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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Bible and Second Temple Literature, Yeshiva University, 2019–.

Assistant Professor of Bible, Yeshiva University, 2013–2019.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Bible, Yeshiva University, 2011–2013.

Instructor of Bible, Yeshiva University, 2007–2011.

Graduate Instructor, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University, 2005–2007.

Assistant Director, Yeshiva University Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, 2004–.

Assistant Director, Israeli Supreme Court Project, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, 2013–.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University, May 2011.

Dissertation: “The Genesis of Jewish History: Creation, Covenant, and Historical Consciousness in the Wisdom of Ben Sira and the Book of *Jubilees*.” (Prof. Lawrence H. Schiffman, advisor; Prof. Moshe J. Bernstein and Prof. Daniel E. Fleming, committee)

J.D., New York University School of Law, May 2003.

M.A. (Biblical Studies), Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University, New York, NY, January 2003.

B.A. (Psychology), Yeshiva College, New York, NY, May 2000.

Advanced Talmudic studies, Yeshivat Har Etzion, Alon Shevut, Israel, 1994–95, 1996–97.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Power and Emotion in Ancient Judaism: Community and Identity in Formation. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Finalist, National Jewish Book Award (Scholarship), 2021.

Reviews: Françoise Mirguet, *Revue de Qumran* 34 (2022): 303–5.

Malka Z. Simkovich, *AJS Review* 46 (2022): 408–10.

Joshua Frost, *Journal of Culture, Language, and Religion* 4 (2023): 110–12.

Ryan S. Schellenberg, *Review of Biblical Literature*, October 2023.

F. Scott Spencer, *Interpretation* 77 (2023): 290–91.

Carla Weitensteiner, *Theologische Revue* 120 (2024).

The Practice and Ethics of Silence: Emotion, Piety, and Resistance in Ancient Judaism. In progress. Expected completion date, 2026.

T & T Handbook on Bible and Emotion. Edited with Katherine Hockey. Bloomsbury. Under contract. Expected completion date, 2025.

The Jewish Legal Tradition. Edited with Suzanne Last Stone and Yair Lorberbaum. Routledge, 2025.

Creation, Covenant, and the Beginnings of Judaism: Reconceiving Historical Time in the Second Temple Period. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 168, Brill, 2014.

Reviews: Pancratius C. Beentjes, *Journal of Theological Studies* 66 (2015): 729–31.

Günter Stemberger, *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 19 (2016): 170–72.

Jeremy Corley, *Irish Theological Quarterly* 81 (2016): 207–9.

Margaret Baker, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 40 (2016): 188–89.

Stewart Moore, *Review of Biblical Literature*, August 2016.

Jonathan R. Trotter, *Revue de Qumran* 28 (2016): 297–98.

Jonathan Lookadoo, *Religious Studies Review* 43 (2017): 188–89.

The Divine Courtroom in Comparative Perspective. Edited with Shalom E. Holtz. Biblical Interpretation Series 132, Brill, 2014.

Reviews: Richard Lindley, *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* 17 (2015): 387–89.

David J. Fuller, *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 11 (2015): 57–62.

Bruce Chilton, *Review of Biblical Literature*, June 2016.

Bradley J. Bitner, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 38 (2016): 103–4.

Valentin Zywiets, *Andrews University Seminary Studies* 54 (2016): 167–71.

Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, *Svensk exegetisk årsbok* 83 (2018): 270–74.

Jews and the Law. Edited with Victoria Saker Woeste, Ethan Zadoff, and Marc Galanter. Quid Pro Books, 2014.

Review: Paul L. Tractenberg, *American Jewish History* 99.4 (2015): 378–80.

ARTICLES

“The Hebrew Bible and the History of Emotions.” In *T & T Handbook on Bible and Emotion*. Edited by Katherine Hockey and Ari Mermelstein. Bloomsbury. In progress.

“Herod and the Emotional Politics of Piety: Hate as Virtue and Vice in Josephus’ *Jewish Antiquities*.” *Harvard Theological Review*. Forthcoming.

“Emotional Responses to Suffering in the Testament of Job.” *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 49 (2025): 374–400.

“What did it Feel Like to Be a Jew? The Kosher Food Laws and Emotional Norms Among Ancient Jews.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 53 (2022): 344–76.

“Between Belonging and Identity in Ancient Judaism: The Role of Emotion in the Production of Identity.” *Journal of Law and Religion* 37 (2022): 365–74.

“The Legacy of the Flood in the Book of *Jubilees*.” Pages 219–42 in *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence Schiffman*. Edited by Stuart S. Miller, Michael Swartz, Steven Fine, Alex Jassen, and Naomi Grunhaus. Leiden: Brill, 2021.

“Wisdom and the Rabbis.” Pages 368–88 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Wisdom Literature*. Edited by Matthew J. Goff and Samuel L. Adams. West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020.

“Conceptions of Masculinity in the Scrolls and the Gendered Emotion of Anger.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 26 (2019): 314–38.

“Beauty or Beast? The Pedagogical Function of Metaphor and Emotion in Midrashim on the Law of the Lovely Captive.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 8 (2018): 388–409.

“When History Repeats Itself: The Theological Significance of the Abrahamic Covenant in Early Jewish Writings.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 27 (2017): 113–42.

“Emotion, Gender, and Greco-Roman Virtue in *Joseph and Aseneth*.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 48 (2017): 331–62.

“Emotional Regimes, Ritual Practice, and the Shaping of Sectarian Identity: The Experience of Ablutions in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” *Biblical Interpretation* 24 (2016): 492–513.

“Constructing Fear and Pride in the Book of Daniel: The Profile of a Second Temple Emotional Community.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 46 (2015): 449–83.

“Love and Hate at Qumran: The Social Construction of Sectarian Emotion.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20 (2013): 237–63.

ENTRIES IN REFERENCE WORKS

“Emotion.” In *Brill’s Online Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls: A New Research Tool for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. In progress.

“Patience. Second Temple Judaism.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison, Jr. et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. Forthcoming.

“Happiness. Judaism. Rabbinic Judaism.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison, Jr. et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, vol. 11, 2015.

“Jacob, Prayer of.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison, Jr. et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, vol. 11, 2015.

“Gratitude and Ingratitude. Judaism.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison, Jr. et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, vol. 10, 2014.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of David A. Bosworth, *Creation and Emotion in the Old Testament*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2023. *Interpretation*. Forthcoming.

Review of Review of Markus Witte, Jens Schröter, and Verena Lepper, eds. *Torah, Temple, Land: Constructions of Judaism in Antiquity*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 31 (2024): 117–19.

Review of Michael W. Duggan, Renate Egger-Wenzel, and Stefan C. Reif, eds. *Cosmos and Creation: Second Temple Perspectives*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2020. *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 53 (2022): 305–9.

Review of Aryeh Amihay, *Theory and Practice in Essene Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 51 (2020): 125–28.

Review of Bilhah Nitzan, *Philosophy and Practice in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Theology, Wisdom, Law, and Biblical Exegesis*. Jerusalem: Yad Izhak Ben Zvi, 2014 [Hebrew]. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 24 (2017): 147–49.

Review of Stefan C. Reif and Renate Egger-Wenzel, eds. *Ancient Jewish Prayers and Emotions: A Study of the Emotions Associated with Prayer in the Jewish and Related Literature of the Second Temple Period and Immediately Afterwards*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015. *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 48 (2017): 565–68.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Love of Piety, Hatred for Herod: The Emotions of Devotion Among Jews in Josephus’ *Antiquities of the Jews*.” World Congress of Jewish Studies, 2022.

“Feeling Jewish Through the Ages: Power, Emotion, and Jewish Identity.” Louis Bunis Memorial Lecture, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, February 2022.

“Library Book Talk: Power and Emotion in Ancient Judaism: Community and Identity in Formation.” Yeshiva University, December 2021. Accessible online [here](#).

Invited panelist on panel devoted to Judith Newman, *Before the Bible: The Liturgical Body and the Formation of Scriptures in Early Judaism*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2019.

“What did it Feel Like to Be a Jew? The Kosher Food Laws and Emotional Norms Among Ancient Jews.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2019.

Invited respondent to Françoise Mirguet, “Studying Emotions in Early Jewish Texts: Methodological Questions.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2018.

“A Cognitive Science Approach to Emotional Change in Textual Communities: Textualism at Qumran as Test Case.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2016.

“The *Yahad* as a Religious Emotional Regime.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2014.

“The Emotions of the Ideal Sage in Second Temple Literature: Between Ben Sira and the *Maskil* of the *Yahad*.” Invited paper at *Rethinking the Boundaries of Sapiential Traditions in Ancient Judaism*, University of Lorraine, October 2014.

“The Politics of Emotion in the Book of Daniel.” Columbia Bible Seminar, May 2014.

“Reflections on the Study of Emotion in Legal and Religious Studies.” Invited paper at *Law and Emotion in Comparative Perspective*, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, April 2014.

“Law and Emotion in Rabbinic Literature: The Case of the Captive Woman.” Graduate Conference in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, April 2013.

“The Danger of Deviance and the Emotion of Fear: Between Ancient Judaism and Contemporary Politics.” Brooklyn College, February 2013.

“The Theological Significance of the Abrahamic Covenant in Second Temple Literature.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, 2012.

“Sectarian Sin and the Emotion of Fear: An Inquiry into the Consciousness of Members of the *Yahad*.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2012.

“Martha Nussbaum and Love as Cultural Value in 1 Corinthians.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2012.

Invited respondent to Ethan Tucker, “Category Shifts in Jewish Law.” Conference on Halakhah and Reality, New York University, April 2012.

“The Emotional World of the Qumran Sect.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2011.

“Deuteronomy 32 and the Message of the Book of Jubilees.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, 2010.

“The Aqedah and the Exodus in the Book of Jubilees: Intertextuality and Ideology in the Book of Jubilees.” Jewish Studies Faculty Colloquium, Yeshiva College, April 2010.

“Sinaitic Revelation in the Book of Jubilees.” International Graduate Conference in Jewish Law, Cardozo Law School, April 2010.

“Peshet Habakkuk and Constraints on Interpretation in Second Temple Jewish Writings.” Yeshiva College, February 2007.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Society of Biblical Literature, Bible and Emotion Group, Co-Chair, 2021–.

Society of Biblical Literature, Bible and Emotion Group, Steering Committee, 2017–2021.

Assistant Editor, *Diné Israel: Studies in Halakhah and Jewish Law* (Cardozo Law School and University of Tel-Aviv Faculty of Law), 2006– (volumes 24–38).

COURSES TAUGHT

Book of Chronicles; Book of Ezekiel; Book of Ezra-Nehemiah; Book of Judges; Book of Kings; Classical Jewish History; Diaspora and Exile in Ancient Jewish Thought (graduate); Introduction to Bible (undergraduate and graduate); Josephus: Profile of a Second Temple Jew

(graduate); Messianism in Biblical and Second Temple Literature; Paul: Profile of a First-Century Jew (graduate); Perspectives on Jewish Law in Ancient Judaism (graduate); Philo of Alexandria: Profile of a Second Temple Jew (graduate); Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Literature; Rabbinic Literature in Hebrew; Religion, Politics, and Power in Jewish Antiquity.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Provost Faculty Research Fund, 2025–26 (in support of the *T & T Clark Handbook on Bible and Emotion*)

Finalist for 2021 National Jewish Book Award (Scholarship) for *Power and Emotion in Ancient Judaism: Community and Identity in Formation*.

Provost Faculty Research Fund, 2022–23 (in support of *The Jewish Legal Tradition*).

William L. and Lillian Silber Professor of the Year, Yeshiva College, 2015–16; 2017–18.

Chelst, Schreiber, and Zwas Yeshiva Faculty Book Grant, 2016–17.

The Dr. Kenneth Chelst Book Grant, Yeshiva College, 2012.

Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Travel Grant, Association of Jewish Studies, December 2012.

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2003–2007.

Rachel Golding Distinguished Scholars Award, Yeshiva College, 1996–1999.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Jewish Studies.

Society of Biblical Literature.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Cluster Chair, Bible, Near Eastern Studies, and Jewish Values, 2025–.

Academic Standards Committee, 2025–.

Chair, Department of Bible, Hebrew, and Near Eastern Studies, 2021–2025.

Admissions and Student Affairs Committee, 2022–2024.

Academic Standards Committee, 2019–22.

Coordinator, Yeshiva University Seminar on Ancient Judaism, 2014–19.

Committee to revise Jewish Studies major, 2013–14.

Committee to develop online Jewish History course, 2013–14.

Committee to design minor in Classical Civilizations, 2013–14.

Responsible for writing and grading Advanced Placement Jewish History exam, 2013–14; 2014–15.

SELECT POPULAR LECTURES

“Rethinking Chanukah: How Jews Claimed Greek Ideals While Preserving Their Own.” Torah in Motion, December 2025.

“Did Prophecy End or Did It Become Torah? Tracing the Debate from Ezra to *Da‘at Torah*.” Kehillat Yavneh, Los Angeles, October 2025.

“King Herod: Impious Roman Stooge or Brilliant Jewish Statesman?” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ, August 2025.

“Alexandria: A Modern Orthodox Hub in the Ancient World.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, NJ, June 2026.

“Was Philo the First Modern Orthodox Jew?” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, NJ, May 2025.

“After the Fire—Josephus, Traitor or Witness?” Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Waltham, MA, April 2025.

“After the Fire—Nadav, Avihu, and the Structure of Holiness in *Sefer Vayyikra*.” Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Waltham, MA, April 2025. Earlier version accessible online [here](#).

“After the Fire—The Temple Vessels and the Battle for Sacred History, Then and Now.” Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Waltham, MA, April 2025.

“The Seder as a Ritual of Memory: Food, Speech, and the Shaping of the Jewish Past.” Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach, Atlantic Beach, NY, April 2025.

“Perceptions and Prejudices: Ancient Attitudes Toward the Hasmoneans.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, NJ, January 2025.

“More Than Oil: Hanukkah and the Rededication of the Temple.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, December 2024.

“Why Did Antiochus Forbid the Practice of Judaism?” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, December 2024.

“Sukkah as Sanctuary: Dwelling in the Divine Presence.” Kehillat Yavneh, Los Angeles, October 2024.

“Torah Study as an Act of Religious Piety During the Second Temple Period.” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ, June 2024.

“History’s Oldest Form of Hatred: The Ancient Origins of Anti-Semitism.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, June 2024.

“Paul: Jewish Apostate or Jewish Apostle?” Riverdale Jewish Center, Riverdale, NY, November 2023.

“How Did Ancient Jews Respond to the Earliest Manifestations of Anti-Semitism?” Riverdale Jewish Center, Riverdale, NY, November 2023.

“Engaging with an Age-Old Question: Why Does the Torah Begin with Bereishit 1–12?” Riverdale Jewish Center, Riverdale, NY, November 2023.

“‘Masada Will Never Fall’: Ancient and Modern Accounts of the End of the Rebellion Against Rome.” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ, July 2023. Accessible online [here](#).

“Josephus, Between Fact and Fiction: Was Josephus a Traitor to His People?” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, June 2023.

“Josephus.” Sparks of History Podcast, March 2023. Accessible online [here](#).

“Corrupting the True Israel: Rabbinic Reflections on Early Christianity.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, January 2023.

“The Origins and Significance of the *Ta’amei ha-Mikra*: The *Trop* Are So Much More than Simply Musical Notes.” Kehillat Yavneh, Los Angeles, October 2022.

“Ancient Responses to the Destruction of the Second Temple and the Contemporary Challenge of Mourning the Past.” Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach, Atlantic Beach, NY, July 2022.

“Artsroll Before Artsroll? The Controversy Surrounding the Translation of the Torah Into Greek.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, June 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“What are the Dead Sea Scrolls and Why are They Important for the History of Halakhah?” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, June 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“Bar Kokhba, the Man and the Myth: The Legacy of an Enigmatic Jewish Rebel.” Beit Midrash

of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, June 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“The Divine Drama of Megillat Rut.” Beit Midrash of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ, May 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“Did God Originally Intend to Inflict the Ten Plagues on the Egyptians?” Torah in Motion, April 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“Between a Traumatic Past and a Hopeful Future: The Pesach Seder in the Wake of the Destruction of the Second Temple.” Torah in Motion, March 2022. Accessible online [here](#).

“Were Bnei Yisrael Coerced Into Accepting the Torah? An Alternative Version of a Well-Known Tradition.” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, NJ, July 2020.

“Did the Wise Son Own a Haggadah? *Talmud Torah* as an Alternative to *Sippur Yetziat Mitzrayim* on Seder Night.” Online Community Learning Initiative, Yeshiva University, March 2020. Accessible online [here](#).

“What is a Covenant? The Intersection of Biblical Theology and Ancient Near Eastern Politics.” Young Israel of Stamford, CT, June 2019.

“May We Interpret Torah Law in Opposition to the *Halakhah* and Traditional *Parshanut*?” Young Israel of Stamford, CT, June 2019.

“Controversy and Calendar: A Second Temple Debate Concerning the Enigmatic Date of Shavuot.” Young Israel of Stamford, CT, June 2019. Accessible online [here](#).

“Is Halakhah Grounded in Tradition or in Biblical Interpretation? The Radical View of Rabbi Akiva and the Controversies It Stirred.” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ, May 2017.

“Rabbi Jesus? Portraits of Jesus in Rabbinic Literature.” Young Israel of Toco Hills, Atlanta, Georgia, May 2015.

“Why Did the Jews Rebel Against Rome in 66 CE? The Destruction of the Second Temple in Its Historical Context.” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ, July 2013. Accessible online [here](#).

“Was Joshua Almost Condemned as One of the Spies?” Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, Teaneck, NJ, May 2013. Accessible online [here](#).