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Columbia College	B.A., 1972, cum laude
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Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	M. Phil., 1978
Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh (Talmudical Academy), Israel	Ph.D., 1979, awarded with distinction
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PREVIOUS AND VISITING POSITIONS:

Russell Berrie Visiting Professor, The Angelicum, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy, November 2014.
Professor, Department of Philosophy, Committee on Jewish Studies, Divinity School (Associate Member), and College, 1998-*; Chair, 2008-9; Associate Professor, 1988-1998; Assistant Professor, 1981-1988; William Rainey Harper Fellow in the College, 1979-81.
Fellow, Library, Van Leer Institute Jerusalem, Israel, 1990 - *
Russell Berrie Visiting Professor, The Angelicum, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy, November 2011,
Gruss Visiting Professor of Jewish Law, The Law School, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2003, Fall 2004.
Professor, Bar-Ilan University (Israel), Department of Philosophy, Interdisciplinary Program in Brain Sciences, 2000-2003 (On leave of absence 10/02-9/03)

Visiting Professor, Northwestern University, Department of Religion, 1998, 1999;
Department of Philosophy, 1993.

Lady Davis Visiting Associate Professor, The Hebrew University, Department of
Philosophy, 1996.

Visiting Instructor, Yeshiva University, Department of Philosophy, 1978.

Preceptor, Columbia University, Department of Philosophy, 1974-77.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Language, Jewish Medieval Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Epistemology and Metaphysics, Islamic and Latin Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of
Religion, Logic, Philosophy of Art

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. *Problems and Parables of Law: Maimonides and Nahmanides on Reasons for the Commandments (Ta'amei Ha-Mitzvot)* (Albany, New York, SUNY Press, Series in Judaica: Hermeneutics, Mysticism, and Religion, 1998)
2. *Metaphor in Context* (Cambridge, MA, M.I.T. Press/Bradford Books, 2000); paperback edition 2016.
3. *The Matter and Form of Maimonides' Guide* (Cambridge, MA, Harvard University Press, 2013)
4. *Ha-homer ve-ha-tzurah Be-Moreh Nevukhim Le-RaMBaM* (Heb.), Sifriyat Heillel ben Hayyim, Kibbutz Ha-Me'uhad Publishers, Israel, 2017.
5. *Quotations and Pictures*, forthcoming M.I.T. Press, 2017 or 2018

Edited Volumes:

1. *Adaptations and Innovations: Studies on the Interaction between Jewish and Islamic Thought and Literature from the Early Middle Ages to the Late Twentieth Century, Dedicated to Professor Joel L. Kraemer*, Ed. with Y. T. Langermann, (Paris-Louven: Peeters, 2007)
2. *Themes in the Thought of Eliezer Berkovits* Special Issue of *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* v. 31, n. 4 (Summer 2013).
3. Editorial Board (with responsibility for Judaism), *Religion, War, and Ethics: A Sourcebook of Textual Traditions*, Eds. Gregory Reichberg and Henry Syse, Cambridge University Press, 2014.
4. *The Guide of the Perplexed in Translation: A history of the translations of Maimonides' Guide and their impact, from medieval times to the twentieth century*, Ed. with James T. Robinson, University of Chicago Press, 2017.

Major Articles:

1. "Metaphor and Grammatical Deviance," Nous, November, 1983, pp. 577-599.
2. "Metaphor as Demonstrative," The Journal of Philosophy, December, 1985, pp. 677-710.
3. "The Idea of a Hoq in Maimonides' Explanation of the Law," in S. Pines and Y. Yovel (eds.), Maimonides and Philosophy (Dordrecht, Martinus Nijhoff, 1986), pp. 92-130; rep. in revised form in 1.
4. "Modes of Reference in the Rituals of Judaism," Religious Studies (23), July 1987, pp. 109-128. Rep. in Catherine Z. Elgin (ed.), The Philosophy of Nelson Goodman, 4 Vols., (Garland, 1997): 303-322.
5. "Metaphor Without Mainsprings: A Rejoinder to Elgin and Scheffler," The Journal of Philosophy, August 1988, pp. 427-438.
6. "On an Alleged Contradiction between Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed and Mishneh Torah" (in Heb.), Shenaton Ha-Mishpat Ivri (Annual of the Institute for Research in Jewish Law), Hebrew University, Israel, 1989, pp. 283-298; rep. in revised form in English in 1.
7. "Logical Syntax as a Key to a Secret of the Guide of the Perplexed," (in Heb.), Iyyun 38 (April 1989):137-166
8. "Philosophy or Exegesis: Some Critical Comments," in N. Golb (ed.), Judaeo-Arabic Studies: Proceedings of the Founding Conference of the Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies(Studies in Muslim-Jewish Relations III) (Amsterdam, Harwood Academic Publishers, 1997): 213-228.
9. "What Metaphors Do Not Mean," in P. French, T. Uehling, and H. Wettstein (eds.), Philosophy and the Arts (Midwest Studies in Philosophy, Vol. XVI) (Notre Dame University Press, 1991): 13-52.
10. "Maimonides' Parable of Circumcision," S'vara Vol. 2, Num. 2 (Winter 1991): 35-48.
11. "Maimonides on the Covenant of Circumcision and the Unity of God," in Michael Fishbane (ed.), The Midrashic Imagination: Jewish Exegesis, Thought and History (SUNY Press, 1993):131-154; rep. in revised form in 1.
12. "Nahmanides' Conception of Ta'amei Mitzvot and its Maimonidean Background," forthcoming in Daniel Frank (ed.), Community and Covenant: New Essays in Jewish Political and Legal Philosophy (SUNY Press, 1994); rep. in revised form in 1.
13. "Maimonides' Conceptions of Freedom and the Sense of Shame," in C. Manekin and M.Kellner (eds.) Human Freedom and Moral Responsibility: General and Jewish Perspectives (College Park, MD., University Press of Maryland, 1997): 217-266.
14. "The Fall and Rise of Myth in Ritual: Maimonides versus Nahmanides on the Huqqim, Astrology, and the War Against Idolatry," Journal of Jewish Philosophy and Thought, 6, (1997): 185-263; rep. in revised form in 1.
15. "Maimonides on Education," in Amelie Rorty, (ed.), Philosophers on Education (London, Routledge, 1998): 109-123.
16. "Metaphors in Pictures," Philosophical Topics 25: 1 (Spring 1997): 255-293.
17. "Maimonides on Language and the Science of Language," in R. S. Cohen and H. Levine (eds.), Maimonides and the Sciences (Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Vol. 211 (Dordrecht, Kluwer, 2000): 173-226.

18. "Maimonides on Amalek, Self-Corrective Mechanisms, and the War against Idolatry," in Jonathan Malino (ed.), Judaism and Modernity: The Religious Philosophy of David Hartman (London, Ashgate, 2004): 371-410.
19. "Maimonides' Demonstrations: Principles and Practice," Medieval Philosophy and Theology 10 (2001): 47-84.
20. "Knowledge by Metaphor," P. French and H. Wettstein (eds.), Midwest Studies in Philosophy XXV: Figurative Language (Boston, MA and Oxford UK, Blackwell, 2002): 187-227.
21. "Maimonides on the Growth of Knowledge and the Limitations of the Intellect," in T. Levy and R. Rashed (eds.), Maïmonide: Perspectives arabe, hébraïque, latine (Louvain, Peeters, 2002).
22. "Maimonides' Epistemology," in K. Seeskin, ed., Cambridge Companion to Maimonides (Cambridge, UK, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2005), pp. 105-133.
23. "Figurative Language," in M. Devitt and R. Hanley, eds., The Blackwell Guide To Philosophy Of Language (Boston, MA and Oxford UK, Blackwell, 2006), pp.168-185.
24. "Metaphor, Literal, Literalism," Mind and Language Vol. 21, No. 3 (June 2006): 243-79.
25. "The Enigma of Guide I: 68" (Heb.) in A. Ravitzky, ed., Maimonides, Tradition, Originality, and Innovation (Shazar Institute Press, Jerusalem, 2007), 437-51.
26. "Metaphor, Semantics, and Context," in R. Gibbs, ed., Cambridge Handbook of Metaphor (Cambridge, UK, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2008), pp. 262-279.
27. "Meaning and Language," in S. Nadler and T. Rudavsky, eds., Cambridge History of Medieval Jewish Philosophy (Cambridge, UK, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2008), pp. 230-266.
28. "The Knot that Never Was," Aleph (2008): 203-233.
29. "The Life and Death of a Metaphor, or the Metaphysics of Metaphor," The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic, and Communication: A Figure of Speech, Vol. 3 (2008) <<http://thebalticyearbook.org/journals/baltic/issue/current>>
30. "The Maimonidean Parable, the Arabic Poetics, and the Garden of Eden," Midwest Studies in Philosophy: Philosophy and Poetry XXXIII (2009): 209-247.
31. "Metaphor and Minimalism," Philosophical Studies (February 2011)
32. "Maimonides on Wars and their Justification," Journal of Military Ethics 11:3 (2012): 245-263.
33. "Profayt Duran's *Ma'aseh Efod*: The Philosophical Grammar of a Converso," forthcoming in S. Harvey and N. Germann, eds., The Origin and Nature of Language and Logic in Medieval Islamic, Jewish, and Christian Thought, Rencontres de philosophie médiévale, Brepols Publishers.
34. "Introduction" and "Note on the Pines Translation," The Guide of the Perplexed in Translation: A history of the translations of Maimonides' Guide and their impact, from medieval times to the twentieth century (Tentative Title), Ed. with James T. Robinson, forthcoming University of Chicago Press, 2017.
35. "Maimennide zhaxue de dangdai yanjiu lujin" (in Chinese) ("Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Maimonides"), trans. Cao Zheyu and Song Lihong, Xue Hai 2016: 5, pp. 92-99.

36. "What is 'Jewish Philosophy'? A view from the Middle Ages," forthcoming in *Yearbook of the Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies—Jewish Skepticism*, University of Hamburg, 2017 DeGruyter Press.
37. "Maimonides on Useless Stories in the Bible," forthcoming in a festschrift for Hannah Kasher, ed. A. Elkayam and A. Malachi.
38. "Did Pines Change his Interpretation of the Guide?" forthcoming in C. Manekin and D. Davies, eds., *Interpreting Maimonides*, Cambridge University Press, 2018.
39. "What is Maimonidean Skepticism?," forthcoming in G. Veltri and E. Spinelli, eds., *Essays on Skepticism from Antiquity to the Present*.
40. "What Jewish Philosophy Might be (if it exists)" (in German) forthcoming in *Zeitschrift für Kulturphilosophie*
41. "Dying for God," forthcoming in Aaron Segal, Dani Rabinowitz, and Samuel Lebens, eds. *Essays in the Analysis of Judaism*, Cambridge University Press.

Short Essays, Encyclopedia Articles, and Reviews:

1. "Gesture and Symbol," in A. A. Cohen and P. Mendes-Flohr (eds.), *Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought* (New York, Scribners', 1986), pp. 275-283. Rep. in David Shatz, ed., *Philosophy and Faith: A Philosophy of Religion Reader* (New York, McGraw Hill, 2002), pp. 131-36.
- 2a. "Language," in A. A. Cohen and P. Mendes-Flohr (eds.), *Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought* (New York, Scribners', 1986), pp. 543-551.
- 2b. "Safah" (Heb.) in A. A. Cohen, P. Mendes-Flohr, and A. Shapira (eds.),
3. Critical Comment on Lenn E. Goodman, "Three Meanings of the Idea of Creation," in D. Burrell and B. McGinn (eds.), *God and Creation: An Ecumenical Symposium* (Notre Dame University Press, 1990), pp. 114-121
4. "Gersonides," in R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (Cambridge, U.K.; Cambridge University Press, 1995)
5. "Philo Judaeus," in R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (Cambridge, U.K.; Cambridge University Press, 1995)
6. "Metaphor," in M. Kelly (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* (Oxford University Press, 1998)
7. "Nahmanides," in E. Craig (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
8. "Isaac Arama," in E. Craig (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
9. (with Joel Kraemer) "Shlomo Pines on the Translation of the Guide of the Perplexed," *Jewish Philosophy and Thought* 7 (1998)
10. Review of M. Johnson, ed., *Contemporary Perspectives on Metaphor*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* (Winter, 1982): 231-234.
11. Review of J. F. Ross, *Portraying Analogy*, *The Journal of Philosophy* (July 1987): 392-397.
12. Review of David Hartman, *A Living Covenant*, *Journal of Religion* (Oct. 1990): 663-5.
13. Review of R. Link-Salinger et al (eds.), *A Straight Path: Studies in Medieval Philosophy and Culture*, *Essays in Honor of Arthur Hyman*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (Vol. 74, Number 3) 1992: 335-338.

14. Review of Ehud Benor, Worship of the Heart, Iyyun 46 (July 1997): 339-344.
15. Review of Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, Maimonides and St. Thomas on the Limits of Reason, Shofar (Summer 1998), 16, 4: 114-16.
16. Review of Charles Travis, Unshadowed Thought, Mind (Oct. 2003):805-811.
17. Review of Maud Kozodoy, The Secret Faith of Maestre Honoratus: Profayt Duran and Jewish Identity in Late Medieval Iberia (Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), Forthcoming in Revista Hispanica Moderna.
18. "Nosh," in Ruth Fredman Cernea, ed., The Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2006), p. 152
19. "Thoroughly Modern Maimonides?: A Response," Jewish Review of Books 5, 4 (Winter 2014), 49-50.
20. Book Review Notes on J. Fodor, Representations and M. Halle et al (eds.), Linguistics and Psychological Reality, Ethics, March 1983; N. Goodman, Of Mind and Other Matters, Ethics, July 1985; C. Sirat, A History of Jewish Philosophy in the Middle Ages, The Journal of Religion, July 1987; A. Hyman, Ed., Maimonidean Studies I, Review of Metaphysics (Winter 1992).
21. Syllabus, "Judaic Civilization II: Jewish History and Culture in Spain and the Mediterranean Lands in the Middle Ages," in Ivan Marcus (ed.), Medieval Jewish Civilization (New York: Markus-Wiener, 1988)

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- "The Unbinding of Isaac: Maimonides on the Parable of the Aqedah"
- "Two Concepts of Holiness: Maimonides and Nahmanides on Qedushah"
- "On 'Saying That' and Samesaying 'That'" (with David Ebrey)
- "A Little of 'This' and a Little of 'That'"
- "The Reception of Quine's Indeterminacy Thesis: A Case-Study in the History of a Philosophical Problem"
- "Maimonides on Death and the Afterdeath"
- "Maimonides and Hume"
- "The Divine Loser: A Reading of BT Baba Metzia 58b-59a"
- "Maimonides on the False Prophet: The Epistemology of Prophecy and the Maimonidean Circle"
- "Five Models of Filial Piety in Medieval Jewish Philosophy: from Father to Sage and from Child to Disciple."
- "Maimonides and His Predecessors on Martyrdom and Dying for God"
- "Relations between Jewish and Shi'ite Philosophers in the Middle Ages"

SELECTED INVITED ADDRESSES:

- "Metaphor as Demonstrative," University of Wisconsin, 1979; University of Illinois at Chicago, 1981; Hebrew University, 1981; Chicago Linguistic Society, 1983.
- "A Little of 'This' and a Little of 'That'," Hebrew University, 1996; Ben Gurion University, 1996.
- "Metaphor in Context," The Israel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, 1985.

- “The Idea of a Hoq in Maimonides’ Explanation of the Law,” Sixth Jerusalem Philosophical Encounter: Maimonides and His Philosophy, 1985.
- “Metaphorical Competence and Cognitive Significance,” Conference on Figurative and Visionary Language, Israel, 1986
- “Maimonides on Language and the Interpretation of Language,” Boston Colloquium for the History and Philosophy of Science, Symposium on Maimonides and the Sciences, 1987
- “Skeptical Themes in the Guide of the Perplexed,” Maryland Colloquium in Jewish Studies: Maimonides and the Limits of Philosophy: Perspectives on Recent Interpretations of the Guide of the Perplexed, University of Maryland, 1987
- “Nahmanides’ Conception of Ta’amei Mitzvot and its Maimonidean Background,” Special Session on Medieval Jewish Legal Philosophy, Association for Jewish Studies, 1987.
- “Logical Syntax as a Key to a Secret of the Guide of the Perplexed,” Hebrew University, 1988; Bar-Ilan University, Israel, 1989
- “Excrement and Exegesis: Maimonides on Bar Qappara on Deut. 23:14,” The Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, 1989.
- “Maimonides in the Skeptical Tradition,” Special Session on New Perspectives in Jewish Philosophy, co-sponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research and the New York University Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy, 1991; Invited Paper, Central Division, American Philosophical Assoc., 1991; University of Georgia, 1994; Ben Gurion University, 1996; University of Haifa, 1996; University of Southern California, 2002.
- “Knowledge by Metaphor,” Conference on Metaphor and Cognition,” Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University, Israel, 1992; Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CREA/CNRS), Paris, 1995; Ya’el Cohen Memorial Lecture, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1996; NEH Summer Institute on Art, Cognitive Science and Mind, University of Maryland, 2002; Rutgers University 2003.
- “The Fall and Rise of Myth in Ritual: From Maimonides to Nahmanides on the Huqqim,” Skirball Conference on “Myth and Ritual,” New York University, 1994.
- “Maimonides’ Compatibilist Conception of Freedom and the Sense of Shame,” 27th Maryland Colloquium in Jewish Studies on “Freedom and Moral Responsibility: General and Jewish Perspectives,” University of Maryland at College Park, 1994.
- “Maimonides on the Limitations of the Intellect and the Growth of Knowledge,” Centre D’Histoire des Sciences et des Philosophies Arabes et Médiévales (CNRS-ÉPHÉ), Paris, 1995.
- “Donald Davidson on ‘The Objectivity of Values,’” Conference on Practical Reason, 11th Jerusalem Encounter: Practical Reasoning, 1995.
- “Nahmanides on the Idea of Qedushah and its Maimonidean Background,” Hartman Institute, 1996.
- “Metaphors in Pictures,” Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1997.
- “Two Types of Maimonidean Skepticism,” at “Maimonide: Traditions philosophiques et scientifiques médiévales arabe, hébraïque, latine; Centre d’histoire des sciences et philosophies arabes et médiévales, CNRS Paris, 1997

- “Maimonides on the Study of Astronomy as a Spiritual Exercise,” Invited Paper, “Medieval Hebrew Science: The Contexts,” A Dibner/Israel Conference in the Philosophy of Science, Jerusalem, July 1999
- “Maimonides’ Demonstrations: Principles and Practice,” Invited Paper at Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago 1999
- “In the Inner Chamber of the Ruler’s Palace: Maimonides’ Physics,” Ben Gurion University, December 2001; Boston University: Conference on Maimonides: Philosopher and Scientist,” November 2004; University of Toronto, Jan. 2007; Hebrew University, March 2007.
- “Maimonides on Qedushah: Holiness as Commandment,” The Gruss Lecture I, University of Pennsylvania Law School, November 2002
- “Nahmanides on Qedushah: Holiness despite the Commandments,” The Gruss Lecture II, University of Pennsylvania Law School, November 2002
- “Two Concepts of Qedushah,” Dept. of Jewish Studies, Rutgers University, Jan. 2003
- “The Unbinding of Isaac: Maimonides on the Parable of the Aqedah: (I) Martyrdom vs. the Life of the Law and (II) Law and the Excesses of Philosophy,” The GrussLectures, University of Pennsylvania Law School, September 2003; (in shortened form), Conference on “Philosophers and the Bible,” Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland, November 2003; Ohio State University, Conference on Maimonides: Sources and Influences,” November 2004; Davar Institute, Teaneck NJ, November 2005; University of Toronto, Nov. 2006; Marquette University, Conference on the Abrahamic Traditions, Feb. 2007; James Lehman Memorial Lecture, NY, June 2009; Shandong University, Jinan, June 2012; Nanjing University, June 2012; Fudan University, 2013; Centro Pro Unione and John Paul II Center for Interreligious Dialogue, Rome, Italy, Nov. 2014.
- “On ‘Saying That’ and Samesaying ‘That’” (co-authored with David Ebrey), IsraelPhilosophical Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2001; Ben Gurion University (Israel), December 2003.
- “The Enigma of Guide I: 68,” Conference on “Maimonides: Conservative, Innovator, and Revolutionary, Shazar Center/Harvard University, Jerusalem, May 2004
- “The Life and Times of Maimonides” and “Maimonides’ Halakhic work,” Congregation Sinai Lectures on Maimonides, Milwaukee, Wis. April 2003
- “Maimonides on the Commandments to Eradicate Amalek Part I: The Torah, Terrorism, and Counter-Terrorism,” Part II: Law, Memory, and the War against Idolatry,” The Law School, University of Pennsylvania, October 2004;
- “Metaphor, Literal, Literalism,” at “Metaphor: An Interdisciplinary Conference,” sponsored by Mind and Language and University of London, January 2005.
- “Maimonides on Death and the After-death,” Medieval Studies and Philosophy, LoyolaUniversity, Chicago, March 2005
- “Language and the Structure of Thought: Critical Comments,” Semantics Workshop on the Philosophy and Linguistics of Jim Higginbotham, Center for Cognitive Science, Rutgers University, May 2005
- “Address and the Second Person” (with Nat Hanson and Ben McMyler), Wittgenstein Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2005
- “Maimonides and Hume,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem July 2005

- “Maimonidean Skepticism, the Intellect, and Divine Unity,” Invited Paper, A.P.A. Eastern Division Meeting, Washington D.C. Dec. 2006; Tel Aviv University Dec. 2006
- “Metaphor and Minimalism,” A Figure of Speech, Conference at the University of Riga, Riga, Latvia, Dec. 2007; University of Illinois-Chicago, April 2009
- “Monotheism and Maimonides’ Critique of the Theory of Separate Intellects,” Invited paper for Israel Science Foundation Research Workshop on The Jews and the Sciences of the Stars,” Bar Ilan University, February 2010
- “Maimonides on War,” Conference on “Fostering Peace through the Abrahamic Religions: The Promise and the Pitfalls,” Basel Switzerland, February 2010.
- “Maimonides on Useless Stories in the Bible,” Kol Dodi, Jerusalem. 2011
- “Maimonides on the False Prophet, the Parable of Mt. Sinai, and the Maimonidean Circle,” Conference on Hypocrisy and Dissimulation II, Jerusalem June, 2012; University of Toronto, March 2015
- “Pines’ Guide at 50: Philosophy in Translation, Translation in Philosophy,” Shlomo Pines Lecture, The Pines Society and The Israel Academy of Sciences, June 2013.
- “Four Models of Filial Piety in Medieval Jewish Philosophy: from Father to Sage and from Child to Disciple,” Symposium on Judaic and Confucian Ethics,” Shandong University, Jinan China
- “Pines ’63 vs. Pines ’79,” Conference on “Pines’ Maimonides: The History of the Translation and Interpretation of the Guide of the Perplexed.”
- “Relations between Jewish and Shi’ite Philosophers in the Middle Ages,” webinar, Rome Dec. 2014, skyped to various sites in the United States and to the University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran.
- “Quotations and Pictures,” Invited paper, Eastern Division of the American Society of Aesthetics, Philadelphia PA March 2015; Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2016; Conference on Pervasive Context-Dependence, University of Reading (G.B.), June 2016.
- “What is ‘Jewish Philosophy’? A view from the Medieval Ages,” Inaugural Lecture, Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies-Jewish Skepticism, University of Hamburg, October 2015; CISMOOR, Dashisha University, Kyoto, Japan, December 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Referee: The University of Chicago Press, Harvard University Press, Columbia University Press, SUNY Press, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, Critical Inquiry, The Journal of Religion, European Journal of Jewish Studies, Nous, Mind and Language, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Linguistics and Philosophy, Synthese, Journal of Jewish Philosophy and Thought, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, Philosophical Studies, Faith and Philosophy, Philosopher’s Imprint, Iyyun, Jewish Quarterly Review, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialogue: The Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Tarbiz, Nous, Journal of Pragmatics, Cambridge University Press, Rowman and Littlefield, Princeton University Press, Cambridge University Press, Emet Prize, Prime Minister’s Office, Israel.

Chicago Academic Representative, The Hebrew University, 1984-7
 Program Committee, Central Division, American Philosophical Association 1999-2000.
 Royce Lecture Committee, Committee on Awards and Prizes, American Philosophical Association.
 Co-director, Webinar Series on Shi'a and Jewish Philosophy and Thought, with Catholic University of America, Najaf University, Iraq, and the University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran.
 Reviewer, Fellowships, American Council of Learned Societies, 2015, 2016.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

The University of Chicago: Dept. Undergraduate Advisor, 1981-1987; Dept. Recruitment Committee, 1981-2, 1989-90; Graduate Placement Officer, 1982-4, 1989-90, 1991-2; Undergraduate Program Committee, 1985-7, 1991-4; Graduate Admissions and Aid Committee, 1986-8, 1993-4; College Council, 1982-4; Standing Committee on Admissions and Enrollment of the College Council, 1982-4; College Dean of Students' Committee on an Israel Study Program, 1985-7; Harper Instructor Search Committee, 1983, Co-chairman, 1986; Jewish Studies Workshop Steering Committee, 1984-8; Special Subcommittee to Report on the State of Jewish Studies at the University, 1985-6; Provost's Committee to Review Student Disciplinary Procedures for the University, 1987-8; Director, Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Philosophy, 1990-1; Governing Committee on Curriculum, Humanities Collegiate Division; Department Ad hoc Tenure and Renewal Committees, 1991, 1993, 1995, 2000; Executive Committee, Undergraduate Concentration in Jewish Studies, The University of Chicago, 1992-4; Founding Member, Judaic Civilization Sequence, College Civilization Program, 1993; Co-director, Klein Memorial Library Project, The Divinity School, 1992-4; Coordinator, Faculty Working Group on Jewish Studies, Chicago Humanities Institute, 1993-4, 1994-5; Standing Committee on Curriculum of the College Council, 1993-6; Graduate Admissions and Aid Committee, 1993-4; Tave Fellowship Committee, 1994; Philosophy Graduate Program Committee, 1994-5, 1997-2000; Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Philosophy, 1998-2000, 2002-7; Associate Chair, 2004-7; Philosophy Program and Curriculum Committee, 1998-2000, 2002-3; Mellon Fellowship Selection Committee 1999, 2000; Co-Director, Philosophy-Linguistics Ph.D. program, 1985-*; Ear Committee, Committee on Jewish Studies 2006; Chair, Dept. of Philosophy 2008-9, Co-chair, Working Group for a Center for Jewish Studies; Founding Director, Chicago Center for Jewish Studies, 2009-*; Governing Board, Beijing Center, University of Chicago; Co-founding Director, Workshop on Linguistics and Philosophy, 2005-16.
 Bar-Ilan University 2000-2: Committee on Programs and Appointments, Faculty of Humanities; Special Rector's Committees for Appointments of Excellence in Humanities and Jewish Studies; Committee on Research; Committee on Honorary Degrees.

ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS:

Senior Fellow, Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies—Jewish Scepticism, University of Hamburg, Germany, 11/16, 1-3/17, 5/17
 Trustee, Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies—Jewish Scepticism, University of Hamburg, Germany
 Fellow, American Academy for Jewish Research, 2015-
 2014 Book Prize for the best book on the history of philosophy published in 2013, awarded to The Matter and Form of Maimonides' Guide by the Board of Directors of the Journal of the History of Philosophy.
 President (Honorary), Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, 2013-14
 Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007-08
 Fellow, The Library, The Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation, 1988-
 Research Grant, Israel Science Foundation, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2001-3
 Research Grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2000-1
 Fellowship, The National Endowment for the Humanities, 1996-7
 Lady Davis Associate Professorship, The Hebrew University, Spring 1996
 Research Grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1994-5
 Scholar, Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago, 1991-2
 Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 1988-9
 Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Hebrew University, Israel, 1984-5
 William Rainey Harper Fellow, The University of Chicago, 1979-81
 Mellon Fellow, Society of Fellows, Columbia University, 1979-80, (Declined)
 Whiting Fellow in the Humanities, Columbia University, 1977-8
 Chamberlain Fellow, Columbia University, 1977-8
 Linguistics Institute Scholar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Summer 1974
 Siff Award in the Philosophy of Science, Columbia University, 1974
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 Phi Beta Kappa, 1972

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

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