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### **FULL TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

BERNARD REVEL GRADUATE SCHOOL, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY (2007-PRESENT):

Dean, July 2020-present

Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Sept. 2017-present

Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Philosophy, Sept. 2010-Aug. 2017

Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Philosophy, Sept. 2007-Aug. 2010

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON (2001-2007)

Lecturer in Judaism, Department of Theology & Religious Studies

LONDON SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES, LONDON (1998-2001)

Sam and Vivienne Cohen Lecturer in Jewish Studies, 1999-2001

Tutorial Fellow, 1998-1999

### **OTHER POSITIONS HELD:**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Shoshana Shier Distinguished Visiting Professor, Winter 2020

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

Lecturer, Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Fall 1999

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Part time tutor, Department of Philosophy, 1995-1998

### **HIGHER EDUCATION:**

London School of Economics, Ph.D. Philosophy, 1994-2000

Thesis Title: *Justifying One's Practices*

Thesis Supervisors: David Hillel Ruben, Jonathan Sacks; Readers: Paul Helm, Oliver

Leaman

University College London, M.A., Hebrew and Jewish Studies, 1993-94, with Distinction

Thesis Title: *Life Affirmation and Repentant Man in the Philosophy of Rabbi Joseph B.*

*Soloveitchik*

St Johns College, University of Cambridge, B.A. (Cantab) Philosophy, 1990-93 (MA, 1997)

Class: Double First

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

King's College London, Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, 2003, with Distinction

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

British Academy Three-Year Award 1994-1997  
 British Academy One-Year Award 1993-1994  
 St John's College, Cambridge, Davidson Scholarship 1992 & 1993  
 St John's College, Cambridge, Newcome Prize 1992 & 1993

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### Books Authored

- 1) *Nietzsche, Soloveitchik, and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) [Co-authored with Michael J. Harris]
- 2) *An Introduction to Medieval Jewish Philosophy* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2009)
- 3) *Two Models of Jewish Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005)

### Books Edited

- 1) *Keter David -- David's Diadem: Essays in Honor of Professor David Shatz* (Academic Studies Press, forthcoming 2027) [co-edited with Aaron Segal and Shira Weiss]
- 2) *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy* (New York: Routledge, 2025) [co-edited with Tyron Goldschmidt]
- 3) *Radical Responsibility: Essays in Ethics, Religion and Leadership Presented to Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks* (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2013) [co-edited with Michael Harris and Tamra Wright]

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 1) "Repentance," in Daniel Rynhold and Tyron Goldschmidt (eds.), *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy* (New York: Routledge, 2025)
- 2) "Approaching God Aesthetically in Modern Jewish Thought," *Modern Theology* 39:2 (2023): 272-93
- 3) "The nature of good and evil" in Dan Frank and Aaron Segal (eds.), *Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed: A Critical Guide* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021)
- 4) "Response to Kepnes: Theology and Aesthetics," *Journal of Textual Reasoning* 12:1 (2021): 101-113 <https://doi.org/10.21220/s2-vjbs-ys24>
- 5) "Maimonides's Theology," in Steven Kepnes (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Jewish Theology* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020)
- 6) "Religious Diversity," in Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. and Graham Oppy, eds. *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy* (Farmington Hills, MI: Gale, 2019), 227-41
- 7) "Yeshayahu Leibowitz", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2019 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2019/entries/leibowitz-yeshayahu/> [First Published March 29, 2011; substantial revision published March 6, 2019]
- 8) "Science or Hermeneutics? Soloveitchik's Scientific Method Revisited," in Ephraim Kanarfogel and Dov Schwartz (eds.), *Scholarly Man of Faith: The Thought and Writings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* (New York and Jerusalem: Ktav/Urim Publications, 2018)
- 9) "Covenant, History, and the Holocaust: Emil Fackenheim's Philosophy Revisited," *Harvard Theological Review*, 109:1 (2016), 129-43
- 10) "Letting the facts get in the way of a good thesis: On Interpreting Rav Soloveitchik's Philosophical Method," *Torah U-Madda Journal* 16 (2012-13), 50-77 (revised and expanded English version of #9)
- 11) "Letting the facts get in the way of a good thesis: Soloveitchik's Philosophical Method," in A. Rosenak and N. Rothenberg eds. *Rav be-Olam Hadash: Studies Exploring Rabbi J. D. Soloveitchik's Influence on Culture, Education and Jewish Thought* [Hebrew] (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2010), 339-57
- 12) "Fascination Unabated: The Intellectual Love of Maimonides," Review Essay of Jay M. Harris,

- Maimonides After 800 Years*, *Torah U-Madda Journal* 15 (2008-09), 257-82
- 13) "Modernity and Jewish Orthodoxy: Nietzsche and Soloveitchik on Life-Affirmation, Asceticism, and Repentance," *Harvard Theological Review*, 101:2 (2008), 253-284 [co-authored with Michael J. Harris]
  - 14) "Das ethische Gewissen und die Halachah," in C. Bultmann, C. P. März and J. Malik (eds.), *Mahnung und Warnung: Die Lehre der Religionen über das rechte Leben* (Aschendorff: Münster, 2006), 168-88
  - 15) "The Problem of Evil," in N. de Lange and M. Freud Kandel, eds. *Modern Judaism* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2005), 314-24
  - 16) "The Philosophical Foundations of Soloveitchik's Critique of Interfaith Dialogue," *Harvard Theological Review*, 96:1 (2003), 101-120
  - 17) "Good and Evil, Truth and Falsity: Maimonides and Moral Cognitivism," *Trumah*, 12 (2002), 163-182
  - 18) "Judaism and Science: A Conflict Revisited," *Le'ela*, 50 (2000), 37-44

#### Non peer-reviewed publications

- 1) "Foreword," in Sam Lebens, *A Guide to the Jewish Undecided* (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2022), ix-xix
- 2) "My Personal Jewish Philosophical Odyssey," *Tradition* 52:4 (2020), 55-61
- 3) "Orot ha-Teshuvah: Repentance as Cosmology" in S. Halpern (ed.), *Books of the People: Revisiting Classic Works of Jewish Thought* (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2017), 239-70
- 4) "Unity, Plurality and Human Limits: Secularism in the Thought of Rav Kook," in M. Soloveichik, S. Halpern, and S. Zuckier (eds.), *Torah and Western Thought: Intellectual Portraits of Orthodoxy and Modernity* (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2015), 1-36
- 5) "Compassion and Halakhic Limits," Review Essay of Chaim Rapoport, *Orthodoxy and Homosexuality: An Authentic Orthodox View*, *The Edab Journal*, 5.1 (2005)

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- 1) Commandment, Medieval Judaism. *The Encyclopaedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2010)
- 2) Albo, Joseph [Addendum]. *Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* ed. Donald Borchert (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, 2006)

#### Book Reviews

- 1) Kenneth Hart Green, *Leo Strauss and the Rediscovery of Maimonides* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2013) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (E-journal 2015) <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/61780-leo-strauss-and-the-rediscovery-of-maimonides/>
- 2) Aaron Hughes and Elliot Wolfson, *New Directions in Jewish Philosophy*, *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 11 (2012) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14725886.2012.720085>
- 3) Alan Montefiore, *A Philosophical Retrospective: Facts, Values, and Jewish Identity*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (E-journal, 2011) <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/27212-a-philosophical-retrospective-facts-values-and-jewish-identity/>
- 4) Kenneth Seeskin, *Maimonides on the Origin of the World*, *AJS Review*, 31: 1 (2007), 185-7
- 5) Seymour Feldman, *Philosophy in a Time of Crisis; Don Isaac Abravanel: Defender of the Faith*, *Jewish Culture and History*, 8:1 (2006), 78-81
- 6) Joseph B. Soloveitchik *The Emergence of Ethical Man*, Michael Berger (ed.). *Religious Studies*, 42: 3 (2006), 364-8
- 7) Jerome I. Gellman, *Abraham! Abraham! Kierkegaard and the Hasidim on the Binding of Isaac*, *Religious*

- Studies*, 41:1 (2005), 116-20
- 8) Steven Nadler, *Spinoza's Heresy: Immortality and the Jewish Mind*, *Jewish Culture and History*, 6:2 (2003), 80-3
  - 9) Mel Scult, ed. *Communings of the Spirit: the Journals of Modercai M. Kaplan, vol. 1, 1913-1934*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 54:1 (2003), 180
  - 10) Aharon Rakeffet Rothkoff, *The Rav: The World of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 53:1 (2002), 187-8
  - 11) Ralph Lerner, *Maimonides' Empire of Light*, *Le'ela*, 52 (2001), 60-1
  - 12) David Hartman, *Love and Terror in the God Encounter*, *Le'ela*, 52 (2001), 61-2
  - 13) Joseph B. Soloveitchik, *Fate and Destiny*, in *Le'ela*, 51 (2001), 84-5
  - 14) Joseph B. Soloveitchik, *Family Redeemed*, D. Shatz & J. Wolowelsky (eds.), *Le'ela*, 50 (2000), 92-3
  - 15) Leon Roth, *Is There a Jewish Philosophy?*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 51:1 (2000), 171-2
  - 16) Menachem D. Genack, *Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik: Man of Halacha, Man of Faith*, *Le'ela*, 48 (1999), 70-71
  - 17) Marc D. Angel ed. *Exploring the Thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* in *Le'ela* 47 (1999), 63-5
  - 18) [With Dr Tamra Wright] Edward Craig, *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Le'ela*, 48 (1999), 75-6
  - 19) Josef Stern, *Problems and Parables of Jewish Law*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 50:1 (1999), 167-8

## **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) "Nietzschean Judaism." Workshop in Jewish Theology, University of Illinois-Chicago, July 24-25 2018. Invited Paper
- 2) "Putting Truth in Perspective: Nietzsche and Modern Jewish Philosophy." Satin Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, April 10, 2018. Invited Talk
- 3) "Roth on Morality and Transcendence." Engaging Leon Roth. Conference on Leon Roth hosted by the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, May 15-17, 2017. Invited paper.
- 4) "Theological Approaches to Religious Observance in Mid-century Anglo-Jewry: Montagu, Jacobs, and Epstein." AJS Conference, Boston, MA, December 16th 2013. Panel chair and respondent
- 5) "The Gods of Judaism: A Theological and Historical Journey." Vanderbilt University, Program in Jewish Studies, May 20th 2013. Invited panelist
- 6) "." Department of Theology, University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. March 14th 2013. Invited paper.
- 7) "Science or Hermeneutics? Soloveitchik's Scientific Method Revisited." Conference on the Thought and Writings of Rabbi Soloveitchik, July 2012, Bar Ilan and Yeshiva University. Invited paper
- 8) "Perspectivism and the Absolute: Soloveitchik's Epistemological Pluralism." Conference on Kantian Judaism and Jewish Kantianisms, Center for Jewish Studies University of Toronto, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011. Invited paper
- 9) "Stanley Fish and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik on Law, Interpretation, and Truth." Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. Invited panelist
- 10) "Nietzsche and The Law." Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Invited panelist
- 11) "Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions: Mercy." Summer Seminar, Princeton University, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. Invited respondent
- 12) "Conceptions of Power in Modern Orthodox Theology: Some Nietzschean Reflections." First Annual YC Honors Program Student-Led Conference on "Jews and Power in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," Yeshiva University Museum at the Center for Jewish History, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009. Invited paper
- 13) "Is there a Philosophy of Jewish Law?" Research Seminar, London School of Jewish Studies,

- London, UK, June 28, 2007. Invited paper
- 14) "Nietzsche and Jewish Tradition: Between Conflict and Congruence." Research Seminar, Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Manchester, March 8, 2007. Invited paper
  - 15) "על התשובה: ניטשה ורב סלובייצ'יק" Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, March 6, 2006. Invited paper
  - 16) "Confusing the Issue in Halakhic Jurisprudence." Amsterdam Colloquium in Jewish Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, Holland, Feb 5-7, 2006. Invited paper
  - 17) "Joseph Soloveitchik and the Question of Autonomous Jewish Philosophy." Paper presented at Research Institute in Systematic Theology, King's College London, UK, January 24, 2006
  - 18) "The Ethical Conscience and the Halakhah." University of Erfurt, Germany, January 3, 2005. Invited lecture
  - 19) "Nietzsche, Judaism, and Soloveitchik's View of the Self." Conference on 'The Idea of the Self in Different Cultures,' Gresham College, London, UK, November 5, 2004. Invited paper
  - 20) "Letting the Facts Get in the Way of a Good Thesis: Rabbi Soloveitchik's Philosophical Methodology." Paper presented at Conference on Studies Exploring the Influence of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, December 29-31, 2003.
  - 21) "Maimonides on Divine Attributes and Human Perfection." David Patterson Seminar Series, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford, UK, May 14, 2003. Invited paper
  - 22) "Soloveitchik on Interfaith Dialogue." Paper presented at British Association for Jewish Studies Conference, University of Southampton, UK, July 15-17, 2002.

## **TEACHING**

### **YESHIVA UNIVERSITY:**

**Graduate:**

- Survey of Medieval Jewish Philosophy
- Survey of Modern and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy
- The Problem of Evil in Modern Jewish Philosophy
- Philosophy and the Concept of Mitzvah
- The Early Modern Period: Spinoza and Mendelssohn
- Nietzsche and Modern Jewish Philosophy
- Jewish Existentialism – Buber and Rosenzweig
- Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas
- Halakhah and Contemporary Legal Philosophy
- Themes in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish Philosophy
- Philosophy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik
- Philosophy of Maimonides
- Philosophy of Gersonides
- Philosophy of Judah Halevi

**Undergraduate:**

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Ethics
- Modern Philosophy (Descartes-Kant) [Honors Class]
- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- Theories of the Mind
- Nietzsche and the Art of Philosophy
- Topics: Spinoza's Ethics [Honors Class]
- Seminar: Kant's First Critique
- Seminar: Moral Realism

**KING'S COLLEGE LONDON:**

**Graduate:** Medieval Jewish Philosophy  
Ethics in Medieval Jewish Thought

**Undergraduate:** Introduction to Jewish Thought and Practice  
Varieties of Judaism  
Jewish Law  
Jewish Responses to Modernity  
Law and Jewish Philosophy  
Contemporary Jewish Philosophy (Soloveitchik)  
Biblical Hebrew I

**SERVICE:**

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY**

Revel Representative on Yeshiva University Faculty Council, 2012-2019  
Director of PhD Program, Bernard Revel Graduate School, 2011-present  
Member, Manhattan Campus Panel on Unlawful Harassment, 2009-present  
Advisory Committee, Yeshiva University Center for Ethics, 2009-2011  
Member, Tenure Appeal Panel, Spring 2012  
Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Yeshiva University, 2012

**KINGS COLLEGE LONDON**

Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Departmental Tutor, 2005-2007  
Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Staff-Student Liaison Committee, 2004-2007  
Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Library Liaison Officer, 2002-2004  
Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Search Committee, Lecturer in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies, 2006

**PROFESSIONAL**

Tenure Referee: Bar Ilan University, Pace University  
Manuscript Referee: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Litmann Library of Jewish Civilization, *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Torah U-Madda Journal*, *Shofar*  
Individual Research Grant Reviewer: Israel Science Foundation  
External Examiner, Leo Baeck College, London, 2005-2007  
External Examiner, Birkbeck College, University of London, 2006-2007