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### *Education*

1966-1970 Yeshiva College, BA in Classics  
1970-1974 Jewish Theological Seminary, MA in Judaica and rabbinic ordination  
1970-1975 Columbia University, MA and PhD in Ancient History

### *Previous Positions*

#### *Jewish Theological Seminary:*

1974-1986 Instructor/ Assistant Professor/ Associate Professor of Jewish History  
1981-1985 Chair of the History Department  
1984-1985 Acting Librarian  
1986-1991 Professor of Jewish History and Jack and Miriam Shenkman Professor of the  
Post-Biblical Foundations of Western Civilization  
1987-1991 Dean of the Graduate School

#### *Brown University:*

1991-2001 Ungerleider Professor of Judaic Studies; Professor of Religious Studies  
1995-1998 Director of the Program in Judaic Studies

#### *Other:*

1982 Visiting Associate Professor of History, Columbia University  
Fall 1995 Croghan Bicentennial Visiting Professor in Religion, Williams College  
1998-1999 Lady Davis Visiting Professor of Jewish History, Hebrew University,  
Jerusalem  
Fall 2000 Visiting Professor of New Testament and Second Temple Judaism, Harvard  
Divinity School

*Publications: Books*

1. *Josephus in Galilee and Rome: His Vita and Development as a Historian*. Leiden: Brill, 1979. Columbia Studies in the Classical Tradition volume 8. [Japanese translation: Tokyo: Yamomoto Shoten Publishing House, 1991]. [Paperback reprint: Leiden: Brill, 2002]
2. *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah: A Profile of Judaism*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1987. Library of Early Christianity volume 7. Second edition: Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006.
3. Editor, *The Jewish Family in Antiquity*. Scholars Press for Brown Judaic Studies, 1993.
4. Co-editor (with Edward L. Greenstein and David Marcus) of *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society 16-17 (1984-1985): Ancient Studies in Memory of Elias Bickerman (1987)*
5. Co-editor (with Edward L. Greenstein) of *The State of Jewish Studies* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1990)
6. Co-editor (with Ernest Frerichs), *Diasporas in Antiquity*. Scholars Press for Brown Judaic Studies (1993)
7. Editor, *Studies in the Cult of Yahweh by Morton Smith*. 2 volumes. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995-1996.
8. *The Beginnings of Jewishness*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999. Paperback edition 2000.
9. Editor, *The Synoptic Problem in Rabbinic Literature*. Brown Judaic Studies 2000.
10. *Why aren't Jewish Women Circumcised? Gender and Covenant in Judaism* (University of California, 2005)
11. Co-editor (with Joshua Schwartz), *Studies in Josephus and the Varieties of Ancient Judaism: Louis H. Feldman Jubilee Volume* (Leiden: Brill, 2007).

*Publications: Chapters in Books*

1. "The Temple and the Synagogue," *The Temple in Antiquity*, ed. Truman Madsen (Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University, 1984) 151-174

2. "The Prohibition of Intermarriage: From the Bible to the Talmud," *Hebrew Annual Review* 7 (1983) = *Essays in Honor of Robert Gordis* 23-39
3. "Parallel Historical Tradition in Josephus and Rabbinic Literature," *Proceedings of the Ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies 1985, Division B, Volume 1* (Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, 1986) 7-14
4. "Jews and Judaism in the Greco-Roman World," *Early Judaism and its Modern Interpreters*, ed. Robert Kraft and George Nickelsburg (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986) 33-56
5. "Remarks on 'Anti-Semitism' in Antiquity," *History and Hate: The Dimensions of Anti-Semitism*, ed. David Berger (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1986) 43-47
6. "Pagan and Christian Evidence on the Ancient Synagogue," *The Synagogue in Late Antiquity*, ed. Lee Levine (New York: Jewish Theological Seminary, and Philadelphia: American Schools of Oriental Research, 1987) 159-181
7. "Solomon and the Daughter of Pharaoh: Intermarriage, Conversion, and the Impurity of Women," *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society* 16-17 (1984-1985): *Ancient Studies in Memory of Elias Bickerman* (1987) 23-37
8. "Roman Domination," *Ancient Israel: A Short History from Abraham to the Roman Destruction of the Temple*, ed. Hershel Shanks (Washington: Biblical Archaeology Society, 1988) 205-235
9. "History and Historiography in the *Against Apion* of Josephus," *History and Theory Beiheft 27: Essays in Jewish Historiography* (1988) 1-11
10. "The Rabbis in Second Century Jewish Society," *The Cambridge History of Judaism, volume III: The Early Roman Period*, ed. William Horbury, W. D. Davies, and J. Sturdy (Cambridge University Press, 1999) 922-990 (written in 1983)
11. "The Temple and the Synagogue," *Cambridge History of Judaism volume III*, ed. Horbury, Davies, and Sturdy (1999) 298-325 (written in 1985)
12. "Menstruants and the Sacred in Judaism and Christianity," *Women's History and Ancient History*, ed. Sarah Pomeroy (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1991) 273-298

13. "Purity and Piety: The Separation of Menstruants from the Sancta" *Daughters of the King*, ed. Susan Grossman and Rivka Haut (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1992) 103-115
14. "The Modern Study of Ancient Judaism," in *The State of Jewish Studies* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1990) 55-73
15. "The Place of the Rabbi in the Jewish Society of the Second Century," *Galilee in Late Antiquity*, ed. Lee Levine (NY: Jewish Theological Seminary, 1992) 157-171
16. "Was Judaism in Antiquity a Missionary Religion?" *Jewish Assimilation, Acculturation, and Accommodation*, ed. Menahem Mor (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1992) 14-23
17. "Adolf Harnack's 'The Mission and Expansion of Judaism': Christianity Succeeds where Judaism Fails," *The Future of Early Christianity: Essays in Honor of Helmut Koester* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1991) 163-169
18. "Religion, Ethnicity, and 'Hellenism' in the Emergence of Jewish Identity in Maccabean Palestine," *Religion and Religious Practice in the Seleucid Kingdom*, ed. Per Bilde et al. (Aarhus University Press, 1990) 204-223
19. "Can a Convert to Judaism have a Jewish Mother?" *Torah and Wisdom: Studies in Jewish Philosophy, Kabbalah, and Halacha in honor of Arthur Hyman*, ed. Ruth Link-Salinger (New York: Shengold, 1992) 19-31
20. "Judaism to the Mishnah: 135-220 CE," *Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism: A Parallel History*, ed. Hershel Shanks (Washington: Biblical Archaeological Society, 1992) 195-223
21. "Ioudaios to genos and Related Expressions in Josephus," *Josephus and the History of the Greco-Roman Period: Essays in Memory of Morton Smith*, ed. Fausto Parente and Joseph Sievers (Leiden: Brill, 1994) 23-38
22. "Did Martial own a Circumcised Jewish Slave?" *The Jews in the Hellenistic-Roman World: Studies in Memory of Menahem Stern*. ed. Isaiah M. Gafni et al. (Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar Center and the Historical Society of Israel, 1996) 59\*-66\*
23. "'Those Who Say They Are Jews And Are Not': How Do You Know A Jew In Antiquity When You See One?" *Diasporas in Antiquity*. Scholars Press for Brown Judaic Studies (1993) 1-45

24. "Is 'Proselyte Baptism' Mentioned in the Mishnah? The Interpretation of M. Pesahim 8:8 (= M. Eduyot 5:2)" *Pursuing the Text: Studies in Honor of Ben Zion Wacholder*, ed. John Reeves (Sheffield Academic Press, 1994) 278-292
25. "Judaism at the Time of Jesus," *Jews and Christians Speak of Jesus*, ed. Arthur Zannoni (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1994) 3-12
26. "Were Pharisees and Rabbis the Leaders of Communal Prayer and Torah Study in Antiquity? The Evidence of the New Testament, Josephus, and the Church Fathers" *The Echoes of Many Texts: Essays in Honor of Lou Silberman*, ed. William G. Dever and J. Edward Wright (Scholars Press, 1997; Brown Judaic Studies 313) 99-114
27. foreword to *The Jews of Egypt* by Joseph Méléze-Modrzejewski (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1995) xi-xv
28. "Ioudaios: 'Judaean' and 'Jew' in Susanna, First Maccabees, and Second Maccabees," *Geschichte – Tradition – Reflexion: Festschrift für Martin Hengel*, vol. 1 *Judentum*, ed. Peter Schäfer (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 1996) 211-220
29. "Purity, Piety, and Polemic: Medieval Rabbinic Denunciations of 'Incorrect' Purification Practices" in *Women and Water: Menstruation in Jewish Life and Law*, ed. Rahel Wasserfall (Hanover and London: Brandeis University Press/University Press of New England, 1999) 82-100
30. "The Conversion of Antoninus," *The Yerushalmi in its Greco-Roman Context*, ed. Peter Schäfer (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 1998) 141-171
31. "On Murdering or Injuring a Proselyte," *Ernest Frerichs Festschrift* (Scholars Press for Brown Judaic Studies, 1998) 95-108
32. "Were Pharisees and Rabbis the Leaders of Communal Prayer and Torah Study in Antiquity? The Evidence of the New Testament, Josephus, and the Early Church Fathers" *The Evolution of the Synagogue*, ed. H. Clark Kee (Harrisburg: Trinity Press International, 1999) 89-105 (a revision of no. 26)
33. "Hellenism in Unexpected Places," in *Hellenism in the Land of Israel*, ed. John Collins and Greg Sterling (Univeristy of Notre Dame Press, 2001) 216-243
34. "Judaism under Roman Domination: From the Hasmoneans through the Destruction of the Second Temple," in *From Mesopotamia to Modernity: Ten Introductions to Jewish History and Literature*, ed. B. Visotzky and D. Fishman (Boulder: Westview Press, 1999) 57-69 (a revision of no. 8 and no. 20)

35. "The Jewishness of Jesus" (with John Meier and Peter Steinfels) in *No Religion is an Island: The Nostra Aetate Dialogues*, ed. Edward Bristow (New York: Fordham University Press, 1998) 24-55
36. "Judaism," "Mishnah," "Talmud," "Tosefta," in *Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World*, ed. G. W. Bowersock et al. (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1999)
37. "A Brief History of Jewish Circumcision Blood," in *The Covenant of Circumcision: New Perspectives on an Ancient Jewish Rite*, ed. Elizabeth Wyner Mark (Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 2003) 30-42
38. "'Your covenant that you have sealed in our flesh': Women, Covenant, and Circumcision," *Louis H. Feldman Festschrift* (forthcoming)
39. preface to *Rabbinic Stories* by Jeffrey Rubenstein (New York: Paulist Press, 2002) xvii-xxi
40. "Does Rashi's Torah Commentary Respond to Christianity? A Comparison of Rashi with Rashbam and Bekhor Shor" *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel* (Leiden: Brill, 2004) 449-472
41. "'Common Judaism' in Greek and Latin Authors," *E.P. Sanders Festschrift* (forthcoming)
42. "The Judaeon Legal Tradition and the Halakhah of the Mishnah," in *Cambridge Companion to Rabbinic Literature*, ed. C. Fonrobert and M. Jaffee (Cambridge UP, forthcoming)

*Publications: Refereed Journal Articles*

1. "A Virgin Defiled: Some Rabbinic and Christian Views on the Origins of Heresy," *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 36 (1980) 1-11
2. "The Beauty of Flora and the Beauty of Sarai," *Helios: A Journal of Classics and Comparative Studies* 8,2 (1981) 41-53
3. "Epigraphical Rabbis," *Jewish Quarterly Review* 72 (1981) 1-17
4. "Patriarchs and Scholarchs," *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research* 48 (1981) 57-85
5. "Sosates the Jewish Homer," *Harvard Theological Review* 74 (1981) 391-396

6. "The Destruction: From Scripture to Midrash," *Prooftexts* 2 (1982) 18-39
7. "Masada: Literary Tradition, Archaeological Remains, and the Credibility of Josephus," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 33 (1982) = *Yigael Yadin Festschrift* 385-405. [popular version in *Moment* 13,5 (1988) 28-35.]
8. "Josephus, Jeremiah, and Polybius," *History and Theory* 21 (1982) 366-381
9. "Alexander the Great and Jaddus the High Priest According to Josephus," *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 7-8 (1982-1983) 41-68
10. "The Significance of Yavneh," *Hebrew Union College Annual* 55 (1984) 27-53
11. "The Origins of the Matrilineal Principle in Rabbinic Law," *Association of Jewish Studies Review* 10,1 (1985) 19-53
12. "Was Timothy Jewish (Acts 16:1-3)? Patristic Exegesis, Rabbinic Law, and Matrilineal Descent," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 105 (1986) 251-268
13. "Respect for Judaism by Gentiles in the Writings of Josephus," *Harvard Theological Review* 80 (1987) 409-430
14. "Crossing the Boundary and Becoming a Jew," *Harvard Theological Review* 82 (1989) 13-33
15. "The Rabbinic Conversion Ceremony," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 41 (1990) 177-203
16. "Are there Tannaitic Parallels to the Gospels?" (a review essay on Jacob Neusner, *Are there Really Tannaitic Parallels to the Gospels?*) *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 116 (1996) 85-89
17. "Why aren't Jewish Women Circumcised?" *Gender and History* 9 (1997) 560-578
18. "False Prophets (4Q339), Netinim (4Q340), and Hellenism at Qumran," *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 1 (2000) 55-66 (available at [www.jgrchj.com](http://www.jgrchj.com))
19. "Between Judaism and Christianity: the Semi-Circumcision Of Christians According to Bernard Gui, his Sources, and R. Eliezer of Metz," *Harvard Theological Review* 94 (July 2001) 285-321
20. "Some Thoughts on 'The Attitude toward *mamzerim* in Jewish Society in Late Antiquity,'" *Jewish History* 14 (2000) 171-174

21. "Judaism without Circumcision and 'Judaism' without 'Circumcision' in Ignatius," *Harvard Theological Review* 95 (2002) 395-415.

*Publications: Non-refereed Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles*

1. "Women in the Synagogues of Antiquity," *Conservative Judaism* 34,2 (Nov.-Dec. 1980) 23-29
2. "Yavneh Revisited: Pharisees, Rabbis, and the End of Jewish Sectarianism," *Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 1982*, ed. K. H. Richards (Chico: Scholars Press, 1982) 45-61
3. "Conversion to Judaism in Historical Perspective: From Biblical Israel to Post-Biblical Judaism," *Conservative Judaism* 36,4 (Summer 1983) 31-45
4. "Jacob Neusner, Mishnah, and Counter-Rabbinics: A Review Essay of *Judaism: The Evidence of the Mishnah*," *Conservative Judaism* 37,1 (Fall 1983) 48-63
5. "The Matrilineal Principle in Historical Perspective," *Judaism* 34,1 (Winter 1985) 5-13 [translated into French: "Le fondement historique de la matrilinearité juive," in *La loi juive à l'aube du xxi<sup>e</sup> siècle*, ed. Rivon Krygier (Paris: Messer, 1995) 109-124]
6. "Can a Convert to Judaism say 'God of our Fathers'?" *Judaism* 40 (1991) 419-428
7. "Gentiles and Jewish Studies," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 3 (1996) 185-192
8. "Bring Back the 'God-Fearers'?" *Sh'ma* 27/534 (May 16, 1997) 3-5
9. "The Unfinished Agenda of Jewish-Christian Dialogue," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 34,3 (1997) 326-329
10. "What makes for a Jewish Identity?" [on Madeleine Albright], *Providence Journal-Bulletin* Saturday, March 1, 1997, A 10.

*Publications: Book Reviews*

1. review of David Rhoads, *Israel in Revolution 6-74 C.E.* in *Association for Jewish Studies Newsletter* 21 (October 1977) 9 and in *Anglican Theological Review* 60 (1978) 349-350
2. review of Harold Attridge, *The Interpretation of Biblical History in the Antiquitates Judaicae of Flavius Josephus* in *Religious Studies Review* 3,3 (1977) 179-180

3. review of Martin Hengel, *Juden, Griechen, und Barbaren* in *Religious Studies Review* 4,1 (1978) 59
4. review of Aharon Oppenheimer, *The Am Ha-aretz: A Study in the Social History of the Jewish People in the Hellenistic-Roman Period* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 97 (1978) 596-597
5. review of Ellis Rivkin, *A Hidden Revolution* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 99 (1980) 627-629
6. review of Menahem Stern, *Greek and Latin Authors on Jews and Judaism II* in *Conservative Judaism* 35,1 (1981) 88-89
7. review of Aryeh Kasher, *The Jews in Hellenistic and Roman Egypt* (in Hebrew) in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 72 (1982) 330-331
8. review of Moses Shulvass, *The History of the Jewish People I: The Antiquity in Judaism* 32 (1983) 499-500
9. review of William Scott Green ed., *Approaches to Ancient Judaism II* in *The Second Century* 3,2 (1983) 99-100
10. review of Bernadette Brooten, *Women Leaders in the Ancient Synagogue* in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 39,3 (1984) 240-243
11. review of Martin Goodman, *State and Society in Roman Galilee* in *American Historical Review* 89 (1984) 1315-1316
12. review of Peter Schaefer, *Der Bar Kokhba Aufstand* in *The Second Century* 4,2 (1984) 118-120
13. review of Carl Holladay, *Fragments from Hellenistic Jewish Authors I: Historians* in *The Classical World* 78,3 (1985) 227-228
14. review of Alan Segal, *Two Powers in Heaven* in *Association of Jewish Studies Review* 10,1 (1985) 114-117
15. review of Jonathan Goldstein, *II Maccabees: A New Translation and Commentary* in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 105 (1985) 799-800
16. review of John J. Collins, *Between Athens and Jerusalem: Jewish Identity in the Hellenistic Diaspora* in *Journal of Religion* 66 (1986) 98-99

17. review of W. D. Davies (ed.), *Cambridge History of Judaism Volume 1 in Classical World* 79 (1986) 280
18. review of Tessa Rajak, *Josephus: The Historian and his Society* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 105 (1986) 350-352
19. review of W. H. C. Frend, *The Rise of Christianity* in *Classical World* 80 (1987) 465
20. review of Leo Mildenberg, *The Coinage of the Bar Kokhba War* in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 107 (1987) 549
21. review of Joshua Schwartz, *Jewish Settlement in Judaea after the Bar Kochba War* in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 108 (1988) 311-312
22. review of George Howard, *The Gospel of Matthew according to a Primitive Hebrew Text* in *Bible Review* 4 (1988) 8-9
23. review of Arnaldo Momigliano, *On Pagans, Jews, and Christians* in *Classical World* 83 (1989) 134-135
24. review of Martin Goodman, *The Ruling Class of Judaea* in *Classical Philology* 85 (1990) 164-166
25. review of Baruch Halpern, *The First Historians* in *American Historical Review* 95 (1990) 1500
26. review of Per Bilde, *Flavius Josephus between Jerusalem and Rome* in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*
27. review of Erwin R. Goodenough, *Jewish Symbols in the Greco-Roman Period*, edited and abridged by Jacob Neusner, in *History of Religions*
28. review of Todd S. Beall, *Josephus' Description of the Essenes illustrated by the Dead Sea Scrolls* in *Classical World* 83 (1990) 525-526
29. review of David Daube, *Appeasement or Resistance and other Essays on New Testament Judaism* in *Religious Studies Review* 17 (April 1991) 176
30. review of W. D. Davies (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Judaism Volume II: The Hellenistic Age* in *Bible Review* (August 1991) 8-9
31. review of Bezalel Bar-Kochva, *Judas Maccabaeus* in *American Historical Review* 96 (1991) 850-851

32. review of E. P. Sanders, *Judaism: Practice and Belief* in *Bible Review* (December 1992) 12-13
33. review of Eduard Will and Claude Orrieux, *\*Proselytisme juif\*? Histoire d'une Erreur* in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 86 (1996) 429-434 [appeared 1997] and *Gnomon* (1996) 273-275
34. review of Richard Fenn, *The Death of Herod: An Essay in the Sociology of Religion* in *AJSreview* 20 (1995) 176-178
35. review of Mireille Hadas-Lebel, *Flavius Josephus* in *The Historian* (1995) 171-172
36. review of Martin Goodman, *Mission and Conversion* in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 46 (1995) 297-300
37. review of T. P. Wiseman, *Flavius Josephus: Death of an Emperor* in *Classical World* 88 (1995) 493
38. review of Moshe Gil, *A History of Palestine 634-1099* in *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1995) 244
39. review of Heather McKay, *Sabbath and Synagogue* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996) 736-737
40. review of Gary G. Porton, *The Stranger within your Gates* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 59 (1997) 393-95
41. review of Nicholas de Lange, *Greek Jewish Texts from the Cairo Genizah* in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 89 (1998) 182-184
42. review of Michele Murray, *Playing a Jewish Game* in *American Historical Review* (October 2005) 1233.
43. rev. of Peter Schäfer ed. *The Talmud Yerushalmi and Greco-Roman Culture III* in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* (forthcoming)

#### *Necrologies*

Elias Bickerman, *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society* 16-17 (1984-1985): *Ancient Studies in Memory of Elias Bickerman* (1987)

Morton Smith, *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research*

.... *Josephus and the History of the Greco-Roman Period: Essays in Memory of Morton Smith*, ed. Fausto Parente and Joseph Sievers (Leiden: Brill, 1994) 1-8

.... *Studies in the Cult of Yahweh by Morton Smith*, ed. Shaye J. D. Cohen (Leiden: Brill, 1996), vol. 2 (with "The Writings of Morton Smith")

*Papers presented* at meetings of the Association of Ancient Historians, American Academy for Jewish Research, American Academy of Religion, American Philological Association, Association for Jewish Studies, Society of Biblical Literature, World Congress of Jewish Studies

*Lectures presented* at Williams College, Free University of Berlin, University of Virginia, University of Copenhagen, Middelbury College, Brandeis University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame, University of Tel Aviv, University of Dayton, University of Oregon, Hebrew University, University of Haifa, University of Beer Sheba, Harvard University, Indiana University, Vanderbilt University

#### *Professional Activities*

#### *Service to the Profession*

1982-1991 Associate in the Columbia University Seminars on Classical Civilization and on Israel and Jewish Studies

1986-1991 Co-chair of the Hellenistic Judaism group of the Society of Biblical Literature

1989-1990 Member, Research and Publications Committee, Society of Biblical Literature

1991-1993 Member, Council, Society of Biblical Literature

1989 Member of the Academic Committee, World Congress of Jewish Studies

1990 Member of the Board of Directors, American Section, International Association of Historical Societies for the Study of Jewish History

1991-1997 Member, Editorial Board, *The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*

1992-2001 Editor, *Brown Judaic Studies*

1995-present Member, Editorial Board, *Jewish Quarterly Review*

1998-present Member, Editorial Board, *Journal for Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* (a cyberspace journal)

#### *Honors and Awards*

1970-1974 Columbia University, Faculty Fellow and Whiting Fellow

1971-1974 Jewish Theological Seminary, various awards in Talmud and scholarship

1975 PhD with distinction

1977 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend

1978-1979 Member of the Faculty of the Institute for the Teaching of the Post-Biblical Foundations of Western Civilization, a summer seminar sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities  
 1985-1986 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Study and Research  
 1989 Fellowship from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
 1989 Elected Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research  
 1991 Louis Jacobs Lecturer, Oxford Centre for Post-Graduate Hebrew Studies, Oxford University  
 1995 Croghan Bicentennial Visiting Professor in Religion, Williams College  
 1998-99 Lady Davis Visiting Professor of Jewish History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
 1999 David M. Lewis Lecturer, Oxford University  
 2000 President, New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature  
 2000 Finalist, National Jewish Book Award  
 2001 Edward A. Block Lecture at Indiana University , Mar 27, 2001  
 2002 Pritchett Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley  
 2002 Aaron Roland Visiting Lecturer, Stanford University  
 2005 Michigan Lecturer, University of Michigan

*Teaching: Brown University*

1994-1995: fall term:

JS 1, *Introduction to Judaism*

JS 41, *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature*

spring term:

JS 99, *Circumcision: Male and Female, Jewish and Gentile*

JS 198, *The Jewish Family* (with Calvin Goldscheider)

1995-1996: fall term: on leave at Williams College

spring term:

JS 1, *Introduction to Judaism*

JS 206, *Seminar in Ancient Judaism: Josephus*

1996-1997: fall term:

JS 1, *Introduction to Judaism*

JS 98 *Seminar: Jews and Greeks: Cultural Identity in Conflict* (with Kenneth Sacks)

spring term:

JS 41, *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature*

JS 206, *Seminar in Ancient Judaism: Yerushalmi*

1997-1998: fall term:

JS 1, *Introduction to Judaism*

JS 206, *Seminar in Ancient Judaism: Readings in Second Temple Literature*  
spring term:

JS 98: *Circumcision: Jewish And Gentile, Male And Female*

JS 198: *Seminar: The Song of Songs in Jewish and Christian Exegesis* (with Susan Harvey)

1998-1999 on sabbatical leave

1999-2000: fall term:

JS 41, *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature*

JS 206 *Seminar in Ancient Judaism: Martyrs, Martyrdom, and Martyrologies*

Spring term:

JS 53 *Jews and Judaism in the Ancient World*

JS 198: *Seminar: The Song of Songs in Jewish and Christian Exegesis* (with Susan Harvey)

2000-2001: Fall term:

JS 1, *Introduction to Judaism* (with Lynn Davidman)

JS 206 *Seminar in Ancient Judaism: Mishnah, Tosefta, Beraita*

Spring term:

JS 53 *Jews and Judaism in the Ancient World*

JS 99 *Topics in Judaic Studies: Who is a Jew?*

*Teaching: Harvard University*

2001-2002: Fall Term:

JS 121, *Who is a Jew*

Hebrew 178, *Mishnah and Tosefta*

Spring Term:

JS 122, *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature*

Hebrew 179, *Circumcision and Jewish Identity*

2002-2003: Fall Term:

Fresh. Seminar 32J, *Who is a Jew?*

Jewish Studies 210: *From Pharisees to Rabbis*

Spring Term:

Jewish Studies 123, *Jews and Greeks, Judaism and Hellenism*

Hebrew 234 *The Priestly Tradition from the Bible to the Mishnah* (with Gary Anderson)

2003-2004 Fall Term:

Fresh. Seminar 32J, *Who is a Jew?*

Hebrew 226r, *Seminar in Jewish Studies (Mishnah Eduyot)*

Spring Term

Jewish Studies 124, *Circumcision and Jewish Identity*

Jewish Studies 125, *Jewish History of the Second Temple and Post-Temple Periods*

2004-2005: On Sabbatical leave

2005-06: Fall Term:

Fresh Sem 32j: *Who is a Jew?*

History 1091: *Jewish History in the Ancient Period*

Spring Term:

Literature and Arts C-70 (Core curriculum), *From the Hebrew Bible to Judaism, from the Old Testament to Christianity*

Jewish Studies 210: *From Pharisees to Rabbis (Seminar)*