," Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and

Education, York University, Toronto, Canada (March 7, 2010).,

18. "Judaism and Current Ecological Crisis," University of Texas-Austin (October 25, 2010).
19. "The Freedom to be Human: A Critique of Transhumanism," Center for Ethics and School of Medicine, Emory University (May 2, 2011).
20. "Marriage and the Family in the 21st Century," in "Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions," Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, Summer Seminar, Princeton University (August 2, 2011).
21. "Judaism and Environmentalism: Are They Compatible"? B.G. Rudolph Annual Lecture in Jewish Studies, Syracuse University (April 1, 2012).
22. "Judaism and the Contemporary Pursuit of Happiness," Shaol Pozez Lectures in Judaic Studies, University of Arizona (January 13, 2014).

Conference Papers

1. "Sefirot as the Essence of God in the Writings of David Messer Leon," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference (December, 1981).
2. "The Concept of Miracles in the Writings of David Messer Leon," American Philosophical Association, Regional Meeting, Rutgers University (May, 1982).
3. "Maimonides and Aquinas: The Interplay of Two Masters in Medieval Jewish Philosophy," University of Notre Dame (November, 1982).
4. "Prayer in Jewish Mysticism: The Medieval Phase," University Seminar, Columbia University (October, 1983).
5. "The Defense of Maimonides in Fifteenth Century Jewish Philosophy," The American Academy for Jewish Research," New York (November, 1983).
6. "Methodological Observations on Modern Research into the Kabbalah," Seminar on Jewish Mysticism, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York (April, 1986).
7. "Interpreting Maimonides with the Help of Aquinas," Sarah Lawrence College (February, 1987).
8. "Jewish Studies: the State of the Field: Medieval Judaism," Centennial Conference of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York (May, 1987).

9. "Jewish Culture in Renaissance Italy – A Methodological Survey," University Seminar, Columbia University (April, 1988).
10. "Human Felicity – A Fifteenth-Century Jewish Perspective," Boston Colloquium of Medieval Philosophy, Boston University (December, 1989).
11. "Jewish Mysticism – The State of the Field," Florida State University, Tallahassee FL (February 1991).
12. "Human Felicity – Fifteenth Century Sephardic Perspectives on Happiness," Conference "In Iberia and Beyond: Hispanic Jews between Two Cultures," Center for Baroque Studies, University of Maryland (April, 1991).
13. "Conceptions of Happiness in Fifteenth Century Jewish Philosophy," 26th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan (March, 1991).
14. "Between Worlds in Retrospect," 6th Annual Midwest Jewish Studies Colloquium, Ohio State University (May, 1992).
15. "Biblical Hermeneutics in Kabbalah: A Mode of Medieval Jewish Spirituality," Institute of Medieval Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington (October, 1992).
16. "On Kabbalah and its Modern Interpreters," Conference on Reform Judaism and the Academic Study of Judaism," Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati Ohio (November, 1992).
17. "The Ultimate End of Human Life in Post-Expulsion Philosophic Literature," Conference on "Crisis and Creative in the Sephardic World 1391-1648, Columbia University (November, 1992).
18. "Philosophy and the Liberation of Women and Jews," Conference on "Judaism and Gender," Ohio State University (April, 1993).
19. "The Will and the Intellect in Almosnino's Commentary on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics (Hebrew), the 11th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (June, 1993).
20. "Torah and Philosophy in the Pursuit of Happiness: The View of Fifteenth-Century Jewish Philosophers," Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University (July, 1993).
21. "Intellectualism versus Voluntarism in Post-Expulsion Jewish Philosophy: The School of Joseph Taitazak in Salonica," Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (July, 1993).
22. "Practical Reason and the Pursuit of Happiness: Scholastic Influences in Almosnino's Commentary on the Nicomachean Ethics, Boston University (December, 1993).

23. "The Soul as a Mirror of Nature in Sixteenth Century Jewish Philosophy," Conference on "Jewish Responses to Early Modern Science," Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel (May, 1995).
24. "The Emotions and the Love of God in Sixteenth Century Jewish Aristotelianism," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Philadelphia (November, 1995).
25. "Judaism and the Natural World – The Mystical Tradition, Conference on "Judaism and the Natural World," Harvard University (February, 1998).
26. "The Perfection of Moses: A Truth-Telling Myth," Paideia: 20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston (August, 1998).
27. "The Bible as an Esoteric Text: Philosophy and Kabbalah," Israeli Embassy, Washington DC, (February, 1998).
28. "The State of Israel and Jewish Studies Around the World," Plenary Address in The Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention (December, 1998). The speech was excerpted in The Chronicle of Higher Education (2/26/99).
29. "Judaism and Science: The Evidence of Kabbalah," Conference on Science and Judaism, Arizona State University (February, 1999).
30. "A Jewish Perspective on Religious Pluralism," for a Roundtable on "Contending Gods: Religion in the Global Moment," Macalester College, St. Paul MN (October, 1999).
31. "Feminism and Jewish Philosophy: Beyond the Crisis of Modernity," Conference on "Finding a Home: Jewish Women Studies in the Academy," Jewish Theological Seminary, New York (October, 1999).
32. "The Natural World in the Sources of Judaism," for a "Forum on Religion and Ecology," Harvard University and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston (October, 1999).
33. "Human Experimentation and Human Nature – A Response," in Science and Judaism Workshop on "What is the Human?" Arizona State University (February, 2000).
34. "Judaism and Ecology" for a panel on "Religion and Ecology," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Denver (November, 2001).
35. "The Zohar as a Prescription for Happiness," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C. (December, 2001).
36. "Jewish Studies and the Jewish Community," Conference on "Jewish Studies in the University:

- A Retrospective," Stanford University (April, 2002).
37. "The Conservation of Tradition: the Case of Judaism," Annual Conference of Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, Haverford College (June, 2002).
 38. "Teshuvah: Spiritual Transformation in Judaism," Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program organized by the Metanexus Institute for Templeton Foundation, University of Pennsylvania (October, 2002).
 39. "A Jewish Response to Ecofeminism," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Los Angeles (December, 2002).
 40. "Happiness in Medieval Judaism: Between Athens and Jerusalem," conference on "Jewish Civilization between Athens and Jerusalem," UCLA (June, 2003).
 41. "Religion, Ecology and Gender: A Jewish Perspective," for a conference on "Gaia and the Sacred: Religion, Science, and Ethics" Graduate Theological Union Seminary at Berkeley (June, 2003).
 42. "Judaism and Environmentalism: Uneasy Relations," San Diego State University" (September 21, 2003).
 43. "Teaching Judaism and Ecology," in "Teaching Religion and Ecology," at Indiana University, Bloomington (October 23-26, 2003), a workshop organized by Forum on Religion and Ecology, the Department of Religious Studies at Indiana University, and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.
 44. "The Science of Character in Medieval Judaism," for a panel on "Law, Character and Authority: Jewish Virtue Ethics, Past and Present," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (Atlanta, November 22-24, 2003).
 45. "Can Women Be Happy?: Gender in Maimonides' Philosophy," Amado Colloquium in Sephardic Studies, UCLA, May 23, 2004.
 46. "A Feminist Examination of Maimonides' Political Theology," Annual Convention of American Academy of Religion, San Antonio Texas, November 20, 2004.
 47. "Gender and the Pursuit of Happiness in Maimonides' Philosophy," Conference on "Gender and the Family in Medieval Jewish Society," Hebrew University, Jerusalem, January 2, 2005.
 48. "Conceptions of the Other: Gender, Philosophy, and Theology," for a conference "Toward a Contemporary Jewish Theology of World Religions," University of Scranton, June 21-23, 2005.

49. "Nature in Second-Temple Judaism: Ben Sira, Wisdom of Solomon and I Enoch," Seminar of Judaism and Christianity in the Greco-Roman World, convener: Prof. Martin Goodman, Oxford University, England. May 23, 2006.
50. "Jewish Philosophy, Human Dignity, and the New Genetics," conference on "In the Image of God: Creation, Procreation, and the New Genetics," organized by Academic Coalition of Jewish Bioethics and held at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, September 10-11, 2006.
51. "In Pursuit of Happiness: Jewish Self-Definition between Rationalism and Mysticism," conference on "Major Controversies in Jewish History: The Issues and Personalities that Fuelled Them," University of Connecticut, Stamford, Nov. 6-7, 2006.
52. "Human Embodiment and Dignified Death: A Critique of Transhumanism," Conference on "Extending Life: Setting the Agenda for the Ethics of Aging, Death, and Immortality," organized by the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, Phoenix, March 6-7, 2008.
53. "Conceptions of Nature in Medieval Judaism," 10th annual conference of Arizona Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies on "Humanity and Natural World in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance" (February 12-13, 2010)
54. "Jewish Environmentalism: Bridging Scholarship, Faith, and Activism" conference on "Jewish Thought, Jewish Faith," Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheba Israel (May 31-June 2, 2010).
55. "'Science' and the Relationship between Philosophy and Kabbalah," Association for Jewish Studies, (December 19-22, 2010).
56. "Science-and-Religion Dialogue in the Post-Secular Age," an international conference, "The Science and Religion Dialogue: Past and Future," Heidelberg University (October 25-28, 2012).

Panels

1. Organizer and Chair, "Spinoza on Philosophy and Theology," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (November, 1986)
2. Organizer and Chair, "Ideology and Self-Perception: The Construction of Modern Jewish Identities," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 1990)
3. Organizer and Chair, "The Jewish Mystical Tradition," American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Regional Meeting, Atlanta (March, 1991)

4. Organizer and Chair, "Orality and Literacy in Rabbinic Judaism: The Jewish Mystical Tradition," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, New Orleans (November, 1991)
5. Organizer and Chair, "The Hermeneutics of Visual Experience in Judaism" American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Francisco (November, 1992)
6. Chair, "Jewish Aristotelianism," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 1992)
7. Chair, "Jewish Philosophy in the Late Middle Ages," The World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (June, 1993)
8. Chair, "Loss and Absence in the Jewish Tradition – Hermeneutical and Ritual Responses," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Kansas City (November, 1993)
9. Organizer and Chair, "Can there be a Jewish Ethics," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Chicago (November, 1994)
10. Respondent to a panel on my "Dare to Know – Feminism and Jewish Philosophy," Academy for Jewish Philosophy, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 1995)
11. Commentator on Elliot Wolfson's "Through the Speculum that Shines," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 1995)
12. Organizer and Chair, "The Problem of Evil in Jewish Philosophy, Academy for Jewish Philosophy, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (December, 1997)
13. Chair, "Classical Kabbalah: Its Reception and Its Transformation," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 1998)
14. Chair, "Philosophy and Mysticism: Conflict and Confluence," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Chicago (December, 1999)
15. Organizer, "Plotinus and Jewish Philosophy," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston (December, 2000)
16. Organizer and Chair, "Jewish-Christian Relations-Methodological Reflections," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C. (December, 2001)
17. Chair, "What is Relevant (for Us) in the Philosophy of Spinoza?" American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Toronto (November, 2002)

18. Organizer and presenter, "Character, Law, and Authority: Jewish Virtue Ethics, Past and Present," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (November, 2003)
19. Panelist, "Teaching Jewish Mysticism – Challenges, Themes, and Methods," Roundtable, Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 17-20, 2005)
20. Participant, "Biotechnology and Liberty," colloquium organized by the Liberty Fund, Charleston, South Carolina (March 16-19, 2006)
21. Respondent to Ki Bbeum Yoo, "Ecofeminist Goddess Ritual: Contemporary Women's Strategic Practice against Symbolic Violence of a Patriarchal Society," in a conference on "Invoking Gender in Korean Religions," ASU (Nov. 16-17, 2006)
22. Panelist, "The Future of Jewish Philosophy: Challenges and Promises," Roundtable, Association of Jewish Studies, San Diego (December 17-19, 2006)
23. Panelist, "Is Kabbalah Mysticism?" Roundtable, Association of Jewish Studies, Toronto (December 17-20, 2007)
24. Organizer and Chair, "Jewish Environmental Thought," Annual Convention of Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC (December 21-23, 2008)
25. Panelist, "A Jew and Philosopher: Hans Jonas Retrospective," Annual Convention of Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC (December 21-23, 2008)
26. Panelist, Roundtable on Gender and Jewish Thought, Brandeis University, April 26-27, 2009.
27. Presenter, "The Transhumanist Project: Assessment and Critique," in "Cosmos, Nature, Culture: A Transdisciplinary Conference," Metanexus Institute 10th Annual Conference, Tempe, AZ (July 18-21, 2009)
28. 26. Chair, "Rosenzweig and Arendt," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Los Angeles (December 19-21, 2009), Los Angeles, CA
29. Chair, "Judaism and the Natural Sciences," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference Chicago (December 15-18, 2012)

Workshops, Seminars, and Colloquia (Speaker)

1. "Prayer in Jewish Mysticism," Central Conference of American Rabbis, New England Region (March, 1986)

2. "Kabbalah and Sexuality," Central Conference of American Rabbis, South-East Region (May 1990)
3. "Spirituality: Encountering the Divine," National Conference of Christian and Jews, Leakey Texas (January, 1991)
4. "Philosophy and Kabbalah in Medieval Spain," Distinguished Leaders Institute, Brandeis University (July, 1992)
5. "The Good Life according to Maimonides," The Foundation for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C. (February, 1998)
6. "Decision Making by Jewish Leadership," San Diego Wexner Graduate Leadership Seminar," March, 2000; March, 2001)
7. "Healing Body/Healing Soul in Maimonides' Rationalist Ethics," for a conference on "Mining the Jewish Tradition for its Healing Wisdom." The conference is organized by the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health at the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion and Temple Chai of Phoenix (Scottsdale, May 16-18, 2003)
8. "Being Human: Science, Religion, Technology, and Law," faculty seminar, ASU, 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009; 2009-2010
9. "Modern Israel and Its Struggle for Survival," President's Community Enrichment Program, ASU 2004-2005 (January 21 to Feb. 16, 2005)
10. "Virtue and Happiness in Medieval Judaism," Rabbinic Training Institute (January 8-12, 2006)

International Summits

Inter-faith summit on climate change organized by the Church of Sweden in Uppsala, Sweden (November 27-28, 2008). The summit generated a manifesto on climate change signed by 30 representatives of world religions. The manifesto is intended to offer a framework to replace the Kyoto Agreement when it expires in 2012. The manifesto will be ratified by the EU and will be presented to the UN.

The Wexner Heritage Foundation

From 1990 until 2000 I have been on the faculty of the Wexner Heritage Foundation for whom I taught seminars on Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, and Jewish mysticism in Miami, Washington DC, Boston, Cleveland, and New York as well as in the summer retreats of the Foundation in Aspen, Colorado and Snow Bird, Utah.

Scholar-in-Residence

1. "Kabbalah and the Myth of Judaism," Anshe Shalom, Chicago (March, 1994)
2. "Jewish Spirituality: Between Philosophy and Kabbalah," Bene Jeschurun, New York (November, 1998)
3. "Wholly, Holy Happy," Temple Emanuel of South Hills and Beth El, Pittsburgh (February, 2000).
4. "Kabbalah: The Jewish Mystical Tradition," Westchester Reform Temple, Scarsdale NY (April, 2000).
5. "Models of Jewish Spirituality," Temple Beth El, Patchogue NY (May, 2003)
6. "New Developments in Contemporary Judaism:" 1) Judaism and Feminism" and 2) "Judaism, Ecology, and Gender," Hillel Foundation-Kenyon College, September 10-11, 2005.
7. "Judaism and the Pursuit of Happiness," Foundation for Jewish Studies, Washington DC, September 3-4, 2007.
8. "Kabbalah Today: The Contemporary Appeal of a Medieval Tradition" Temple Brith Shalom, Prescott AZ (May 15-16, 2009).

Public Talks (as Director of Jewish Studies)

1. "Jewish Studies at ASU: A Look to the Future," Temple Solel, Scottsdale AZ (May 14, 2008).
2. "Kabbalah and the Quest for a Modern Jewish Identity," The New Shul, Scottsdale AZ (September 13, 2008)
3. "An Israeli Woman Studies Judaism: Challenges and the New Directions," Hadassah-Prime Timers Chapter (October 29, 2008)
4. "Integrating Feminism and Jewish Studies", Symposium on Women of the Book in the Jewish Tradition of Learning & Growing, Jewish Community Center, Scottsdale AZ (November 9, 2008)
5. "Transhumanism: A Jewish Critique," ASU Retired Faculty Wives/Women's Club Meeting, January 12, 2009)
6. "Judaism and Environmentalism," Shalom Group of Leisure World, Mesa AZ (January 18, 2009)
7. "Jewish Ethical Wills in Historical Perspectives," Jewish Community Foundation, Jewish Community Center, Scottsdale AZ (January 21, 2009)

8. "Judaism and Sustainability," Temple Beth Am, Los Angeles (March 19, 2009)
9. "Jewish Studies and the Humanities," Jess Schwartz School (March 30, 2009).
10. "Kabbalah Today: The Contemporary Appeal of a Medieval Tradition," (2 lectures), Temple Brith Shalom, Prescott, AZ (May 15-16, 2009).
11. "Israel Today: Challenge and Promise," President Community Enrichment Program (October 22, 2009)
12. "Judaism and the Contemporary Ecological Crisis," Peninsula Jewish Community Center, Foster City CA (December 6, 2009).
13. "Kabbalah Scholarship and Jewish Spiritual Renewal," Congregation Beth El, Phoenix AZ, (January 16, 2010).
14. "The Desert in World Religions," President Community Enrichment Program, Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix AZ, October 24, 2011.
15. "The Papacy and the Jews: An Overview," Panel discussion on "Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People in Historical Context," at the exhibit "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II & the Jewish People," George Washington Carver Museum, Phoenix AZ (Nov. 3, 2011)
16. "Judaism and the Contemporary Pursuit of Happiness," Salons of Jewish Studies, home of Diane and John Eckstein (December 4, 2011).

Courses Taught

Prior to Joining ASU Faculty

Undergraduate

Contemporary Civilization

Philosophy and Religion in the Middle Ages

The Jewish-Christian Encounter from Late Antiquity to the Reformation

Medieval Jewish History from the Gaonic Period to the Expulsion from Spain

Early Modern Jewish History: From the Expulsion to the Emancipation

Medieval Jewish Thought

Introduction to Medieval Jewish Philosophy

Introduction to Judaism

Major Trends in Modern Judaism

The Modernization of the Jews

Zionism
Women in Judaism
Introduction to Jewish Mysticism
Mysticism in Religious Traditions
The Good Life in Western Philosophy and Religion

Graduate

Political Theories in Medieval Judaism
Rationalism vs. Anti-Rationalism in Medieval Judaism
Medieval Jewish Ethical Literature
Hasidism
The Jewish Enlightenment
Jewish Messianism in the Seventeenth Century: The Sabbatean Movement;
Judaism -- History, Mythic Structure, and Practices
Medieval Jewish Religious Thought
The History of Biblical Interpretation (2 lectures in a team-taught course)

Courses Taught at ASU

Undergraduate

Western Civilization to 1500
Jewish History from the Bible to 1492
Jewish History from 1492 to 1948
Jews in the Middle Ages
History of Anti-Semitism
The Jews through History
The Jewish Mystical Tradition
Judaism and Ecology
Introduction to Jewish Civilization

Graduate

Religion and Philosophy in the Middle Ages
History: Methods, Theory, and Practice
European Diversity
Premodern Europe

Organizations

Association for Jewish Studies (In charge of Jewish Mysticism section, 1995-98; Member of Board of Directors 1998-2002).
American Academy of Religion (Steering Committee of the History of Judaism section, 1994-96; steering committee of Religion, Science and Technology section, 2010-).
Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Renaissance Society of America
World Union of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem, Israel)
International Society of Science and Religion (Cambridge, England)

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