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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Chicago	Ph.D. (with distinction) History of Judaism, 2011
Yeshiva University	Rabbinical Ordination, 1999
Yeshiva University	M.A. Modern Jewish History, 1999
Yeshiva University	B.A., <i>Cum Laude</i> , Political Science, 1995

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, 2011-present

Harvard University
Starr Fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, 2012

Northwestern University
Visiting Instructor, Religious Studies, 2011

University of Illinois, Chicago
Visiting Instructor, Jewish Studies, 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School
Director of Operations (2003-2004)
Director of Admissions (2001-2003, full-time; 2004-2011, part time)

HONORS, RECOGNITIONS AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Harry Starr Fellow, Harvard University (2012)
Martin Marty Fellow, University of Chicago Divinity School (2010-2011)
Targum Shlishi Dissertation Fellow, Targum Shlishi (2010-2011)
Meyer Dissertation Fellow, University of Chicago (2010-2011)
Shalom Hartman Institute Research Fellow (2008-2010)
University of Chicago Divinity School Travelling Fellow (2008-2009)
Durschlag Fellow, University of Chicago (2004 – 2007)
Wexner Graduate Fellow, Wexner Foundation (1995 – 1999)
Isaac Araten Award for Excellence in Talmudic Studies, Yeshiva University (1995)
Schleifer Award for Excellence in Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University (1995)

INVITED LECTURES

“Sins of the Parents in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature,” University of Oxford, November 26, 2015.

“Sins of the Parents in Rabbinic Literature,” Yeshivat Maharat, June 2, 2015.

“Varieties of Jewish Theology,” Loyola University, March 10 and 11, 2015.

“Pious Irreverence: Confronting God in Rabbinic Judaism,” Ben Gurion University, January 14, 2015.

“Varieties of Theological Confrontation,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 22, 2013.

“Exegetical Ethics in Ancient Judaism,” Indiana University, April 25, 2013.

“Confronting the Rabbinic God: Ethics and Theology in Ancient Judaism,” Georgetown University, January 31, 2013.

“God in the *Tanhuma* Midrashim,” Harvard University, April 19, 2012.

“The Divine Courtroom in Rabbinic Literature,” Cardozo Law School, February 8, 2012.

“Divine Concessions in Late Midrash,” Yale University, November 30, 2011.

“Hierarchical Inversions in Rabbinic Literature,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 8, 2011.

“Religious Ethics and Ancient Judaism: Challenges and Transformations,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 16, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND GRANTS

Steering Committee for Jewish Studies Section of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), 2013-2014.

Humanities Release Time, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Doctoral Thesis

“Confrontations with God in Late Rabbinic Literature” (2011)

Books

Pious Irreverence: Confronting God in Rabbinic Judaism – University of Pennsylvania Press – (projected date: August, 2016).

Making God Moral: Collective Punishment in the Jewish Tradition (in preparation)

Articles in Journals

“Cyril of Alexandria’s Critique of ‘Jewish’ Ancestral Sin” (in preparation)

“The Sins of the Parents in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature,” (under review, *Journal of Religion*)

“The Sin of Protesting God in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature,” *AJS Review* 39:2 (2015) 367-392.

“Divine Concessions in the *Tanhuma* Midrashim,” *Harvard Theological Review* 108:1 (2015): 70-97.

“Salvation through Children in Rabbinic Thought,” *Milin Havivin* 3 (2007): 1-15.

Chapters in Books

“The Rabbinic Doctrine of ‘The Righteous Decrees and God Fulfills,’” in *Festschrift for Rabbi Avi Weiss* (forthcoming, 2016)

“Dramatic Dialogues in the *Tanhuma-Yelammedenu* Midrashim,” in *The State of the Tanhuma-Yelammedenu Midrashim*, edited by R. Nikolsky and A. Atzmon (forthcoming, Brill Press).

“Lawsuits with God in Rabbinic Literature,” in *The Divine Courtroom in Comparative Perspective*, edited by A. Mermelstein and S. Holtz (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 276-288.

Book Reviews (Invited)

In God's Image: Myth, Theology, and Law in Classical Judaism by Yair Lorberbaum, *Journal of Religion* (forthcoming, April 2016)

A Legacy of Learning: Essays in Honor of Jacob Neusner ed. William Scott Green, Gary Porton, Alan Avery-Peck and Bruce Chilton, *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 19:1 (February 2016): 162-166.

Socratic Torah: Non-Jews in Rabbinic Intellectual Culture by Jenny Labendz, *Journal of Religion* 94:3 (July 2014): 392-395.

The Memory of the Temple and the Making of the Rabbis by Naftali Cohen, H-Net Judaica (September 2013).

Annotated Translations

“The Last Will and Testament of Hatam Sofer (1839),” in *Jew in the Modern World*, edited by P. Mendes-Flohr and Judah Reinartz (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011): 196-199.

“The Manifesto of Ultra-Orthodoxy (1863),” in *Jew in the Modern World*, edited by P. Mendes-Flohr and Judah Reinartz (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011): 224-229.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Korah in Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR), vol. 14, edited by J. Klauck, B. McGinn, P. Mendes-Flohr, C. Seow, H. Spieckermann (Berlin: de Gruyter, forthcoming).

“Apostasy in Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its*

Reception (EBR), vol. 1, edited by J. Klauck, B. McGinn, P. Mendes-Flohr, C. Seow, H. Spieckermann and B. Walfish (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009): 455-456.

“Albo, Joseph,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR), vol. 1, edited by J. Klauck, B. McGinn, P. Mendes-Flohr, C. Seow, H. Spieckermann (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009): 710-712.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Sins of the Parents in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature,” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Conference, Boston, MA, Dec. 14, 2015.

“The Moral Function of *Olam Ha-ba* in Rabbinic Literature,” 28th Annual Symposium on Jewish Civilization, Creighton University, Oct. 25, 2015.

“Authors as Subverters in the Tanhuma Midrashim,” European Association of Biblical Studies (EABS) Conference, Cordoba, Spain, July 14, 2015.

“Opposition to Challenging God in Rabbinic and Patristic Sources,” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, Dec. 16, 2014.

“The Sin of Protest in Rabbinic and Patristic Sources,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Midwest Regional Meeting, Ada, Ohio, April 4, 2014.

“Lawsuits with God in Rabbinic Literature,” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 16, 2012.

“Beyond Tortosa: Christianity in the Thought of Joseph Albo,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 26, 2012.

“Confrontational Theology in *Tanhuma-Yelammedenu*,” Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) International Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 22, 2012.

“Confrontation as a Hermeneutical Tool in *Tanhuma-Yelammedenu*,” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, Dec. 21, 2010.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Introduction to World Religions (RLST 110)

History of Judaism (RLST 120)

Jewish Sacred Literature (RLST 283)

Medieval Jewish Thought (RLST 344)
Readings in the Talmud (RLST 415)
Readings in Midrash (RLST 416)
History of Jewish Theology (RLST 515)

Northwestern University
Classical Jewish Thought

University of Illinois, Chicago
Introduction to Jewish Thought

NEW COURSES

Medieval Jewish Thought (RLST 344)
History of Jewish Theology (RLST 515)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Scholar in Residence, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Newton, Massachusetts, February 2012.
Community Lecture, “Water in Jewish Thought,” Hillel at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 4, 2014.
Selection Committee, Wexner Heritage Fellowship, Wexner Foundation, Feb 8-11, 2015.
Scholar in Residence, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, New York, May 23-25, 2015.
Scholar in Residence, Beis Avraham, St. Louis, Missouri, February 13, 2016
(forthcoming)

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINARY AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Evaluator for Publication, *Shofar* Journal, Fall 2012.
Steering Committee, Jewish Studies Section at the American Academy of Religion, Spring 2013- 2014.
Evaluator for Publication, *Journal of Religion*, Fall 2013, Fall 2015.
Evaluator for Publication, *AJS Review*, Fall 2014.
Evaluator for Publication, *Harvard Theological Review*, Spring 2015.

UNIVERSITY AND CAMPUS SERVICE

Executive Committee, Program in Jewish Culture and Society, Fall 2011-
Faculty advisor, Religious Studies Student Association (RSSA), Fall 2011 – Fall 2013.

Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of Islam, 2011-2012.
Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of Hinduism, 2012-2013.
Curriculum Committee, Department of Religion, 2012-2013, 2013-214.
Committee on Majors and Minors, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics (SLCL),
Spring 2013
Committee for Undergraduate Major in Religion, Fall 2014.
Executive Committee, Center for Translation Studies, Fall 2014-.
Committee for Graduate Admissions in Religion, Fall 2014 -.
Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of Islam, Fall 2014.