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Education:

1973-77	University of California, Los Angeles: Ph.D. (Jewish History)
1972-73	Hebrew University, Jerusalem: Visiting graduate student
1971-72	University of California, Berkeley: M.A. (Modern European History)
1968-71	University of California, Berkeley: B.A. (History - High Honors)
1967-68	Harvard University

Academic Positions:

2011-	Emanuel Ringelblum Distinguished Professor, University of California, Davis
1999-	Emanuel Ringelblum Professor of Jewish History, University of California, Davis
1986-99	Koret Professor of Jewish History, Graduate Theological Union Adjunct Professor, History and Near Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley
1977-86	Assistant and Associate Professor of History and Judaic Studies, State University of New York at Binghamton

Administrative Positions

2013-	Director, Davis Humanities Institute
2009-2013	Chair, Department of History, University of California, Davis
2001-2006	Director, Program in Jewish Studies, University of California, Davis
1986-1999	Director, Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
1977-1986	Director, Program in Jewish Studies, SUNY-Binghamton

Visiting Positions

2004	Visiting Professor, Sorbonne-Ecole Pratique des hauts Études, Paris
1996	Visiting Professor, Ecole des hauts Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris
1992	Visiting Professor, Hebrew University, Israel
1984-85	Visiting Associate Professor, 1939 Club Chair in Holocaust Studies, UCLA
1983	Visiting Associate Professor, Haifa University, Israel
1976-77	Visiting Lecturer, University of California, Santa Cruz

Fellowships and Honors:

Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (2000-2001)
UC President's Fellowship in the Humanities (2000-2001)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (1992-93)
Lady Davis Professorial Fellowship, Hebrew University (1992)
Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University (1980-81)
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the Ph.D. (1980)
National Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship (1976-77)
Social Science Research Council Doctoral Fellowship (1975-76)

UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement (2011)
National Jewish Book Award, 1979, 1987 and 2003
Gustave O. Arlt Award for Best Published Dissertation, Council of Graduate Schools, 1980

Fellow, American Academy of Jewish Research

Languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, German, French, Latin

Publications

Books

Pioneer on Two Continents: A Pictorial Biography of Judah Magnes, Berkeley, Calif.: Judah Magnes Museum, 1977

Gershom Scholem: Kabbalah and Counter-History, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1st ed., 1979; 2nd ed. (paperback), 1982; Japanese ed., 1985; French ed. Nimes: Editions de l'Eclat, 2001; Portuguese ed., Sao Paulo: Perspectiva, 2004

- National Jewish Book Award, 1979

- Gustave O. Arlt Award of the Council of Graduate Schools, 1980
- New York Times List of Best Books of 1979

Power and Powerlessness in Jewish History, New York: Schocken Books, 1986;
paperback ed, 1987

- National Jewish Book Award, 1987
- History Book Club, Alternate Selection

Eros and the Jews: From Biblical Israel to Contemporary America, New York: Basic Books, 1992; paperback ed., 1993; Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1997; Hebrew ed. Tel Aviv: Am Oved, 1994; French ed., Arles: Acts du Sud, 1997; Italian ed., Firenze: La Guintina, 2003

Pouvoir et Violence dans l'Histoire Juive, Paris: Editions de l'Éclat, 2005

Blood and Belief: The Circulation of a Symbol between Jews and Christians, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007; paperback ed., 2008; French ed., Paris: Editions Bayard, 2009

Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Secular Jewish Thought, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011; Hebrew ed., Jerusalem: Shalom Hartman Institute, 2011; German ed., Gottingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015

A New History of Hasidism (with eight other co-authors), Princeton: Princeton University Press (in preparation)

Gershom Scholem: Between Mysticism and Modernity, Yale University Press (contracted and in preparation)

Edited Works

Insider/Outsider: American Jews and Multiculturalism, (with Susannah Heschel and Michael Galchinsky), Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998

Jewish Social Studies (1999) [special issue in memory of Amos Funkenstein]

Cultures of the Jews: A New History, 3 vols, New York: Schocken Books, 2002; paperback ed., 2005; French ed., Paris: Editions de l'Éclat, 2005; Russian ed., Avi Chai, 2013; Polish ed., Warsaw: Jewish Historical Institute, forthcoming

- National Jewish Book Award, 2003

Thinking Impossibilities: The Intellectual Legacy of Amos Funkenstein, (with Robert S. Westman), Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008

Gershom Scholem: Dix Propositions Anhistoriques sur la Cabale. Introduction and Commentaries, Paris: Editions de l'Éclat, 2012 [a book-length French translation of (12)]

The Norton Anthology of World Religions: Judaism, New York: W.W. Norton, 2014

Oxford Bibliographies Online: Jewish Studies

Winner of 2012 Prose Award for Best Multidisciplinary Platform

Articles and Chapters in Books

- (1) "Philosophy and Exegesis in the Writings of Abraham Ibn Ezra," Comitatus (UCLA Medieval and Renaissance Center), 5 (Fall, 1974): 43-62.
- (2) "Arendt in Jerusalem: Hannah Arendt on the Eichmann Trial," Response, 40 (Summer, 1980): 33-44.
- (3) "The Kabbala in Nachman Krochmal's Philosophy of History," Journal of Jewish Studies, 32 (Spring, 1981): 85-97.
- (4) "The God with Breasts: El Shaddai in the Bible," History of Religions, 21 (February, 1982): 240-56.
- (5) "Masochism and Philosemitism: The Strange Case of Leopold von Sacher-Masoch," Journal of Contemporary History, 17 (Spring, 1982): 305-24.
- (6) "Gershom Scholem and Anarchism as a Jewish Philosophy," Judaism, 32 (Winter, 1983): 70-76.
- (7) "Gershom Scholem: 1897-1982," Jewish Book Annual, 40 (1982-83): 154-61.
- (8) "Mysticism and Politics in Modern Israel: The Messianic Ideology of Abraham Isaac Ha-Cohen Kook," in Religion and Politics in the Modern World, ed. Peter Merkl and Ninian Smart (New York University Press, 1983), 191-202.
- (9) "Love, Marriage and the Modernization of the Jews," in Approaches to Modern Judaism, ed. Marc Raphael (Brown Judaica Series, 1984), 1-18.
- (10) "Jewish Mysticism in the Sixteenth Century," in Medieval Mystics, ed. Paul Szarmach (SUNY Press, 1984), 313-29.
- (11) "The Messianic Connection: Zionism, Politics and Settlement in Israel," Center Magazine 18:5 (September-October, 1985): 35-45 [includes discussion]
- (12) "Gershom Scholem's 'Zehn unhistorische Saetze ueber Kabbala:' Text and Commentary," Modern Judaism, 4 (February, 1985): 67-93.

- (13) "Childhood, Marriage and the Family in the Eastern European Jewish Enlightenment," in History of the Jewish Family, ed. Paula Hyman and Steven Cohen (Holmes and Meier, 1985; first published as a lecture by the American Jewish Committee, 1983. [see also (15)])
- (14) "Eros: Sex and Body," and "Family: Procreation and Marriage" in Handbook of Jewish Theology, ed. Arthur Cohen and Paul Mendes-Flohr (New York: Scribner's, 1986).
- (15) "Eros and Enlightenment: Love Against Marriage in the Eastern European Haskalah," Polin: A Journal of Polish Jewish History 1 (1986) [a revised and expanded version of (13)].
- (16) "Zionism," "Judah Alkalai," "Meier Bar-Ilan," "Samuel Mohilever," "Isaac Reines," and "Gershom Scholem," in Encyclopedia of Religion (Macmillan, 1986).
- (17) "Judah Magnes and the Idea of a Jewish University," in Like All the Nations?: The Life and Legacy of Judah L. Magnes, ed. Moses Rischin and William Brinner (SUNY Press, 1987).
- (18) "Power, Passivity and the Legacy of the Holocaust," Tikkun: A Quarterly Jewish Critique of Politics, Culture and Society 2:1 (Winter, 1987), 68-73
- (19) "The Jewish Family: Classical Teachings and Historical Experience," (American Jewish Committee monograph, 1987)
- (20) "Gershom Scholem's Theology" in Gershom Scholem, ed. Harold Bloom (New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1987) [reprint of chapter 4 of Gershom Scholem: Kabbalah and Counter-History]
- (21) "Jewish Statements on Economic Justice" in A Cry For Justice, ed. Ed Voris (Paulist Press, 1989)
- (22) "Gershom Scholem" in Twentieth-Century Jewish Thinkers, ed. Steven Katz (Bnai Brith, 1993)
- (23) "Leo Strauss: The Philosopher as Weimar Jew," Leo Strauss's Thought: Towards a Critical Engagement, ed. Alan Udoff (Boulder, Co.: L. Rienner, 1991)
- (24) "The Pope Comes to San Francisco: An Anatomy of a Crisis in Jewish Community Relations" (coauthored with Fred Rosenbaum) in American Pluralism and the Jewish Community, ed. Seymour Martin Lipset, (Transaction Books, 1990), 243-262
- (25) "From Intercourse to Discourse: Control of Sexuality in Rabbinic Literature," Colloquy, Center for Hermeneutical Studies, Graduate Theological Union (1992) [An early version of ch. 2 of Eros and the Jews]

- (26) "Ejaculatory Prayer: The Displacement of Sexuality in Chasidism," Tikkun Magazine (July-August, 1991) [abridged version of ch. 6 of Eros and the Jews]
- (27) "Zionism as an Erotic Revolution," in People of the Body, ed. Howard Eilberg-Schwartz (SUNY Press, 1992) [an early version of ch. 8 of Eros and the Jews]
- (28) "Jewish Ideologies and the Historiography of Jewish Politics," Studies in Contemporary Jewry (1994)
- (29) "Blood Libel and Blood Vengeance," Tikkun (July-August, 1994)
- (30) "Confessions of an Historian of Jewish Culture," Jewish Social Studies 1:1 (1994):40-51
- (31) "Messianism and Modern Jewish Thought" [in Polish], Literatura na Swiecie (Warsaw, 1993), 293-309
- (32) "Scholem und der moderne Nationalismus," in Peter Schafer and Gary Smith (eds.), Gershom Scholem Zwischen den Disziplinen (Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 1995), 257-274 [revised English version in (39)]
- (33) "The Lust for Asceticism in the Hasidic Movement" [in Hebrew], The Jewish Family (Jerusalem: Merkaz Shazar, forthcoming, 1998); Jonathan Magonet (ed.), Jewish Explorations of Sexuality (Oxford: Berhahan Press, 1995), 51-66 [English version translated from Hebrew]
- (34) "Between Los Angeles and Berkeley," in Symposium on Jewish Studies in Northern California, Judaism 44:4 (Fall, 1995):426-429
- (35) "Das Wort geht von Zion: Die religiös biblischen Grundlagen der jüdischen Geschichte Jerusalems," in Hendrik Budde and Andreas Nachama (eds.), Die Reise nach Jerusalem (Berlin: Argon, 1996), 2-11
- (36) "The Last German Jewish Philosopher," Amos Funkenstein (UC Berkeley: Townsend Center for the Humanities, Occasional Paper 6, 1996), 1-8
- (37) "Between Melancholy and a Broken Heart: A Note on Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav's Depression," Graven Images 3 (1996):107-111
- (38) "Between Polemics and Apologetics: Jewish Studies in the Age of Multiculturalism," Jewish Studies Quarterly 3:2 (Fall, 1996):174-84
- (39) "Gershom Scholem Between Jewish and German Nationalism" in Klaus Berghahn (ed.), The German-Jewish Dialogue Reconsidered (New York: Peter Lang, 1996), 177-188 [revised version of (32)]

- (40) "Messianism and Modernity in Modern Jewish Historical Thought," in Marc Raphael (ed.), What is Modern About the Modern Jewish Experience (Williamsburg: William and Mary Press, 1997), 5-16
- (41) "People of the Book -- People of the Body," UNESCO Courier (April, 1997). Appeared in over a dozen languages
- (42) "Sexology and the Jews" in Yale Companion to Jewish Writing and Thought in German Culture, ed. Sander Gilman and Jack Zipes, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997)
- (43) "The Melting Pot and Beyond: Conflicting Narratives of American Jewish History," in David Biale, Michael Galchinsky and Susannah Heschel (eds.), Insider/Outsider: American Jews and Multiculturalism (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998)
- (44) "Counter-History in Jewish Anti-Christian Polemic: the *Sefer toldot yeshu* and the *Sefer zerubavel*," Jewish Social Studies [Special Edition in Memory of Amos Funkenstein], 6:1 (Fall, 1999): 130-145
- (45) "Blut und Glauben: Über Jüdisch-Christliche Symbiose," Ulrich Raulff and Gary Smith (eds), Wissensbilder: Strategien der Überlieferung (Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 1999), 145-167
- (46) "Intégration et citoyenneté," in Elie Barnavi and Saul Friedlander (eds.), Dictionnaire des Juifs dans le-XXI^{em} Siècle (Paris: Calman-Levi, 2000), 361-75 [a revised version of #43]
- (47) "Names No Longer Blotted Out: Ambivalent Recuperations of Heretics in Modern Jewish Culture" in Marc Raphael (ed.), The Margins of Modern Jewish History (Williamsburg: the College of William and Mary), 1-13
- (48) "Shabbtai Zvi and the Seductions of Jewish Orientalism," Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Thought; (2001); French translation: Cahiers du Judaïsme (1998)
- (49) "A Feminist Reading of Hasidic Texts" [in Hebrew] in Renee Levine (ed) Harimi va-koah Kolekh: al Kolot Nashim u-parshanut feministit ba-tihum limudei Ha-Yahdut [Lift Up Your Voice": Women's Voices and Feminist Interpretation in Jewish Studies] (Tel Aviv: Yediot Ahronot, 2001)
- (50) "Those Who Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy: Agriculture and Jewish Culture in Interwar Poland," Tikkun 16:1 (Jan.-Feb., 2001):53-59 [a revised version of the Emanuel Ringelblum Inaugural Lecture, UC Davis, May, 2000]

- (51) "Jews and The Politics of American Identity" in Michael Lerner (ed.), Best Contemporary Jewish Writing (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2001) [revised and shortened version of #43]
- (52) "Response to Noam Zohar" in Nancy Rosenblum and Robert Post (eds), *Civil Society and Government* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001)
- (53) "Historical Heresies and Modern Jewish Identity," Jewish Social Studies 8: 2/3 (2002): 112-132 [a somewhat revised version of #47]
- (54) "Towards a Cultural History of the Jews," General Introduction to David Biale, ed., Cultures of the Jews: A New History (New York: Schocken Books, Fall 2002)
- (55) "A Journey Between Two Worlds: Eastern European Jewish Culture Between 1800 and the Holocaust," in David Biale, ed., Cultures of the Jews: A New History (New York: Schocken Books, Fall 2002)
- (56) "Does Blood Have Gender in Jewish Culture?" in Marc Raphael (ed.), Gender and Jewish History (Williamsburg: College of William and Mary, 2002), 7-24 and in Tessera 33-34 (Winter, 2003):18-35 [a shortened and revised version of the earlier version]
- (57) "Nostalgia and Utopia in Weimar Jewish Thought," Parcours Judaiques: Actes du Colloque "Les Juifs Utopie et Nostalgie" VII (2003):11-20
- (58) "The Body and Sexuality in American Jewish Culture" in Dana Kaplan (ed.), Cambridge Companion to American Judaism (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005)
- (59) "Louis Finkelstein, Mordecai Kaplan and the American Jewish Contribution to the "Jewish Contribution to Civilization," Jeremy Cohen and Richard I. Cohen (eds.), The Problem of the Jewish Contribution to Civilization (London: Litmann Library, 2007).
- (60) "Not in the Heavens: The Premodern Roots of Jewish Secularism," *Religion Compass* 2:3 (April, 2008): 340-364
- (61) "Blood and Belief: An Introduction to a Jewish Symbol," Mitchell B. Hart (ed.), *Jewish Blood: Reality and Metaphor in History, Religion and Culture* (London and New York: Routledge, 2009), 14-30
- (62) "Blood and the Discourses of Nazi Antisemitism," Murray Baumgarten, Peter Kenez and Bruce Thompson (eds.), *Varieties of Antisemitism: History, Ideology, Discourse* (Newark: University of Delaware Press, 2009), 29-49

- (63) "Jewish Consumer Culture in Historical and Contemporary Perspective," Gideon Reuveni (ed.), *Longing, Belonging, and the Making of Jewish Consumer Culture* (New York: Brill, 2010), 23-38
- (64) "God's Language and the Making of Jewish Secular Culture," David Gordis and Zachary I. Heller (eds), *Jewish Secularity: The Search for Roots and Challenges of Relevant Meaning* (National Center for Jewish Policy Studies, 2011), 65-81
- (65) "You tai shi su zhu yi," (Jewish Secularism), in Lihong Song, ed. *Cong Xi Nai Dao Zhong Guo (From Sinai to China)*, (Beijing: SDX Joint Publishing Company, 2012), 191-202
- (66) "Secularism and Sabbatians." Review essay on Shmuel Feiner, *The Origins of Jewish Secularization in Eighteenth-Century Europe*, Pawel Maciejeko, *The Mixed Multitude: Jacob Frank and the Frankist Movement*, and Ada Rapoport-Albert, *Women and the Messianic Heresy of Sabbatai Zevi* in *The Jews Review of Books* (Winter, 2012): 13-16
- (67) "Freud's Moses: The Enlightenment Bible of a Godless Jew," in Christopher Nadon (ed.), *Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013), 365-376
- (68) Review Essay of Michael Walzer, *In God's Shadow: Politics and the Hebrew Bible* and Elaine Pagels, *Visions, Prophecy and Politics in the Book of Revelation*, in *Los Angeles Review of Books* (February 6, 2013)
- (69) "Gershom Scholem," *Oxford Bibliography Online: Jewish Studies* (2013)
- (70) "Hasidism," *Oxford Bibliography Online: Jewish Studies* (2013)
- (71) "Sexuality," *Oxford Bibliography Online: Jewish Studies* (2013)
- (72) "Gershom Scholem, *Einst und Jetzt: Zionist Politics and Kabbalistic Historiography*," in Ezra Mendelsohn, et al. (eds.), *Against the Grain: Jewish Intellectuals in Hard Times* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2013), 51-63
- (73) "Gershom Scholem on Nihilism and Anarchism," *Rethinking History* 18 (July, 2014): 1-11
- (74) "Gershom Scholem," in *Thinking Jewish Modernity* (forthcoming)
- (75) "Korah in the Midrash: The Hairless Heretic as Hero," *Shared Heroes*, special edition of *Jewish History* (forthcoming)
- (76) "Pluralism and Jewish Studies in the North American University: A Personal Essay" in Michael Gillis, Michal Muszkat Barkan and Alex Pomson (eds.), *Speaking in the Plural: Pluralism and Jewish Education* (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2014)

Other Writings

Over 45 book reviews in American Historical Review, Times Literary Supplement, London Review of Books, Tikkun Magazine, Studies in Contemporary Jewry, Religious Studies Review, The Forward and other journals

"The Threat of Messianism: An Interview with Gershom Scholem," The New York Review of Books, 14 August 1980.

"Consensus in Jewish History," Sh'ma (Oct, 2003), 4-5

Various political articles in Tikkun Magazine, the New York Times Op-Ed Page, The San Francisco Chronicle Insight Section and the Los Angeles Times Op-Ed Page