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## **EDUCATION**

- 1987-1994 Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Ph.D. in Jewish Liturgy.  
Dissertation Title: The Impact of Custom, History and Mysticism on the Shaping of Jewish Liturgical Law.  
Master of Philosophy in Hebraic and Cognate Studies, May 1990.
- 1986-1987 Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.  
Visiting Graduate Student.
- 1981-1986 Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Rabbinic Ordination, June 1986.  
Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters, May 1985.  
Major Field of Concentration: Rabbinic Literature.  
Rabbinic Thesis: Harm Through the Spoken Word: *Leshon Hara* (Gossip/Slander) and Related Concepts in Rabbinic Literature.
- 1977-1981 Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.  
A.B. Summa Cum Laude.  
Major: History of Religion, concentration in Judaic Studies.

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

- 1995- Boston College, Theology Department, Comparative Theology Area (Judaism)  
Assistant Professor 1995-2001  
Associate Professor 2001-2012  
Professor 2012-
- 2016-2017 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Professor, Department of Jewish Literature, taught graduate seminar on Jewish liturgy

- 2009-2010 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Professor, faculties of Comparative Religion and Jewish Literature
- June 2005 Yeshivat Chovevei Torah (New York), summer “minimester”
- Spring 2002 Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, Israeli Rabbinic Program faculty
- Summer 1997 Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Summer School Session II
- 1993, 1994 Boston University, Department of Religion, Lecturer
- 1991-1995 Hebrew College, Lecturer

**GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS:**

- November 5, 2019 Eternal Light Award, Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, St. Leo University (for outstanding contributions to Catholic-Jewish studies.
- May 31, 2019 Graduate Medallion, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Pines School of Graduate Studies, Cincinnati, for service to the academic community with integrity and a meaningful contribution to scholarly activities, research, writing, teaching and the life of the mind for the past twenty-five years.
- 2016-2017 Lady Davis Fellowship, Sabbatical Grant to teach at Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- January 2015 Berakhah Award, North American Academy of Liturgy
- May 2012 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Jewish Studies Program, Boston College
- May 2011 *Clal Yisrael* Award (together with husband), Synagogue Council of Massachusetts
- May 2011 Doctor of Divinity, *Honoris Causa*, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, for work in Christian-Jewish relations
- 2009-2010 80% Sabbatical, Boston College
- May 2009 Distinguished Service Award, Jewish Studies Program, Boston College

- March 11, 2007 Lester Gilson Memorial Community Service Award, South Area Solomon Schechter Day School
- 2001-2002 Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Yad Hanadiv/Berachah Foundation, Jerusalem  
80% Sabbatical, Boston College
- 1998 Honorary Harry Starr Fellowship, Center for Judaic Studies, Harvard University
- 1996 Research Incentive Grant, Boston College.
- 1991-1992 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, National Foundation for Jewish Culture.  
Doctoral Scholarship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.
- 1987-1990 Jacob Ziskind Memorial Fellowship, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.
- 1986-1987 Research Fellowship, International Center for the University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Jerusalem.
- 1986 Simon Lazarus Memorial Prize (for academic achievement), Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.
- 1985 Mother Hirsh Prize (for academic achievement), Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.
- 1983 B'nai Zion Gold Medal for Proficiency in Hebrew, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.
- 1977 National Merit Scholar, High School Valedictorian, Physics Prize, National Honor Society.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Projects in Process**

*Prayer and Jewish Identity*, projected monograph on how Jewish liturgy and identity interact, particularly with regard to the non-Jewish world.

A study of how “memory” functions in Jewish ritual/liturgical life.

Book-length history of early rabbinic liturgy applying current methods in study of rabbinic texts to the sources available.

Article on Jewish rituals for pandemics pre-Covid, for a German volume.

Article reassessing the contributions of Jacob Mann's theory of persecution as a contributor to liturgical change (with a conference in Cambridge UK in July 2023)

Article/talk on the modern construction of Jewish identity and its implications for Christian-Jewish relations today, January 2023 meeting of Salzberg Jewish-Christian Relations Scholars Group, publication anticipated.

Article/talk on normativity of Scripture in Judaism (February 2023) for publication in a comparative volume (Bonn/Zurich project).

Response to Jewish proposals in Karma ben Johanan's volume, *Jacob's Younger Brother*, conference in Rome March 2023, publication anticipated in *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*.

"The Impact of *Nostra Aetate* on Jews," submitted for *The Catholic Church and Interfaith Relations: Nostra Aetate and Beyond*, ed. John Merkle, submitted 2016 (book has been cancelled, 2020, will be reworked and updated to be submitted as a journal article for *Religions*).

#### **Submitted/Accepted but not yet Published:**

1. "Psalms, Book of | Judaism | Medieval Judaism | Liturgy," 2000 word entry submitted August 4, 2023 for the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*.
2. "The Normativity of Scripture in Jewish Ritual Life," submitted July 31, 2023, for a comparative volume on the normativity of Scripture, ed. Klaus von Stosch, University of Bonn.
3. "Shifting Jewish Liturgical Responses to Plagues," submitted May 16, 2023 for a volume on plague liturgies, ed. Benedikt Kranemann
4. "The Priority of Interhuman Confession and Reconciliation," accepted for James Bernauer, *The Commandant and the Confessor: Absolution at Auschwitz?* (submitted July 27, 2022).
5. "Opened Lips, Tongues and Hearts: The Roles of the Verses Framing the Amidah," accepted for a Festschrift in honor of Mark Washofsky, 11,000 word draft submitted May 31, 2022, copyedits July 2023.
6. "Rabbinic Penitential Prayer," for *Prayer in the Ancient World*, ed. Daniel K. Falk, Rodney A. Werline (Brill), submitted August 2, 2021, accepted August 9, 2021. (4748 words)

7. "Tefillah/Amidah," for *Prayer in the Ancient World*, ed. Daniel K. Falk, Rodney A. Werline (Brill), submitted July 1, 2021, accepted July 8. (6600 words)
8. "The Self through the Other in Byzantine and Jewish Liturgies: A Comparative Exercise" co-authored with Fr. Dr. Demetrios E. Tonnias, submitted January 20, 2020, accepted for *Orthodox Liturgy and Antijudaism* (Peter Lang, 2022? – at press). Full version delivered as keynote for Engaging Particularities XVIII, March 2021.

### **Published Books**

1. *Enabling Dialogue about the Land: A Resource Book for Jews and Christians*, ed. Philip Cunningham, Ruth Langer, Jesper Svartvik (New York/Mahwah, NJ: Stimulus/Paulist Press, 2020).
2. *Jewish Liturgy: A Guide to Research* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015).
3. *Cursing the Christians?: A History of the Birkat HaMinim* (Oxford University Press, 2012).
4. *Liturgy in the Life of the Synagogue: Studies in the History of Jewish Prayer*, ed. Ruth Langer and Steven Fine (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2005).
5. *To Worship God Properly: Tensions between Liturgical Custom and Halakhah in Judaism* (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 1998; paperback 2005).

### **Published Scholarly Articles**

1. "The Early Medieval Emergence of Jewish Daily Morning Psalms Recitation, *Pesuke de-Zimra*," in *The Power of Psalms in Post-Biblical Judaism: Liturgy, Ritual and Community*, ed. Claudia Bergmann, Tessa Rajak, Benedikt Kranemann, and Rebecca Ulrich (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2023), 222-240.
2. "Continuity and Change: The Past Half-Century of Jewish Liturgical Life," for *Renewals in Retrospect: Fifty Years of Worship Scholarship amidst the Changing Worlds of Worship*, special issue of *Liturgy* 37.4 (2022): 47-51, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0458063X.2022.2121098>.
3. "Synagogue," *Encyclopedia of Jewish-Christian Relations* (DeGruyter, 2022), <https://doi.org/10.1515/ejcro.4416241>.
4. "Christianity," in *Routledge Handbook of Jewish Ritual and Practice*, ed. Oliver Leaman (London/New York: Routledge, 2023), 558-567.
5. "Were Early Rabbinic Prayers Scripted?," in forum on "Jewish Prayer in Antiquity," *Ancient Jew Review*, (May 15, 2022),

<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2022/5/5/were-early-rabbinic-prayers-scripted?fbclid=IwAR1PMxZ2vYhn0VrJQozl8POZYiEMOmDAWIPihy7jQsxXxD1cLJLkmbda-sw0>. (peer reviewed)

6. "Turning to Jerusalem from the Exile: Jewish Liturgy's Engagement with the Diaspora," *Oxford Handbook of the Jewish Diaspora*, ed. Hasia Diner (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), 55-72, also available at Oxford Handbooks Online, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190240943.013.13> (peer reviewed)
7. "Liturgy, Ritual, Worship," with Clemens Leonhard, *Encyclopedia of Jewish-Christian Relations Online* (DeGruyter), published on line November 19, 2021, c. 8500 words. <https://www.degruyter.com/database/EJCRO/entry/ejcro.4414975/html> (open access for at least 6 months), <https://doi.org/10.1515/ejcro.4414975>.
8. "Jewish Liturgy During the Early Stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Vignettes from Boston Suburbs," *Contemporary Jewry* 41 no.1 (2021): 23-37; June 15, 2021, on line, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12397-021-09363-5> (peer-reviewed, reprinted in updated form with permission from *Gottesdienst auf eigene Gefahr*.)
9. "Jewish Liturgical Responses to the Roman Destruction of the Temple," *The Yale ISM Review* 6, no. 1, Article 3 (2021), <http://ismreview.yale.edu/article/jewish-liturgical-responses-to-the-roman-destruction-of-the-temple/>.
10. "Rabbis, Nonrabbis and Synagogues in Roman Palestine: Theory and Reality," in *Synagogues in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods: Archaeological Finds, New Methods, New Theories*, ed. Lutz Doering and Andrew R. Krause, in co-operation with Hermut Löhr; *Ioudaioi* 11 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020), 253-276. – peer reviewed. DOI [entire volume]: <https://doi.org/10.13109/9783666522154>.
11. "Jewish Liturgy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Vignettes from Boston Suburbs," in *Gottesdienst auf eigene Gefahr, Worship at Your Own Risk?: Die Feier der Liturgie in der Zeit von Covid-19*, ed. Hans-Juergen Feulner (Münster: Aschendorff-Verlag, 2020), 445-457. DOI [entire volume]: <https://doi.org/10.17438/978-3-402-24740-2>.
12. "Israel in Jewish Theologies: A Schematic Overview," in *Enabling Dialogue about the Land: A Resource Book for Jews and Christians*, ed. Philip Cunningham, Ruth Langer, Jesper Svartvik (New York/Mahwah, NJ: Stimulus/Paulist Press, 2020), 43-62.
13. "Judaism and Dialogue on the Role of Reason," in *Dieu de raison ou de violence?*, ed. Gabriele Palasciano (Lyon, France: Olivétan, 2020), 183-189.
14. "Jewish Universalism?: The Nations in the Rosh Hashanah Liturgy," *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 15, no. 1 (2020), 20 pages (blind peer-reviewed). <https://doi.org/10.6017/scjr.v15i1.12349>, <https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/scjr/article/view/12349/9971>

15. "Re-Examining the Early Evidence for Rabbinic Liturgy: How Fixed Were Its Prayer Texts?" with Richard S. Sarason, in *On Wings of Prayer: Sources of Jewish Worship; Essays in Honor of Professor Stefan C. Reif on the Occasion of his Seventy-fifth Birthday*, Nuria Calduch-Benages, Michael W. Duggan, and Dalia Marx, eds., *Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies* 44 (Berlin: DeGruyter, 2019), 203-231, <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110630282-014>.
16. "Prophetic Universalism and Particularism in Jewish Liturgy," in *Righting Relations after the Holocaust and Vatican II: Essays in Honor of John T. Pawlikowski, OSM*, ed. Elena G. Procaro-Foley and Robert A. Cathey (New York, Mahwah NJ: A Stimulus Book, Paulist Press, 2018), 253-269.
17. "New Directions in Understanding Jewish Liturgy," in *Early Judaism: New Insights and Scholarship*, ed. Fredrick Greenspahn (New York: New York University Press, 2018), 147-173.
18. "Yearning for Zion in Jewish Tradition," in *The Medieval Roots of Antisemitism: Continuities and Discontinuities from the Middle Ages to the Present Day*, ed. Jonathan Adams and Cordelia Hess (New York/London: Routledge, 2018), 377-391.
19. "The *Minhag* of Parents' Blessing Their Children," in *The Modern Child and Jewish Law: Infancy through Adolescence, Essays and Responsa*, ed. Walter Jacob (Pittsburgh: Solomon B. Freehof Institute of Progressive Halakahah, Rodef Shalom Press, 2017), 187-202.
20. "A Jewish Response to Gavin D'Costa, *Vatican II: Catholic Doctrines on Jews and Muslims*," *Louvain Studies* 40 (2017): 273-285.
21. "Birkat ha-Minim: A Jewish Curse of Christians?," in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Marc Z. Brettler and Amy-Jill Levine (Oxford University Press, 2017), 653-654.
22. "'Gifts and Calling': The Fruits of Coming to Know Living Jews," *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 12 (2017): 1-10, <http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/scjr/article/view/9797/8598>.
23. "Jewish Liturgy," in the online *Religion: Oxford Research Encyclopedias* (August 2016), <http://religion.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-e-70>.
24. "Mapping Medieval Rites: A Methodological Proposal," in *Jewish Prayer: New Perspectives*, ed. Uri Ehrlich (Beer Sheva: Ben Gurion University, 2016), 31-70.
25. "Christoph Wallich's Polemical Discussion of *Aleynu* and its Context," in *Die Greifswalder Lehrsynagoge Johann Friedrich Mayers: Ein Beispiel christlicher Rezeption*

- des Judentums im 18. Jahrhundert*, ed. Christfried Böttrich, Thomas K. Kuhn, Daniel Stein Kokin (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2016), 485-500.
26. "Hallel," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Volume 11, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr., et. al. (Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2016), 38-39.
  27. "Halleluyah," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Volume 11, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr., et. al. (Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2016), 43-44.
  28. "Birkat HaMinim," "Hallel," and "Blessings, Jewish," in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Eric Olins et al. (New York/ Oxon: Routledge/Taylor and Francis Group, 2016), on line by subscription at [https://bookshelf.vitalsource.com/#/books/9781134625598/cfi/6/2\[;vnd.vst.idref=Cover\]](https://bookshelf.vitalsource.com/#/books/9781134625598/cfi/6/2[;vnd.vst.idref=Cover]).
  29. "The Blessings and Challenges of Interreligious Prayer," in the *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy* (2015): 27-35.
  30. "Jewish Reflections On Worshipping in a Religiously Pluralist Age: The Case of Aleynu," *Worship* 89, no. 5 (September 2015): 393-406.
  31. "Broad­sides as Liturgical 'Handouts'," in *The Writing on the Wall: A Catalogue of Broad­sides from the Valmadonna Trust Collection*, ed. Sharon Liberman Mintz, Shaul Seidler-Feller, and David Wachtel (London and New York: Valmadonna Trust Library, 2015), 32-47.
  32. "Parameters of Hospitality for Interreligious Participation: A Jewish Perspective," in *Ritual Participation and Interreligious Dialogue. Boundaries, Transgressions and Innovations*, ed. Marianne Moyaert and Joris Geldhof (London: Bloomsbury, 2015), 205-217.
  33. "Grace after Meals," *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 10 (De Gruyter online, 2015, [www.degruyter.com/view/EBR/MainLemma\\_15363?rskey=0lZdjG&result=12&dbq\\_0=Langer&dbf\\_0=ebr-fulltext&dbt\\_0=fulltext&o\\_0=AND](http://www.degruyter.com/view/EBR/MainLemma_15363?rskey=0lZdjG&result=12&dbq_0=Langer&dbf_0=ebr-fulltext&dbt_0=fulltext&o_0=AND)).
  34. "The Bible in the Liturgy," in *The Jewish Study Bible*, ed. Marc Brettler and Adele Berlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (New York: Oxford USA, 2014), 2057-2067.
  35. "Investigations into the Early European Forms of the Šidduq Ha-Din," in *Death in Jewish Life: Burial and Mourning Customs Among Jews of Europe and Nearby Communities*, ed. Stefan Reif, Andreas Lehnardt, and Avriel Bar-Levav (De Gruyter, 2014), 79-97.
  36. "Eileh Ezkerah: Overview of the Liturgy," in *Machzor: Challenge and Change, Volume 2, Preparing for Mishkan HaNefesh and the High Holy Days*, ed. Hara E. Person, Adena



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37. "Constructing Memory in Jewish Liturgy," in *Toward the Future: Essays on Catholic-Jewish Relations in Memory of Rabbi Leon Klenicki*, ed. Celia Deutsch et.al. (New York: Paulist Press, 2013), 117-128.
  38. "The Decalogue in Jewish Liturgy," in *The Decalogue and its Cultural Influence*, edited by Dominik Markl (Sheffield Academic Press, 2013), 85-101.
  39. "Naming and Addressing Jewish Teachings of Contempt," (pp. 8) on the website of the International Abrahamic Forum, International Conference of Christians and Jews. [http://www.iccj.org/fileadmin/ICCJ/pdf-Dateien/Langer\\_IAF2013.PDF](http://www.iccj.org/fileadmin/ICCJ/pdf-Dateien/Langer_IAF2013.PDF).
  40. "The *Tzedah Laderekh's* Apologia for the *Birkat Haminim*," in *Ke-Tavor Be-Harim: Studies in Rabbinic Literature Presented to Joseph Tabory*, Arnon Atzmon and Tzur Shafir (eds.) (Alon Shevut: Tevunot Press, 2013), 7\*-39\*.
  41. "New Research Important for Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Jewish Theologies of Christianity," in *From the Martin Buber House 33* (Report of the International Council of Christians and Jews 2012 Conference, Manchester UK): 57-59. <http://www.iccj.org/Ruth-Langer-Jewish-Theologies-of-Christianity.3867.0.html>
  42. "The Liturgical Parting(s) of the Ways: A Preliminary Foray," in *A Living Tradition: On the Intersection of Liturgical History and Pastoral Practice*, David A. Pitt et.al., eds. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012), 43-58.
  43. "Putting the Performance of the *Vidui* in its Context," in *We Have Sinned: Sin and Confession in Context, Ashamnu and Al Chet*, ed. Lawrence A. Hoffman (Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishers, 2012), 205-209.
  44. Review Essay: "The Rabbinical Assembly's *Mahzor Lev Shalem* (New York: Rabbinical Assembly, 2010), in the *Journal of Synagogue Music* 37 (Fall 2012): 205-213.
  45. "Jewish Liturgical Memory and the Non-Jew: Past Realities and Future Possibilities," in *Jewish Theology and World Religions*, ed. Alon Goshen-Gottstein and Eugene Korn (Oxford and Portland, OR: Littmann, 2012), 167-86.
  46. "Cursing the Christians?: Origins of the Birkat HaMinim," at *The Bible and Interpretation*, <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/lan368024.shtml>.
  47. "Worship," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, edited by Judith Baskin (Cambridge University Press, 2011), 663-665.

48. "The Censorship of *Aleinu* in Ashkenaz and its Aftermath," in *The Experience of Jewish Liturgy: Studies Dedicated to Menahem Schmelzer*, edited by Debra Reed Blank (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2011), 147-166.
49. "Interreligious Prayer: Introduction," with Stephanie Perdeu VanSlyke, *Liturgy* 26:3 (2011): 1-10.
50. "Exploring the Interface of Dialogue and Theology: A Jewish Response to Christian Ruitishauser, Thomas Norris, and Liam Tracy," in *Christ Jesus and the Jewish People Today: New Explorations of Theological Interrelationships*, ed. Philip A. Cunningham et.al. (Grand Rapids, Cambridge UK: Eerdmans, 2011), 287-295.
51. "Jewish Worship and Liturgy," in *The Cambridge Guide to Jewish History, Religion, and Culture*, edited by Judith Baskin and Kenneth Seeskin (Cambridge University Press, 2010), 337-356.
52. "The Presence of God in Jewish Liturgy," in *The Spirit in Worship and Worship in the Spirit*, ed. Bryan Spinks, Teresa Berger (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009), 25-39.
53. "Liturgy in the Light of Jewish-Christian Dialogue," *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 4 (2009), <https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/scjr/article/view/1541/1395>.
54. "Continuity, Change, and Retrieval: The New Reform Siddur," review essay in the *Journal of Synagogue Music* 34 (Fall 2009): 208-223.
55. "Jews and the American Funeral," in *Only in America: The Open Society and Jewish Law*, edited by Walter Jacob and Moshe Zemer (Pittsburgh: Solomon B. Freehof Institute for Progressive Jewish Law, Rodef Shalom Press, 2009), 91-125.
56. "'We Do Not Even Know What To Do!': A Foray into the Early History of Tahanun," in *Seeking the Favor of God, Vol. 3: The Impact of Penitential Prayer Beyond Second Temple Judaism*, edited by Mark Boda, Daniel Falk, and Rodney Werline (Society for Biblical Literature, 2008), 39-69.
57. "Theologies of the Land and State of Israel: The Role of the Secular in Christian and Jewish Understandings" *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 3 (2008): 1-17, <https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/scjr/article/view/1478/1331>.
58. "Jewish-Christian Dialogue About Covenant" *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 2:2 (2007): <https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/scjr/article/view/1441/1450> and a response to the Rev. Dr. William Bellinger's companion piece, "Exploring Covenant in a World of Faiths," <https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/scjr/article/view/1440/1449>.

59. "Biblical Texts in Jewish Prayers: Their History and Function," in *Jewish and Christian Liturgy and Worship: New Insights into its History and Interaction*, edited by Albert Gerhards and Clemens Leonhard, Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series 15 (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2007), 63-90.
60. "The Earliest Texts of the *Birkat Haminim*," with Uri Ehrlich, *Hebrew Union College Annual* 76 (2006): 63-112.
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63. "Sinai, Zion, and God in the Synagogue: Celebrating Torah in Ashkenaz," in *Liturgy in the Life of the Synagogue: Studies in the History of Jewish Prayer*, ed. Ruth Langer and Steven Fine (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2005), 121-159.
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65. "The Liturgical Writings of J. Leonard Levy: The Judaism of an American Reform Rabbi," in *Pursuing Peace Across the Alleghenies: The Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1856-2005*, edited by Walter Jacob (Pittsburgh: Rodef Shalom Press, 2005), 201-230.
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| April 26,<br>2017    | Jonas C. Greenfield Scholars' Seminar, Orion Center and Hebrew Literature Departments, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "New Perspectives on the Antiquity of Obligatory Prayer in Israel" (in Hebrew).  |
| November<br>16, 2016 | 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ryterband Symposium, Dayton, OH (University of Dayton, Wright State University, and United Theological Seminary), two lectures: "Can Jews and Christians Pray Together?" and "What Can We Say About the Origins of Rabbinic Liturgy?" |
| May 28,<br>2015      | Philip M. and Ethel Klutznick Lecture in Jewish Civilization, Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University, Jewish Federation of  |

Metropolitan Chicago, [“Dealing with Difficult Prayers: Jewish Liturgy in an Age of Jewish-Christian Dialogue”](#) (on YouTube, powerpoint missing).

- April 15, 2015 Shapiro Lecture, Bernadin Center for Theology and Ministry, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, with Fr. Liam Tracey, “Worshipping in a Religiously Pluralist Age: Catholic and Jewish Reflections.”
- September 14, 2014 Wallenberg Tribute Lecture, Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, with Sr. Mary C. Boys SNM, “Overhearing Our Own Prayers: Jewish and Christian Worship in an Age of Religious Pluralism.”
- March 25, 2014 Rabbi Michael A. Signer Memorial Lecture, Driscoll Professorship in Jewish-Catholic Studies, Iona College, New Rochelle, New York, “A Jewish Liturgical Curse of Christians?”
- November 27, 2012 Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, “Constructing Community: Expressions of Self and Other in Jewish Prayer, <http://huc.edu/ckimages/files/Ruth%20Langer%20-%20Constructing%20Community.pdf>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pAzxmyGCh0>

### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

- December 15, 2020 “The Contributions of Third-Century Rabbis to the Evolution of Rabbinic Liturgy,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (virtual), organized the panel.
- November 20, 2020 “Christian Mission to Messianic Jews and Hebrew Catholics?: A Jewish Response,” *Society for Post-Supersessionist Theology Annual Meeting* (virtual), panel devoted to responding to Gavin D’Costa, *Catholic Doctrines on the Jewish People after Vatican II*.
- July 10, 2019; March 21, 2021 “The Self through the Other in Byzantine and Jewish Liturgies: A Comparative Exercise,” with Fr. Dr. Demetrios Tonia, *The Byzantine Liturgy and the Jews*, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania. Full version of paper in press delivered as keynote for Engaging Particularities XVIII, virtual conference at Boston College, Comparative Theology (graduate students), originally scheduled for March 2020.
- June 3, 2019 “Supersessionism,” together with Nick Scott-Blakely, Annual Jewish-Evangelical Dialogue, Washington, DC.

- January 7, 2019 "Jewish Universalism?: The Nations in the High Holy Day Liturgy," at *Fulfilling the Promise of a New Relationship: An Academic Conference and Roundtable on Christian-Jewish Relations*, Institute for Catholic-Jewish Relations, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia.
- October 25, 2018 "The Early Medieval Emergence of Jewish Daily Morning Psalms Recitation, *Pesukei D'zimra*," *Psalms in Rituals from Antiquity to the Present*, University of Erfurt, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Research Centre "Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present," Erfurt, Germany.
- June 25, 2018 "Tzedakah as a Jewish Route to Reconciliation and Responsible Citizenship," Plenary Lecture, International Conference of Christians and Jews, Budapest, Hungary. Posted at [http://iccj.org/redaktion/upload\\_pdf/201807131659170.MonPL1\\_Langer.pdf](http://iccj.org/redaktion/upload_pdf/201807131659170.MonPL1_Langer.pdf)
- June 15, 2017 "*Anamnesis* in Jewish Liturgy: Themes of Exile and their Implications," at the University of Paderborn, Zentrum for Komparative Theologie und Kulturwissenschaften, conference on "Theological Foundations of Liturgical Practice in Judaism, Christianity and Islam."
- June 14, 2017 "Rabbis, Non-Rabbis, and the Synagogue," at the University of Muenster, Germany, International Conference on Synagogues in the Hellenistic-Roman Period: New Finds-New Theories-New Methods.
- August 17, 2016 "Can Jews and Christians Pray Together?" with Dr. Deon Snyman, Open Hearts, Open Minds, Cape Town Interfaith Initiative (South Africa).
- May 17, 2015 "Reconstructing Jewish Worship without the Temple: Rabbinic Expectations vs. Social Realities," Keynote Lecture for the conference "Imagine the Possibilities: A Conference on the Future of Jewish Liturgy and Prayer (Part 1 - The Words, Not the Music)," The Mordecai M. Kaplan Center and Mechon Hadar, New York City. <http://www.mechonhadar.org/torah-resource/reconstructing-jewish-worship-without-temple> or <https://kaplancenter.org/keynote-talk-reconstructing-jewish-worship-without-temple-rabbinic-expectations-vs-social-realities>.
- February 23, 2014 "New Directions in the Study of Jewish Liturgy," conference on Jewish Origins, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida.
- July 28, 2013 "(Re)understandings of the Birkat HaMinim as a Measuring Rod for Jewish Integration into Modern European Society," World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.

- June 27, 2013 "Naming and Addressing Jewish Teachings of Contempt," Keynote Address for the International Abraham Forum of the International Conference of Christians and Jews, Aix en Provence.
- May 22, 2013 "Interpreting the Data of Medieval Liturgical Rites: Questions of Method," Conference on Jewish Prayer: New Perspectives, Goldstein-Goren Institute for Jewish Thought, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel.
- October 30, 2012 "Do Jews Curse Christians?," Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Also a lecture to a class on "Jewish Liturgy as a Response to the Destruction of the Temple."
- October 24, 2012 "The Early History of the Birkat HaMinim as a Window into Questions of Rabbinic Authority," invited presentation at a conference at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, "The Debate between Jews and Christians Until the Age of Theodosius: The Processes of Differentiation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE Reconsidered."
- February 27, 2012 St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, public lecture on "Cursing the Christians?: A History of the *Birkat HaMinim*," online at [http://www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner\\_id/763372/uiconf\\_id/6323011/entry\\_id/1\\_3eojhk2k/delivery/http](http://www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner_id/763372/uiconf_id/6323011/entry_id/1_3eojhk2k/delivery/http)
- March 28, 2011 Providence College, two sessions of lecture and dialogue with Bruce Morrill, SJ, on "Liturgy and Memory."
- March 23, 2011 "Cursing the Christians?" The Censored Birkat HaMinim and its Meanings," Theology Department Faculty Lunch Conversation, Boston College
- March 13, 2011 "Common Ground, Common Good," Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, Seattle, Washington, panelist with Mary C. Boys SNJM and Fatma Saleh.
- March 6-7, 2011 "Approaches to Our Sacred Text: Jews and Christians Living with the Bible," inaugural lecture of The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corner, Wisconsin.  
Also lectures to smaller groups on "Approaching Difficult Texts in Deuteronomy: Rabbinic Teachings on War" and "Genesis 22 in Midrash."
- January 30, 2011 "Problematic Prayers and Christian-Jewish Relations Today"  
"Polemics and Prayers"  
Florida Atlantic University
- December 20, 2010 "The Birkat HaMinim in Christian Polemics," at the Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

- May 11, 2010 "Investigations into the Early History of the Medieval *Tsidduq Ha-Din*," at an international conference on Death, Burial and Mourning Liturgy in the Ashkenazi Communities from the Early Medieval Period until the Early Modern Period at Tel Aviv University, co-sponsored by the Johannes Gutenberg Universitaet Mainz.
- April 13, 2010 "Jewish Liturgy," Nanjing University, China, Jewish Studies Program, lecture for the program's students and faculty
- April 12 and 18, 2010 "Jewish-Christian Relations," Nanjing University, China, Jewish Studies Program public lecture; Shanghai University, History Department seminar.
- March 2, 2010 Recent Papal Teaching: Response to Eugene Fisher and Fr. James Massa, Consultation on Jewish-Catholic Relations: Interpreting Scripture and Current Self-Understanding, Georgetown University
- February 18, 2010 Discussion with German theology students of the Studium in Israel program as part of their intensive week on Christian-Jewish relations.
- February 3, 2010 Rainbow Group, Jerusalem (Christian-Jewish Dialogue, mostly clergy and academicians) Jewish Liturgy in the Light of Christian-Jewish Dialogue
- January 6, March 10 2010 "The Birkat HaMinim: A Jewish Liturgical Response to Christianity" (Hebrew version) at Hebrew University, Jewish Studies Liturgy Program and Center for the Study of Christianity; and Department of Jewish Thought departmental seminar, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva
- December 10, 2009 "The Birkat HaMinim: A Jewish Liturgical Response to Christianity" (English version) for the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, Jerusalem, audio text available at <http://www.etrfi.org/Lecture.htm>
- September 26, 2009 "Navigating the Mahzor: The Purposes of the Piyutim," 45 minute lecture for Kehillat Yedidya, Jerusalem, after Kol Nidre services on Yom Kippur.
- July 12, 2009 "Jewish-Catholic Relations Today" for the Gralla Program for Journalists in the Jewish Press, Brandeis University.
- July 7, 2009 "Re-examining Jewish Liturgy in the Light of Jewish-Christian Dialogue," International Conference of Christians and Jews, Berlin, plenary address.
- March 18, 2009 "The Origins of the Birkat Haminim" for the Boston Patristics Society

- January 4, 2009 "The Presence of God in Rabbinic Liturgy," in the "Problems in the Early History of the Liturgy" seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Baltimore.
- December 8, 2008 "Reciprocity, Soteriology, and Evangelism," panel presentation at the annual meeting of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations.
- November 18, 2008 "People of the Book: The Bible in Jewish Life and Liturgy," Fairfield University, Jewish Studies Program.
- September 17, 2008 "Benedict's Papacy and the Jews: How to End Catholic-Jewish Dialogue?," James J. Keneally Lecture, Stonehill College, with Philip Cunningham.
- September 10, 2008 "Jews, Christians, and Israel after Sixty Years," Newton Community Education Lifetime Learning.
- July 21-22, 2008 "Bearing Witness": Anti-Defamation League workshop for Catholic educators, Atlanta, presentations on "Jews and Judaism in the Second Temple Period," "Jewish Hermeneutics," and co-taught several sessions with Fr. Dennis McManus.
- June 1, 2008 "Jews and the American Funeral: A Survey of American Responsa," plenary address for the Chevra Kaddisha Conference, Edison NJ
- May 29, 2008 "Our Liturgies: Principles, Similarities, Boundaries," joint presentation with Dr. Ann Heekin, Sacred Heart University, Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding for their Institute for Seminarians and Rabbinic Students
- April 30, 2008 "The Presence of God in Rabbinic Liturgy" at a conference on "Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity," 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies, Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2008 "Synagogue Life in the Roman World: The Jewish Context of the Hammam Lif Synagogue Mosaic,"
- March 9, For the Temple Emanuel (Newton) Sisterhood.
- March 16 For BC Hillel
- May 4 For Congregation Shaarei Tefillah (Newton)
- February 10, 2008 Milwaukee Catholic-Jewish Conference, "The Development of Christianity and Judaism during the Middle Ages."
- February 6, 2008 Panel member for "Foremothers in Faith: Historic Women for Our Time," C21 Series on Women, Women's Resource Center, Boston College



- January 28, 2008 Conference on "Teaching Rabbinic Literature: Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy," Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education, Brandeis University. "Teaching Rabbinic Literature at the Margins: A Round Table" (one of three speakers, on teaching rabbinic literature in Christian settings)
- December 17, 2007 Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Toronto, "The *Tzedah LaDerekh's* Apologia for the *Birkat HaMinim*" in a session that I organized on "Medieval Jewish-Christian Encounters."
- November 19, 2007 "The Negotiation between Prayer and Identity Formation in Judaism: A Dialogue with *Lex Orandi Lex Credendi*," for the bi-annual meeting of the National Council of Synagogues with the Bishop's Council on Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, Baltimore, Maryland.
- October 28-29, 2007 Twenty-Third Annual Colloquium, The Kieval Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies at Siena College, "Dabru Emet and A Sacred Obligation" – with Elena Procaro-Foley: "Theologies of the Land and State of Israel: The Twenty-First Century Post-Enlightenment Reality and Some Complexities of Christian-Jewish Dialogue"
- October 31 Comparative Theology Brown Bag Lunch version of the same, Boston College
- July 19, 2007 "Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations Today" – for Religious Journalists, Gralla Program at Brandeis.
- June 3, 2007 "The Earliest Texts of the *Birkat Haminim*," Christian Scholars Group, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College
- May 2, 2007 "How are Christians (and Muslims) in Covenant with God?," Rabbinical Assembly Convention, Cambridge MA.
- May 1, 2007 "A Jewish View of Christian-Jewish Relations Today," Stonehill College Christian-Jewish Dialogue group.
- April-May, 2007 Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Joint Commission for Sustaining Rabbinic Education, "Sefirah Study" on "Uncovering and Upsetting the Paradigms of Prayer: Liturgical Innovation from Antiquity to the Present," faculty for two weeks of the seven week on-line course, topics of "Early Rabbinic Liturgy" and "Minhag Eretz Yisrael."

- March 16-17, 2007     Scholar in Residence, Temple Sinai, Cranston, RI (with local church communities invited).  
Lectures:  
“Anticipating Passover: The Context of Shabbat HaHodesh”  
“Celebrating our Paschal Holidays in the Presence of Each Other: Interactions of Jews and Christians at this Season”  
“Torah Study: Themes of Redemption/Salvation in Exodus 12”  
“The Passover Haggadah and its Themes of Redemption/Salvation”
- March 6, 2007     27<sup>th</sup> Annual Clergy Institute, Houston, Texas, with the Rev. Dr. William H. Bellinger, “Exploring Covenant in a World of Faiths”
- December 8-9, 2006     Scholar in Residence, Temple Beth David, Westwood MA.  
Lectures:  
“Being Our Parents’ Children” (on caring for aging parents)  
“Patriarchs and Matriarchs” (on calling on biblical figures in prayers)  
“Hanukkah and Heroism: Hannah and her Seven Sons”
- November 29, 2006     “Shared Roots, Divergent Paths: Sacred Scriptures, Sacred Study: Proclamation, Learning, and Interpretation,” sponsored by Iona College and American Jewish Committee, Westchester – with Audrey Doetzel.
- November 27, 2006     “Nostra Aetate” – guest lecturer for Lifelong Learning course on Jewish-Christian Relations at Regis College.
- November 5, 2006     “Continuing the Conversation: Israel, Hezbollah, and Christian-Jewish Relations Locally,” Keynote Panel Session with Peter Pettit and John Pawlikowski, Council of Centers for Jewish-Christian Relations Annual Meeting.
- October 22, 2006     “Dialogue on the Israeli-Hezbollah Conflict” for Facing History and Ourselves joint seminar with Center for Christian-Jewish Learning for high school teachers of the Holocaust.
- September 20, 2006     “Great Women: Jewish, Christian, Muslim” (panel of three speakers), Merrimack College, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations.
- July 29, 2006     “Jews and the American Funeral,” Conference of the Freehof Institute for Progressive Halakhah, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA.
- July 16, 2006     “Jewish-Christian Relations,” with Philip A. Cunningham and Marvin Wilson for the Gralla Fellows (Religion Journalists in the General Press), Brandeis University.

- May 10, 2006 "The Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Where Do We Go From Here?" with Philip A. Cunningham, Touro Synagogue Foundation's "Journey to Freedom Public Lecture Series" Newport, RI.
- April 24, 2006 Panelist: "Fuller Meanings: Christian and Jewish Readings of the Bible," conference co-sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and Boston College Theology Department.
- March 24-25, 2006 Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Philip Kieval 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Kallah, Temple Reyim, West Newton, MA.  
Lectures:  
"Illuminating Jewish Women's Spirituality: Yiddish Prayers for Candlelighting"  
"Words, Not Sacrifices?: The Evolution of the Prayer Book"  
"Languages of Jewish Prayer. "
- March 16, 2006 Panelist on "Issues and Challenges in the Interreligious Encounter." At conference co-sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning with Brandeis, "In Our Time: Interreligious Relations in a Divided World."
- January 30, 2006 "Judaism on One Foot," St. Susannah's Parish, Dedham.
- January 6, 2006 "The Bible in Jewish Prayer," Seminar on Problems in the Early History of the Liturgy, North American Academy of Liturgy Conference.
- December 31, 2005 Scholar in Residence, Kemp Mill Synagogue, Silver Spring, MD.  
Lectures:  
Forty Years after Nostra Aetate: Assessing a Revolution in Jewish-Christian Relations  
Praying by the Book: The Roles of Tanakh in Post-Biblical Prayer
- December 19, 2005 Response to Bishop Richard Sklba, 'Nostra Aetate in Nova Aetate,' Association for Jewish Studies Conference.
- November 30, 2005 Comparative Theology Lunch, "The Role of Israel in Christian Theologies of Judaism."
- November 20, 2005 "The Bible in Jewish Prayer," at a conference on "Transitions in Jewish and Christian Liturgy," Aachen, Germany.

- October 9, 2005 Participant in Panel on "What Difference Does the Effort to See Judaism Anew Make?", celebrating the publication of *Seeing Judaism Anew: Christianity's Sacred Obligation* by the Christian Scholars Group affiliated with the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning.
- October 2, 2005 Participant in Panel on "Jewish Civilization in the World," Inaugural event for BC's Jewish Studies Program.
- September 26, 2005 Respondant to Fr. John T. Pawlikowski's plenary address on Catholic-Jewish relations, Conference on "*Nostra Aetate* Today: Reflections 40 Years after Its Call for a New Era of Interreligious Relationships," Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Chaired session sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning that afternoon.
- September 11, 2005 "Walking God's Paths" Introductory Session for a community dialogue, with Philip A. Cunningham, New Brunswick, Maine
- August 3, 2005 "The Birkat Haminim without Minim?: The Aftermath of Christian Censorship," World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (in Hebrew).
- July 17, 2005 "Jewish-Christian Relations: The Fortieth Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*," with Philip A. Cunningham for the Gralla Fellows (Journalists in the Jewish Press), Brandeis University.
- June 23, 2005 "Jewish Liturgical Memory and the Non-Jew: Past Realities and Future Possibilities". Conference on "Towards a Contemporary Jewish Theology of World Religions," sponsored by the Elijah Interfaith Institute and the University of Scranton.
- July 31, 2005 20 minute version, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
- June 6-10, 2005 Visiting faculty, Spring Minimester, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, New York, 18 hour course on "Liturgical Flexibility and Halakhah"
- May 17-18, 2005 Scholar in Residence, NER Kallah (New England Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Annual Retreat), three 90 minute sessions on "Jewish Theology of the Religious Other."
- April 5, 2005 "Dynamics of Dialogue" with Audrey Doetzel, for the Hebrew College-Andover Newton student dialogue group "Journeys on the Hill."
- March 14, 2005 Respondent to Fr. Lawrence Frizzell, Conference on Catholic and Jewish Understandings of Covenant, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, USCCB BCEIA and AJC. Invited participant in the dialogue.

- March 2, 2005 "The Present State of Jewish-Christian Relations", Weston Jesuit School of Theology
- January 7, 2005 "The Origins of the Birkat Haminim," North American Academy of Liturgy, Seminar on Early History of the Liturgy
- December 11, 2004 "Spiritual Resistance and Martyrdom: The Mother and her Seven Sons", for Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, "Shabbos by Chanukah Light: A Community Celebration through Learning"
- November 4, 2004 "Prayers, Blessings, and Related Intentions: Session I of *Prayers for Health, Actual and Textual*" with William Cutter, a distance education minicourse co-sponsored by the Central Conference of American Rabbis /Hebrew Union College –Jewish Institute of Religion Joint Commission Online and the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health
- October 25, 2004 "How it Looks From Here: What Lessons Can be Drawn from the Passion Controversy?," Annual meeting of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations
- July 11, 2004 "Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations" with Philip A. Cunningham, Gralla Institute for Religion Journalists, Brandeis University.
- July 8 and 29, 2004 "Birkat Haminim" and "Approaches to Jewish Teachings about Christianity" (the second with Philip Cunningham), the Summer Beit Midrash, (two three-hour sessions as part of an intensive orthodox Jewish summer study program for advanced college students, run by Rabbi Robert Klapper of Harvard Hillel), Sharon MA and Cambridge, MA.
- June 23, 2004 "Jews and Christians in Deepening Conversation: The Opportunities and Challenges Raised by the Catholic Call to Theological Dialogue," 115<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Toronto
- May 5, 2004 "Cursing the Christians?: Church Censorship and Jewish Liturgy in Modern Europe," Shapiro Lecture, The Joseph Cardinal Bernadin Center at Catholic Theological Union
- February 4, 2004 "Cursing Christians in the Synagogue: Reciting the *Birkat Haminim* in Medieval Europe." Boston College Medieval Forum and Theology Department History Seminar
- January 9-11, 2004 Co-Scholar in Residence, Temple Ohabei Shalom Kallah on "Blessings and Curses," lectures on "Blessings at Candlelighting" and "Cursing Gentiles?"

- January 5, 2004 "What Should Students of Early Christian Liturgy Know About Early Jewish Liturgy?" (3 hour presentation to the Early History Seminar Group), North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting
- December 22, 2003 "Censorship and the *Birkat Haminim*: The Changing Fate of the Non-Jew in Jewish Liturgy," Association for Jewish Studies Conference
- July 23, 2003 "Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations" with Philip A. Cunningham, Gralla Institute for Journalists in the Jewish Press, Brandeis University.
- June 10. 2003 Ramah Institute for Conservative Rabbis, Cantors, and Educators, Camp Ramah in New England, Palmer Massachusetts.  
Keynote Address: "Feeling Jewish, Thinking Jewishly: Prayer and Jewish Identity"  
Workshop: "Jews and Non-Jews: Our Liturgical Statements"
- May 20, 2003 "Words, Not Sacrifices?: The Evolution of the Prayer Book" in series sponsored by Hebrew College and the Coolidge Corner Hevra, "Why Pray?: Theology, History, and Practice.."
- May 15 and 22, 2003 Rabbinic Institute, Hebrew College,  
"Languages of Jewish Prayer: Speaking to God with Human Words?" and  
"Speaking to God with Divine Words?: The Bible as a Source of Prayer"
- January 16, 2003 Boston College Faculty International Forum: "Religious Oppression and Social Integration: The Permutations of the Jewish *Birkat Haminim* (Malediction of the Sectarians) in Christian Europe."
- January 3, 2003 "Early Rabbinic Liturgy in its Palestinian Milieu: Did Non-Rabbis Know the 'Amidah?"  
North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting
- August 4, 2002 "American Jews and Interfaith Relations"  
Gralla Fellows Program for Religion Journalists, Brandeis University
- Spring 2002 "The Celebration of Torah in Ashkenaz" – lectures in Hebrew for:  
Talmud Department Colloquium, Bar-Ilan University  
Department of Jewish Thought, Ben Gurion University  
Congregation Yedidya, Jerusalem  
Guest lecture in liturgy course, Hebrew University
- February 6, 2002 "Jewish Women's Spirituality"  
Regina Jonas Lecture, Leo Baeck College, London

- November 12 and 21, 2001 "Prayer and Jewish Identity: Jews and Non-Jews in the Liturgy"  
Makhon Schechter, Jerusalem, in Hebrew  
Makhon Pardes, Jerusalem, in English  
February 7, 2002 Leo Baeck College, London
- October 25, 2001 "The Amidah as Formative Rabbinic Prayer,"  
Plenary lecture at conference on "Identität durch Gebet? Zur gemeinschaftsbildenden Funktion institutionalisierten Betens in Judentum und Christentum" Symposium des Seminars für Liturgiewissenschaft in Rahmen des Sonderforschungsbereichs 534: Judentum-Christentum, Konstituierung unter Differenzierung in Antike und Gegenwart. University of Bonn.
- August 16, 2001 "The Earliest Torah Liturgies: The Evidence of Amram and Soferim."  
World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- June 25-27, 2001 "Medieval Jewish and Christian Interactions", six hour session of Seminar on "Remembering for the Future: An Educators Institute on the Ethical Implications of the Shoah", cosponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning et. al., Manchester NH.
- June 10, 2001 "The Self and Other in Jewish Liturgy."  
Boston College, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Scholars' Conference on "Liturgical Issues in Jewish and Christian Relations"
- May 21, 2001 "The Siddur, Fixed Text or Fluid?: Medieval Development of the Jewish Prayer Book," Hebrew College, Brookline, MA, sponsored by the Center for Adult Jewish Learning, Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, and *Me'ah*
- April 2001 "Traditional Jewish Women's Spirituality"  
"Honoring One's Parents: The Adult Responsibility"  
"Chutzpadik Prayer"  
Resorts Classics Passover Program, Palm Beach
- March 20, 2001, "Dominus Iesus: A Jewish Perspective"  
St. Anselm College, Manchester NH  
September 21, 2001 The Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, Jerusalem
- March 13, 2001 "Candle Lighting as a Powerful Woman's Prayer Moment" and "Meanings and Messages in the Torah Service," Women's Rabbinic Network Conference, Garden City, New York

- March 10, 2001 "Building Bridges: Living as Jews in a Changing Christian World": Three lectures at Congregation Kehillath Israel, Brookline, Massachusetts.
- March 1, 2001 "The Florilegium in Jewish Liturgy," Starr Fellows Seminar on The Emergence of Jewish Liturgy in Late Antiquity and the Gaonic Period, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University
- July 2000 "Toldot Yeshu: Confronting Jewish Anti-Christianity" (for staff)  
"Pray, for God's Sake!" (for 13-14 year olds)  
Scholar in Residence, Camp Yavneh
- May 2000 "Christians and Jews Since the *Shoah*: Past Encounters, Present Issues, and Future Hopes," with Philip A. Cunningham, Nashua NH
- May 2000 "Joint Liturgies as a Potential for Dialogue/ Liturgies: Are they a Basis for Dialogue?" Keynote Presentation, 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Workshop in Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Valparaiso University
- March 2000 "Jewish Understandings of Idolatry" as part of a discussion sponsored by the Society for Comparative Theology
- March 2000 "Women and Men in Genesis: The Foundational Relationship," keynote lecture for St. Louis American Jewish Committee's interfaith lecture series.
- December 1999 "Bible as Prayer: The Florilegium as a Liturgical Literary Form," in a session of the Association for Jewish Studies Conference entitled "Liturgy and the Life of the Synagogue: Aesthetic Considerations," organized with Steven Fine.
- October 1999 "Sinai and Zion in the Synagogue: Celebrating Torah in Ashkenaz" at Baltimore Hebrew University, conference on "Liturgy and the Life of the Synagogue."
- September 1999 "Sacred Text as Prayer in Judaism." Jewish-Christian-Muslim Trialogue at Boston College
- April 1999 "Messiah in Jewish Thought" - as part of a panel for Christian Awareness Week at Brandeis University.
- April 1999 "Standing Again at Sinai: Celebrating Torah in the Synagogue"  
"From Beit HaMikdash (Temple) to Beit HaKenesset (Synagogue): Continuities and Discontinuities"  
Resort Classics Passover Lecture Series, Loews Miami Beach.
- March 1999 "Pray, for God's Sake!" Scholar in Residence lecture, Temple Sinai, Pittsburgh.



- February 1999 "Developing Guidelines for Holocaust Education in Catholic Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries." Workshop led jointly with Philip A. Cunningham, National Council of Catholic Bishops and American Jewish Committee joint conference, Baltimore.
- January 1999 "The Creation of a Valid, Non-Sacrificial Liturgy," Brandeis University.
- December 1998 "Jewish Christian Relations for the Twenty-First Century." Lifetime Learning Program, Newton Community Education.
- November 1998 "The Ethics of Gossip and Slander: A Talmudic Perspective." Boston College Alumni Association's Institute for Learning in Retirement, in course on "Judeo-Christian Ethics."
- June 1998 "Revisiting the Origins of the Liturgy"  
"The Earliest Preserved Torah Liturgy: Soferim 14:4-9"  
Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention, Anaheim
- March 1998 "The Suffering Servant of Isaiah in Jewish and Christian Interpretations." Presented on Jewish Interpretations. Boston College Theology Department's History Colloquium.
- March 1998 "Jewish Christian Relations in New Testament, Medieval and Contemporary Times." (Discussed medieval experience as part of panel). Boston Area Council of Episcopal Divinity School.
- March 1998 "Toward A Symbolic Analysis of Synagogue Torah Rituals." Brandeis Seminar on Early Christianity and Judaism.
- January 1998 "The Banished Priest's Blessing at the *Pidyon Haben*," Brandeis Hillel.
- January 1998 "Semiotic Analysis of Synagogue Torah Rituals: A Preliminary Discussion." North American Academy of Liturgy, Ritual-Language-Action Seminar.
- December 1997 "The *Shema* of the Torah Service: Its History and Meaning." Association for Jewish Studies Conference.

- September 1997 "A Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Turning to the Presence of God," responded to paper by Fr. Ray Helmick, SJ, in first session, and presented paper, "Guaranteeing the Presence of God: The Concept of 'The Merit of the Ancestors' in Judaism," in second session. Boston College, sponsored by the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry.
- August 1997 "Re-enacting Sinai: The Development of Torah Liturgies in the Middle Ages," [Hebrew] Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- May 1997 "The Jewish Experience of the Christian: 100-1940" and "Jewish Responses to the Holocaust," talks at the Institute for Christian-Jewish Relations (Baltimore) "Faith for the Future" institute for Catholic and Jewish clergy and educators.
- April 1997 "Approaching Divine Holiness: Issues in the Liturgical Use of the *Kedushah*." Rabbinical Assembly Convention.
- February, March 1997 Respondent, "No Cause to Boast... Christian Representations of Judaism Before and After the Holocaust," Andover-Newton Theological School, Plenary Two: Shared History: Perceptions of the Other. Faculty Preconference, February 10, and public conference, March 13.
- January 1997 "Communications Theory and Worship: James W. Carey's *Communication as Culture* and its Reception," Ritual-Language-Action Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting.
- October 1996 "Jerusalem: The Heart of the Jewish World," Merrimack College, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations - Temple Emanuel of Andover Lecture Series.
- June 1996 "Honor Your Father and Mother: Caregiving as an Halakhic Responsibility," Freehof Institute, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- March 1996 "Jewish Liturgical Poetry," Brandeis University.
- March 1996 "Jewish Liturgy: Its Structure and History," Andover-Newton Theological School.
- February 1996 "The Language and Experience of *T'fillah* (Prayer)." Two workshops at a conference on "Exploring Issues of Gender and Jewish Day School Education."
- December 1995 "The Early Ashkenazi Defense of *Piyyut*: Rabbenu Tam versus Ibn Ezra?" Association for Jewish Studies Conference.

- August 1995 "Jewish Worship: An Exploration of the History and Meaning of the Amidah" and "The Spirituality of Pre-Modern Jewish Women." Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education.
- July 1995 "Approaches to the Sacred Text: Jews and Christians Living with the Bible." Chautauqua Institution, Religion Lecture.
- May 1995 "Jewish Understanding of the Commandment to Honor Your Father and Mother," Catholic-Jewish Committee of Greater Boston.
- December 1994 "The *Birkat Betulim* (Blessing over the Tokens of Virginity): Transformations of a Non-Talmudic Benediction." Association for Jewish Studies Conference.
- August 1994 "Without Burnt Offerings: The Origins of Synagogue Prayer." Freehof Lecture, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- October 1993 "Traditional Women's Prayers." Lecture and discussion in symposium on "Jewish Women Discovering Ourselves...In Times of Crisis," Hebrew College, Brookline, Massachusetts.
- June 1993 Closing Speaker, Wilstein Institute Conference on "Revitalizing Jewish Peoplehood in America: Structure, Purpose, Strategy."

### **SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

- October 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations Annual Meeting, Chair of the Council, managed the planning and running of the meeting (Cincinnati, New York [Manhattan College], Mobile, Boston, Philadelphia, New York (Union Theological Seminary/Jewish Theological Seminary)).
- December 14-16, 2008 Jewish Theology of World Religions project, hosted small meeting at Boston College, member of steering committee of project.
- December 7-8, 2008 Council of Centers in Jewish-Christian Relations, panel discussion participant on "Reciprocity, Soteriology, and Evangelism."
- October 26-28, 2008 "Reassessment of Christian-Jewish Dialogue," gathering of experts convened by the International Conference of Christians and Jews, Fribourg, Switzerland
- August 11-15, 2008 "Christ and the Jewish People," Notre Dame University. Jewish auditor at conference co-sponsored by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, member of steering committee..

- September 8, 2004 "Planning for the Future" – a meeting of community leaders in Christian-Jewish dialogue to assess our direction. Involved in planning, leading, and assessment.
- June 12, 2003 Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College: convened one day seminar to discuss plans for a project to generate "Jewish Theologies of the Religious Other."
- June 2001 Center for Christian Jewish Learning, Boston College, "Liturgical Issues in Jewish and Christian Relations." Co-organizer and delivered a major paper.
- June 2000 Center for the Study of the Jewish and Christian Experience, Boston College, "New Directions in Jewish and Christian Relations: Setting the Agenda for the Twenty-First Century." Co-organizer of conference, formal response to a paper
- October 24, 1999 "Liturgy and the Life of the Synagogue" at Baltimore Hebrew University. Paper on "Sinai and Zion in the Synagogue: Celebrating Torah in Ashkenaz." Co-organizer of conference and co-editor of conference proceedings.
- February 1999 "Teaching About the Shoah," interreligious conference cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the American Jewish Committee, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Co-led session with Philip Cunningham on "Toward Educational Guidelines: Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries."
- May 1998 CBS program: Jewish (and female) panelist: "Israel at 50: An American Perspective," broadcast in over 100 markets in late June and early July.
- 1998 Central Conference of American Rabbis, Annual Meeting. Faculty, Liturgy Track.
- 1997 Rabbinical Assembly of America Annual Meeting. Limud (Study) Session: "Approaching Divine Holiness: Issues in the Liturgical Use of the Kedushah
- 1997- Member, North American Academy of Liturgy, active participation in seminars (Visitor, 1996).
- 1998-2015 Participant, Jesuit Institute Seminar on "Jewish-Christian Relations," Boston College.
- 1995-1998 Participant, Jesuit Institute Seminar on "God and the World of Science," Boston College.
- 1994-2000 Participant, Brandeis Seminar on Early Judaism and Christianity

- 1992-1993 Participant, Consultation on Jewish and Christian Relatedness to Scripture, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, Minnesota.
- 1984-5 Steering Committee, Avivon, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion interfaith retreat on issues of spirituality (1984) and sexuality (1985).

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **At Boston College:**

- "Judaism and Christianity in Dialogue"
- "The Religious Quest: Judaism and Christianity"
- "Modes of Jewish Spirituality"
- "The Bible Through Jewish Eyes"
- "Turning Points in Jewish History"
- "Jewish Liturgy: Its History and Theology"
- "Introduction to Talmud"
- "Jews and Christians: Understanding the Other"
- "From Diatribe to Dialogue: Studies in the Jewish-Christian Encounter"
- "Judaism: Practice and Belief"
- "Holy Text in Comparative Perspective: Judaism, Hinduism and Christianity"
- "Engaging the Rabbinic Mind"
- "Passover in Midrash and Talmud"
- "Jewish and Christian Interpretations of the Bible"
- "New Testament in its Jewish Context"
- "Liturgy, Seasons, Festivals: Jewish and Christian"
- "Heschel's Heavenly Torah"
- "The Theology of Abraham Joshua Heschel"
- "Israel in Jewish Theologies"
- "Suffering in Comparative Perspective"

### **At Hebrew University, Jerusalem**

- "To Fill the Gap: On the Origins of Rabbinic Liturgy" (MA seminar, in Hebrew)

### **At Yeshivat Chovevei Torah:**

- Liturgical Halakhah

### **At Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem:**

- "Graciously Accept their Prayers: The Development of Medieval Liturgical Halakhah"  
(rabbinic students, in Hebrew)

### **At the Jewish Theological Seminary:**

- "Avodat HaLev" (Jewish Liturgy)

### **At Boston University:**

- Modes of Jewish Spirituality

### **At Hebrew College:**

- The Worlds of Medieval Jewry
- The Passover Haggadah
- The Synagogue and its Liturgy/Jewish Prayer and the Prayer Book
- Jewish Women's Spirituality

## **SERVICE AT BOSTON COLLEGE**

- 1998-        **Center for Christian-Jewish Learning** (formerly: Center for the Study of the Jewish and Christian Relationship)  
Associate Director, 2000-2020, 2022-present  
Interim Director, 2020-2022  
Interim Academic Director, 2007-2008  
Founding member of steering committee, responsible for most administrative issues and publicity, 1998-summer 2000.  
***Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations***,  
Book Review Editor, 2006-June 2008;  
Co-editor, 2007-present.
- 1995-        **Departmental Service**  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2022-  
Ad-hoc Committee on Departmental Dynamics, Chair (Spring 2021)  
GEPC (2018-2020)  
Research Course Reduction Committee (2013-2016), Chair (2017-)  
Executive Committee (2010-12)  
Comparative Theology (convener 2006-2009, 2020-2022), History (until 2006),  
and (informally) Bible Areas  
Ph.D program central admissions committee, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009,  
2021, 2022  
Curriculum Committee, 1995-6, 1997-9, 2002-3 (Chair)  
EPC of JDF, 1996-9  
Search Committees: 1997-8: Church History, Islam; 2004-5 Church History; 2005-  
6 Islam; 2008-9, Bible.
- Dissertations Directed**  
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatoski – 2005  
Fr. Demetrios Tonnias – 2011  
Emma O'Donnell (active committee member) – 2014  
Jillian Maxey – not completed  
Andrew Massena – 2020  
Bethany Slater – in progress  
David Maayan – in progress  
Yujia (Sam) Zhai – in progress  
Domenik Ackermann – in progress

1997-2000, Hebrew Bible reading group for faculty and students: organized with David Vanderhooft; and 2002-2004, Jeffrey Geoghean; 2008-9 Catherine Muldoon; 2008-9, 2015-16 Angela Kim Harkins.  
2014 (fall),  
2015-2016,  
2021-

1996- Non-credit extra hour of Hebrew text reading for upper level courses where appropriate.

1996, 2000, Guest presentations in BC Theology courses: on impact of Holocaust for Jews; on  
2004 Maimonides.  
2018 STM course: on Passover Seder

1995-98 Jewish Studies courses arranged:  
Hebrew language instruction, 1996-98  
Adjunct-taught courses in Jewish thought and mysticism, 1996-98

Professional Development Discussions for PhD students:  
April 3, About dissertation-related issues, with Jim Keenan and John Baldovin  
2008  
Spring Tips on Writing and Publishing Academic Papers, with Jim Keenan  
2020

March 1, "Faith, Scripture, and the Death Penalty: A Jewish and Christian Dialogue" with  
2005 Stephen Pope

February Comparative Theology Lunch: "Jewish Understandings of the Other"  
16, 2005

September Departmental panel responding to *Dominus Iesus*. Member of panel, providing a  
2000 Jewish voice.

April 1999 Comparative Theology presentation on Sacrifice to the first year Ph.D.  
colloquium.

March History Colloquium: "The Suffering Servant of Isaiah in Jewish and Christian  
1998 Interpretations." Helped plan and presented on Jewish interpretations.

November "Jerusalem from the Perspective of Three Faiths," organized and spoke in  
1996 symposium for Religious Quest students.



### University Service:

- 2017- Stotsky Prize on the Jewish Holocaust - chair
- 2021- Scriptural Reasoning, STM Interfaith activity
- 2020 Panelist, Research and Scholarship Integrity Program, General Session, Part 2.2
- 1999-2015 Jesuit Institute Seminar: Jewish-Christian Relations  
February 2000, led session on Jürgen Moltmann
- 2004- Jewish Studies Advisory Board
- 2012, 2015, Faculty marshal, University Commencement  
2016, 2022
- 2006-2009 Boston College Coalition for Israel (became a student group, Eagles for Israel)
- 2007-2009 Kraft Interfaith Initiative, Steering Committee
- 2005-2009 EPC, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- June 2008 BC Curator for "Tree of Paradise Exhibit," McMullen Museum. Review and revision of wall texts, docent's orientation, arranged guest lecturers, gave lectures and tour s.
- 1996- Jewish Studies lectures arranged:  
Marilyn Chiat, 2/21/96  
Chaim Milikowsky, 2/5/97  
Michael Wyschogrod, 4/10/97  
Ron Kronish, 11/5/97  
Bilhah Nitzan, 3/31/98  
Joseph Dan, 10/23/02
- 1995- Hillel: informal advising; liturgies for Sukkot, Yom Hashoah, Sabbath service; informal class.
- November 20, 2006, Multifaith Thanksgiving Service (planning and officiating at Jewish segment)  
2010 Jewish speaker  
Nov. 14, 2007, Nov. 19, 2008

- May 12, 2005 Keynote speaker, Anti-Defamation League, Torch of Liberty Dinner honoring BC alumnus and parent, Robert E. Griffin.
- October 2002 Planned and led celebration welcoming a donated Torah scroll to campus
- April 2001 Response to James Carroll's presentation on "The Church and the Jews;" involved in planning the event.
- April 2001 Yom Hashoah Observance, planning: including role in inviting lecturer, preparing text of musical performance, arranging liturgical elements.
- Spring 2000 Read draft and suggested Jewish prayers for Fr. Joseph Appleyard and Fr. Howard Grey's new handbook for freshmen
- Spring 2000 Interfaith Chapel: involved in ad hoc committee calling for and designing the space.
- October 1999 Response to Canon Naim Ateek's presentation on Palestinian Christian understandings of Israel
- April 1998 Jesuit Institute's Yom HaShoah "The Holocaust: Remembering for the Future,": planning committee and liturgical elements.
- 1995-98 Jesuit Institute Seminar: God and the World of the Sciences
- 1996, 1998 Invocation or Benediction at Law School Commencement
- September 1997 "A Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Turning to the Presence of God," sponsored by the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Responded to paper by Fr. Ray Helmick, SJ, in first session, and presented paper, "Guaranteeing the Presence of God: The Concept of 'The Merit of the Ancestors' in Judaism," in second session.
- 1995-96 McMullen Museum of Art's J.M.W. Turner exhibition: planning of symposia and moderation of one; visit to Orient House in Jerusalem to ensure Palestinian support for program; liturgy on Jerusalem with IREPM.
- November 1995 Lecture to Women's Studies (student group): Jewish Women's Spirituality.
- November 1995 Memorial Service for Yitzhak Rabin: developed and led liturgy.

## **VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OFF CAMPUS**

- 2020-  
(2022) Executive Editorial Board, Hebrew Union College Press
- 2018- Advisory Board (active editing), *Encyclopedia of Christian-Jewish Relations*
- 2017- Editorial Board, Beiträge zur Komparativen Theologie
- 2015- Jewish Consultor, Christian Scholars Group on Jewish-Christian Relations
- 2011-2017 Chair, Board of Directors, Council of Centers in Jewish-Christian Relations
- 2008-2010 Central Conference of American Rabbis, Board member
- 2006- Freehof Institute for Progressive Halakhah, board member
- Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations, Editorial Board**
- 2007- Co-editor
- 2005-2006 Book Review Editor
- North American Academy of Liturgy**
- 2005-2007 Delegate for Membership (= a position on the Academy Committee, with special responsibility for managing admission to membership)
- 2008 Nominating Committee
- 2004-2007 Hillel Council of New England, Board member
- 2002- Central Conference of American Rabbis, Ad Hoc Committee on Academics
- 1997- Hadassah Brandeis Institute, Academic Advisory Committee.
- 2003-2004 Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, Education Committee Co-Chair
- 1999-2000 Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies, Advisory Committee for conference on Women and Religion in Contemporary America
- 1997-? Academy for Judaic, Christian and Islamic Studies, Academic Advisory Board.
- 1992-1999 Chair of Women's Prayer Committee, Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, Newton, Massachusetts.
- 1999- Committee member
- 1995-1999 Catholic-Jewish Committee of Greater Boston.

1995-1996, Book Review Editor, *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*.  
1999-2006

1991-1996, Editorial Board, *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*.  
1999-?

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Member of the Association for Jewish Studies, World Union for Jewish Studies, North American Academy of Liturgy, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance, Society for Biblical Literature.

Regular postings on Jewish liturgy and Jewish-Christian relations on the following listservs: H-Judaic (Judaic Studies), HUCAlum (alumni of Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion), RavKav (members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis).

### **Personal Data**

Married to Jonathan D. Sarna, two children, born in 1988 and 1991.