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EDUCATION

1973 B.A. History and Near Eastern & Judaic Studies. Brandeis University
1977 M.A. Near Eastern & Judaic Studies. Brandeis University
1983 Ph.D. Near Eastern & Judaic Studies. Brandeis University
2005 Rabbinic Ordination (Orthodox) Rabbi Dan Chanan, Jerusalem

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Teaching

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg International School, Graduate Division 2020-
Visiting Professor, Jewish History

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Distinguished Professor of Judaic & Near Eastern Studies 2018
Professor, Judaic & Near Eastern Studies 2000-2018
Chair, Department of Judaic & Near Eastern Studies 1990-95 / 2012-2018
Assistant - Associate Professor of Judaic & Near Eastern Studies 1982-2000
Adjunct Professor of History 1994-2018
Adjunct Professor of French and Italian Studies 2001-2018

University of Connecticut at Storrs
Adjunct Professor, Graduate Program in Judaic Studies 1997-

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Professor, Yeshiva University 2013
Visiting Scholar, Law Faculty, Hebrew University 2011
Lady Davis Professor of Jewish History, Hebrew University 2007
Visiting Professor, Hebrew University 2000 / 2003
Visiting Associate Professor, Bar-Ilan University 1996

Editorial

Editor-in-Chief *Jewish History*, Springer (Netherlands) 2012-

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Jewish Law in Early Modern Europe: Community, Religion, and the Dynamics of Social Change. Cambridge University Press. With Edward Fram. (forthcoming)

Law's Dominion: Jewish, Community, Religion, and Family in Early Modern Metz. Leiden : Brill Academic Publishers, 2020.

Les Protocoles de Justice: La Registre du Tribunal Rabbiniqque de Metz, 1771-1789. La Collection de la *Revue des études juives*. (forthcoming)

Protocols of Justice: The Pinkas of the Metz Rabbinic Court, 1771-1789. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2014. <http://www.brill.com/products/book/protocols-justice>

Winner: 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in Modern Jewish History
(Category: Europe and Israel), Association for Jewish Studies.

Tradition and Revolution: Jewish Culture in Early Modern France [Hebrew], Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar Center, 2007. (expanded Hebrew edition of *Rites and Passages*).

Rites and Passages: The Beginnings of Modern Jewish Culture in France, 1650-1860. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004. Paperbound ed. 2007.

The Shaping of Jewish Identity in Nineteenth-century France. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1989. Revised paperbound edition: 1994.

Edited Volumes

New Perspectives on Jewish Legal History. Introduced and co-edited with Ephraim Kanarfogel. Special issue of *Jewish History* 31:1-2. Dordrecht, Netherlands, 2017.

Essays in Honor of Kenneth Stow. Co-edited with Francesca Trivellato. Special issue of *Jewish History* 26:1-2. Dordrecht, Netherlands, 2012.

Textures and Meanings: Thirty Years of Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts. Co-editor, with Leonard Ehrlich, et al. Amherst, 2004.

Edited Journal (Editor-in-Chief) *Jewish History*. Vols. 26-33 (2012-2020)

Book in Progress

Emancipation and Reform: The Life and Letters of Rabbi Salomon Ulmann. Dinur Center for Jewish History, Hebrew University

Articles and Chapters in Books

“Precedent and Freedom of Interpretation in Early Modern Ashkenazic Responsa.” *The Jewish Law Annual Studies* 29 (2020): 56-71.

“Rabbinic Antecedents and Parallels to Wissenschaft des Judentums. In Paul Mendes-Flohr, Rachel Livneh-Freudenthal, Guy Miron, eds. *Jewish Historiography Between Past and Future: 200 Years of Wissenschaft des Judentums*, pp. 7–24. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110554618-002>

“The Influence of Sephardic Sages on Early Modern Ashkenazic Legal Decision-Making” [Hebrew], in *Libi Ba-Mizrah*, ed. M. Rachimi, pp. 31-44. Orot College, 2019.

“Competing Perspectives on Legal Decision-Making in Early Modern Ashkenaz.” *Jewish History* 31:1-2 (2017): 149-171.

Introduction to “New Perspectives on Jewish Legal History.” Special Issue of *Jewish History* 31:1-2 (2017): 1-6. With Ephraim Kanarfogel.

“Rabbinic Culture and the Historical Development of Halakhah.” *Cambridge History of Judaism*, Volume 7, pp. 349-377. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

“The Jews of France (1650-1815).” *Cambridge History of Judaism*, Volume 7, pp. 923-948. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

“Women Before the Beit Din in Early Modern France: The Evidence from Metz.” A. Ferziger, ed., *Paths of Daniel: Studies in Judaism and Jewish Culture in Honor of Rabbi Professor Daniel Sperber*, pp. 47-75. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 2017.

“Ceremony, Revolution, and Identity: Changes in the Meaning of Religion among Jews in Early Modern France” [Hebrew]. *The Jews of France: Between Particularism and Universalism*, pp. 23-42. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 2015.

“The Persona of a *Poseq*: Law and Self-Fashioning in Seventeenth-Century Ashkenaz.” *Modern Judaism* 32:3 (2012): 251-269.

“Crisis and Authority in Early Modern Ashkenaz,” *Jewish History* 26:1-2 (2012): 179-99.

“Acculturation and Integration in Eighteenth-Century Metz.” *Jewish History* 24:3-4 (2010): 271-294.

“Jewish Philanthropy in Early Modern and Modern Europe: Theory and Practice in Historical Perspective.” *Toward a Renewed Ethic of Jewish Philanthropy*, Yossi Prager, ed. New York, 2010, pp. 93-122.
<http://bjpa.org/Publications/details.cfm?PublicationID=8848>

“The Self-Portrait of a Seventeenth Century *Poseq*: Between Biography and Autobiography.” [Hebrew] *Yosef Da'at: Studies in Modern Jewish History in Honor of Professor Yosef Salmon*. Y. Goldstein, ed., pp. 33-66. Be'er Sheva: Ben Gurion University Press, 2010,

“Historicizing Orthodoxy.” *AJSPerspectives* Spring 2008, 12-14.
<https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/docs/default-source/ajs-perspectives/ajsp08sp.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

“Civil Law and Justice in the Rabbinic Tribunals of Eighteenth Century Metz,” *Iggud: Selected Essays in Jewish Studies*. Jerusalem (2008), 87-99.

“The Conception of Minhag in the Halakhic System of R. Ya'ir Hayyim Bacharach” [in Hebrew], in *Studies in the History of the Jews of Germany*, pp. 29-56. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 2008.

- “The Napoleonic Sanhedrin: Halakhic Foundations and Rabbinic Legacy,” *CCAR Journal* 54 (2007): 11-34.
- “Ritual and Emancipation: Reassessing Cultural Modernization in France.” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions historiques* 32:1 (2006): 9-38.
- “The Orthodox Rabbinate in France: Between Tradition and Reform” [Hebrew]. *Heker ha-Ortodoksiyah: Hebetim Hadashim*. Aviezer Ravitzky and Yosef Salmon, eds., Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2006, pp. 381-394.
- “Jewish Law and Ritual in Early Modern Germany,” in *Jews, Judaism and the Reformation in Sixteenth-Century Germany*. Dean P. Bell and Stephen G. Burnett, eds. pp. 481-502. Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006.
- Records of the Metz Beit Din. YIVO, New York. Introduced and translated by Jay Berkovitz. In “Early Modern Jewries,” Middletown, Conn., 2005.
<http://www.earlymodern.org/workshops/2004/berkovitz/text01/intro.php?tid=3>
- “Changing Conceptions of Gentiles at the Threshold of Modernity: The Napoleonic Sanhedrin,” in *Formulating Responses in an Egalitarian Age*, Marc Stern, ed., pp. 129-150. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005.
- “Ritual and Modernity: Rethinking Jewish Emancipation.” *Textures and Meanings: Thirty Years of Judaic Studies at the UMASS*, pp. 4-27. Amherst, 2004.
- “Jewish Self-Rule in France: From Community to Consistory” [Hebrew], in *Kehal Israel: Jewish Self-Rule Through the Ages*, vol. 3, pp. 67-110. Jerusalem: Mercaz Zalman Shazar, 2004.
- “Childhood in Jewish History,” in *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood in History and Society*, Paula S. Fass, ed., New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004.
<http://www.faqs.org/childhood/In-Ke/Judaism.html>
- “Rabbinic Leadership in Modern France: Competing Conceptions, Paradigms, Strategies in the Emancipation Era,” *Jewish Religious Leadership: Image and Reality*. 2 vols. Jack Wertheimer, ed., vol. 2, pp. 508-533. New York: JTS Press, 2004.
- “Social and Religious Controls in Pre-Revolutionary France: Rethinking the Beginnings of Modernity.” *Jewish History* 15:1 (2001): 1-40
- "Authority and Innovation at the Threshold of Modernity: The *Me'orei Or* of Rabbi Aaron Worms of Metz." *Me'ah She'arim: Studies in Medieval Jewish Spiritual Life in Memory of Isadore Twersky*. Jerusalem, 2001, pp. 249-285.
- “Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of European Social History*. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001. vol. 5, pp. 275-286.
- "Rabbinic Authority and Religious Reform in Nineteenth Century France," *Proceedings of the Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Jerusalem, 2000.
- "Does Jewish History Repeat Itself? Paradigm, Myth, and Tradition," *The Solomon Goldman Lectures*, Dean Bell, ed. Chicago: Spertus Institute, 1999, vol. 7, pp. 125-147.

"Patterns of Rabbinic Succession in Modern France," *Jewish History* 13 (1999): 59-82.

"Jewish Scholarship and Identity in Nineteenth Century France," *Modern Judaism* 18 (1998): 1-33.

"The French Revolution and the Jews: Assessing the Cultural Impact." *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, 20 (1995): 25-86.

"Law and Custom in the Writings of Rabbi Aaron Worms." *Proceedings of the Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Jerusalem, 1994, Division C, vol. 1, pp. 65-72.

"Jewish Consciousness in France in the First Generations following the Revolution: The Social Background" [Hebrew], in *The French Revolution and its Impact*. Richard I. Cohen, ed. Jerusalem: Mercaz Zalman Shazar, 1991, pp. 251-269.

"The *Me'orei Or* of Rabbi Aaron Worms: Trends in Rabbinic Scholarship in Revolutionary France," *Proceedings of the Tenth World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Jerusalem, 1990, vol. 2, div. B, pp. 251-258.

"Jewish Educational Leadership in Nineteenth-century France: The Role of Teachers," *Proceedings of the Ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Jerusalem, 1986.

Reviews and Review Essays

Review: Shmuel Feiner, *The Origins of Jewish Secularization in the Eighteenth Century*, in *Eighteenth Century Studies* 45 (2012): 627-629.

Review: Jeffrey Haus, *Challenges of Equality: Judaism, State, and Education in Nineteenth-Century France*, in *American Historical Review* (April 2010).

Review Essay: "Jewish Emancipation Reconsidered," *H-France Review*, Vol. 6 (2006), No. 150, pp. 649-654. <http://h-france.net/vol6reviews/Vol6no150berkovitz.pdf>

Review Essay: Lois Dubin, *The Port Jews of Habsburg Trieste*. *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 28 (2004): 387-391.

Review Essay: Ronald Schechter, *Obstinate Hebrews: Representations of Jews in France, 1715-1815*. *International History Review* 36.4 (December, 2004): 826-8.

Review Essay: Paula Hyman, *The Emancipation of the Jews of Alsace*. *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 20 (1995): 225-229.

Review Essay. Assimilation and Nationalism in Nineteenth-century France, based on Michael Graetz, *From Periphery to Center*, in *Zion* 51 (1986): 107-112.

Non-Refereed Articles

"Law, Halakhah, and History: A New Perspective on the World of Ashkenazic Jewry." Jacob Katz Memorial Lecture. Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem.

"The Pinkas of the Metz Beit Din (171-1789): Communal Registers as a New Genealogical Resource." *Avotaynu* 31.3 (Fall, 2015): 46-48. (with Michael Rubin)

“Protocols of Justice.” *A Decade of Distinction. A Publication of the Center for Jewish History.* (October, 2011), p. 6. <http://www.cjh.org/p/138>

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & INVITED LECTURES

“Navigating Between French Law and Jewish Law in Eighteenth-Century Metz.” Conference on “Jewish Law and the Law of Nations: Modern Jewish History through a Legal Lens.” Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. June 2019.

"The Community, the Rabbinate and Lay Leadership: Jewish History and Institutional History." University of Vienna, July 2018.

“Dina de Malchuta Dina in the Early Modern Beit Din.” Prague Jewish Museum, July 2018.

“Early Modern Communal Autonomy Revisited: Competing Jurisdictions and Authority of the Kahal, the Beit Din, and the State.” Bar-Ilan university Faculty of Law, June 2018.

“According to the Law of Israel and the Law of the Nations’: The Challenges of Legal Syncretism in Early Modern Ashkenaz.” Conference: "The Practice of Jewish Politics, 1492-1880." University of Maryland, October 2017.

“Community, Family, and Social Norms in Early Modern Ashkenaz: Using The Pinkas of the Metz Beit Din as an Historical Source.” Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. August 2017.

“Roman Law, Customary Law, and Jewish Law in Eighteenth-Century Metz: Influence and Interaction.” Jewish Law Association. University of Vienna. July 2017.

“The Napoleonic Sanhedrin as a Point of Departure in the Relationship between the State and the Jewish Community.” Jewish Law Association. University of Vienna. July 2017.

“Law, Halakhah, and History: A New Perspective on the World of Ashkenazic Jewry in the Early Modern Period.” Jacob Katz Memorial Lecture. Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem. 2017.

“Gliki’s Legacy: The Jewish Family and the Changing Role of Women in Eighteenth-Century France.” Yeshiva University. March 2017.

“The Attitude of Early Modern Ashkenazic Poseqim to Medieval Sephardic Authorities.” Michlelet Orot, Rehovot Israel. May 2017.

“Competing Domains: Attitude of Early Modern Ashkenazic Poseqim to Communal Legislation and Public Policy.” Michlala College, Jerusalem. February 2017.

“Between *Poseqim* and *Dayyanim*: Competing Perspectives on Legal Decision-Making in Early Modern Ashkenaz.” Association for Jewish Studies. San Diego. December 2016.

“Mapping the Legal Universe of Early Modern Ashkenaz.” Symposium on Law and History, Cardozo Law School. September 2016.

“Rethinking Early Modern Communal Autonomy: Perspectives from the Pinkas of the Metz Beit Din.” Summer School in the Study of Ashkenazic Pinkasim. Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History & Culture, Leipzig University and Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University. July 2016.

“Precedent and Freedom of Interpretation in Early Modern Ashkenazic Responsa.” Jewish Law Association and Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University. July 2016.

“At the Intersection of Jewish Law and French Law: Traversing Social and Cultural Boundaries in Eighteenth-Century France.” Institute for Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp. November 2015.

“A l'intersection du droit et de l'histoire: Le tribunal rabbinique de Metz avant la Révolution.” La Société des études juives, Paris. November 2015.

“Rabbis and Rabbinical Culture in the Early Modern Period.” Seventh Summer Academy of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire.” Giessen, August 2015.

“The Jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Court of Metz between French and Jewish Law.” Seventh Summer Academy of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire.” Fulda, August 2015.

“Autonomy and Integration: Jewish Law and Legal Pluralism in Eighteenth-Century Metz.” Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law. June 2015.

“Interpretive Trends in Early Modern Ashkenazic Responsa: Cases of Social and Economic Conflict.” Association for Jewish Studies. Baltimore. December 2014.

“Order in the Courts: Litigation and Jurisprudence in the Pinkas of the Beit Din of Metz, 1771-1789.” Jewish Law Association Annual Conference. Antwerp, July 2014.

“The Social Foundations of Legal Pluralism: Litigation and Jurisprudence in the Pinkas of the Beit Din of Metz, 1771-1789.” Tenth Congress, European Association for Jewish Studies. Paris, July 2014.

“Rethinking Jewish Legal Culture: The Metz Beit Din and French Law in the 18th Century.” Association for Jewish Studies. December 2013.

“Protocols of Justice: The Rabbinic Court of Metz.” Keynote address at “Hidden from History: The Pinkas of the Metz Rabbinic Court, 1771-1790.” Symposium at the Center for Jewish History. October 2013.

“Charity in Life and Death in Early Modern Metz.” Sixteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. July 2013.

“Poverty, Prosperity and Philanthropy: Social Tensions and Communal Policy in Eighteenth-Century Metz.” Association for Jewish Studies. December 2012.

“Inside the Metz Beit Din: Law and Historical Narrative in the Eighteenth Century.” Yale University, Modern Jewish Studies Colloquium, November 2012.

“The Pinkasim of Metz and Frankfurt” (Advanced Paleography). Jerusalem, July 2012

“Jews in Early Modern Europe: A Day-to-Day Perspective.” With Francesca Trivellato and Debra Kaplan. Center for Jewish History. New York, May 2012.

“The Persona of a *Poseq*: Social Conscience, Religious Sensibility, and Self-Fashioning in Late Seventeenth-Century Ashkenaz.” Association for Jewish Studies. December 2011.

“Jewish Women in France Before the French Revolution.” Hebrew University, Department of Jewish History. May 2011.

“Navigating Plural Jurisdictions in Early Modern Metz.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference. December 2010.

“Protocols of Justice: Inside the Rabbinical Court of Metz (1771-1789).” Ruth Gay Seminar in Jewish Studies. YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. October 2010.

“Family in Court: Women, Inheritance and Commercial Culture in Metz on the Eve of the Revolution.” Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. August 2009

“Halakhic Literature as a Source for Cultural History: Ashkenaz in the Early Modern Period.” Jewish History Faculty Seminar, Bar-Ilan University, July 2008.

“Jewish Philanthropy in Early Modern and Modern Europe.” The Orthodox Forum. Yeshiva University. March 2008

“Integration and Acculturation in Eighteenth-Century Metz: The Circuitous Path to Modernity.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference. December 2007.

“Reading Halakhic Literature as a Source for Cultural History.” Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. April 2007.

“Crisis and Authority in Early Modern Ashkenaz.” Yeshiva University. February 2007.

“Halakhic Literature as a Source for Autobiography: The Persona of the *Poseq*.” World Union of Jewish Studies Symposium: Biography and Autobiography. Bar-Ilan University. March 2007.

“Rites, Revolution and Jewish Identity.” Conference sponsored by Dahan Center on Jews of France. Bar-Ilan University. May 2006.

“Civil Law and Justice in the Rabbinic Tribunals of 18th Century Metz.” Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, 2005.

“Order in the Courts: Civil Law and Justice in the Rabbinic Tribunals of 18th Century Metz.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference. December 2004.

“Jewish Catechisms in Revolutionary France: *Patrie*, Religion and Pedagogy.” Symposium on Rabbinic Initiatives in Jewish Education, Bar-Ilan University. May 2003.

“Rabbinic Leadership in Modern France: Competing Conceptions, Paradigms, and Strategies in the Emancipation Era.” Conference on Religious Leadership in the Modern Age. Jewish Theological Seminary of America. November 2001.

“The Legal Methodology of Rabbi Ya’ir Hayyim Bacharach.” Thirteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. August 2001.

“Changing Conceptions of Gentiles and Gentile Culture: The Napoleonic Sanhedrin.” The Orthodox Forum, Yeshiva University. March 2001.

“Minhag in the Halakhic Thought of Rabbi Yair Hayyim Bacharach.” Symposium on Ritual and Leadership, Bar-Ilan University. December 2000.

“Rabbi Ya’ir Hayyim Bacharach: Portrait of a Seventeenth Century Talmudist.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston. December 2000.

"Legislating Social Morality in Early Modern France." International Conference on Jewish Politics and Political Leadership, Bar-Ilan University. December 1999.

"Social and Religious Control in Pre-Emancipation Alsace-Lorraine." Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston. December 1998.

"The Halakhic Approaches of the Vilna Gaon and R. Aaron Worms of Metz." International Conference on the Gaon of Vilna. Historical Society of Israel, Jerusalem, January 1998.

"The Letters of Rabbis Salomon Ulmann: A New Source on Rabbinic Authority and Religious Reform." Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, August 1997.

"The Orthodox Rabbinate in France." Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. November 1997.

"Orthodoxy and Modernity." Bar-Ilan University, January 1997.

"Does Jewish History Repeat Itself? Paradigm, Myth, and Tradition." Spertus College, Chicago. May 1995.

"Judaism Transformed: Revolution and Evolution in Modern Europe," Rutgers University, May 1995.

"Law and Custom in the Writings of Rabbi Aaron Worms of Metz." Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. June 1993.

"Toward a Reappraisal of Social and Religious Life in Alsace-Lorraine on the Eve of the Revolution." Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston. December 1989.

"The Impact of the Revolution on Jewish Consciousness in the First Generations of the Emancipation Era." Historical Society of Israel Conference, Jerusalem. July 1989.

"Orthodoxy in France in the Era of Emancipation." Bar-Ilan University, March 1989.

"Jewish Scholarship and Jewish Identity in Modern France." Annual meeting of Society for French Historical Studies. University of South Carolina at Columbia. March 1988.

"The Rabbinate and Religious Reform in Nineteenth Century France." Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston. December 1987.

"Sephardim and Ashkenazim in Nineteenth-century France: The Challenge of Emancipation." Conference on Sephardic Studies, SUNY-Binghamton. 1987.

"Jewish Educational Leadership in France in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century." Ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem. August 1985.

"Emerging Tensions Between Academics and Rabbis in Modern France." Wesleyan University. April 1984.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

"The *Mekor Hayyim* Commentary by Rabbi Ya'ir Hayyim Bacharach: *Pesikah, Lamdanut*, and the Western Ashkenazic Tradition in the Seventeenth Century." Workshop on Commentaries to the Shulhan Arukh. Tel Aviv University, December 2020.

"Between Jewish Law and the Law of Nations: The Family in the French Court and Beit Din of Metz in the 18th Century." Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law, November 2019.

"When the Ball is in the Other Court: Navigating Legal and Jurisdictional Differences in the Beit Din and Parlement of Metz." Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. January 2019.

"Rabbinic Culture in Early Modern Europe." Association for Jewish Studies 2017. Washington, D.C.

"The Metz Rabbinate and Economic Life in 18th Century Metz." Centre de recherche français de Jérusalem: Nouveaux Regards sur 'histoire économique des juifs: sources, historiographie, enjeux. July 2017.

"Order in the Court: Navigating Between Halakhah and French Law." Centre de recherche français de Jérusalem: Nouveaux Regards sur 'histoire économique des juifs: sources, historiographie, enjeux. July 2017.

"*Parnassim, Poseqim* and *Dayyanim*: Competing Perspectives on Law and Legal Decision-Making in Early Modern Ashkenaz." Hebrew University Faculty of Law. May 2017.

"Inheritance, Women, and Guardianship in Eighteenth-Century Metz: Custom and Law in a Historical Perspective." Forum Ashkenaz, Jerusalem. April, 2017.

"Competing Domains: Attitude of Early Modern Ashkenazic Poseqim to Communal Legislation and Public Policy." Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. March 2017.

"Social and Cultural History through a Legal Lens: Mining Rabbinic Court Records." Three workshop sessions at the Summer School in the Study of Ashkenazic Pinkasim. Co-sponsored by the Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture (Leipzig University) and the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University. July 2016.

"The Pinkas Beit ha-Din in Relation to Other Types of Pinkasim: An Integrated Reading." Pinkasim Project Workshop. Co-sponsored by the Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture (Leipzig University) and the Hebrew University. Jerusalem, July 2014.

"On the Use of Pinkasim in Writing Jewish History." Plenary Session: Fourth Summer Academy of the Research Cluster "The Jewish Holy Roman Empire." Jerusalem, July 2012.

“Finding Common Ground: The Metz Beit Din and the French Judicial System.” Early Modern Workshop, Brown University, February 2012.

“Rabbinic Antecedents and Parallels to *Wissenschaft des Judentums*. Leo Baeck Institute Summer Workshop. Jerusalem, July 2011.

“Inside the Rabbinic Court of Metz: Navigating Plural Jurisdictions in Eighteenth-Century France.” Hebrew University Faculty of Law, Legal History Workshop. May 2011.

“Protocols of Justice: The Metz Beit Din, 1771-1789.” Mellon Foundation Workshop on

“Early Modern Jewries: The Parameters of Change.” Wesleyan University. August 2004.

CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

Conference Organizer: “Jewish Law and the Law of Nations: Modern Jewish History through a Legal Lens.” Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. June 2019.

Member, Organizing Committee: “Early Modern Rabbinic Court Records: New Material for the Study of Jewish Law.” Tel Aviv University Law Faculty. June 2015.

Panel Organizer: “Reading Formulaic Texts from Early Modern Ashkenaz: Three Case Studies in Law and Economics.” Association for Jewish Studies Conference. Baltimore. December 2014.

Panel Organizer: “Jews and Justice: Courts and Litigation in Medieval and Early Modern Europe.” European Association for Jewish Studies Conference. Paris. July 2014.

Symposium Organizer: “From the Archives: Transforming Scholarship into Public History. A Conversation for Scholars, Curators and Students.” Center for Jewish History. January 2014.

Panel Organizer: “Crossing Jurisdictions: Jews, Courts, and New Historical Methodologies of Pre-Modern Jewish Litigation.” Association for Jewish Studies Conference. December 2013.

Symposium Convener: “Hidden from History: The Pinkas of the Metz Rabbinic Court, 1771-1790.” Center for Jewish History. October 2013.

Panel Organizer: “Revisiting the History of the Jews in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: In Honor of Kenneth Stow.” Association for Jewish Studies. December 2011.

Panel Organizer: “Jewish Philanthropy, Economic Crisis, and Modernization: Charity and Society in Three Jewish Cities.” Association for Jewish Studies Conference. December 2012.

Panel Organizer: “Legal Pluralism in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference. December 2010.

Conference Organizer: “Circa 1492: The Impact of the Reconquista on Muslims and Jews.” University of Massachusetts. November 1992.

PUBLIC LECTURES (SELECTED)

“Torah mi-Sinai vs. General Law: Is Seeking Common Ground Justified (and Desirable)?” Kehillat Eretz Hemdah, Jerusalem. February 2020.

“The Portrait of a Community Based on its Pinkasim: The Example of Metz.” National Library of Israel. June 2019.

“Remembrance of Things Past: Tefillah, Memory, and Redemption.” Maayan Institute, Newton. December 2016.

“La vie juive avant la révolution selon le Pinkas de Metz.” Communauté israélite de Metz. November 2015.

“Recourse to Gentile Courts and *Dina de Malkhuta Dina*.” Séminaire rabbinique, Paris. November 2015.

“From Sinai to Citizenship: Law and Intrigue in the Bet Din of Metz.” Cong. Shaarei Tefillah, Newton. May 2015.

“French and Jewish: Defining a Modern Jewish Identity in the Nineteenth Century.” Center for Jewish History. New York. December 2013.

“Sex, Yiddish and the Law: Metz in the Eighteenth Century.” YIVO Institute. New York. October, 2013.

“Women and Mitzvot: A New Approach by the Havvot Ya’ir,” Cong. Shaarei Tefilah, Newton. May 2012.

“Napoleon’s *Bêtes Noires*: Jews, Money and Citizenship in Revolutionary France.” Center for Jewish History, New York. December 2011.

“Gliki’s Legacy: Jewish Women in France before the Revolution.” Center for Jewish History, New York. November 2011.

“Prayer, Gravitas and Lightness of Being: David Dancing Before the Ark.” Eleventh Annual Rosalie Katchen Memorial Lecture. Maayan Institute, Boston. Sept. 2011.

REVIEWS OF PUBLISHED WORKS

Law’s Dominion: Jewish Community, Religion, and Family in Early Modern Metz

- *Pardes* 26 (2020): 146-149..
- *Archives juives* 53 (2020): 135-139.

Protocols of Justice: The Pinkas of the Metz Rabbinic Court, 1771-1789.

- *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 41:2 (November 2017): 478-480.
- *H-France Review*, Volume 16 (August. 2016), no. 149.
<http://www.h-france.net/vol16reviews/vol16no149behre.pdf>
- *The Journal of Modern History* 90:1 (March 2018): 202-204.
- *The Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 19 (2016): 295-316.
- *Zion* 82 (2017): 139-143.
- *Zemanim* 136 (2017): 136-139.
- *Medaon* 10 (2016): 1-3.

Tradition and Revolution: Jewish Culture in Early Modern France.

- *Zion* 73:3 (2008), pp. 363-66.

- *Haaretz*, November 11, 2007
https://www.haaretz.co.il/literature/study/1.1455648
- *Makor Rishon*. July 27, 2007.

Rites and Passages: The Beginnings of Modern Jewish Culture in France.

- *Jewish Culture and History* (2008), 94-96.
- *H-France Review* Vol. 5 (May 2005), No. 57, pp. 243-245.
- *Jewish History* 20: 3/4 (Fall 2006), pp. 363-68.
- *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, Vol. 31, No. 1 (April, 2007): 204-206.

The Shaping of Jewish Identity in Nineteenth-century France

- *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Spring, 1992): 110-13.
- *American Historical Review*, Vol. 98, No. 5 (Dec., 1993), pp. 1617-1618.
- *Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 64, No. 4 (Dec., 1992), pp. 811-813.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Undergraduate Courses

Antisemitism in Historical Perspective
 The Making of Modern Jewry
 Jewish Autobiographical Writings
 Jewish Business Ethics
 Jewish Law and Society
 Jewish Family and Sexuality
 Major Issues in Contemporary Jewish Life
 Modern Israel: History, Society, and Culture

Graduate Courses

Family and Sexuality in Jewish History and Culture
 Jewish History Through a Legal Lens: Everyday Life in Early Modern Europe
 Social and Cultural History of the Jews in Medieval and Modern Europe
 The Jews in Modern France: Family and Ritual in the Age of Revolution
 Jews in Early Modern Europe
 Jewish Perspectives on the Past: Ritual, Memory and History
 Jewish Law and Ritual in the Medieval and Modern Periods
 Rabbinic Responsa Literature in the Modern Era

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Academic Curator:

- “Circles of Justice: Law, Culture, and the Jews of Metz in Eighteenth- Century France.” 2013-2014
Center for Jewish History. <http://metz.cjh.org/>

Adult Studies Faculty

- Weekly Jewish Law Seminar: “Topics in the History of Halakhah.” 2009-2018
Congregation Shaarei Tefilah, Newton, MA.
- Me’ah Program 1998-
- Ma’ayan Institute for Women 1995-

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Israel Institute for Advanced Studies. Fellow and Organizer of Research Group: “Rethinking Early Modern Jewish Legal Culture”	2018-2019
EURIAS (European Institutes for Advanced Studies) Fellowship Award	2018-2019
Association for Jewish Studies. Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in Modern Jewish History (Europe and Israel)	2016
Fellow, American Academy for Jewish Research	2015-
National Endowment for the Humanities. Inaugural Senior Scholar, Center for Jewish History, New York	2011-2012
Book Subvention Award. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, UMass	2017
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Research Fellowship	2011-2012
The Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization, NYU. Affiliate Scholar	2011-2012
Marion and Jasper Whiting Fellowship	2011
Tikvah Fund. Working Group on Passover Haggadah. Princeton University	2009-2011
Lady Davis Visiting Professorship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	2007
Center for Teaching. Teaching Grant. University of Massachusetts	2007
Fellow, Brandeis Summer Israel Seminar	2005
Visiting Research Fellow, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem	2005/2007
Faculty Research Grant. University of Massachusetts	1983, 1989, 2005
Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Publication Grant	2003
Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Translation Grant	2000
Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University	1997
Honorary Harry Starr Fellow, Harvard University	1995
Yad Hanadiv (Rothschild Foundation) Fellowship	1988-1989
National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Doctoral Dissertation Grant	1977-1978
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Doctoral Dissertation Grant	1976-1978

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Executive Council, Jewish Law Association	2016-
Editor-in-Chief, <i>Jewish History</i>	2012-
Member, Academic Board of “The Pinkassim Project: Recovering the Records of European Jewry”	2012-
Member, Association for Jewish Studies Program Committee	2012-2015

American Academy for Jewish Research	2015-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Graduate Fellowships Committee • Member, Special Initiatives Committee • Salo Wittmayer Baron Book Prize Committee 	
Member, Academic Advisory Council, Center for Jewish History	2012-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Nominations Committee • Member, Graduate Fellowships Committee • Chair, Prins Foundation Fellowship Committee 	2012, 2013
Member, Academic Advisory Committee, the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2013-
Association for Jewish Studies Distinguished Lectureship Program	2013-
Member, Editorial Board, <i>Jewish History</i>	2000- 2010
Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Foundation for Jewish Culture	1995-2012

Manuscript Referee:

University of Alabama Press; Bar-Ilan University Press; Ben Gurion University Press; Cambridge University Press; Harvard University Press; Hebrew Union College Press; Indiana University Press; Littman Library of Jewish Civilization; Oxford University Press; University of Pennsylvania Press; Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies; Princeton University Press; Wayne State University Press; Yale University Press; Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History

Journals Referee:

Association for Jewish Studies Review; The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation; French Historical Studies, Jewish History; \ Jewish Quarterly Review; Modern Judaism; Nashim; Pe'amim; Zion, Zutot

Promotion and Tenure Referee:

Bar-Ilan University; Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law; Ben Gurion University of the Negev; Brooklyn College; Brown University; Colby College; Harvard University; Council of Higher Education, Israel; Monash University, Melbourne; Open University, Israel; Princeton University; Stony Brook University; Touro College; University of Cincinnati; Université de Paris; Yeshiva University

Ph.D. Dissertation Judge:

Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Bar-Ilan University

Proposal Evaluator:

Israel Science Foundation; Foundation for Jewish Culture; Czech Republic Science Foundation; Research Council of Norway

CONSULTING

Chair, Review Committee Dartmouth College, Judaic Studies 2013
 Chair, Visitors Panel UConn Storrs, Center for Judaic Studies 2010
 Member, Visitors Panel UConn Storrs, Center for Judaic Studies 1988

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Jewish Studies
European Association for Jewish Studies
Jewish Law Association
World Union of Jewish Studies

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST