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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

RAMAZ UPPER SCHOOL (New York City)

1993-1994: Teacher of Jewish Studies courses at the honors level

EMORY UNIVERSITY (Atlanta, Georgia)

1994-2000: Assistant Professor of Religious Authority and Ethics in Judaism

2000-present: Associate Professor of Jewish Studies

Teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Jewish Ethics,
modern Jewish history, Jewish theology and Rabbinic literature

2012-13: Interim Chairperson, Department of Religion

YESHIVA ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL [now Atlanta Jewish Academy] (Atlanta, Georgia)

2004-2006: Headmaster

Oversaw a transition period to clarify school's mission as a Modern
Orthodox co-educational high school, implement an appropriate educational
program, develop lay leadership and secure a permanent headmaster.

THE AVI CHAI FOUNDATION (New York, NY)

2001-2019: Consultant

Helped design, develop and evaluate programs in Jewish education and
administrative leadership for North American Jewish day schools, with a
special focus on the development of adolescent religious identity

**AZRIELI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION,
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY (New York, NY)**

2024- present: Dean

ACADEMIC TRAINING

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (Princeton, N.J.): B.A. (June 1985)

Cum Laude with Honors in Religion

RABBINIC ORDINATION (1988)

Rabbi Shlomo Levy and Rabbi Yehuda Amital, Yeshivat Har Etzion

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (New York City)

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Religion

M.A. (1988); M.Phil. (1990); Ph.D. (1992) in Philosophy of Religion

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY (Jerusalem, Israel)

Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship (1992-1993)

Researched authoritativeness of rabbinic texts, periodization of Jewish Law

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa Society

Lady David Post-Doctoral Fellowship, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1992-93)

Fulbright Research and Teaching Award at Bar Ilan University, 2001-2002 (declined)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2001-02, 2022-23

Recipient of Kathleen Connolly-Weinert Leader-of-the-Year Award, Theta Alpha Kappa
(National Honor Society for the Study of Religion), 2012

Emory University

University Research Committee Summer Grants, 1995, 1996

Center for Teaching and Curriculum Award in the Humanities, 2000

Woolford B. Baker Service Award, 2008

Nominations:

Finalist, Koret Foundation Publication Fellowship, 1997

Crystal Apple award for graduate teaching, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Rabbinic Authority (Oxford University Press, 1998), 226 pp.

The Emergence of Ethical Man, ed. mss. of Joseph Soloveitchik (Ktav, 2005), 212 pp.

Return and Renewal: Reflections on Teshuva and Spiritual Growth, edited with
Reuven Ziegler mss. of Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein (Maggid, 2018), 230 pp.

Articles:

"Towards a New Understanding of Judah Halevi's Kuzari," *Journal of Religion* 72/2
(1992):210-28.

"Rabbinic Authority: A Philosophical Analysis," *Tradition* 27/4 (1993):61-79.

"Women in Judaism from the Perspective of Human Rights," with Deborah E.
Lipstadt, in *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Religious
Perspectives*, ed. by John Witte, Jr. and Johan van der Vyver
(Dordrecht/London/Boston, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1995), pp. 295-
322; repr. in *Human Rights in Judaism: Cultural, Religious, and Political
Perspectives*, ed. by Michael J. Broyde and John Witte, Jr. (Northvale, NJ:
Jason Aronson Press, 1998), pp. 77-112.

"The Halakhic Basis for Civil Disobedience in a Democratic State," in *Tolerance,
Dissent, and Democracy: Philosophical, Historical, and Halakhic
Perspectives*, ed. by Moshe Sokol (Jason Aronson, Inc., 2001).

"U-viqashtem mi-sham: Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's Response to Martin Buber's
Religious Existentialism," *Modern Judaism* 18 (1998):93-118.

"Two Models of Medieval Jewish Marriage: A Preliminary Study," *Journal of
Jewish Studies* 52:1 (2001): 59-84. Repr. in Michael J. Broyde and

Michael Ausubel, eds., *Marriage, Sex, and Family in Judaism* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005), 116-48.

“Orthodoxy and Jewish Federations: Reflections from ‘Out-of-Town’,” in *Toward a Renewed Ethic of Jewish Philanthropy*, ed. by Yossi Prager (Jason Aronson, Inc., 2010), 157-90.

Book chapters:

“Marriage, Sex, and Family in the Jewish Tradition: A Historical Overview,” in Michael J. Broyde and Michael Ausubel, eds., *Marriage, Sex, and Family in Judaism* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005), 1-14.

“Maimonides on Sex and Marriage,” in Michael J. Broyde and Michael Ausubel, eds., *Marriage, Sex, and Family in Judaism* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005), 149-91.

“Sex, Marriage and Family in Judaism,” in Don Browning, M. Christie Green and John Witte, Jr, eds., *Sex, Marriage and Family in the World Religions* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006), 1-75.

“Taming the Beast: Rabbinic Pacification of 2nd century Jewish Messianism,” in James K. Wellman, Jr. ed., *Belief and Bloodshed: Religion and Violence across Time and Tradition* (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007), 47-61.

“Talmud/Halakhah (Jewish Law)” chapter in *The Cambridge Guide to Jewish History, Religion and Culture*, ed. by Judith R. Baskin and Kenneth Seeskin (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 311-36.

“The Concept of Family in Judaism,” in *The Concept of Education and the Concept of Family in Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, Key Concepts in Interreligious Discourses series. Ed. Georges Tamer. De Gruyter, 2025 (forthcoming).

Book Reviews:

Hilkhot Tzava (Religious Laws of Army Service) by Zecharia Ben-Shelomo, *Tradition* (1991):98-101.

In God's Mirror by Harold Schulweis, *Midstream* November (1991):46-48.

The Temple: Its Symbolism and Meaning Then and Now by Joshua Berman, *Jewish Book Council News* 13/3 (1995):5-6.

Surviving Sacrilege: Cultural Persistence in Jewish Antiquity by Steven Weitzman, *JAAR* Fall 2008.

The Peace and Violence of Judaism. Shofar <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/503637>

Values in Halakha: Six Case Studies by Aharon Lichtenstein, *Tradition* 56:3 (Summer, 2024), pp.103-121

Translations:

"Conversion: Birth and Judicial Process" by Aharon Lichtenstein, *Tradition* Fall 1987

Articles by Yehuda Amital and Nahum Rabinowitz in *Jewish Tradition and the Nontraditional Jew*, ed. Jacob J. Schacter (Northvale, N.J. and London: Jason Aronson, 1992), pp. 119-38, 177-204.

Op-ed and other short articles

- "Recruiting Jewish Educators among Jewish Studies Graduate Students," *Ten Da'at* Spring 1996, pp. 83-86.
- "Re-examining No-Fault Divorce," *Emory Report*, "First Person" column (April 22, 1996)
- "Jewish Educators: Broadening the Pool," *Jewish Education News* 22:3 (2001): 73-75.
- "Jewish Education in an Age of Personalized Religion," *PEJE 10th anniversary issue* (2007).
- "Religious Purposefulness in Jewish Day Schools," *Hayidion* Autumn 2008, 6-13.
- "Developing a Framework for Effective Jewish Day School Leadership," *Hayidion* Spring 2011, 24-26.
- "A Tale of Two Philanthropists," eJewish Philanthropy, Oct. 10, 2012 (<http://ejewishphilanthropy.com/a-tale-of-two-philanthropists/>)
- "A Compelling, yet More Demanding, Vision for 21st Century Day Schools," *Hayidion* Autumn 2014, pp. 21-22.
- "Change is in the Air – Now Let's Make it Last," with Leah N. Meir, eJewish Philanthropy, Sept. 17, 2018 (<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/change-is-in-the-air-now-lets-make-it-last/>)
- "Setting the Stage (or table) for Effective Change: A Lesson from Sukkot," eJewish Philanthropy, Sept. 26, 2018 (<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/setting-the-stage-or-table-for-effective-change-a-lesson-from-sukkot/>)
- "Thanksgiving – the Power of Noticing," eJewish Philanthropy, Nov. 14, 2018 (<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/thanksgiving-the-power-of-noticing/>)
- "Getting to Sustainability: The Case of the Jewish New Teacher Project," eJewish Philanthropy, Sept. 19, 2019 (https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/getting-to-sustainability-a-case-study-of-the-jewish-new-teacher-project/?utm_source=Sept+19%2C+2019&utm_campaign=Sept+19&utm_medium=email)
- Quoted significantly in "[What's New on Your Holiday Table](#)," by Flora Rosefsky, *Atlanta Jewish Times* Aug 13, 2021
- ["Inflating Grades vs. Enhancing Performance](#)," *Inside Higher Education* Sept. 1, 2021

PAPERS AT CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA, INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES

- "The Philosophical Argument of Halevi's Kuzari," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 1990
- "Biblical and Rabbinic Understandings of Atonement," Conference on Guilt and Atonement in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Jerusalem, December 1993
- "A Re-examination of the Periodization of Halakha," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 1993
- "*U-vikashtem mi-sham*: Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's Response to Existentialism," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 1995
- "Periodization in the Talmud and Beyond," SECSOR (Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion), March 1996

"The History and Halakha of the Agunah Problem," International Conference on Orthodoxy and Feminism, February, 1997
 "The Halakhic Basis for Civil Disobedience in a Democratic State," The Orthodox Forum, April, 1997
 "The Textual Revolution: Is the Periodization of Jewish Law a Function of Texts?," Comparative Sacred Texts Seminar, Emory University, November 1997
 "The Spiritual Odyssey of Halakhic Man: Joseph B. Soloveitchik's *U-vikashtem mi-sham*," The Soloveitchik Institute Inaugural Symposium, Boston, December, 1997
 "The State of Israel and Jewish Messianism," the Alice Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies at UNC Charlotte, March 1998
 "Bystanders and Rescuers," the inaugural Tenenbaum Lecture at Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, November, 1998
 "Conceptions of Marriage in Jewish Law," Candler Faculty Luncheon, April 1999
 "Bhrgu and Moses Go Back to the Future: The Transformative Role of Time in Commentarial Narrative," AAR, Boston, November 1999
 "How did Judaism Survive 2,000 Years in Exile," Cullum Lecture Series in Religion, Augusta State University, March 2001
 Participant in "Forum on Religion and Violence," Emory University, October 2001
 Respondent to Brooks Hollifield on "Evidential Christianity," Emory University's Graduate Division of Religion faculty-student colloquy, November, 2002
 "Taming the Beast: Rabbinic Pacification of 2nd century Palestinian Messianism," Conference on *Religion, Conflict and Violence: Exploring Patterns Past and Present, East and West*, University of Washington, May 2004
 "The Reception of Rabbi Judah's Mishnah: A Re-examination," Conference in honor of Professor David Halivni, May 2005
 Respondent to Philip Reynolds, "How Marriage Became One of the Sacraments," Faculty luncheon, Candler School of Theology, November, 2007
 "The Orthodox Community and Federations: The View from 'Out-of-Town,'" *Orthodox Forum on Philanthropy*, March 2008
 Panel Discussion, PEJE Biennial Conference, "The Future of Jewish Education," April 2008
 Session chair, "The Situation in Israel," *Orthodox Forum on Relationship of Orthodox Jews and Other Jewish Ideologies*, March 2009
 "American Religion and American Judaism: Natural and Intentional Communities," Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion, March 2011
 Panelist, "Jewish Models of Conflict Resolution," Association of Jewish Studies Conference, December 2011
 Respondent to Jonathan Crane's "A Phenomenology of Confidentiality, Secrecy and Privacy," Tam Institute for Jewish Studies Seminar Series, Feb 2012
 Participant in Wabash Center research project on the Religious Site Visit, Georgia Perimeter College, October 2013
 Panelist, "Survey of the Long Term Impacts of Liberal Education on Religious Studies Majors," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Nov 2013
 "Fitting In: American Jewish Self-Understanding over the Course of the 20th Century," Conference on Re-thinking Jewish Identity and Jewish Education, Brandeis University, March 30-31, 2014

“American Judaism: The Interplay of Intentional and Natural Communities,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, December 13, 2015
 “Israel and the Intentional Judaism of American Jews,” Leffell Seminar on Israel Studies, White Plains, New York, August 1-3, 2016
 “Technology and the Religious Self: Trends in American Judaism,” Oxford University Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism, Oxford, UK July 2-10, 2017
 “Innovation in a Preservationist Mode: New Strategies in Contemporary Ultra-Orthodoxy,” SECSOR, Athens, GA March 1, 2020
 Participant and respondent in virtual Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism, July 5-8, 2020
 “Judaism in Society,” part of *Faiths in Conversation* series, SMU Perkins School of Theology and The Dallas Institute, December 7, 2020 (Zoom)
 Participant and respondent in virtual Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism, “Disruption, Resilience, Rebuilding,” July 6-7, 2021
 Panelist, “Pew’s Jews,” National Jewish Retreat, Stone Mountain, GA, August 12, 2021
 “Intentional Jews: The Influence of American Religion on American Judaism,” National Jewish Retreat, Stone Mountain, GA August 15, 2021
 “The Concept of Family in Judaism,” Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Oct. 6-7, 2021 (Zoom)
 “Best Practice in Higher Education Workshop,” webinar sponsored by the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Effat University (Jedda, Saudi Arabia), Oct. 18, 2021
 Respondent, session on “Catholic Theology and Jews,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Atlanta, GA June 10, 2022

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
 American Academy of Religion

SERVICE

Emory University

Member, Board of Advisors for Center for Ethics in Public Policy and the Professions, Emory University (1996-2010)

Faculty Member, Student Conduct Council (1998-2004)

Cradle of Christianity Exhibit, Carlos Museum (2007-08)

- aided in mounting the exhibit, in coordinating the speaker series, and taught in lecture series of Evenings@Emory

Faculty Member, Emory College Honor Council (2014-present)

Member, Emory College Honor Council Advisory Board (2019-2022)

Member, “Emory Purpose Project,” part of Provost’s “Flourishing Project” (Sp ’22)

Department of Religion

Member, Curriculum Committee (1995-present), chair (2007-2018)

Served on search committee for position in early Indian religions (1996)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (1999-2001, 2007-2018)

Member, Candler School of Theology Old Testament search (1999-2000)

Interim Chair (2012-13)

Served on search committee for joint position in modern Judaism (2019-20)
Graduate Division of Religion
Member, Policy and Curriculum Committee (2003-04, 2007-2009)
Chair, Jewish Religious Cultures Course of Study (2007-2009)
Institute for Jewish Studies
Member, Executive Committee (1999-2003)
Director of Undergraduate Studies (2000-2001, 2021-22, 2023-24)
Acting Director of the Institute (2002-2003)
Coordinator, Tenenbaum Lecture Series (1998-2001, 2003-2004, 2006-2010)
Member, Undergraduate Committee (2014-2020)
Field Evaluator, doctoral and fellowship applications in Talmud and Rabbinics, *Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture* (2004-14)
Board Member, *Theta Alpha Kappa* National Honor Society in Religious Studies and Theology, Member-at-large (2017-2021), Treasurer (2021-present)

ADULT EDUCATION

1995 - 1996: Instructor for Wexner Jewish Leaders study group, Atlanta, GA
1996 - 2007: teach occasional classes for Jewish day school teacher enrichment, Atlanta
1996 – present: teach a bi-weekly class for Wexner Heritage alumni, Atlanta, GA
2006-2008: led and helped re-design “Abraham curriculum” on Jewish philanthropy, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta
2008-2023: Lecturer in Rabbinics for Wexner Heritage Foundation Jewish Leaders program
2020-present: faculty member, Legacy Heritage Fund’s “OnBoard Program” for lay leaders of Jewish organizations