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**Main fields of interest**

- Rabbinics
- Contemporary Catholicism
- Social History of Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe

**Academic education**

- 1999-2002 Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Ph.D. 'Dissertation: Studies on Menstruation in Medieval and Early-Modern Judaism and Christianity (Supervisors: Alain Boureau, Gilbert Dahan)
- 1997-1999 Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes en Sorbonne, Paris. M.A. in Religious Studies (D.E.A, Sciences Religieuses, 17/20).
- 1994-1998 Institut Catholique de Paris. B.A. in Theology (Licence de Théologie / Baccalauréat Canonique)

**Other studies**

- 2003, 2004, 2010 BSI Sprachenschule (Intensive Summer German Courses), Berlin
- 1999-2000 New York University, Skirball Department of Judaic Studies
- 1999-2000 Yeshiva University, Bernard Revel Graduate School, New York
- 1994-1995 Alliance Française de Paris (Intensive French Courses)
- 1990-1993 Yeshivat Ha-Kibbutz ha-Dati, Ein-Tzurim

**Academic experience and affiliations**

- 2009-present Associate Professor (July 2009-June 2014: Assistant Professor) and the E.J. and Sara Evans Fellow of Jewish History and Culture, The Department of Religious Studies, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2009-present Affiliated Faculty, the Department of Women's Studies & The Program in Sexuality Studies, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2009-present Affiliated Scholar, The Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University, New York
- Winter 2014 Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- Spring 2008 Starr Fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University
- 2007-2009 Assistant Professor, The Department of Talmud and Rabbinics, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York
- 2006-2007 Carey Postdoctoral Fellow, Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2005-2006 Lecturer, Emek Izreel College
- 2003-2006 Postdoctoral Fellow & Lecturer, The Programs of Religious and Interdisciplinary Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2001-2002 Assistant Professor (Special Category), The Department of Jewish Studies, McGill University, Montreal

## Publications and presentations

### I. *Doctoral dissertation*

- *Niddah : Etudes sur la Baraita de Niddah et sur la conceptualisation de la menstruation dans le monde juif et son écho dans le monde chrétien de l'époque médiévale à nos jours*, (*Studies on the Baraita de Niddah and on the conceptualization of menstruation in the Jewish world and its echo in the Christian world from the medieval period to our time*), under the direction of Alain Boureau, EHESS, 592 pages, Paris 2002.

Committee: Jean-Claude Schmitt (EHESS, President), Moshe Bar Asher (Hebrew University), Alain Boureau (EHESS), Elisheva Carlebach (CUNY/Queens College), Gilbert Dahan (EPHE), Joseph Shatzmiller (Duke University)

### II. *Books*

- *Catholicism Today: An Introduction to the Contemporary Catholic Church*, Routledge, New York 2014 (246 page, ISBN 9780415719438, <http://www.catholicism-today.net>)

- *La Baraita de-Niddah : Un texte juif pseudo-talmudique sur les lois religieuses relatives à la menstruation* (*The Baraita de-Niddah: a Pseudo-Talmudic Jewish Text about the Religious Laws Concerning Menstruation*), La Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Sciences religieuses, Vol. 157, Brepols, Turnhout 2012 (228 pages, ISBN 9782503545370, <http://www.tinyurl.com/marienberg-bdn>)

Reviews: Ron Naiwled, *The Talmud Blog* (February 19, 2013)

- *Catholicism Now: An Introduction to the Contemporary Catholic Church* (Hebrew), Carmel Publishing House, Jerusalem 2010 (287 pages, ISBN 9789655400144, <http://www.tinyurl.com/cathonow>)

Reviews: David Neuhaus sj, [www.catholic.co.il](http://www.catholic.co.il) (April 20, 2010)  
Vered Lee, *Haaretz* (May 5, 2010, +Interview)  
Franz Le Guen, *France Catholique* (May 7, 2010, +Interview)  
Yitzhak Laor, *Haaretz* (May 14, 2010)  
Nicolas Baguelin, *catholiquehebraique* [blog] (September 23, 2010)  
Dror Eydor, *Israel Hayom* (December 24, 2010)  
Sergio I. Minerbi, *Katharsis* 15 (2011)  
Gal Oren, *Iton* 77 (Vol. 360, March-April 2012)

- *Niddah. Lorsque les juifs conceptualisent la menstruation* (*Niddah: When Jews Conceptualise Menstruation*), Les Belles Lettres, Paris 2003 (366 pages, ISBN 9782251442464, <http://www.tinyurl.com/niddah-fr>)

Reviews: Jean-Jacques Wahl, *L'Arche* 555 (2004)  
Daniel Ben Simon, *Haaretz* (March 17, 2004 [Heb.] / April 2, 2004 [Eng.])  
Svante Lundgren, *Nordisk Judaistik* 25:1 (2004)  
*Eléments pour la civilisation européenne* 112-119 (2004)  
Sylvie Anne Goldberg, *Annales HSS* 61:3 (2006)  
Etienne Lepicard, *Korot* 18 (2006)  
Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert, *AJS Review* 31:1 (2007)

Sophie Nizard, *Archives de sciences sociales des religions* 140 (2007)  
Marie-Helene Congourdeau, *The Medieval Review* (July 2, 2008)  
Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun, *Clio* 28 (2008)

### III. Chapters/Articles in books and academic websites

- "'Canaanites' in Medieval Jewish Households", in: *The Gift of the Land and the Fate of the Canaanites in Jewish Thought*, Edited by Katell Berthelot, Joseph E. David, and Marc Hirshman, Oxford University Press, New York 2014, pp. 285-296
- "Qui coierit cum muliere in fluxu menstruo... interficientur ambo (Lev. 20:18) - The Biblical Prohibition of Sexual Relations with a Menstruant in the Eyes of Some Medieval Christian Theologians", in: *Shoshannat Yaakov: Jewish and Iranian Studies in Honor of Yaakov Elman*, Edited by Shai Secunda and Steven Fine, Brill, Leiden 2012, pp. 271-284
- "The Stealing of the 'Apple of Eve' from the 13<sup>th</sup> century Synagogue of Winchester", in: *Henri III Fine Rolls Project*, Fine of the Month: December 2011 (With David Carpenter)
- "The *Holy Letter* and Pop Culture Representations of Jewish Sexuality", in: *Cultural Representations of Jewishness at the Turn of the 21st Century*, HEC 2010/01, Edited by Magdalena Waligorska and Sophie Wagenhofer, European University Institute Press, Florence 2010, pp. 101-116

### IV. Refereed journal articles

- "Female Fertility in Talmudic Literature" (Hebrew), *Hebrew Union College Annual* 83 (61 pages, 2014, forthcoming)
- "Women, Men, and Cold Water: The Debate over the Heating of Jewish Ritual Baths from the Middle Ages to Our Own Time" (Hebrew), *Jewish Studies: An Internet Journal* 12 (2013), pp. 1-37
- "Traditional Jewish Sexual Practices and Their Possible Impact on Jewish Fertility and Demography", *Harvard Theological Review* 106:3 (2013), pp. 243-286
- "La Halakhah. Observée ou ignorée ? Unificatrice ou séparatrice ?" (The Halakhah : Observed, or Ignored? Unifying, or Separating?), *Tsafon* 65 (2013), pp. 63-71
- "Jews Have the Best Sex: The Hollywood Adventures of a Peculiar Medieval Jewish Text on Sexuality", *Journal of Religion and Film* 14:2 (2010)
- "The Second Council of the Vatican: Current Debates" (Hebrew), *Zmanim* 101 (2008), pp. 28-41
- "« La synagogue des femmes » : Illustrations représentant des bains rituels au XVIIIe siècle" (The Synagogue of Women: Illustrations Representing Ritual Baths in the 18th Century), *Tsafon* 49 (2005), pp. 99-113
- "Lorsque la femme d'Eléazar de Worms croise un âne : La *Baraïta de Niddah* et son influence sur les coutumes des juives ashkénazes, de l'époque médiévale à nos jours" (When the Wife of Eleazar of Worms Meets a Donkey: The Baraita de-Niddah and Its Influence on the Customs of Ashkenazi Jewish Women, From Medieval Times to Our Own), *Revue des Études Juives* 164:1-2 (2005), pp. 235-247
- "Menstruation in Sacred Spaces: Medieval and Early-Modern Jewish Women in the Synagogue", *Nordisk Judaistik* 25:1 (2004), pp. 7-16
- "A Mystery on the Tombstones, or: Menstruation in Early-Modern Ashkenazi Culture", *Women in Judaism* 3:2 (2003), 17 pages

- "Le bain des Melunaises : Les juifs médiévaux et l'eau froide des bains rituels" (The Bath of the Women of Melun: Medieval Jews and the Cold Water of Ritual Baths), *Médiévales* 43 (2002), pp. 91-101
- "David and Goliath" (Hebrew), *Beit-Mikra* 130 (1992), pp. 245-259

## **V. Entries in encyclopedias**

- "Hemorrhage - Judaism", "Illegitimacy - Modern Judaism", in: *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, De Gruyter (forthcoming)
- "Baraita de-Niddah", "Mikveh", "Niddah", in: *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, Edited by Judith R. Baskin, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2011, pp. 55, 434, 457-458
- "Mikveh", in: *The Encyclopedia of Love, Courtship, & Sexuality Through History: Vol. III - The Early Modern Period*, Edited by Victoria L. Mondelli and Cherrie A. Gottsleben, Greenwood Press, Westport 2008, pp. 169-170
- "The Jews and the Papacy", in: *New Jewish Time: Jewish Culture in a Secular Age - An Encyclopedic View* (Hebrew), Edited by Yirmiyahu Yovel, Yair Tzaban, and David Shaham, Keter, Tel Aviv 2007, vol. 4, pp. 18-21
- "Mikveh", in: *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia*, Edited by Margaret Schaus, Routledge, New York 2006, pp. 563-564
- "Baraita de-Niddah", in: *Jewish Women – A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, Edited by Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Ofer, CD-Rom, Shalvi Publishing, Jerusalem 2006

## **VI. Book reviews**

- Danya Ruttenberg (ed.). *The Passionate Torah: Sex and Judaism*, in: *H-Judaic/H-Net Reviews*, January 2011
- Elie Wiesel, *Rashi: A Portrait*, in: *AJS Review* 34:2 (2010), pp. 427-430
- David Brodsky, *A Bride without a Blessing: A Study in the Redaction and Content of Massekhet Kallah and Its Gemara*, in: *The Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic & Roman Period* 40:1 (2009), pp. 87-88
- Charles J. Reid, *Power over the Body, Equality in the Family: Rights and Domestic Relations in Medieval Canon Law*, in: *The Medieval Review* (TMR) 06.09.20, September 2006
- Alan Dundes, *The Shabbat Elevator and Other Sabbath Subterfuges: An Unorthodox Essay on Circumventing Custom and Jewish Character*, in: *Haaretz* (Hebrew), Books Supplement, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2004, p. 48 & 69
- Michael L. Satlow, *Jewish Marriage in Antiquity / Adiel Schremer, Male and Female He Created Them*, in: *Haaretz* (Hebrew), Books Supplement, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2004, p. 6

## **VII. Non-refereed journal and online articles**

- "The Cemetery of the Jewish Community of Mattersdorf" (Hebrew), *Oneg Shabbat: The Blog of David Assaf*, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "Aufklärung als innerjüdische Herausforderung: Rabbi Moses Schreiber, 'häretische jüdische Doktoren', und Ritualbäder" (Enlightenment as Inner-Jewish Challenge: Rabbi Moses Schreiber, 'Heretic Jewish Physicians', and Ritual Bathing), *DAVID - Jüdische Kulturzeitschrift* 94 (Fall 2012), pp. 68-71

- "A Tale of a Woman and Three Sages" (Hebrew), *Reshut* 1 (1997), pp. 33-35 (unpublished translation to English by Oren Rahat, Berkeley, 2003)
- "In the Barn... - The story of Ruth" (Hebrew), *Mishlav* 22 (1992), pp. 48-51
- "King Hezekiah" (Hebrew), *Mishlav* 21 (1992), pp. 111-134
- "Resurrection in Jewish thought" (Hebrew), *Mishlav* 16 (1990), pp. 20-40

### **VIII. Conferences and scholarly lectures**

- "Rachel as Protector and Intercessor on behalf of Jewish Women and Men", Conference on Bible and Women: Middle Ages, Institut für Judaistik, University of Vienna, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 (forthcoming)
- "Sexual Guidance in Contemporary Modern Orthodox and Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) Communities", the 27th Annual Klutznick-Harris-Schwab Symposium, Creighton University, Omaha NE, October 2014 (forthcoming)
- "Marital Sexuality according to Contemporary Modern Orthodox Manuals", The 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Paris, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2014
- "The Baraita de-Niddah: Conclusions Based on a Recent Critical Edition", The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "The Rabbis and Human Rights: The Ancient Period", Duke University, Durham, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013
- "Doing it Kasherly: The History of Jewish Sex Guidance", The Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "Wrestling with the Spirit of Vatican II: The Spirit in the Council, the Spirit of the Council", Vatican II Reconsidered, Walsh University, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "Mishnah and Talmud as Jewish Literature of Late Antiquity", Antike Mittelmeerkulturen Seminar, University of Graz, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "How to Do It Right: Three Medieval Jewish Authors' Rulings on Marital Sex", The Institute of Historical Research, The University of London's School of Advanced Study, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2011
- "Aufklärung als innerjüdische Herausforderung: Rabbi Moses Schreiber, 'häretische jüdische Doktoren', und Ritualbäder" (Enlightenment as Inner-Jewish Challenge: Rabbi Moses Schreiber, "Heretic Jewish Physicians", and Ritual Bathing), The 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress for Eighteenth Century Studies, University of Graz, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 (published in *David*, Oct. 2012)
- "How to Do It Right: Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Guidebooks on Marital Sexuality", The Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2010
- "Une société unifiée par sa Loi : imaginaire et réalité" (A Society Unified by Its Law: Imagination and Reality), La civilisation du judaïsme de la Diaspora : Colloque international, Alliance israélite universelle, Paris, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2010
- "'The Canaanite was then in the Land': 'Canaanites' in Jewish European Medieval Households", The Gift of the Land and the Fate of the Canaanites: A Conference, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Respondent in the panel "Rabbinic Gender and the Body", The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington DC, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008
- "Sex Guidance for a 19<sup>th</sup> century Traditional Jewish Male: The Case of the *Kitzur Shulhan Arukh*", The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington DC, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008

- "Representations of Jewish Sexuality in Contemporary European Culture", The European University Institute, Florence, November 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 (revised versions published in *HEC* 2010/01 and *JRF* 14.2 (2010))
- "The History of Jewish Sex Guides: Preliminary Findings", Starr Seminar, Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2008
- "Rabbinic Power and Powerlessness in the Bedroom: Halakhic Guides to Sexual Relations from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "Retelling Vatican II: Current Debates and Narratives", The Department of Theology, History of Christianity Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 (additional presentation: The Department of Theology, University of Scranton, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2009)
- "Men Argue, Women Immerse: Halakhic Debates over Warm Water in Medieval Mikva'ot, and their Socio-Climatic Context", The Department of Talmud and Rabbinics, The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "The Baraita de-Niddah and its Possible Contribution to the Study of Jewish Cultural History and Midrash", The Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 (additional presentations: Lunch and Learn, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2008; The Department of Religious Studies of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2009; The Department of Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009)
- "The Use of Warm Water in Jewish Ritual Baths (12th-20th centuries)", The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2006
- "Jewish Menstrual Laws and Jewish Fertility: A Historical Re-consideration", Princeton University, Program in Judaic Studies, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 (presented later at the Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007)
- "How Should a Nice Israeli Jewish Orthodox Couple Do It?", a paper in a panel on religious sex manuals, The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2006
- "Joseph Ratzinger on Gender and Feminist Theories", Gender, Religion and Society: An International Conference, Bar Ilan University, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2006
- "The *Baraita de Niddah*: Findings from a New Critical Edition", The 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005
- "The Crucifixion and the Jews in Contemporary Catholicism: When History, Theology, Ethics, and Political Correctness, meet", in the symposium *The Crucifixion and the Jews – A year after Gibson's Passion*, The Cymbalista Center, Tel Aviv University, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2005
- "The Study of Menstruation as a Historical Tool", Haifa University, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2004
- "The Use of Warm Water in Ritual Bathes: A Survey of Halakhic Literature", Leo Baeck College, London, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2004
- "The *Baraita de Niddah*: Some Findings from a New Critical Edition", The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003
- "La fascinante *Baraita de Niddah* : du vrai ? du faux ? - vers une édition critique d'un texte juif (pseudo ?) talmudique sur la menstruation" (The Fascinating Baraita de-Niddah : Real? Fake? Towards a Critical Edition of a (pseudo ?) Talmudic Jewish Text about Menstruation), CNRS, Centre d'études des religions du Livre, Villejuif, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2003

- "Lorsque la femme d'Eléazar de Worms croise un âne : La *Baraita de Niddah* et son influence sur les coutumes des juives ashkénazes de l'époque médiévale à nos jours" (When the Wife of Eleazar of Worms Meets a Donkey: The Baraita de-Niddah and Its Influence on the Customs of Ashkenazi Jewish Women, From Medieval Times to Our Own), La Société des études juives, Sorbonne, Paris, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2003 (published in *Revue des Études juives* 164:1-2)
- "Anti-Semitism and 'Anti-Goyism': Accusations, Insults, and Acts", Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2003
- "Menstruation in Sacred Spaces: Medieval Jewish Women and the Synagogue", Presentation at the conference "Defining the holy: Sacred Space in Medieval and Early Modern Europe" The Department of History, University of Exeter, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2003 (published in *Nordisk Judaistik* 25:1)
- "Ben ha-Niddah: When medieval Jews insult their neighbors' Deity", The 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Amsterdam, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2002
- "Le bain des Melunoises : Les juifs médiévaux et l'eau froide des bains rituels" (The Bath of the Women of Melun: Medieval Jews and the Cold Water of Ritual Baths), Le bain dans les sociétés médiévales - Table ronde, Université d'Avignon et des pays de Vaucluse, Avignon, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2001 (published in *Médiévales* 43)
- "Observing the Holy: Women, Menstruation and Torah Scrolls in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries Europe", McGill University, The Department of Jewish Studies, Montreal, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2001

#### **IX. Conferences to lay public / undergraduate level**

- "And They Shall Become One Flesh: The History of Traditional Jewish Sexual Guidance", Michigan State University, Department of Religious Studies, East Lansing MI, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014
- "Traditional Jewish Sexual Guidance Through History", The University of Michigan, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Ann Arbor MI, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014
- "Niddah", Guest lecturer in the course "Popular and Pious: Early Modern Jewish Literature" of Prof. Ruth von Bernuth, UNC Chapel Hill, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "The Holy Letter", Guest lecturer in the course "Early Modern European Sexualities" of Prof. Lucia Binotti, UNC Chapel Hill, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "I voted! Canon Law & the Current Process of Electing a Pope", The University of South Carolina, Department of Religious Studies, Columbia SC, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "And They Shall Become One Flesh: The History of Traditional Jewish Sexual Guidance", The University of South Carolina, Department of Religious Studies, Columbia SC, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "Religions and Sex", Cobb Residential Community, UNC Chapel Hill, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2013
- "Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, in Talmud and Jewish Law", Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Faculty of Theology, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "The Structure of Jewish Liturgy", Walsh University, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "Post-Vatican-II Catholicism and the Jews", Guest lecturer in the course "Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages" of Prof. Yaakov Ariel, UNC Chapel Hill, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2011
- "Contemporary Catholicism and Homosexuality", Guest lecturer in the course "Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity" of Prof. Randall Styers, UNC Chapel Hill, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011
- "How to Do It Right: Three Medieval Jewish Authors' Rulings on Marital Sex", The Triangle Seminar for Jewish Studies, The National Humanities Center, Durham NC, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2012
- "So What is Jewish Law? History, Structure, Logic, Examples", UNC Program in the Humanities, The Uhlman Family Seminar, UNC Chapel Hill, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

- "Sexuality in Judaism: Myths and Laws", UNC Program in the Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010
- Participation in a panel about the film "Trembling before G-d", UNC Hillel & LGBTQ Council, UNC Chapel Hill, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010
- "Halakhah, Jewish Law", Guest lecturer in the course "Introduction to Jewish Studies" of Prof. Jonathan Boyarin, UNC Chapel Hill, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2010
- "Catholicism Now: Presentation and Discussion", The Hebrew Speaking Catholic Parish, Jerusalem, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010
- "The Book of the Pious ('Sefer Hasidism'): A Unique Window into Medieval Jewish Life", Judea Reform Congregation, Durham NC, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010
- "Water in Judaism, Christianity, Islam", Guest lecturer in the course "Water Resource Management and Human Rights", Curriculum in International and Area Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2010
- "What is Rabbinics?", Presentation to the Board of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2009
- "Confessions in Cinema: Between Hitchcock's *I Confess* (1953) to Forman's *Amadeus* (1984)", a part of a lecture series on the film *Amadeus*, The Faculty of Performing Arts, Tel Aviv University, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2006
- "Between Two Popes: The second day of the Conclave", Tel Aviv University, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2005
- "The Papacy", Ulpan Akiva, Netanya, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2005
- "The Vatican and The Catholic Church: Possible Scenarios in the Coming Decades", The Division of Diplomatic Planning of The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, December 30<sup>th</sup> 2004
- "Thoughts on Gibson's Passion", Tel Aviv Cinémathèque, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2004
- "The Hierarchy of Sources in the Contemporary Catholic Church", Tel Aviv University, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2004
- "Les mouvements juifs dans le monde d'aujourd'hui. Histoire et sociologie" (Jewish Movements in the World Today: History and Sociology), Institut Catholique de Paris, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2003
- "Introducing Niddah", Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2003
- Participation in a panel about the film "Purity" by Anat Zuria, Musée d'art et d'histoire du Judaïsme, Paris, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003
- "Pourquoi les juifs contreviennent-ils à leur propre Loi ? Psychologie, sociologie et légalisme" (Why Jews Contravene Their Own Law? Psychology, Sociology, and Legalism), Institut Catholique de Paris, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003
- "Rashi of the Legends", Paideia's Public Lectures, Stockholm and Malmo, Autumn 2002
- "Jérusalem dans le Midrash" (Jerusalem in the Midrash), Institut Catholique de Paris, May 1997
- "L'éducation religieuse et les Yeshivot en Israël" (The Religious Education and the Yeshivas in Israel), Centre des Sœurs de Sion, Paris, February 1997

## **X. Radio and TV interviews**

- A series of interviews with Tali Lipkin-Shahak, Radio Tel Aviv 103FM: "The Funeral of John Paul II" (April 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, live from Rome), "The Conclave's First Day" (April 18<sup>th</sup> 2005), "The Election of Cardinal Ratzinger" (April 20<sup>th</sup> 2005)

- Interview with Alex Talmor, Radio Reshet Aleph, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2005: "The Catholic Church Today" (Hebrew, 52 minutes, recording available)
- Interview, TV Channel 10 News, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005: "The Death of John Paul II"
- Interviews with Eran Sabag, IDF Radio: "Monastic Life Today" (March 9<sup>th</sup> 2005), "Is the Vatican a Holy Land?" (January 25<sup>th</sup> 2005)
- Interview with Meirav Michaeli, Radio Tel Aviv 103FM, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2005: "The Meaning for Catholics of John Paul II's sickness"
- Discussion of the book *The Da Vinci Code* with Ruti Keren *et al.*, Radio Reshet Aleph, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2005 (Hebrew, 50 minutes, recording available)
- Interview, The Children TV Channel News, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2005: "What is a Pope?"
- Interview with Ariel Sion about the book *Niddah. Lorsque les juifs conceptualisent la menstruation*, Radio JudaïquesFM, Paris, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 (French, 35 minutes, recording available)

## Jury participation

### Ph.D:

- "Sacred Landholdings and the Priesthood in Early Judaism", Doctoral Dissertation by Benjamin D. Gordon, Duke University, Department of Religion, April 2013 (Member of committee with Stephen Chapman, Laura S. Lieber, and Joshua D. Sosin. Supervisor: Eric M. Meyers)
- "Jewish Priests and The Social History of Post-70 Palestine", Doctoral Dissertation by Matthew J. Grey, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies, March 2011 (Member of committee with Eric M. Meyers, Joel Marcus, and Bart D. Ehrman. Supervisor: Jodi Magness)
- "God Wants it! – The Ideology of Martyrdom of the Hebrew Chronicles of the First Crusade in the Light of its Jewish and Christian Background", Doctoral Dissertation by Lena Roos, Uppsala University (Sweden), December 2002 ("Opponent")

### Master:

- "Modest Hair in Jewish Orthodoxy", Master Thesis by Zvia S., Duke University, Department of Religion, December 2009 (Co-Supervisor with Laura S. Lieber and Ebrahim E.I. Moosa)

### Bachelor:

- "The Future of Monastic Enclosure: The Influence of Contemporary Society", Honor Thesis by Scott P., UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies, March 2012 (Supervisor. Co-reader: Zlatko Plese)
- "Engaging Catholic Youth Today: High School Catholic Youth Ministry in the United States", Honor Thesis by Lucy D., UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies, March 2011 (Supervisor. Co-reader: Yaakov Ariel)
- "Ignoring Leviticus: An Analysis of the 2008 Financial Crisis from the Perspective of Jewish Legal and Ethical Principles", Senior Thesis by Mahmood A., Duke University, Department of Religion, March 2011 (Co-Reader. Supervisors: Laura S. Lieber and Eric M. Meyers)

- "Examining the Conflict over Homosexuality in American Public Schools: Can 'LGBT Advocacy Groups' and 'Socially Conservative Evangelical' Christians Find Common Ground?", Honor Thesis by Katherine N., UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies, March 2011 (Supervisor. Co-reader: Randall G. Styers)

### **Current Research (main projects)**

- The History of Traditional Jewish Works on Marital Relations
- Study of the creation and propagation of various narratives of the (hi)story of the Second Council of the Vatican ("Vatican II")

### **Grants and awards**

- Fellow, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan (Winter 2014)
- University Research Council Grant, UNC Chapel Hill (Spring 2012, \$1,500)
- Winner, together with David Carpenter (King's College, London), of the "Fine of the Year, 2011" for the article "The Stealing of the 'Apple of Eve' from the 13<sup>th</sup> century Synagogue of Winchester" (*Henri III Fine Rolls Project*)
- Pre-Tenure Research Leave, UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2011, full salary)
- Humanities and Fine Arts Award, UNC Chapel Hill (Summer 2010, \$4,700)
- Course Development Grant, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC-CH (Fall 2009, \$500)
- University Research Council Grant, UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2009, \$1,000)
- Harry Starr Fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University (Spring 2008, \$40,000)
- Carey Postdoctoral Fellow, Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame (2006-2007, \$35,000)
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Tel Aviv University (2004-2006, \$16,000 x 2)
- Publication Aid ("aide pour la publication"), Fondation C.I.L Lebel (2002)
- Doctoral Grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (1999-2002, \$15,000)
- BRGS Dean's Grant, Yeshiva University (Fall 2000, \$3,000)
- Research Grant, Fondation du judaïsme français (2000)
- Mozes S. Schupf Visiting Fellow, Yeshiva University (1999-2000, \$15,000)
- Research Award, Alliance Israélite Universelle (1998-1999)
- Grant, Ministère français des affaires étrangères (1998-1999, c. 15,000 Euro)
- Grant, The Martha Panazany Fund (1998)
- Award, Comité Episcopal pour les relations avec le judaïsme (1998)
- Tuition, Institut Catholique de Paris (1996-1997 ; 1997-1998)

### **Teaching experience (F/S/Sm= Fall/Spring/Summer, FYS=First Year Seminar, U=Undergraduate, G=Graduate, A=Adult Education, x2/x3=taught two/three times)**

- The Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, 2009-)
  - Introduction to Contemporary Catholicism (U, x4: F2009, F2010, S2012, F2014)
  - Jewish Legal Literature (UG, x3: F2009, F2010, S2013)
  - Traditional Jewish Literature (U, x4: S2010, S2011, S2013, F2013)
  - Medieval Jewish Bible Interpretation (UG: S2010)
  - Religion and Society in Historical Novels (FYS: S2011)
  - Honors/Independent Study (U, x3: 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012)

Sexuality and Marriage in Jewish Tradition and History (UG, x3: S2012, F2013, F2014)

- The Hochschule für Jüdische Studien (Heidelberg, 2011)  
Ritual Purity in Judaism (G: Sm2011)
- Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, 2007-2009)  
Introduction to Mishnah (U)  
Introduction to Talmud (U, x2)  
Issues in Practical Halakhah (G, x2)  
Codes for Talmud Majors and Others (U, x2)  
Sexuality and Jewish Law (G, x2)
- Meah Program (Hebrew College, New York, Fall 2008)  
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (A)
- Tel Aviv University (2003-2006)  
The Best of Jewish Studies: Recent Trends (U)  
Advanced Subjects in Contemporary Catholicism (G)  
Introduction to Contemporary Catholicism (U, x3)
- Emek Izreel College (2005)  
Sexuality and Intimacy in Jewish Culture (U)  
Jewish History: A General Overview (U)
- Paideia Institute (Stockholm, 2002-2003)  
The Sabbath through the Ages (U)  
From Genesis to Chronicles: Reading the Jewish Bible in a Year (U)  
Jewish History: A General Overview (U)
- McGill University (Montreal, 2000-2002)  
Medieval Ashkenazi Bible Interpretation (U)  
A Book of the Bible: Exodus (U)  
Sexuality and Marriage in Jewish Tradition and History (U)  
Medieval Sephardic Bible Interpretation (U, x2)

### **Participation in special programs and projects**

- Faculty member at the Ignatz-Bubis-Summerschool 2011 ("Ritual Purity in Various Religious Cultures") of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg, Germany (August 2011)
- Scientific advisor for "Living in the Holy Land: Knowing and Respecting Differences", a project sponsored by the European Union, created by the Center for Educational Technology, Tel Aviv (2004-2006)
- Fellow, Lehmann Memorial Workshop, the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (April 2002)
- Fellow, Jerusalem School in Jewish Studies (July 2001)

### **Membership in editorial boards**

- *Natzrut: An Academic Hebrew Journal for the Study of Christianity* (General Editor, 2013- )
- *Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, The University of Toronto (Member of board, 2005-)
- *Religion Compass*, Blackwell Publishing (Member of board, 2007-)

### **Membership in professional associations**

- The American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- The Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)

### **Other contributions to scholarship and administration**

- Director of Minor, Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS), UNC Chapel Hill (Spring 2013)
- Member of Advisory Committee for the Program in The Humanities and Human Values, UNC Chapel Hill (2013-2015)
- Member of Advisory Board of the Program in Sexuality Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (2012-2015)
- Reviewer of exhibition entries, The Museum of the History of Polish Jews (2013)
- Member of the committee "The Future of MEMS", Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS), UNC Chapel Hill (2012)
- Member of grants committees, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (2012-2013)
- Member of a search committee for a position in Medieval and Early Modern Christianity, Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (2011)
- Member of a committee preparing for a departmental external review, Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (2011)
- Member of a search committee for a position in Islam, Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill (2010)
- Member of grants committee, Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS), UNC Chapel Hill (2009)
- Reviewer of grants in the field of Rabbinics, The Israel Science Foundation (2009-)
- Reviewer of grants in the field of Jewish History, The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (2011-)
- Reviewer of manuscripts of books for academic publishers: Yale University Press
- Reviewer of manuscripts of articles for academic journals: *AJS Review* ; *Chidushim* ; *Fragments* ; *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* ; *Journal of Religious History* ; *Journal of the German Oriental Society (ZMDG)*; *Religion* ; *Women in Judaism*

### **Languages**

- Full proficiency (read/write/converse): Hebrew, English, French
- Limited proficiency: German (B2), Italian (A2), Latin, Greek

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