

CURRENT

Straus Center for Torah & Western Thought, Yeshiva University

Associate Director and Research Fellow

Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow

New York, NY

Sept. 2018 –Present

Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2018

- Political science and philosophy courses/seminars taught include: “Interpreting the French Revolution,” “Zionist Political Thought,” “Judaism and American Democracy,” “Comparative Political Revolutions,” “Democracy in America,” “Athens and Jerusalem,” “Great Political Thinkers”

PUBLICATIONS

“Houellebecq as Comparative Political Scientist of Religion,” in Michael S. Kochin and Alberto Spektorowski eds. *Decline and Submission: Michel Houellebecq, the Cassandra of Freedom*, Brill, Forthcoming

“The Politics of Israeli Public Diplomacy from the Second Intifada to the Present,” Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy, Forthcoming

Honoring 70, Neil Rogachevsky, Ed., Embassy of Israel Publications, May, 2018

“Between J Date and J Street: American foreign policy and the liberal-Jewish dilemma in America,” (w/Yossi Shain) In *Diaspora Lobbies and the US Government*, NYU Press, October: 2014

“Are Plebiscites Constitutional? A Disputed Question in the Plebiscite Campaign of 1870,” *French History*, June: 2013

BOOK PROJECT

Book on Israel’s Founding Moment (In Progress)

ESSAYS, REVIEWS, AND COMMENTARY

“In Israel, The Return of the Strong, Silent Type,” *American Interest*, February 5, 2019

“The Return of Shlomo Sand,” *Mosaic*, December 26, 2018

“The Best Books of 2018,” *Mosaic*, December 12, 2018

“A First Draft of the Life of Benjamin Netanyahu,” *Mosaic*, July 2, 2018

“Self-Portrait of a Zionist Statesman and Thinker,” *Mosaic*, March 28, 2018

“Paris, Now,” *City Journal*, January 24, 2018

“Best Books of the Year, as Selected by *Mosaic* Authors,” *Mosaic*, December 27, 2017

“Statesmanship at the Movies,” *American Interest*, December 07, 2017

“The Ardent, Stiff-Necked Spirit of Golda Meir,” *Mosaic*, November 29, 2017

“After Netanyahu,” *Weekly Standard*, October 06, 2017

“The Only Language He Understands,” *Mosaic*, August 10, 2017

“The Story Behind Oslo,” Invitee on “The Tikvah Podcast,” July 07, 2017

“French Islam’s Radical Turn, and its Ramifications for French Jews,” *Mosaic*, June 29, 2017

“The Flaws of ‘Oslo’ are the Same as the Flaws of Oslo,” *Mosaic*, May 17, 2017

“The Genius of Bernard-Henri Lévy,” *Jewish Review of Books*, Winter: 2017

“Restoring the Fortunes of Zion,” *Wall Street Journal*, October 21, 2016

“On the Terror Beat,” *Weekly Standard*, July 29, 2016

“*Nathan the Wise*: An Ambiguous Plea for Religious Toleration,” *Mosaic*, June 29, 2016

“Who Was Abba Eban?” *Mosaic*, February 17, 2016

“Defending a Civilization,” *Weekly Standard*, November 29, 2015

“Agents of their Own Destiny,” *Wall Street Journal*, September 24, 2015

“*Le Donald* and Western Democracy’s Populist Problem,” (with Benjamin Haddad), *Foreign Policy*, August 21, 2015

“The Fragile Eggs of Haruki Murakami,” *American Interest*, July 23, 2015

“A New Israeli Consensus,” *Mosaic*, June 15, 2015

“Playing Dumb in Palestine,” *Wall Street Journal*, April 1, 2015

“On Terror: France is on the Right Track,” *American Interest*, February 4, 2015

“Can the Left Govern?” *American Interest*, April 18, 2014

“The Unwritten Rule,” *Mosaic*, October 27, 2014

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- “Israel Apart,” *Mosaic*, February 26, 2014
 “My Heart is in the East...and West,” *Jerusalem Post*, January 25, 2014
 “The Endangered United Kingdom,” *The National Interest*, October 26, 2012
 “The High Theater of the French Presidential Election,” *The Atlantic*, March 23, 2012
 “*Plus ça Change*—in the French Economy,” *American Interest*, July 13, 2012
 “Losing Their Religion,” *Claremont Review of Books*, Spring, 2012
 “Lessons from the French Election: Globalization is a Killer,” *American Interest*, May 7, 2012
 “Studying Abroad,” *Claremont Review of Books*, Winter, 2011
 “Rent-a-Crowd Fridays in Palestine,” *American Interest*, November 1, 2010
 “Summer in the City,” *Jerusalem Post*, May 30, 2010
 “Why Lobbies Don’t Matter,” (with Yossi Shain), *Ha’aretz*, Dec. 31, 2009
 “Zionism sans Jews,” (with Dov Zigler), *Jerusalem Post*, December 24, 2009
 “Benjamin Netanyahu: A Realtor with No Buyers,” *Commentary*, July 28, 2009
 “The Road to Damascus Redux,” (with Dov Zigler), Henry Jackson Society Paper, April 1, 2009
 “Benjamin Netanyahu and the Case for Peace through Economic Freedom,” Henry Jackson Society Paper, February 10, 2009
 “The Cult of Capitalism,” *Jerusalem Post*, February 18, 2008.
 “When Virtue Sleeps: The Moral World of Denys Arcand’s *L’Age Des Ténèbres*,” *Bright Lights*, Jan. 31, 2008
 “My Interrupted Greek Lesson,” *Jerusalem Post*, May 14, 2007

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The *Gilets-Jaunes* as Case Study in the Failure of Representative Government,” College of the Mainland, Texas, October 3, 2019
 “Montesquieu and the Problem of Decadence,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28, 2019
 “Populism, Free Trade, and the Rule of Law,” (Conference moderator and participant), The Canada-U.S. Relationship: Past and Future, Max Bell School for Public Policy, McGill University, April 26, 2019
 “Montesquieu’s Romans, Denys Arcand’s Americans,” (Paper presenter and panel chair), Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 10, 2018
 “Israeli Political Economy: Theory and Practice,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 21, 2018
 “Alexis de Tocqueville and American Political Culture,” Program on North American Studies, McGill University, January 17, 2018
 “Lessing and Religion,” Faculty Conference, Claremont McKenna College, May 5, 2017
 “Political Turmoil and Political Parties in France and the United States,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 21, 2017
 “Burke, Tocqueville, and Donald Trump,” Program on North American Studies, McGill University, January 11, 2017
 “The Politics of Israeli Public Diplomacy from the Second Intifada to the Present,” ISGAP Winter 2015 Lecture Series, Harvard University, February 8, 2016
 “The Situation in France,” Yeshiva University Fireside Chat, December 9, 2015
 “Alexis de Tocqueville on Decentralization Revisited,” Yeshiva University Lunchtime Honors’ Seminar, October 14, 2015
 “Presidentialist Foreign Policy and The Pacificus-Helvidius Debates,” Program on North American Studies, McGill University, February 24, 2015
 “The Plebiscite of 1870 and the failure of French Liberalism,” Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge graduate research seminar, May 2, 2013
 “Obstacles to Political Constitutionalism: The Case of Second Empire France,” The Jerusalem Seminar in the History of Political Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 20, 2013
 “The French Army and the Plebiscite of 1870,” Violence and Social Conflict Workshop, Faculty of History, Cambridge. Pembroke College, Cambridge May 29, 2012
 “The ‘Grievous Evil’ and the People of the Book: An Interpretation of Maimonides’ ‘Letter on Astrology,’” Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 23, 2010
 “Xenophon’s *Meno*” (w/Dov Zigler), Northeastern Political Science Association meeting, Philadelphia, November 21, 2009
 “On Propriety and Politics: Lessons from Xenophon’s *Anabasis of Cyrus*,” Georgetown University Political Theory Workshop, November 11, 2009

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“Frances Trollope and Alexis de Tocqueville on Equality,” Program in North American Studies, McGill University, Montreal, October 13, 2009

“Philosopher King: How Spinoza read Ecclesiastes,” Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2009

EDUCATION

Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

PhD in Modern European History

Cambridge, UK

2010 – 2014

- Thesis Title: “The French Army and the Plebiscite of 1870”
- ERASMUS visiting doctoral student, École Normale Supérieure, Paris 2011 – 2012

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Asper Scholar in Humanities and Social Sciences

Jerusalem, IL

2006 - 2008

- Completed coursework in advanced Hebrew, German, and Greek

University of Toronto

Master of Arts in Political Science

Toronto, ON

Degree granted: 2006

McGill University

Bachelor of Arts (with Great Distinction) in History

Montreal, QC

Degree granted: 2004

FELLOWSHIPS

The Tikvah Fund

A research institute focusing on Israel and Judaism

Tikvah Fellow

New York, NY

Oct. 2013 – Aug. 2014

- Worked on the editorial staff of *Mosaic*, a web-magazine focusing on Jewish ideas
- Tasks included research, writing, and editing

Abba Eban Program on Diplomacy, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University

Visiting Fellow

Tel Aviv, IL

May 2010 – Sept. 2010

- Researched the American-Israel relationship

Georgetown University

Teaching Fellow, Department of Government

Washington, D.C.

Sept. 2008 – Aug. 2010

- Completed PhD level comprehensive exams in comparative politics
- Taught in courses on international relations, U.S. foreign policy, and the Arab-Israeli conflict

AWARDS

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Scholarship 2012 – 2013

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, Overseas Scholarship 2012 – 2013

Erasmus Scholarship, École Normale Supérieure, Paris 2011 – 2012

Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship 2010 – 2013

Publius Fellowship, Claremont Institute, 2010

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), University of Leipzig, 2008

Asper Scholarship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem 2008 – 2010

Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2005 – 2006

LANGUAGES

French (fluent), Hebrew (fluent), German (basic/intermediate), Italian (basic), Ancient Greek (read)

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OTHER

Consulting for the Foundation for Constitutional Government: *Great Thinkers, Contemporary Thinkers, Conversations*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATIONS

APSA

NPSA