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### **Education:**

1967-1971 The City College of New York B.A. *cum laude* (History)

1971-1973 Columbia University M. A. (Jewish History)

1971-1974 Columbia University M. Phil. (Jewish History)

1971-1977 Columbia University Ph.D. (Jewish History)

### **Teaching Career:**

Fall, 2007 Harvard University, Joseph Engel Visiting Professor of American Jewish History

Fall, 2002 College of William and Mary, Andrea and Charles Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies.

Spring, 2002 Temple University, Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Jewish History

1988-date Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Professor of Jewish History

Fall, 1986 Appointed to the Libby M. Klaperman Chair of Jewish History, Yeshiva University

Fall, 1985 Yale University, Visiting Associate Professor of Religious Studies

1978 - 1987 Teaching also at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University

Summer 1982,1985 Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Visiting Associate Professor of American Jewish History

1980-1987 Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Associate Professor of Jewish History. Tenure Awarded 1983

1977 - 1987 School of Sacred Music, Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion, Visiting Associate Professor

1977-1980 Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Assistant Professor of Jewish History

1975- 1976 York College of CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer in History

Spring, 1975 Ohio State University, Lecturer in History

### **Academic and Professional Organizational Affiliations::**

Fellow, American Academy for Jewish Research, 2009-

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Center for Jewish History, 2007-

Member, Advisory Board of Editors, *American Jewish History*, 2007-

Chair, Academic Council, American Jewish Historical Society, 1995-2000, 2008-11

Associate Editor, *American Jewish History*, 1982-2002

**Recipient, Lee Max Friedman Award [AJHS] “for distinguished service in the field.” June, 2002**

Contributing Editor, *Judaism*, 1994-date

Member, Association for Jewish Studies

Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Resources Program, 1980, 1984

Fellow, American Council on Education, 1989-1990

Member, American Historical Association

Member, Organization of American Historians

Editorial Advisory Board, *History of the Synagogue in America* volume published in 1988 by Cambridge University Press

Consultant, WNET- TV “Heritage: Civilization and the Jews”

Judge, Kenneth B. Smilen Literary Awards (Jewish History), 1985

Advisory Board, *The Encyclopedia of Jewish American History and Culture*

Associate Editor and Member, Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of NYC*

Consultant, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York City, 1996.

Advisory Board Member, Feinsein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University, 1995-date

**Publications:**

**Books:**

*When Harlem Was Jewish* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1979)

*American Jewish History: A Bibliographical Guide* (New York: Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith, 1983)

*The Men and Women of Yeshiva: Higher Education, Orthodoxy and American Judaism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1988)

*American Jewish Orthodoxy in Historical Perspective* (Hoboken: KTAV, 1996)

*A Modern Heretic and a Traditional Community: Mordecai*

*M. Kaplan, Orthodoxy and American Judaism* co-authored with Jacob J. Schacter (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997)

**Winner, Saul Viener Prize, American Jewish Historical Society “best book written in American Jewish History, 1997-1998”**

*Orthodoxy in Charleston: Brith Sholom Beth Israel and American Jewish History* (Charleston: College of Charleston Library, 2004)

*Judaism’s Encounter with American Sports* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005).

*Orthodox Jews in America* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009)

**Finalist, National Jewish Book Award, American Jewish Studies, Jewish Book Council, 2009**

**Edited Works:**

Shimon Huberband, *Kiddush Hashem* David Fishman,trans. Jeffrey S. Gurock and Robert S. Hirt, ed. (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 1987)

*Ramaz: School, Community, Scholarship and Orthodoxy* (Hoboken, N.J.: KTAV Publishing House, 1989)

*The Holocaust in the Soviet Union: Studies and Sources on the Destruction of the Jews in the Nazi-Occupied Territories of the USSR 1941-1945* Lucjan Dobroszycki and Jeffrey S. Gurock, ed.( New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1993)

*An Inventory of Promises: Essays in Honor of Moses Rischin* Jeffrey S. Gurock and Marc Lee Raphael, ed. ( Brooklyn: N.Y. Carlson Publishing, Inc., 1995)

*American Jewish History* 13 vols. ( Routledge, 1997).  
 a 13 volume series of over 200 of the most important essays published on American Jewish history during the past forty years.

*Hazon Nahum: Studies in Jewish Law, Thought and History Presented to Dr. Norman Lamm* ( New York: Michael Scharf Publication Trust of Yeshiva University Press, 1997).

### **Published Endowed Lecture:**

“From Fluidity to Rigidity: The Religious Worlds of Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Twentieth Century America,” *David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs, University of Michigan* (2000), republished in *American Jewish Identity Politics*, Deborah Dash Moore, ed. (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2008), pp.159-206.

### **Articles:**

“The 1913 New York State Civil Rights Act,” *Association for Jewish Studies Review* v.. 1 (1976) : 93-120.

“Harlem’s Jews and Blacks, 1900-1930: From Commonality to Divergence of Fates,” *Gesher*, v. 6, (1977-78) : 188-199.

“The Response of American Jewry to Nazism and the Holocaust,” *Issues in Teaching the Holocaust: A Guide*.(New York:Yeshiva University Holocaust Studies Program,1981),pp. 96-108.

“Jacob A. Riis: Christian Friend or Missionary Foe, Two Jewish Views,” *American Jewish History* (September 1981): 29-47.

“Necrology: Hyman B. Grinstein,” *American Jewish History* (September, 1982): 122-123.

“Why Albert Lucas Did Not Serve in the New York Kehillah,” *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research* v.51 (1984) : 55-72

“Resisters and Accommodators: Varieties of Orthodox Rabbis in America, 1886-1983,” *American Jewish Archives* (November, 1983): 100-187. Reprinted in *The American Rabbinate: A Century of Continuity and Change, 1883-1983*. (New York :KTAV, 1985) ,pp.10- 97.

“The Winnowing of American Orthodoxy” *Approaches to Modern Judaism* I. (Chico, CA, 1984): 41-54.

“From Exception to Role Model: Bernard Drachman and the Evolution of Jewish

- Religious Life in America, 1880-1920” *American Jewish History* (June, 1987):464-484
- “Jewish Communal Divisiveness in Response to Christian Influences on the Lower East Side, 1900-1910,” *Jewish Apostasy in the Modern World* Todd Endelman, ed. (New York: Holmes and Meier, 1987), pp. 255-271.
- “The Orthodox Synagogue,” *The History of the Synagogue in America*, Jack Wertheimer, ed. (New York and London: Cambridge University Press, 1988), pp. 37-84.
- “A Generation Unaccounted For in American Judaism” *American Jewish History* (December, 1987) : 247-259.
- “The Ramaz Version of American Orthodoxy” in *Ramaz. . .* ,pp.40-82
- “A Stage in the Emergence of the Americanized Synagogue among East European Jews, 1890-1910” *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Spring, 1990):7-25.
- “Time, Place and Movement in Immigrant Jewish Historiography,” in *Scholars and Scholarship: The Interaction between Judaism and Other Cultures* (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 1990) , pp.169-185.
- “In Search of the Other Jewish Centre: On the Writing of the Social History of American Orthodoxy, 1900-1910 in *Reverence, Righteousness and Rahamanut: Essays in Memory of Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung*, Jacob J. Schacter, ed. (Northvale, N.J. : Jason Aronson, 1992), pp.131-146.
- Change to Survive: The Common Experience of Two Transplanted Jewish Identities in America, 1880-1920,” *What is American about American Jewish History*, Marc Lee Raphael, ed. (Williamsburg, Va: College of William and Mary, 1993) : 54-72.
- From *Publications to American Jewish History: The Journal of the American Jewish Historical Society and the Writing of American Jewish History*, “*American Jewish History* (Winter, 1993-1994):155-271.
- How ‘Frum’ Was Rabbi Jacob Joseph’s Court ? Americanization Within the Lower East Side’s Orthodox Elite, 1886-1902,” *Jewish History* (Winter, 1994) : 1-14.
- Examining a Journal in Transition, “Introduction to An *Index to Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society, Volumes 21-50* (Brooklyn: Carlson Publishing, 1994), pp. ix-xxii.
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- An Inventory of Promises: Moses Rischin and American Jewish Historiography, 1954-1994, “ in *An Inventory of Promises*. pp. vi-xiv.
- “Looking at a Jewish Ethnic Journal in the American Scholarly Mainstream: Reflections on *An Index to the American Jewish Historical Quarterly/ American Jewish History, 1961-1991*.”(Brooklyn: Carlson Publishing, 1995): ix-xx.
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- “Another Look at the Proposed Merger: Lay Perspectives on Yeshiva- Jewish Theological Seminary Relations in the 1920s,” in *Hazon Nahum*, pp.729-742.
- “America’s Challenge to Jewish Identity,” in *A Portrait of the American Jewish Community*, Norman Linzer, David J.Schnall and Jerome A. Chanes, eds. ( Westport, Conn., Praeger, 1998), pp. 13-28.
- “An Orthodox Conspiracy Theory: The Travis Family, Bernard Revel and the Jewish Theological Seminary, *Modern Judaism* 19 (1999):241-253.
- “Synagogue Imperialism in New York City: The Case of Congregation Kehal Adath Jeshurun, 1909-1911,” *Michael* XV (2000) :95-108.
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- “Jewish Commitment and Continuity in Interwar Brooklyn,” *Jews of Brooklyn*, Ilana Abramovitch and Sean Galvin, eds. (Hanover: University Press of New England, 2002), pp.231-241.
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Steven Hertzberg, *Strangers in the Gate City*, *Response* (Summer, 1979) : 73-76.

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Graenum Berger, *Black Jews in America*, *American Jewish History* (September, 1979) : 135-137.

Deborah Dash Moore, *At Home in America*, *American Jewish Archives* (April, 1982) : 103-105.

Jonathan D. Sarna, *People Walk on Their Heads*. *Sh’ma* (1982)

Un D. Herscher, *Jewish Agricultural Utopias in America*, *American Historical Review* (October, 1982) : 1178-1179.

Sherry Gorelick, *City College and the Jewish Poor*, *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* (1983) : 457-458

Deborah Dash Moore, *B’nai B’rith and the Challenge of Ethnic Leadership*, *Jewish Social Studies* (Spring, 1982) : 178-179.

Marc D. Angel, *La America*, *American Historical Review* (October, 1983) : 1331- 1332.

Henry L. Feingold, *A Midrash on American Jewish History*, *Journal of Reform Judaism* (Summer, 1985) :128-130.

Abraham J. Karp, *Haven and Home: A History of the Jews in America*, *American Jewish History* (March, 1986) : 430-432.

Carolyn Tall Oppenheim, *Listening to American Jews.. .*, *Sh’ma* (November 28, 1986); 14-15.

Baila Round Shargel, *Practical Dreamer: Israel Friedlander and the Shaping of American Judaism*, *American Historical Review* (December, 1986)

Gerald Sorin, *The Prophetic Minority: American Jewish Immigrant Radicals, 1880-1920*, *Jewish Social Studies* (Spring, 1987) :184-185.

Steven Lowenstein, *Frankfurt on the Hudson*, *American Historical Review* (October, 1990) : 1647-1648.

Sydney Stahl Weinberg, *The World of Our Mothers*, *Jewish Quarterly Review* January-April, 1992) : 536-537.

Gerald Sorin, *The Nurturing Neighborhood: The Brownsville Boys Club and the Jewish Community in Urban America*, *AJS Review* (Fall, 1992) : 354-357.

Stanley Nadel, *Little Germany: Ethnicity, Religion and Class in New York City, 1845-1880*, *American Jewish History* (Summer, 1991) :594-596.

Howard M. Sachar, *A History of the Jews in America*, *American Historical Review* (June, 1993) : 934-935.

Robert E. Fierstien, *A Different Spirit: The Jewish Theological Seminary, 1886-1902*,

*Studies in Contemporary Jewry* (1993) : 259-260.

Jerome R. Mintz, *Hasidic People: A Place in the New World*, *Journal of American History* (March, 1994) :1552-1553.

Robert P. Swierenga, *The Forerunners: Dutch Jewry in the North American Diaspora*, *The International History Review* (August, 1995): 591-592.

Gerald Sorin, *Tradition Transformed: The Jewish Experience in America*, *Reviews in American History* (June, 1998) :385-389.

William Helmreich, *Against All Odds: Holocaust Survivors and the Successful Lives They Made in America*, *Journal of American Ethnic History* ( Su, 1998) :139-140.

Steven Riess, *Sports and the American Jew*, *Shofar* (Spring, 2000) :184-185

Kerry M. Olitzky, *The American Synagogue: A Historical Dictionary and Sourcebook* *Jewish Quarterly Review* (July, 2001):216-218.

Hasia Diner, *Lower East Side Memories* *Shofar* (Spring, 2002) 165-166.

Yaakov Ariel, *Evangelizing the Chosen People* *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* (2003): 279-280.

Harold I. Saperstein, *Witness from the Pulpit: Topical Sermons, 1933-1980* *AJSReview* (2003):167-168.

Etan Diamond, *And I Will Dwell In Their Midst: Orthodox Jews in Suburbia* *Religious Studies Review* (April, 2004): 219-220.

Jonathan D. Sarna, *American Judaism*, *American Historical Review* ( February, 2005):121.

Deborah Dash Moore, *G.I. Jews*, *American Jewish History* (March, 2004):143-145.

Arthur Hertzberg, *A Jew in America*, *Shofar* (Fall, 2005):148-49.

Tony Michels, *A Fire in their Hearts: Yiddish Socialists in N.Y.* *American Historical Review* ( October, 2006): 1197-1998.

Samuel C. Heilman, *Sliding to the Right: The Contest for the Future of American Jewish Orthodoxy*, *Shofar* ( Summer, 2007): 205-208.

Paul Taylor, *Jews and the Olympic Games and Douglas Century*, *Barney Ross*, *Jewish Quarterly Review* (Winter, 2008):156-159.

Michael Brenner and Gideon Reuveni, eds. *Emancipation through Muscles: Jews and Sports in Europe Zion* (2008) :94-9

Shuly Rubin Schwartz, *The Rabbi's Wife: The Rebbetzin in American Jewish History* *Shofar* ( Winter, 2009):195-97.

### **Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries**

“The Jewish Endeavor Society,” in *Jewish American Voluntary Organizations*, Michael Dobkowski ed. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1986), pp. 228-231.

“Historiography” in *The Encyclopedia of Jewish-American History and Culture*, Jack Fischel and Sanford Pinsker, eds. (New York: Garland Publishing, 1992), pp. 239-241.

“American Jewish History” section of the American Historical Association’s *Guide to Historical Literature.* Mary Beth Norton, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp.720-721.

“Harlem,” “Jews” and other short entries in *Encyclopedia of New York City*, Kenneth T. Jackson ed. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995), pp. 523-525, 620-623,

1047,1127, 1215,1281-1282.

“Bernard Drachman” and other brief biographies of American rabbis in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp.207, 252-253,280, 379, 412,423-424,442, 584, 586.

“Orthodox Judaism” and “Stern College for Women” in *Jewish Women in America : An Historical Encyclopedia* Paula E. Hyman and Deborah Dash Moore, eds. (New York:Routledge,1997) ,pp.1009- 1016, 1337-1339 republished in an edited version in *Jewish Women : A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Ofer, eds. (Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishers, 2007)online edition.

“Herbert S. Goldstein” and other brief biographies of American rabbis and cantors in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999),IX: 209-210, XIV:636,XVIII:361-363,885-886.

“Orthodox Judaism.” *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History* Stephen Norwood and Eunice G. Pollack, eds. (Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2007):67-74

“Sports” in *Encyclopedia of Jewish American Popular Culture*, Jack R. Fischel and Susan M. Ortmann, eds. (Westport: Greenwood, 2009):390-965

### **Popular Writings:**

“Pursuing Self-Interest,” *Present Tense* (Spring, 1981) , pp. 29- 31.

“Need for Preserving Our Posterity,” *The Principal* (September/October, 1981) , pp. 7-9, 12.

“La Inmigración a las Américas,” *Nuestro Encuentro* (1983) , p. 1, Spanish-language bulletin of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith

“American Jewish Historiography” in *The Book of Jewish Books* ,Ruth S. Frank and William Wollheim, ed. (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1986), pp. 77-80.

“Orthodox Union Activism: Then & Now”, *Jewish Action* (Winter, 1986-87), pp. 63-65.

“The American Challenge,” *Congress Monthly* ( February, 1993), pp.18-19.

“A Venerable Congregation in a New Building: A Look into the Life of Shearith Israel in 1897,” in *From Strength to Strength*, Marc Angel ed. ( New York: Sepher-Harmon Press, 1998), pp. 29-38.

“Cultural Clash: Are Sports A Challenge to Jewish Identity?” *Bnai Brith Monthly* ( Spring, 2007), pp 14-16.

### **Papers Given at Academic Sessions:**

“The History of the Jewish Community of Harlem, 1870-1930,” Eighth Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, December 21, 1976.

“The History of Harlem Jewry, ‘ American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., December 26, 1976.

“Harlem as a Transitional Ghetto,” Conference on the Ethnic Heritage of New York City, Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, New York, May 17, 1977.

Land Use Maps and Census Tracts: Reconstructing the Physical Character and Economic Profile of a New York Jewish Neighborhood,” YIVO Workshop on New York Jews, February 19, 1978.



Commentator, ‘New York Neighborhoods in Transition,’ Organization of American Historians Conference, April 13, 1978, New York, New York.

“Out of Ghetto Migration: The Case of Immigrant Jews 1890-1910,” College Conference on New York History, April 20, 1979.

“New Perspectives on the Writing of American Jewish Communal History,” Yiddish Studies Seminar, YIVO, December 14, 1979.

“Need to Preserve Our Posterity,” Conference of the Council of Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies, May 13, 1981.

“Jewish Immigrants, Social Reformers and Christian Missionaries in New York City,” Lecture Series in Jewish-Christian Relations, Indiana University, November 5, 1981.

“Problems of Identifying Missionary Activity on the Lower East Side,” Yiddish Studies Seminar, YIVO, November 11, 1981.

“The New York Kehillah: Why Albert Lucas Did Not Serve In It,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research, November 21, 1982

“The Americanization Continuum and Jewish Responses to Christian Influences on the Lower East Side, 1900-1910,” Conference on “Apostates and Missionaries: An Historical Perspective,” Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, December 4, 1983.

“Orthodox Judaism: Challenge Beyond the Tercentenary,” Conference on American Judaism: Beyond the Tercentenary, Ohio State University, April 9, 1984.

“When Harlem Was Jewish”, Symposium on Harlem: Past, Present, Future, The City College of New York, February 28, 1985.

“The Emergence of the Americanized Synagogue, 1900-1920,” Jewish History Seminar Columbia University, March 20, 1985.

“A Lost Generation: Orthodox Activism in America, 1900-1920” University of Maryland Colloquium on Jewish Studies, November 1, 1987.

“Time , Place and Movement in Immigrant Jewish Historiography.” Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University Academic Congress, March 16, 1988

Discussant, Conference on New Perspectives in Immigrant Jewish History, Columbia University, March 4, 1990.

“American Orthodoxy in Support of Zionism,” Conference on Zionism and Religion, Brandeis University, April 3, 1990.

“A Community of Interest,” Symposium on New York’s Jews: Then and Now, YIVO, November 15, 1990

“Indifferent Jewry and Ancestral Faith: Consensus Building and Conflict over the Young People’s Synagogue of the Lower East Side, 1900-1905,” Conference on Jews in America: Dreams and Realities, Graduate Center of CUNY and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion ,April 23, 1991.

“The Rise of Jewish Sponsored Universities,” Symposium on Higher Education and American Jewish Life, University of Hartford, June 3, 1991.

Commentator, “American Jewish History in the Post-World War II Period in the West”, American Historical Association Conference, December 28, 1991.

“Change to Survive: The Common Experience of Two Transplanted Jewish Identities in America”, Conference on What is American about American Jewish History, College of William and Mary, April 26-27, 1992.

“A New Look at our Founding Writers: Perspectives on the History of the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society,” Harry Elson Memorial Lecture at the 1992

Centennial Conference of the American Jewish Historical Society, May 10, 1992.

“Archival Resources and the Writing of the Social History of American Judaism, 1890-1910.” Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, June 28, 1993.

Commentator, “Religious Lives of American Jewish Women,” Conference on the History of Jewish Women in America, University of Maryland, October 31, 1993.

“A Modern Heretic and the Traditional Community: Mordecai M. Kaplan and American Orthodoxy, 1900-1920,” Symposium on Jewish Orthodoxy, Leo Baeck Institute, March 6, 1994.

“Mordecai Kaplan and American Orthodoxy” “First Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 2, 1994.

“Synagogue Strife on the West Side in the 1920s,” New York Historical Society, March 10, 1996.

“The Path from Yeshiva to JTSA,” Second Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 12, 1996.

“Religion, Ethnicity and American Jewish Identity, Colloquium on Mennonites and Jews: Religious Minorities and the Search for Identity in America, University of Maryland, April 6, 1997.

“From Fluidity to Rigidity: The Religious Worlds of Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Twentieth Century America,” Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs, University of Michigan, March 16, 1998.

“Jacob Rader Marcus, Salo W. Baron and the Public’s Need to Know American Jewish History,” Third Biennial Scholars’ Conference, American Jewish Historical Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11, 1998.

“Inter-War Brooklyn: Commitment and Continuity in a Jewish Community in Decline,” Conference on the History of Brooklyn, 1898 to the Present, Bar Ilan and Hebrew Universities, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, November 26, 1998

“Different Streams Into a River Yet to Be’: Movement towards an All-Inclusive American Judaism, 1920-1945.” Consultation on Who is ‘In’ and Who is ‘Out’ in Modern Jewish History, College of William and Mary, April 30, 2000

“The American Orthodox Athlete: From Contradiction in Terms to Institutional Standard Bearer.” Conference on Jews, Sports and the Rites of Citizenship, “Arizona State University, February 11-12, 2001.

“American Jewish History: Personal and Professional Reflections on a Discipline’s Path Towards Scholarly Acceptance,” Conference on Centers of Modern Jewish Studies, Center for Jewish History, October 28, 2001.

“The Culture of American Sports and New York Orthodox Society, 1920-1970,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 19, 2001.

“The State of Twentieth-Century American Orthodoxy before Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik,” Studies Exploring the Influence of Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, December 30, 2003.

“Orthodoxy in America on Display in the Arena of Sports 1920-2000,” Imagining the American Jewish Community, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, March 22, 2004.

“Skirting and Ad(dressing) the Issue of Modesty: American Orthodoxy and the Culture of Sports, 2004,” Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 6-8, 2004.

“The World of American Sports and the New York Jewish Experience,” Conference on New York Jewish History and Heritage, Graduate Center of CUNY, September 7, 2004.

“The Crowning of a ‘Jewish Jordan’: Tamir Goodman, The American Sports Media and Modern Orthodox Jewry’s Fantasy World” Symposium on American Judaism and Popular Culture, Creighton University, October 24, 2004.

“Immigrant Jews and the Challenge of Athleticism,” Conference on Why America is Different, Boston University, October 25, 2004.

“A Commentary on a Synagogue’s History: Congregation Brith Sholom Beth Israel and American Jewish History,” Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference, October 31, 2004.

“American Orthodox Social Norms as Viewed through the Vista of Sports,” American Academy of Religion Meeting, November 21, 2004.

“The Fate of Small-City Communities in an Era of Orthodox Triumphalism, 1970-2000,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 21, 2004.

“The Challenge of a New World of American Sports,” Conference on The Jewish Immigrant Experience in America, University of Western Ontario, March 17, 2005.

“Resisters and Accommodators Revisited: Reflections on the Study of Orthodoxy in America,” Conference on 350 Years of American Jewry, 1654-2004, University of Munich, May 23, 2005.

“The Modernist Positions of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, 1902-1914.” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 19, 2005

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Commentator, “Gender, Jews and American Sports,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 18, 2006.

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Respondent, “Capitalism and Religion in Twentieth Century America,” Conference on Jews and American Capitalism, Columbia University, March 2, 2008.

“The Dilemmas of Immigrant ‘Tweeners’: An Exploration of Age and Americanization” Jewish Youth and Cultural Change: A Conference on Rethinking American Jewish History, Center for Jewish History, October 26, 2008.

Respondent, “Minyanim, Halacha and Modern Orthodoxy,” Independent Minyan Conference, Brandeis University, November 10, 2008

Panelist, “New York Jewish History Revisited,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 20, 2009.

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