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Education

B.A.	New College, Sarasota, Fla.	1973
B.J.S., M.A.J.S	Spertus College of Judaica, Chicago	1982, 1986
M.A., Ph.D.	Brandeis University	1993, 1997

Dissertation: “Theologies of the Mind in Biblical Israel” (directed by Marc Brettler)

Teaching Experience

1991-94	Visiting lecturer in Classical Hebrew, Hebrew College, Brookline, Mass.
1993-94	Hebrew coordinator, Akiba Scholars Program and Kerem Program, Hebrew College
1993-98	Lecturer, Hebrew College (adult education; from ‘96 in Me’ah Program)
1998	Northeastern University, Boston
1999	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia
1999	University of Delaware
1999-2008	Gratz College, Philadelphia
2000-	University of Pennsylvania
2005-06	Melton Program, Philadelphia
2005-14	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia
2009-10	Me’ah/ConText programs, Philadelphia

Books

The Commentators’ Bible: Exodus, The JPS Miqra’ot Gedolot (Jewish Publication Society, 2005)
Theologies of the Mind in Biblical Israel (Peter Lang, 2006)
The Commentators’ Bible: Leviticus, The JPS Miqra’ot Gedolot (Jewish Publication Society, 2009)
The Commentators’ Bible: Numbers, The JPS Miqra’ot Gedolot (Jewish Publication Society, 2011)
The Bible’s Many Voices (Jewish Publication Society/University of Nebraska Press, 2014)
The Commentators’ Bible: Deuteronomy, The JPS Miqra’ot Gedolot (JPS/University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming, 2015)

Published Articles

“Who Were the ‘Men of Hezekiah’? (Prov. xxv, 1),” *Vetus Testamentum* 44 (1994): 289-300
“Ruth 2,7: Why the Overseer Was Embarrassed,” *ZAW* 107 (1995): 493-494
“Response to Aryeh Cohen,” *Textual Reasoning* 6 (1996)
“To See a Sound: A Deuteronomic Re-reading of Exodus 20:15,” *Prooftexts* 19 (1999): 257-265
“The Limits of Omniscience,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000): 221-232
“Exegetical Implications of the Masoretic Cantillation Marks in Ecclesiastes,” *Hebrew Studies* 42 (2001): 145-165
“Three Biblical Beginnings,” in *Beginning/Again: Towards a Hermeneutic of Jewish Texts*, ed. Aryeh Cohen and Shaul Magid (New York: Seven Bridges Press, 2002), 1-22
“Midrash: The Story Behind the Story,” in *The Solomon Goldman Lectures*, vol. 8, ed. Dean Bell (Chicago: Spertus Press, 2003), 33-49
“Qohelet’s Twists and Turns,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 28 (2003): 192-209
“Transcending the Boundary of Death: Ecclesiastes through a Nabokovian Lens,” *Biblical Interpretation* 14 (2006): 425-443
“A Deuteronomic Voice in the Joseph Story,” in *Mishneh Todah: Studies in Deuteronomy and its Cultural Environment in honor of Jeffrey H. Tigay*, ed. Nili Sacher Fox et al. (Winona Lake, Ind. : Eisenbrauns, 2009), 3-14
“Syntactic Double Translation in the Targumim,” in *Aramaic Studies in Judaism and Early Christianity*, ed. Eric M. Meyers and Paul V. M. Flesher (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2010), 217-231
“Why Did Hannah Ask for ‘Seed of Men’?” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 129 (2010): 433-436

Published Reviews

William P. Brown, *Character in Crisis*, *Hebrew Studies* 38 (1997): 162-65
Roland Murphy, *The Book of Job: A Short Reading, Review of Biblical Literature*
[http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/628_758.pdf] (2000)
Yairah Amit, *Shoftim*, *Hebrew Studies* 41 (2000): 283-86

- Michael Fox, *Character and Ideology in the Book of Esther*, *Shofar* 21 (2003): 138-39
- Baruch Halpern, *David's Secret Demons: Messiah Murderer Traitor King*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/1551_3721.pdf]
- Duck-Woo Nam, *Talking About God: Job 42:7-9 and the Nature of God in the Book of Job*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* [http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review144.htm]; *Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures* 2:630-633
- Annette Schellenberg, *Erkenntnis als Problem: Qohelet und die alttestamentlichen Diskussion um das menschliche Erkennen*, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 61 (2004): 608-611
- Alfredo Fabio Borodowski, *Isaac Abravanel on Miracles, Creation, Prophecy and Evil: The Tension Between Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Biblical Commentary*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* [http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review179.htm]; *Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures* 2:534-537
- Bruce K. Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs (NICOT, 2 volumes)*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* [http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review231.htm]
- Maxwell Miller and John H. Hayes, *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* [http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review284.htm]
- Mark Leuchter, *The Polemics of Exile in Jeremiah 26-45*, *H-Net Reviews* [http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=23606]
- Peter J. Leithart, *Solomon among the Postmoderns*, *Toronto Journal of Theology* 24 (2008): 263-265
- Joel M. Hoffman, *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning*, *Shofar* 30 (2012):148-150
- Alan F. Segal, *Sinning in the Hebrew Bible: How The Worst Stories Speak for Its Truth*, *H-Judaic*, *H-Net Reviews*. November, 2012: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=36828>
- Yair Zakovitch and Avigdor Shinan, *From Gods to God: How the Bible Debunked, Suppressed, or Changed Ancient Myths and Legends*, *H-Judaic*, *H-Net Reviews*. November, 2013: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=39550>

Reference Articles

- Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion*, ed. Adele Berlin and Maxine Grossman, "Miqra'ot Gedolot" (2011)
- Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin: "Bible: Wisdom Literature," "Ecclesiastes," "Job," "Proverbs" (2011)
- "Sexual Harassment in the Book of Ruth," *Bible Odyssey* [http://www.bibleodyssey.org/people/related-articles/sexual-harassment-in-the-book-of-ruth.aspx]

Popular Articles

- "Isolating a Contemporary Issue in the Bible," *Brandeis Review*, Fall 1993
- "Can God Read Minds?" *Bible Review*, June 2002
- "Translator, Commentator, Writer," *Sh'ma*, December 2008
- "Notes from the Field: *The Commentators' Bible*," *Iggeret* 83, Fall 2011

Published Translations from Modern Hebrew

- "Possessions" (a play), by A. B. Yehoshua, *Formations* 4 (1987)
- "Women as Creators of Biblical Genres," by S. D. Goitein, *Prooftexts* 8 (1988)

Publications Edited

- The Solomon Goldman Lectures*, vol. 5 (Chicago: Spertus Press, 1988), with Byron L. Sherwin.

Other Positions

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| 1989-1993 | Administrative asst., National Hebrew Proficiency Guidelines Committee |
| 1997-2000 | Contributing editor (Bible), <i>Textual Reasoning</i> |
| 1997-2003 | Member, SBL Wisdom section steering committee |
| 2000-01 | Vice-president, Center City (Philadelphia) Kehillah |
| 2000-13 | Darshan, Gershman Y Congregation, Philadelphia |
| 2001-02 | Adjunct fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, U. of Pennsylvania |
| 2003-07 | Vice-president, Center City Eruv Corporation |
| 2005-07 | President, Center City Kehillah |
| 2008- | "Torah Talk" podcast |
| 2011-13 | contributor, <i>Jewish Ideas Daily</i> |

Post-Doctoral Study

Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Studies, Summer School in Jewish Studies, 1997, 1999

Duke University, NEH Summer Seminar, "Aramaic in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity," 2004

Presentations for the public*

*Talks and classes given at Philadelphia-area synagogues are too numerous to list.

May 5-7, 2006 – Dallas, Texas: Cong. Shearith Israel and Beyt Midrash of Dallas

Jan. 23, 2007 – New York City: 92nd St. Y

June 14, 2007 – Philadelphia: Judaica SIG of American Theological Library Association

Nov. 16, 2008 – Wilmington, Delaware: Delaware Valley Chorale