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EDUCATION

New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies
Masters of Philosophy, August 2014
Ph.D. Candidate, ABD, expected: Fall, 2017
GPA: 4.0
Focus: Jewish Mysticism
Advisor: Prof. Elliot R. Wolfson

Columbia University
Bachelor of Arts, May 2008
Major: Religion, **GPA: 4.0**
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Religion

Jewish Theological Seminary, List College
Bachelor of Arts, May 2008
Double Major: Bible & Rabbinics, **GPA: 4.0**
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Bible & Ancient Semitic Languages

DISSERTATION

TITLE: “The Most Whole Thing: A Phenomenology of the Broken Heart in Hasidism”
ADVISOR: Prof. Elliot R. Wolfson

SELECT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Dissertation Fellowship
Cardozo Graduate Fellowship in Jewish Law
Wexner Graduate Fellow in Jewish Studies
NYU Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship

LITERARY

British Library Labs Commercial Award Runner Up, for *Seder Oneg Shabbos*
Myra H. Kraft Memorial Award, National Jewish Book Council, for *The Torah of Music*

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

William A. Calder Family Fund Prize
List College Fellow (Honors)

COLUMBIA

Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University, Delta Chapter
Columbia University School of General Studies Honors Society

LANGUAGES

READING: Hebrew (Biblical, Rabbinic, Modern), Yiddish, Aramaic, German, Spanish, French
SPEAKING & WRITING: Hebrew, Yiddish

EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION

National Yiddish Book Center Summer Internship Study and research in Yiddish language and culture	Summer 2009
Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Kollel Fellow Advanced Program in Talmudic Studies	Fall 2008 Spring 2009
Yeshivat Hadar Fellow, Advanced Program	Summer 2008

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference Presented paper, " <i>Hargashah</i> : Emotional Labor as Spiritual Labor in the <i>Me'or Eynayim</i> "	December 16-18, 2018
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Organized panel, "Interrogating Imperfection: Risky Ventures in Jewish Text, Thought, and Action" Presented paper, "Anti-Perfectionism in Hasidic Theology"	November 16-20, 2018
Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference Presented paper, "The Poetics of the Heart in Rebbe Nachman: Interior Exteriority, Exterior Interiority"	December 17-19, 2017
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Presented paper, "Feeling Is Hard: A Corrective to Mystical Bliss" for Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit, Theme: The Felt Life of Vulnerability	November 18-21, 2017
Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference Presented paper, "Melancholy and the Broken Heart: Affective Textures in Hasidism and Mitnagdism" and organized panel "Affect and Jewish Mysticism"	December 18-20, 2016
Teaching Judaic Studies in the University New York University Presented paper, "Theory and Praxis: How Contemporary Theorists Can Enhance (or Detract from) Your Courses" as part of panel "Strategies Surrounding Course Sources & Readings"	November 15, 2016
Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference Presented paper, "The Affective Roots at the Heart of the Struggle Between Hasidim and Misnagdim," on panel	December 13-15, 2015

“Legalizing Emotions Across Jewish History”

Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference December 14-16, 2014

Presented paper, “Striving for Intensity and the Intensity of Striving in the Writings of Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav”

“The Materials of Jewish Studies” May 28-29, 2014

New York University / Columbia University
Presented paper, “Mystical Digestion”

“Law and Emotion in Comparative Perspective” April 27-28, 2014

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Presented paper, “I Sing to God with All that I Can: Emotional Exhaustion and the Obligation to Pray in the Writings of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav”

“Sensual Faiths: Religion and the Senses” May 13-14, 2011

Stanford University
Presented paper, “Approaching Closeness: The Haptic Transformation in Buber's Dialogical Philosophy”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“In His Holy Idiom’: Words of Spiritual Reinforcement from March 2019

the *Beis Aharon*, R. Aharon of Karlin II”

In Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies

REVIEWS

Review of: *Jewish Theology Unbound*, by James A. Diamond May 2019

Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion

Review of: *Gershom Scholem: Master of the Kabbalah*, by December 2018

David Biale

Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion

Review of: *A Remembrance of His Wonders: Nature and the* September 2018

***Supernatural in Medieval Ashkenaz*, by David I. Shyovitz**

Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion

Review of: *Women and the Messianic Heresy of Sabbatai Zevi,* June 2014

1666-1816, by Ada Rapoport-Albert

Ancient Traditions, New Conversations, blog for the Center for Jewish Law

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Book: *The Listening Heart: Song as Spiritual Practice* December 2017

Publisher: Mechon Hadar Publications

Co-author, with Joey Weisenberg

Translator of primary sources

Winner of the 2017 Myra H. Kraft Memorial Award, National Jewish Book Council

- Book: *The Illustrated Pirkei Avot* April 2017
Publisher: Print-O-Craft
Editor, lead translator, & contributed art direction
Runner up: British Library Labs Commercial Award, 2018
- “Vigilant” December 2014
Hypocrite Reader, no. 47, “Nocturne”
<http://hypocritereader.com/47/vigilant>
- Seder Oneg Shabbos*, Print-O-Craft Publications June 2014, 1st ed.
Liturgical Translator, Co-Creator October 2014, 2nd ed.
<http://shabb.es/sederonegshabbos/>
- “Until You Do Not Know: A Reconsideration of Ethics” December 2012
Hypocrite Reader, no. 23, “Intoxicants”
<http://hypocritereader.com/23/until-you-do-not>

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- New York University, College of Arts and Sciences** Spring 2017, 2018
Adjunct Professor, Religious Studies
Varieties of Mystical Experience
- City College of New York** Spring 2018
Adjunct Professor, Jewish Studies
Mystical Experience in Judaism
- Academy of Jewish Religion** Fall 2017
Adjunct Professor
Rabbinic Theology
- Chicago Theological Seminary** Spring 2015
Adjunct Professor
Comparative Mysticism: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
- New York University, College of Arts and Sciences**
Teaching Assistant/Preceptor, College Core
Cultures and Contexts: Ancient Israel Fall 2011
Texts and Ideas: Classics and the Enlightenment Spring 2011, Fall 2016
Course Assistant, Hebrew & Judaic Studies
Jewish Ethics Spring 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- American Academy of Religion** Spring 2018 Present
Organizing committee, Study of Judaism
- In Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies* Fall 2016 Present
Provides peer review and editing

Hebrew & Judaic Studies Graduate Student Text-Study Group Fall 2012 Spring 2014
Organized regular meetings in which students presented readings of texts central to their research, with facilitated feedback

COMMUNAL ENGAGEMENT

Drisha Institute for Jewish Education Summer 2016
Featured Instructor
The Most Whole Thing: Difficult Emotions in Hasidism

Nachman Scholar-in-Residence Fall 2014
North Shore Congregation Israel; Glencoe, IL
Lecture series: "What Jewish Mysticism Can Offer Non-Orthodox Jews"

Scholar-in-Residence Fall 2010 Present
Congregation Mt. Sinai; Temple Israel of Albany, NY;
University of Chicago Hillel; McGill Hillel; Harvard Hillel;
Ft. Tryon Jewish Center, Beth Haminyan

Print-O-Craft, Co-Founder Summer 2014 Present
Editor
Projects include: *The Illuminated Pirkei Avot*, *Seder Oneg Shabbos*

Jewish Public Media, Co-Founder Summer 2013 Present
Vice President, Producer, Journalist
Projects include "The Active Intellect," a podcast presenting new research in Jewish Studies.

Rutgers Hillel Fall 2011 Spring 2012
Rabbinic/Graduate Student Intern
Presented lectures and workshops, organized ritual life

Prozdor Hebrew High School Fall 2010 Spring 2014
Teaching Staff
Instructor and Curriculum Designer
Beit Midrash Director and Advisor

Uri L'Tzedek Publications Fall 2011 Spring 2013
Editor-in-Chief for festival publications