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### **Professional Positions:**

Academic Advisor for Mishle Program	2014-
Academic Advisor for Jewish Education and Contemporary Judaism Tracks	2012-2014
Academic Advisor for Student Affairs	2010-2012, 2014-
Academic Advisor for TALI Educational Leadership Program	2005-2012
Senior Lecturer in Jewish Education and Philosophy: Machon Schechter, Jerusalem, Israel	
Lecturer in Jewish Education and Philosophy: Machon Shechter, Jerusalem, Israel	2001-2012
Jerusalem Fellow: The Mandel School for the Development of Professional Leadership, Jerusalem, Israel	1999-2001
Research Fellow: The Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Social Science, Princeton, New Jersey	1996- 1999
Adjunct Instructor in Jewish Philosophy: Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University	1997- 1999
Instructor in Jewish Philosophy: Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, New York	1997- 1999

### **Education:**

Ph.D.: Jewish Philosophy Hebrew University	1994- 2001
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Dissertation topic: "The Philosophic Sermons of Zerahia ben Isaac Halevi Saladin: Jewish Philosophic and Sermonic Activity in Late 14th and Early 15th Century Aragon."

Master's Degree: Jewish Philosophy 1991-1993  
Hebrew University

Thesis: "Zerahia Halevi's Sermon on Genesis 22:14"

Bachelor Of Arts Degree 1984-1988  
Columbia University

### **Publications:**

#### **Books**

*The Philosophic Sermons of Zerhia Halevi Saladin*, Beer Sheva University Press, 2012.

#### **Edited Books**

Co-editor, *The Jewish Political Tradition*, volume two, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003.

Co-editor, "*Jewish Education for What?*" and *Other Essays of Walter Ackerman*, Jerusalem: Schechter Press, 2008.

#### **Articles**

"The Composition of the Section on Divine Providence in *Or Hashem*," *Da'at* 32-33 (1994) pp. 37-45.

"Magical Fragment of David Ibn Bilia's *Meor Enayim*," *Kabbalah: Journal for the Study of Jewish Mystical Texts* I (1996) pp. 73-80.

"Theological Responses of Orthodoxy to the Non-Orthodox Jew," *The Jewish Political Tradition*, volume two, Yale University Press, 2003, pp. 390-394.

- “Judging the Sinner Favorably’: R. Hayyim Hirschensohn on the Need for Leniency in Halakhic Decision-Making” *Modern Judaism* 22 (2002) pp. 261-280.
- “Jewish Philosophy and the Jewish-Christian Philosophical Dialogue in 15<sup>th</sup> Century Spain,” *Cambridge Companion to Medieval Jewish Thought*, eds. Daniel Frank and Oliver Leaman, Cambridge, 2003, pp. 371-390.
- “Three Eulogies of R. Zerahia Ha-Levi,” [Hebrew] *Kovetz Al Yad* 19 (2006) pp. 197-240.
- “David Hartman’s Philosophy of Jewish Education,” *Modes of Educational Translation*, eds. J. Cohen and E. Holzer, Jerusalem: Mandel Foundation and The Melton Centre for Jewish Education, 2008, pp. 51-74.
- "From Historical Reconstruction to Social Criticism: Walter Ackerman on American Jewish Education," *"Jewish Education for What?" and other Essays*, eds. Ari Ackerman, Hanan Alexander, Brenda Bacon and David Golinkin, Jerusalem: Schechter Press, 2008, pp. vii-xxiii.
- "Individualism, Nationalism, and Universalism: The Educational Ideals of Mordecai M. Kaplan’s Philosophy of Jewish Education," *Journal of Jewish Education* 74 (2008), pp. 201-226.
- "Miracles in Medieval Jewish Philosophy," *Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Steve Nadler and Tamar Rudavsky, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 362-387.
- "Eliezer Schweid on the Religious Dimension of a Secular Jewish Renewal," *Modern Judaism* 30 (2010) pp. 209-228.
- "Hasdai Crescas on the Possible Existence of Multiple Worlds," *Me-Adam Le-Adam: Studies in Jewish Philosophy Dedicated to Prof. Zev Harvey*, ed. Shmuel Wygoda, forthcoming.
- "Zerahia Halevi Saladin and Thomas Aquinas on Vows," *The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, 19 (2011) pp. 47-71.
- "Zerahia Halevi Saladin and Joseph Albo on Natural, Conventional and Divine Law," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 20 (2013) pp. 315-339.
- "Hasdai Crescas on the Philosophic Foundation of Codification," *AJS Review* 37 (2013) pp. 315-331.
- "Hasdai Crescas and His Circle on the Infinitely Expanding Torah," *Jewish Studies, an Internet Journal* 11 (2012) 17 pp.

"The Attribution of Sod Ha-Kaddish to Hasdai Crescas," *Kabbalah: Journal for the Study of Mystical Jewish Texts* 30 (2013) pp. 65-73.

"Eugene Borowitz and the Changing Conception of Jewish in the American Reform Movement," *New Perspectives on the Contemporary Reform Movement*, ed. Avinoam Rosenack, Jerusalem: Van Leer, 2014 [Hebrew].

"Hasdai Crescas on the Possible Existence of Multiple Worlds," *Me-Adam Le-Adam: Studies in Jewish Philosophy Dedicated to Prof. Zev Harvey*, ed. Shmuel Wygoda, forthcoming.

"David Weiss Halivni and the Theology of the Conservative Movement," *New Perspectives on the Conservative Movement*, ed. Avinoam Rosenack, Jerusalem: Van Leer [Hebrew], forthcoming

"Reconceiving Talmud Torah: David Weiss Halivni on the Post-Holocaust Theological Justification of the Historical-Critical Study of the Talmud," *International Journal of Jewish Education Research*, forthcoming.

### **Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews**

"Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik," *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, 2007.

Gil Graff, "And You Shall Teach Them Diligently": A Concise History of Jewish Education in the United States 1776-2000 (The Jewish Theological Seminary, 2008) for *Journal of Jewish Education* 76 (2010) pp. 189-191.

### **Conference Presentations**

"Zerahai Halevi on the Role of the Imagination in Prophecy," Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December, 1998.

"R. Hayyim Hirschensohn on Biblical Criticism," Understanding the Bible in our Times: Implications for Education, Melton Center for Jewish Education, Jerusalem, April, 2001.

"Eugene Borowitz and the Shifting Conception of Jewish Education in the American Reform Movement," International Conference on Contemporary Reform Judaism:

Sociology, Education and Theology, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, December, 2007.

“Eliezer Schweid and David Hartman on Creating a Shared Language for Jewish Education,” The Network for Research in Jewish Education, Cleveland, June, 2008.

“Seymor Fox on Vision for Jewish Education,” The Network for Research in Jewish Education, New York, June, 2009.

“The Philosophic Underpinning of Seymor Fox’s Conception of Vision for Jewish Education” The 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, July, 2009.

"Individualizing and Universalizing the Jewish People: Mordecai M. Kaplan and Mid-Twentieth Century Conservative Theology," The International Conference on Conservativie Judaism: Halakhah, Culture and Socioiology, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, 2009.

### **Professional Activities**

Reviewed Manuscripts for Jewish Publication Society, *Nashim, International Journal for Jewish Educational Research*.

Member of the Judicial Committee for Awarding the Devorah and Shraga Genger Prize in Excellence in TALI Education, 2006, 2008, 2010.

### **Honors**

Warburg Fellowship in Jewish Studies	1994-1996
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Research Grants	1993, 1996
Rachel Bachni Memorial Award	1993