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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Dropsie College, in Post-Biblical Literature and Institutions, 1978
Dissertation: *Halakhah in Josephus and in Tannaitic Literature: A Comparative Study*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar, Associate, University of Pennsylvania
2003 -

Isidore and Theresa Cohen Professor in Jewish Religion and Thought, University of Cape Town,
2004 - 2007

Andrew Allen Senior Fellow, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
1998 - 2003

Editor, *Jewish Quarterly Review*
1982 - 2003

Associate Director, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
1993 - 1998 (Acting Director, 1993 - 1994)

Adjunct Associate Professor in Post-Biblical Literature, University of Pennsylvania
1993 - 2003

Associate Director, Annenberg Research Institute for Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, Philadelphia
1986 - 1993 (Acting Director, 1990 - 1991)

President, Dropsie College
1981 - 1986

Academic Dean, Dropsie College
1980 - 1981

Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Literature, Dropsie College
1981 - 1986

Assistant Professor of Post-Biblical Literature and Institutions, Dropsie College
1978 - 1981

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Meritorious Publication Award (2005), University of Cape Town, for *The Curse of Ham: Race and Slavery in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Princeton University Press, 2003)

Runner Up, National Jewish Book Award for 2004.

Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Oxford University, 1996-97 (invitation declined)

Forchheimer Visiting Professor, Institute of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University. October 1992 - January 1993

Senior Visiting Fellow, Chaim Rosenberg School, Tel-Aviv University. Summer 1990, Summer 1991

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, St. Petersburg, Russia. December 1989

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter on Josephus's "Mosaic Constitution" in *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture*, ed. Louis H. Feldman, James L. Kugel, and Lawrence H. Schiffman (Philadelphia and Lincoln, Nebraska, 2013), pp. 1202-1225.

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"Babatha, Rabbi Levi and Theodosius: Black Coins in Late Antiquity," *Dead Sea Discoveries* 14 (2007) 49-60.

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Review Essay: Abraham Melamed, *The Image of the Black in Jewish Culture: A History of the Other* (London, 2003), *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93 (2003) 557-579.

Review of Bernd Schröder, *Die 'väterlichen Gesetze': Flavius Josephus als Vermittler von Halachah an Griechen und Römer* (1996), in *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 8 (2001/02) 125-127.

“The Development of the Idea of Race: Classical Paradigms and Medieval Elaborations” (Review Essay) *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 5 (1999) 561-570.

“Geographia Rabbinica: The Toponym Barbaria,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 50 (Oxford, 1999) 53-73.

“Scythian-Barbarian: The Permutations of a Classical Topos in Jewish and Christian Texts of Late Antiquity,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 49 (Oxford, 1998) 87-102.

“Rabbinic Knowledge of Black Africa (Sifre Deut. 320),” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 5 (Berlin, 1998) 318-28.

“The Curse of Ham: A Case of Rabbinic Racism?” in *Struggles in the Promised Land*, ed. Jack Salzman and Cornel West (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997) 21-51.

“Retroversion to Jesus’ Ipsissima Verba and the Vocabulary of Jewish Palestinian Aramaic: The Case of *Mata* and *Qarta*,” *Biblica* 77 (Rome, 1996) 64-83.

“Notes on the Library of the Annenberg Research Institute,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 82 (1991) 181-184; 483-484.

Editor, *The Judeo-Christian Tradition and the U.S. Constitution*, Proceedings of a Conference at the Annenberg Research Institute, November 16-17, 1987 (Philadelphia, 1989).

Editor, *To Bigotry No Sanction: Documents in American Jewish History* (Philadelphia, 1988).

“AJ 4.277 and 288 Compared with Early Rabbinic Law,” *Josephus, Judaism, and Christianity*, ed. Louis H. Feldman and Gohei Hata (Wayne State University Press, 1987) 198-211. Japanese edition: Yamamoto Shoten, Japan, 1986.

“Yerushalmi Qiddushin” (chap. VII) and “Yerushalmi Sanhedrin” (chap. IX) in *In the Margins of the Yerushalmi: Glosses on the English Translation*, ed. Jacob Neusner, (Chico, California, 1983) 77-85, 99-138.

“Once More: Jesus in the Talmud,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 73 (1982) 78-86 [Review of Johann Maier's *Jesus von Nazareth in der talmudischen Überlieferung*].

“Ha-Talmud be-fanim hadshot [A New Edition of the Talmud]” (Review of A. Steinzaltz's edition of the Babylonian Talmud), *Bišaron*, Nisan 5741 (March - April 1981) 74-79.

“Josephus Flavius or Joseph ben Mattithiah,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 70 (1980) 178-182 [Review of W.C. Van Unnik's *Flavius Josephus als historischer Schriftsteller*].

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“The Halakhah in Josephus,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 67 (1976) 30-43.

MEMBERSHIPS, COMMITTEES

Association for Jewish Studies
Association of Ancient Historians

American Oriental Society
2004 – 2005

New York State Review Committee for Revised Ph.D. Program,
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University
December 2000

Advisory Board
Reader's Guide to Judaism, ed. Michael Terry
Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers: Chicago/London, 2000

Assistant Project Coordinator and Commission Member,
US-USSR Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences of the American Council of Learned
Societies and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR
Subcommission: History
1988

Board of Consulting Editors
Brown Judaic Studies Series (Brown University)
1982 - 1984