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To honor the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Bernard Revel Graduate School, we highlight the impact that Revel has had on Jewish scholarship, education, and leadership worldwide. Inside this pamphlet are 80 publications, lectures, and courses presented by Revel faculty and alumni during Revel's eightieth year. This is a sample of the hundreds of presentations delivered over the years.

PUBLICATIONS



Rabbi Hayyim Angel

"Controversies over the Historicity of Biblical Passages in Traditional Commentary," *Increasing Peace through Balanced Torah Study, Conversations* 27.



Dr. Joseph Angel

"A Newly Discovered Interpretation of Isaiah 40:12-13 in the Song of the Sage." *Ha-Ish Moshe: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein* (Brill, 2017).



Rabbi Yitzchak Blau

"Idolatry and Martyrdom," *Torah U'Madda Journal*.



Dr. Elisheva Carlebach

Essay in *Reimagined: 45 Years of Jewish Art* (Glitterati Inc., 2016).



Rabbi Shalom Carmy

"It Can Sink So Low and No Lower: On Fanaticism and Dogma," *Tradition* 50:1



Dr. Yaakov Elman

Co-author. "The Quantification of Religious Obligation in Second Temple Jerusalem." *Ha-Ish Moshe: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein* (Brill, 2017).



Dr. Steven Fine

The Menorah: From the Bible to Modern Israel (Harvard University Press, 2016).



Dr. Ezra Frazer

Abraham Ibn Ezra on Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi: A Critical Edition, Translation, and Super Commentary with an Analytic Introduction. Dissertation, Bernard Revel Graduate School.



Dr. Jeffery Gurock

Editor. *Conversations with Colleagues: On Becoming an American Jewish Historian* (Academic Studies Press, April 2018).



Dr. Stu Halpern

Editor. *Books of the People: Revisiting Classic Works of Jewish Thought* (Maggid Books, 2017).



Dr. David Hazony

"Israeli Identity and the Future of American Jewry," *Tower Magazine*.



Dr. Richard Hidary

Rabbis and Classical Rhetoric: Sophistic Education and Oratory in the Talmud and Midrash (Cambridge University Press, 2018).



Rabbi Howard Jachter

"Standing for Aseret HaDibrot? Not at a Sephardic Kehilla!," *The Jewish Link*.



Rabbi Dr. Joshua Joseph

"The Shirt Off Your Back: A Chanukah Message," *YU Chanuka TorahToGo*.



Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel

"Ashkenazic Talmudic Interpretation and the Jewish-Christian Encounter," *Medieval Encounters* 22 (2016).



Rabbi Yaakov Kermaier

"Elie Wiesel: A Gentle Giant," *Algemeiner Journal*.



Dr. Ronnie Perelis

Narratives from the Sephardic Atlantic: Blood and Faith (Indiana University Press, 2016).



Rabbi Dani Rockoff

"Planting the Light of Torah in the Heartland," *YU Tisha B'av TorahToGo*.



Dr. Hayyim Rothman

Reason's Rebellion, or Anarchism out of the Sources of Spinozism. Dissertation, Boston College.



Dr. Daniel Rynhold

Co-author. *Nietzsche, Soloveitchik, and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).



Mr. Yoel Saidan

"Iran, Jewish and Beyond: Reflections of a Fellow," *Jewish Journal*.



Dr. Shira Weiss

The Revelation at Sinai: What Does "Torah From Heaven" Mean?: Conference of the Herzl Institute.



Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank

Illuminating Jewish Thought: Explorations of Free Will, the Afterlife, and the Messianic Era (Maggid Books, 2018).



Rabbi Shlomo Zuckier

"The Neglected Oaths Passage (CD IX: 8-12) The Elusive Allusive Meaning," *Ha-Ish Moshe: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein* (Brill, 2017).

COURSES



Rabbi Mendel Breitstein

Darchei Noam: *Biblical Hebrew*



Dr. Mordechai Cohen

Center for Judaic and Inter-Religious Studies at Shandong University:
Jewish Bible Interpretation



Dr. Jonathan Dauber

Bernard Revel Graduate School: *Secrecy in Jewish Thought*



Dr. Joel Hecker

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College: *Aggadic Process: The Body in Jewish Thought, Law and Lore*



Dr. Elazar Hurvitz

Bernard Revel Graduate School: *Textual Development of Mishna & Talmud*



Dr. Yael Landman

Drisha: *Stories and Statutes: Law and Biblical Narrative*



Dr. Sid Leiman

2017 Barish Shabbat Limmud Scholars: *The Bible and the Talmud in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls*



Dr. Jess Olson

Bernard Revel Graduate School: *German Jewish Intellectual History*



Rabbi Benjamin Samuels

Ma'ayan: *Sefer Shoftim: Leadership amidst Lawlessness*



Mrs. Moriah Weiss

Stern College: *Personalities in Samuel*

LECTURES



Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin

Apple and Coca-Cola: Geirim and Kohanim in the Jewish Tradition: Yeshiva University.



Rabbi Mordechai Becher

Mitzvot: Why Do We Do What We Do? Reasons, Effects, Causes and Guesses: Young Israel of Woodmere.



Dr. David Berger

Polemics and Prophethood in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: University of Zurich, Switzerland.



Dr. Yitzchak Berger

Allusion and Meaning in the Book of Judges with Some Pushback on Methodology, Harvard University.



Dr. Ari Berman

Leadership for Tomorrow; Values for Tomorrow; Education for Tomorrow; Skillset Needed for Tomorrow: Inaugural Address, Yeshiva University.



Rabbi David Brofsky

Mishteh V'Yom Tov: The Relationship between Simchat Purim and Simchat Yom Tov: Queens College Hillel.



Ms. Mali Brofsky

Modern Orthodoxy, the View from Israel: Green Road Synagogue, Beachwood OH.



Ms. Suzanne Cohen

"It's not the IQ, It's the RQ": Yosef, Interpreter of Dreams — A Tribute to Rav Cooperman Z"L: Beth Abraham, Teaneck, NJ.



Dr. Barry Eichler

Chaired a panel at the *Social Justice and Jewish Law Conference* hosted by Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School and The Jewish Law Association.



Rabbi Seth Farber

An Inside Look at the Latest Controversies with the Chief Rabbinate, the American Rabbinate, and American Jewry: Young Israel of Scarsdale, NY.



Rabbi Roy Feldman

Reciting Hallel on Yom Ha'atzmaut: Congregation Beth Abraham-Jacob, Albany, NY.



Rabbi Shaya First

Five Weeks, Five Figures, Five Hundred Years of Medieval Jewish History: Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, NJ.



Mrs. Yael Goldfischer

Ruth's Ruthless Origins: East Hill Synagogue, Englewood, NJ.



Ms. Blu Greenberg

Where There is a Rabbinic Will, There is A Halakhic Way: Defense and Critique of a Controversial Construct: Midreshet Ein Hanatziv.



Dr. Shalom Holtz

Nebuchadnezzar on the World Stage: Geo-Political Perspectives of the Destruction of the First Temple: Kehillat Yedidya, Jerusaelem.



Mrs. Chumi Juni

Questioning God: The Book of Job and the Uses of Philosophy: JOFA, UK.



Dr. Joshua Karlip

A Time of Soul Searching: The Yiddishist Intelligentsia and the Crisis of 1939: Yeshiva University.



Rabbi Aryeh Klapper

Revisiting (Why) Does Jewish Tradition Recognize a Halakhah Independent of Ethics? Anti-Reductionism and Some of Its Discontents. Social Justice and Jewish Law Conference hosted by Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School and The Jewish Law Association.



Rabbi Akiva Koenigsberg

Appreciating the Order of the Aseret Ha-Dibrot: Jewish Heritage Center of Queens.



Mrs. Chaya Sima Koenigsberg

The Murdered Eshet Chayil and the Medieval Reality of Mourning during Sefirah: Midreshet Yom Rishon, Yeshiva University.



Dr. Aaron Koller

Exploring Esther: Literacy, Political and Sociological Reflections on the Megillah: Lincoln Square Synagogue, Manhattan, NY.



Dr. Michelle Levine

Young Israel of Oceanside: *Recording Nature's Song in Sefer Tehillim*



Rabbi Aryeh Liebowitz

Imitatio Dei: Classical and Innovative Understandings of Man's Obligation to Imitate God (panel discussion): Yeshivat Sha'alvim.



Dr. Rafael Medoff

Transformative Ed: Exploring Difficult Subjects through Comics: American Alliance of Museums.



Dr. Ari Mermelstein

Halakhah Grounded in Tradition or in Biblical Interpretation? The Radical View of Rabbi Akiva and the Controversies It Stirred: Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ.



Dr. Moshe Miller

R. Samson Raphael Hirsch's View of Non-Jews: Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought.



Rabbi Adam Mintz

Crime: Does it Pay? e.g., Julius and Ethel Rosenberg: Spies: Kehillat Rayim Ahuvim, Manhattan, NY.



Rabbi Elie Mischel

Weekly lecture: *Great Thinkers in Jewish History*: Synagogue of the Suburban Torah Center, Livingston, NJ.



Rabbi David Nachbar

Don't Forget to Forget – An Analysis of מצוות לקט ושכחה and Their Relevance to Shavuot- All Night Shiur for the תיקון ליל שבועות: Torah Academy of Bergen County, NJ.



Rabbi Francis Nataf

Hegel, History and Rebbe Akiva – A New Take on Sefirat HaOmer: Bayt Toronto.



Mrs. CB Neugroschl

Celebrating Yerushalayim: Unified & Unifying: Young Israel of Woodmere.



Rabbi Hillel Novetsky

AlHaTorah.org: Contributions of the Digital Revolution to Transforming the Mikraot Gedolot: World Congress for Jewish Studies in Yerushalayim.



Mrs. Jackie Rosensweig

The Centennial of the Bais Yaakov Movement: Stern College.



Rabbi Willie Roth

Smikha Controversy of the 16th Century: Congregation Israel, Springfield, NJ.



Rabbi Gidon Rothstein

Insights for a Meaningful Passover Experience: Congregation Havurat Yisrael, Forest Hills, NY.



Rabbi Jeffery Saks

But Always I Regarded Myself As One Who Was Born In Jerusalem (gallery talk): Yeshiva University Museum.



Dr. Shana Schick

The Radical Reconceptualization of Ritual in Talmudic Law: Law as Religion, Religion as Law Conference at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Mrs. Shira Schiowitz

Calamity and Consolation: The Message of Yeshayahu HaNavi: Lamdeinu, Teaneck, NJ.



Rabbi Allen Schwartz

Ten Commandments in Tanach: Congregation Ohab Zedek, Manhattan, NY.



Dr. Shai Secunda

It's Alive! – Golems, the Power of Torah, and the Possibilities of Creation:
Stanton Street Shul, Manhattan, NY.



Rabbi Simmy Shabtai

Judaism's Attitude Towards Other Spiritual Entities. Young Israel of Deerfield Beach, FL.



Rabbi Yigal Sklarin

Private Acts of Chessed and the Promise of Eternity: Riverdale Jewish Center, NY.



Mrs. Racheli Taubes

How To Pray: University of Pennsylvania.



Rabbi Yaakov Taubes

Do You Believe in Miracles? — The History of the Chanukah Story: University of Pennsylvania.



Dr. Daniel Tsadik

Life and Exodus of Jews in Arab Lands: Bernard Revel Graduate School sponsored by the Israeli Consulate.



Rabbi Dr. Jeffrey Woolf

The World of the Rishonim: Yeshivat Har Etzion.



Dr. Joshua Zimmerman

Wounds of Jewish History: The Polish Underground and the Jews during World War II: UCLA Center for Jewish Studies.



Rabbi Jonathan Ziring

From Shlomo to the Destruction of Bayit Sheni: YU Torah miTzion Kollel Toronto.

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