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EDUCATION

- 1981 B.A, magna cum laude, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Major: Classics (Greek and Latin)
- 1981-82 Midreshet Yerushalayim, (Jewish Theological Seminary of America),
New York, New York
- 1991 M.A., Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Major: New Testament; Minor: Rabbinics
- 1992 M.H.L, Rabbi, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, Pennsylvania

CAREER

- 1995- Wheaton College, Professor of Religion (2008-), Associate Professor of Religion (2001-2008), Assistant Professor of Religion (1995-2000)
- 2010 CET Academic Programs, Jewish Studies in Prague, CZ, Visiting Professor (Summer)
- 2006 Rhode Island College, Adjunct Professor of History, *Perspectives on Muslim History and Culture*
- 2002 Brown University, Visiting Associate Professor of Judaic Studies
- 1993-1995 Colgate University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies
- 1990-1993 La Salle University, Instructor, *Introduction to Judaism* (1990, 1992); *Dynamics of Religion* (1991-93); *Introduction to Bible* (1992-93)
- 1991-1992 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wexner Bet Midrash Intern and Teaching Assistant to Graduate Students in Rabbinic Texts
- 1992 Gratz College, Adjunct Professor, *Comparative Religion* and *Introduction to Judaism*
- Spring 1991 University of Pennsylvania, Grader, *Modern Jewish History*
- 1983-1986 Vanderbilt University, Teaching Assistant, for introductory course (1983-1984, 1986); Instructor, Ph.D. tutorial in Classical and Koine Greek (1985); Research Assistant, for Daniel Patte's book, *Gospel of Matthew* (1984-85)
- 1987-1993 Annenberg Research Institute (currently, University of Pennsylvania Center for Judaic Studies), Periodicals and Judaica Reference Librarian

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2010 Mars Faculty/Student Research Grant from Wheaton for project “A Contemporary Illuminated English Translation of Rabbenu Bahya Ben Asher’s Jewish Eating Manual *Shulhan Shel Arba*” with Rosemary Liss ‘11
- 2007 Mellon Research Summer Stipend from Wheaton for project “See, Eat, Talk, Believe: World Construction and Social Formation in Medieval Jewish Meals”
- 2005 NEH Summer Seminar on “Religious Diversity and the Common Good” directed by Alan Wolfe, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College
- 2003 Library and Technological Learning Committee Grant, Wheaton College, course transformation to enhance research writing in Senior Seminar on Ritual and First Year Seminar “The Rituals of Dinner” with library and bibliographic technology
- 2002 Hewlett Pluralism and Unity Grant, Wheaton College, for course transformation of Religion 316: Islam: Faith and Practice Fall 2002
- 1997-1998 Faculty Professional Development Grant, Wheaton College, “Eating Rituals and the Transmission of Jewish Tradition: The Religious Perspective of R. Bahya's *Shulhan Shel Arba*” (book translation and commentary)
- 1996 Catherine Filene Shouse Fellowship Award, Wheaton College, course transformation to integrate a service learning component, *Islam: Faith and Practice*
- 1994 Funded by Colgate University to attend Jerusalem Summer School in Jewish Studies, Victor Rothschild Memorial Symposium, Institute for Advanced Studies of the Hebrew University; topic, “Jewish Attitudes Toward Christianity”
- 1989 Coolidge Research Colloquium Fellow, work on my dissertation
- January 1987 Fellow of the Theological Seminar in Jerusalem, “Christians, Jews, and the Covenant,” jointly sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Shalom Hartman Institute; topic, “Jewish and Christian Attitudes toward the Other”
- 1982-1986 Vanderbilt University Graduate Fellowship

COURSES

Faith after the Holocaust
Judaism: Faith and Practice (upper level)
Literature of the New Testament (introductory)
Literature of the Hebrew Bible (introductory)
Scripture in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (intermediate)
New Testament: Paul and Acts of the Apostles (upper level)
Contemporary Jewish Issues (intermediate)
Introduction to Western Civilization (general education requirement, first-year students)
Introduction to World Religions (introductory)
Rituals of Dinner (first year seminar)
Islam: Faith and Practice;
Religion and Modern Literature
Jesus in the Gospels
Seminar in Jewish Thought (upper level)
Introduction to Rabbinic Literature
Ritual (seminar for senior religion majors)

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Books:

1. *Memorable Meals: Symposia in Luke's Gospel, The Rabbinic Seder and the Greco-Roman Literary Tradition* (forthcoming).
2. *Eating Torah*, translation of Rabbenu Bahya Ben Asher Hlava, *Shulhan Shel Arba* and analysis of medieval Jewish eating and reading rituals (in progress: <http://fred.wheatonma.edu/wordpress/jbk/>).
3. *Papers of the SBL Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman World*, vv.1-3 co-editor (with Susan Marks) and contributor (in progress).
4. *Jewish Food* (under contract for London: Reaktion Books, in progress).

Articles:

1. "Bread From Heaven, Bread from the Earth," *Global Food Historiography: Researchers, Writers, & the Study of Food*, ed. Kyri Claflin and Peter Scholliers (Oxford, UK: Berg, forthcoming 2012).
2. "Cultures and Cultures: Fermented Foods as Culinary 'Shibboleths,'" co-authored with Betsey Dexter Dyer," *Cured, Fermented, and Smoked Foods: Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2010* ed. Helen Saberi (Devon, UK: Prospect Books, forthcoming 2011)
3. "3 John," *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* (Marc Brettler and Amy-Jill Levine, eds.; Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
4. "Communal meals. II. Judaism," *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2010).
5. "'Truly the Ear Tests Words as the Palate Tastes Food' (Job 12:11): Synaesthetic Food Metaphors for the Experience of the Divine in Jewish Tradition," *Food and Language: Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2009*, ed. Richard Hosking (Devon, UK: Prospect Books, 2010).
6. "Kabbalah, Food, and Sustainability," in *The Mountains Shall Drip Wine: Jews and the Environment. Studies in Jewish Civilization 20*. Edited by Leonard J. Greenspoon et al. (Omaha, NE: Creighton University Press, 2009).
7. "Torah on the Table: A Sensual Morality," *Food and Morality: Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2007*, ed. Susan Friedland (Devon, UK: Prospect Books, 2008).
8. "'Real Eating: A Medieval Spanish Jewish View of Gastronomic Authenticity," *Authenticity: Proceedings of the 2005 Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery* (Devon, UK: Prospect Books, 2006) 119-131.
9. "What is Religious About Ethics?" *The Reconstructionist* 69:2 (2005) 49-57.
10. "Does God Care What We Eat? Jewish Theologies of Food and Reverence for Life" and "Meals as Midrash: A Survey of Ancient Meals in Jewish Studies Scholarship," in *Food and Judaism: Studies in Jewish Civilization 15*, ed. by Leonard Greenspoon et al. (Omaha, NE: Creighton University Press, 2005) 119-132, 297-318.
11. "The Ritualization of Scripture in Rabbenu Bahya ben Asher's Eating Manual *Shulhan Shel Arba*," *Proceedings of the 13th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2001* (e-publication: <http://www.lekkt.com/articles/003000029.pdf>).
12. "Were the Pharisees a Conversionist Sect? Table Fellowship as a Strategy of Conversion," *The Making of Proselytes": Jewish Missionary Activity in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds* (ed. A.-J. Levine and R. Pervo; forthcoming), 161-192.
13. "The Role of Service-Learning in the Transformation of 'Islam: Faith and Practice,'" *From Cloister To Commons: Concepts and Models for Service-Learning in Religious Studies*, ed. Richard Devine et al.; AAHE's Series on Service-Learning in the Disciplines (Washington, DC: American Association for Higher Education/Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2002) 153-167.
14. "Jesus as Other People's Scripture," *The Historical Jesus Through Catholic and Jewish Eyes* (ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon et al; Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2000), 155-166

15. "Not by Bread Alone...': Food and Drink in the Rabbinic Seder and in the Last Supper," in *Semeia 86: Food and Drink in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament* (ed. by Athalya Brenner and Jan Willem van Henten; 1999), 154-179.
16. "Meat-eating and Jewish Identity: Ritualization of the Priestly 'Torah of Beast and Fowl' [Lev. 11:46] in Rabbinic Judaism and in Medieval Kabbalah," *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, 24/2 (1999), 227-262.
17. "A Jewish Ideological Perspective on the Study of Christian Scripture," *Jewish Social Studies* N.S. 4:1 (1997), 121-152.

Book Reviews:

1. Review of *Holy Lives, Holy Deaths: A Close Hearing of Early Jewish Storytellers*, by Antoinette Clark Wire, *RBL* 09/2003. http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/2892_2879.pdf.
2. "Review Essay: Chutzpah Even Before the Heavenly Court "[review of *The Genesis of Justice: Ten Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the Ten Commandments and Modern Law* by Alan Dershowitz] *Contemporary Justice Review* (2002)
3. "Contemporary Jewish Theologies: An Essay Review," [review of *Facing the Abusing God*, by David Blumenfeld; *The Spirit of Renewal*, by Edward Feld; and *Seek My Face, Speak My Name*, by Arthur Green] *The Reconstructionist* 59:1 (1994).

Dissertation:

Conventions of Literary Symposia in Luke's Gospel, with special attention to the Last Supper
Advisor, Daniel Patte

Research Presentations at Conferences:

1. "Sukkot: The Paradigmatic Harvest Festival," Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery: Celebration – 30 Years of Food Thought, Oxford, UK, July 2011
2. "Eating Our Words: A Roundtable on the New Jewish Food Movement," panelist, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, December, 2010.
3. "Table as the Generative Locus for Social Formation in Early Judaism," panelist, Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November, 2010.
4. "Cultures and Cultures: Fermented Foods as Culinary 'Shibboleths,'" co-authored with Betsey Dexter Dyer, Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery: Cured, Fermented, and Smoked Foods, Oxford, UK, July 2010
5. "'Truly the Ear Tests Words as the Palate Tastes Food' (Job 12:11): Synaesthetic Food Metaphors for the Experience of the Divine in Jewish Tradition," Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery: Food and Language, Oxford, UK, September 2009
6. "Performing Myth, Performing Midrash at Rabbinic Meals" paper for the Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November, 2008. "Rethinking Eucharistic Origins: The Work of Andrew McGowan," session chairperson, Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November, 2007 "Kabbalah, Food, and Sustainability," Twentieth Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium "'The Mountains Shall Drip Wine: Jews and the Environment" Omaha, NE, October 28-29, 2007
7. "Torah on the Table: A Sensual Morality," Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery: Food and Morality, Oxford, UK, September 2007
8. "'Real Eating: A Medieval Spanish Jewish View of Gastronomic Authenticity," Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery: Authenticity, Oxford, UK, September 2005
9. "American Jewish Scholars and Their [Biblical] Scholarship (to Commemorate the 350th Anniversary of Jews in the United States)," Panelist/Respondent, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November, 2004
10. "Contrasting Banquets: A Literary Commonplace in Philo's *On the Contemplative Life* and Other Greco-Roman Symposia," Consultation on Meals in the Greco-Roman World, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November, 2004

11. "The 'Normal Mysticism' of Jewish Meal Rituals," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December, 2003
12. "Defining a Typology for the Study of Meals in the Greco-Roman World," Panelist/respondent, Consultation on Meals in the Greco-Roman World, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November, 2003
13. "The Tension between Vegetarianism and Meat-Eating in Judaism," Animals and Religion Consultation, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November, 2003
14. "Meals and Jewish Studies," Consultation on Meals in the Greco-Roman World, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Toronto, November, 2002
15. "Does God Care What We Eat?" and "Food and Table Talk in the Early Rabbinic Seder and the Last Supper in Luke's Gospel," Fifteenth Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium "Food and Judaism," Omaha, NE, October 27-28, 2002
16. "The Ritualization of Scripture in Rabbenu Bahya ben Asher's Eating Manual *Shulhan Shel Arba'*," 13th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2001.
17. "Spirituality and Critique," Panelist, First Annual Teaching Workshop at the NEMAAR Annual Meeting: Teaching the Bible in Post-Secondary Education, Cambridge, MA, April 27th, 2001.
18. "Eating Torah: The Ritualization of Scriptural Verses in Medieval *Sifrut Ha-Hanhagot* and Islamic *Adab al Akl*," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December, 2000.
19. "Not by Bread Alone...': Food and Drink in the Rabbinic Seder and in the Last Supper," American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November, 2000
20. "Transforming [the course] *Islam: Faith and Practice*: The Service Learning Component," A Future of Service: National Conference on Service-Learning in Theology/Religious Studies, Boston, MA, November, 1999.
21. "Rabbinic and Medieval Transformations of 'The Torah of beast and fowl' (Lev. 11:46)," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December, 1997; revised version at Brown University Seminar on Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean World, May, 1998.
22. "Dinner Dramas and Stories about Them: Ritualizing the Meals of Jesus," Society of Biblical Literature/New England Regional Meeting, 1997.
23. "Asceticism and 'Sacrifice' in Rabbinic Eating Rituals" American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 1996.
24. "The Genre of the Rabbinic Seder," Brown Seminar on the Religions of the Ancient World, 1996.
25. "Comparative Method and Ideological Appropriation: The Case of New Testament and Rabbinic Parables," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, 1994.
26. "Ideological Rationales for Modern Jewish Study of the New Testament," paper discussed in the Ideological Criticism Section at the AAR/SBL National Meeting, 1993.
27. "Were the Pharisees a Conversionist Sect?" Study of Judaism Session, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL, 1993.
28. "The Last Supper as a Symposium Scene," Synoptic Gospels Session, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL, 1993.
29. "Analogies for the Theologically Abhorrent in Early Rabbinic Judaism," AAR/SBL National Meeting, 1988.
30. "What is a Symposium in Luke's Gospel?" AAR Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, 1988.
31. "The Rhetoric of Authority in a Cynic Diatribe and a Rabbinical Exegetical Midrash," AAR/SBL National Meeting, 1986.
32. "Cultic Language and I Cor 5," SBL Southeastern Regional Meeting, 1986.

Public Lectures:

1. Contributor to [The Jew and the Carrot: Jews, Food, and Contemporary Issues](#) web blog, 2007-.
2. "Spirituality of Food," Unitarian Universalist Church of Westborough, Westborough, MA, November 4, 2007.
3. Panelist in *Omnivore's Dilemma* Panel, Wheaton College First Year Student Orientation, September, 2007.

4. "Words of Torah on the Table: The Spirituality of Food," Interfaith Breakfast of the Intercultural Center, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, February 15, 2007.
5. Participant in "Food" Panel, Wheaton Alumnae/i Reunion, May, 2006.
6. "Jewish Views of Jesus," lunch talk, Congregation Agudas Achim, Attleboro, MA, November 17, 2004.
7. "Jihad and the Politics of Salvation," discussion leader for [*Understanding The Modern Middle East*](#) program of Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Walpole Public Library, Walpole, MA, November 16, 2004; Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield, MA, December 14, 2004; Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy, MA, March 10, 2005; Norton Public Library, Norton, MA, March 14, 2006.
8. "'One Sixtieth of Revelation: Jewish Ideas About Dreams,'" Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, RI, May 26, 2004
9. "Da Vinci's Code and Gibson's Passions: Christianity and the Female Body in Recent Popular Culture," with Jane Gerhard (Visiting Professor of Women's Studies), lecture for Women's History Month, Wheaton College, March 26, 2004
10. "The *Da Vinci Code*," book discussion leader, Richards Memorial Library, N. Attleboro, MA, March 18, 2004
11. "*Women and Gender in Islam*, by Leila Ahmad," discussion leader for [*Understanding Islam*](#) program of Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Fall River Public Library, Fall River, MA, January 6, 2004
12. "Meals as Midrash," Temple Isaiah, Lexington, MA, October 11, 2003; 3 session mini-course, Jewish Adult Institute, Temple Emanuel, Providence, RI, Fall, 2004
13. "Their Jihad and Ours," Congregation Tiferet Israel, Washington DC, July 6, 2002
14. "The Power of Scripture in Islam," Wheaton Alumnae/i College, May 17, 2002
15. "The Changing Face of Religion in the U.S.: New York City 2002," moderator/panelist, New York Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, NY, NY, March 9, 2002
16. "Why Be Jewish?" Scholar in Residence, Congregation Shirat Ha-Yam, Duxbury, MA, February 9-10, 2002.
17. "The Same Lord is the Lord of All...", panelist, The Foundation For Biblical Research, Charlestown, NH, July 7, 2000.
18. "Does God Care What We Eat?" Maimonides Society of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, June 4, 2000.
19. "Meat-Eating and Jewish Identity in Rabbinic Judaism and Medieval Kabbalah," Bronfman Fund/Department of Religion Lecture, Williams College, October 14, 1998.
20. "The Spirit of God in Torah: A Jewish Perspective," RI Roman Catholic Archdiocese Educators Conference, March 1998.
21. "Learning as a Spiritual Discipline: The Case of Jewish Women's Torah Study," Wheaton Faculty Luncheon Series/Women's History Week Lecture, March 5, 1998.
22. "Stairway To Heaven - Progress and Perfectibility," (panelist) radio program (WHJJ) of the series Action Speaks '97, Is Technology Our New Religion? - AS220 Community Forum, Providence, October 28, 1997.
23. "The 'Curse of Ham' and Contemporary African American Biblical Interpretation," Wheaton Faculty Luncheon Series/Black History Month Lecture (February 1997).
24. "Jewish Identity in the New Testament," Instructor; "Jewish Eating," "The Seder and the Last Supper," Speaker, Temple Emanu-el, Providence, RI (1997).
25. "Jewish-Christian Relations Then and Now," Speaker, Temple Beth El, Bennington, VT (October 1995).
26. "Negotiating Boundaries: Being Jewish in a Non-Jewish World," Keynote Speaker/Scholar in Residence, B'nai Havurah Reconstructionist Congregation Summer Institute Weekend Denver, CO (June 1995).
27. "Religious Responses to the Holocaust" workshop for a consortium of local churches, Oneida, NY (June 1995).

28. "Women in Judaism" workshop for the Jewish Women's Series of the JCC/Syracuse Jewish Federation (1994).

WHEATON COLLEGE SERVICE

2004-2007 Chair, Religion Department
2005-2006 Chair, Advisory Committee
Spring 2000 Acting Chair, Religion Department
2000-2001 Chair, First Year Seminar Steering Committee
2006-2009 Member, First Year Seminar Steering Committee
2003-2004,
2000-2001,
1996-1998
1996-1998 Member, College Hearing Board
1996- Faculty Advisor, Hillel
2006- Service, Spirituality and Social Responsibility Advisory Committee

JEWISH COMMUNAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rabbi Visiting rabbi, High Holidays, Bejt Praha: The Open Prague Jewish Community, Prague, Czech Republic, 2008
Interim rabbi, Congregation Shirat Ha-Yam, Marshfield, MA 2004-5
Taught weekly B'nai Mitzvah class
Weddings and other life-cycle events for Wheaton alumnae/i, Jews unaffiliated with a synagogue, Central NY, Providence, RI, Southeastern MA (1993-present)
High Holiday Services, Congregation Shirat Ha-Yam, Marshfield, MA 2003
High Holiday Children's services, Temple Beth El, Bennington, VT, 1997, 1998
Bi-monthly pulpit for Reconstructionist Congregation Shirat Ha-Yam, Duxbury, MA, 1996-97
Monthly pulpit for Addison County, VT Havurah/Chaplain for Middlebury College Hillel, 1991-92

Teacher Jewish Community Day School of RI, Providence RI; 7th, 8th grade "Midrash," "Talmud," Spring, 2006, 2007; Harry Elkins Midrasha Community Hebrew High School, Providence, RI: "Eco-Kashrut," Fall 2008; "Biblical Stories in Hebrew (Ruth and Esther)", "Comparative Religion," Oct. 1997-May 1999

Mentor Yad B'Yad: Partners in Learning Program, Providence, RI, 1996-98

Cantor High Holidays, Greater Washington DC Hebrew Home, Rockville, MD, 1994

Librarian Reference and Periodicals, University of Pennsylvania Center for Jewish Studies (formerly Annenberg Research Institute and Dropsie University), 1987-93

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature (in which I am on the Steering Committee of the Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman World), Association of Jewish Studies, World Union of Jewish Studies, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Religion & Society* and *The Reconstructionist*
