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- English Native, Hebrew Completely Fluent

A Jewish-studies researcher, educator, and manager, I am searching for a management position in Jewish education, research institutes, higher education, museums, academic libraries, or NGOs.

I have a strong work ethic, excellent interpersonal skills, good management competence, and attention to detail.

Great results depend on broad, creative vision and initiative, along with attention to the details of budget, staffing, and scheduling.

I learn quickly and work well under pressure. I am always looking for ways to improve results.

EXPERIENCE

2014-2022

The National Library of Israel | Curator, Judaica Collection

- Curator of the largest and most important collection of Judaica books, print materials and archives in the world
- Responsible for acquisitions and donations of new and rare items
- Manage collections-development staff, as well as annual budget of 2 million NIS
- Project and conference management, initiating international cooperation with cultural institutions
- Lecture in Israel and internationally, to academic and lay audiences, on topics related to the library, book collecting, and Jewish book history
- Prepare exhibits and cooperation with museums and libraries in Israel and around the world, including the Israel Museum and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg
- Prepare press releases, promote the library in the Israeli and international press.
- Cooperation with the fund-raising department to raise funds for the library in general and the collections department in particular
- Coordinate with the library's education, culture, and public-services divisions.

2010-2014

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan | Lecturer

- Lecturer in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Contemporary Jewry and in the Israel Experience program for foreign students. Courses included: "Jewish Education in Contemporary Society" and "History of Zionist Thought"

1996-2014

Midreshet Lindenbaum, Jerusalem | Teacher

- Teacher of Talmud and Jewish thought in a year-long seminary program of advanced Jewish studies for post-high school women.

2013-2014

Giv'at Washington Academic Collect | Lecturer

- Lecturer in the B.A. program for Jewish education

2008-2012

Association for the Social Scientific Study of Judaism | Managing Editor

- Coordinatined the efforts of the Editor-in-Chief, authors, reviewers, and publishers (Springer) in order to produce three issues a year of the peer-reviewed journal, Contemporary Jewry.

2004-2010

ATID Foundation, Jerusalem | Director of Projects and Research

- Coordinated research and publication for an organization which provided resources and training for Jewish educational leadership
- Prepare seminars and workshops for young educators on developing educational vision.

EDUCATION

1995-2004

Hebrew University of Jerusalem | Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry

- Post Doctoral research funded by the Moshe Davis Fellowship

Hebrew University of Jerusalem | PhD, Department of Jewish Thought

- Thesis: Religion and Public Life in 20th Century American Jewish Thought, Advisor: Prof. Aviezer Ravitzky

1994

Yeshiva University, New York | MA, Medieval Jewish History | BA, Jewish Studies

1993-1995

Kollel Meretz, Mevaseret Zion, Israel

- Studies in Talmud and Jewish Law toward rabbinic ordination

2020-2023

Non-degree Courses

- Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design: completed a course on museum-exhibit design.
- Mosaica: completed a mediation course.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Stand-Alone Works

- Co-Editor, **101 Treasures of the National Library of Israel** (Jerusalem: National Library of Israel and Scala) 2023
- Author, **Strictly Kosher Reading: Popular Literature and the Condition of Contemporary Orthodoxy** (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2011), 255 pp.
- First author, **Thought and Practice: The Sources of Faith and the Study of Jewish Thought Among Israeli Religious-Zionist Youth** [Hebrew] (Jerusalem: ATID, 2008)
- Editor, **Teaching Toward Tomorrow: An Agenda for Orthodox Education in the United States** (Jerusalem: ATID, 2008), 96pp.
- Editor, **Educating Toward Meaningful Prayer** (Jerusalem: ATID, 2001), 24pp.

Selected Articles

- "The Passover Haggadah as a Material Object," forthcoming in a book on the Passover Haggadot, Ed. Rebecca Abrams
- "Think Over My Lesson and Try to Destroy It: The Mysterious Mr. Shoshani," *The Jewish Review of Books*, 13:3 (2022), 5-6
- "A Passover Haggadah With a Refreshing Approach to Violence," *Artifacts of Orthodox Jewish Childhood*, Ed. Dainy Bernstein (New Jersey: Ben Yehuda Press, 2022), 46-53
- "From Bomberg to the Beit Midrash: A Cultural and Material History of Talmudic Page Layout," *Tradition* 55:1 (2022), 14-42
- "The Historical and Cultural Significance of the 'Afghan Genizah' [English and Russian]," *Life in Medieval Khorasan: A Genizah from the National Library of Israel*, Exhibition Catalogue (Saint Petersburg: The State Hermitage Publishers, 2019), 20-25
- "The Essence of Judaism Is Combat With the Outside World: Rav Aharon Kotler" [Hebrew], *The Gedolim*, Ed. Benny Brown and Nissim Leon (Jerusalem: Van Leer Institute, 2016)
- "The Secret of Jewish Masculinity: Contemporary Haredi Gender Ideology," *Love Marriage, and Jewish Families: Paradoxes of a Social Revolution*, Ed. Sylvia Barach Fishman (Boston: University Press of New England, 2015), 287-307
- "The Ambivalent Haredi Jew," *Israel Studies*, 19:2 (2014), 264-293
- "Theology with Fissures: Contradictions in the Theological Writings of Rabbi Joseph B Soloveitchik," *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 13:3 (2014), 399-421
- "Canon and Complexity," *Tradition*, Special Issue on the Thought and Scholarship of Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, 47:4 (Winter, 2014), 69-85
- "Popular Culture and Modern Orthodoxy: Toward an Ideological and Pedagogic Engagement," *Developing a Jewish Perspective on Culture*, Ed. Yehuda Sarna (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 2013), 189-213
- "Ultra-Orthodox/Haredi Education," *The International Handbook of Jewish Education*, Eds. Helena Miller et. al. (Dordrecht: Springer, 2011), 1063-1080.
- "In an Unplanted Land: Beth Medrash Govoha in New Jersey and Models of Community-Yeshiva Relations" [Hebrew], in *Education and Religion: Authority and Autonomy*, Ed. Immanuel Etkes et al. (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2011), 268-278
- "It's a Small, Small World: Secular Zionism Through the Eyes of a Contemporary Religious-Zionist Synagogue Pamphlet," *The Relationship of Orthodox Jews with Non-Believing Jews*, Ed. Adam Mintz (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 2010), 313-350
- "Nostalgia, Inspiration, Ambivalence: Eastern Europe, Immigration, and the Construction of Collective Memory in Contemporary American Haredi Historiography," *Jewish History* 23:1 (2009), 57-84.
- "Can American Orthodox Afford to Have Its Best and Brightest (Not) Make Aliya?" *Religious Zionism Post Disengagement: Future Directions*, ed. Chaim I. Waxman (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 2008), 237-260.
- "On the Limits of American Jewish Social Engineering: Ironic Reflections on Prof. Mordecai Kaplan and R. Aharon Kotler," *Contemporary Jewry* 28 (2008), 58-83
- "From Shtetl to Enclave: Rabbi Aharon Kotler and the Beginnings of Isolationist Orthodoxy in the United States" [Hebrew], in *Jewish Orthodoxy: New Perspectives*, Eds. Aviezer Ravitzky, Yosef Salmon and Adam Ferziger (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2006), 553-575
- "An Ideology for American Yeshiva Students: The Sermons of R. Aharon Kotler, 1942-1962," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 58:2 (2007), 314-332
- "Religion and Public Life: Exile and the Jewish State in the Thought of J.B. Soloveitchik, A.J. Heschel, and Mordecai Kaplan" [Hebrew], in *Religion and State in Twentieth Century Jewish Thought*, Ed. Aviezer Ravitzky (Jerusalem: Israel Democracy Institute, 2005), 367-407
- "Medium and Message in Contemporary Haredi Adventure Fiction," *The Torah U-Madda Journal*, 13 (2005), 50-87
- "Virtual Volozhin: Socialization vs. Learning in Israel Yeshivah Programs," *Wisdom From All My Teachers: Challenges and Initiatives in Contemporary Torah Education*, Eds. Jeffery Saks and Susan Handelman (Jerusalem: ATID and Urim Press, 2003), 360-381
- "Haredi Isolation in Changing Environments: A Case Study in Yeshiva Immigration," *Modern Judaism* 22:1 (2002), 61-82
- "Religion and Public Life in the Thought of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik," *Jewish Political Studies Review* 13:3-4 (2001), 41-70

In addition, I have published tens of journalistic pieces in both English and Hebrew, in Ynet.co.il, Makor Rishon, Jewishideasdaily.com, The Jewish Review of Books, The Jewish Daily Forward, Thelehrhaus.com and other print and online venues.