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EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), *with distinction*

Hartford Seminary, 2013

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

Harvard Divinity School, 1976

Bachelor of Arts (A.B., *Magna Cum Laude*)

Harvard University, 1971

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Landau Interfaith Training and Consulting, Bethel, CT, 2016-Present

Educator, consultant, author, workshop facilitator in the areas of interreligious understanding and engagement; interfaith leadership development; religious peacebuilding and reconciliation; Israeli-Palestinian and Middle East peacemaking

Adjunct Instructor, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, Fall 2020 and 2021

Taught an online course: “Judaism and Its Interreligious Dimensions”

Adjunct Faculty Member, Hartford Seminary, Hartford CT, Summer 2019 and 2021

Taught an online course: “Skills, Sensitivities, and Resources for Interfaith Leadership”

Adjunct Instructor, Merrimack College, North Andover MA, 2019, 2020, and 2021

Taught an online graduate seminar on “Spirituality in a Religiously Diverse World”

Adjunct Instructor, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, 2018 and 2020

Taught an online course for Doctor of Ministry students on “Interreligious and Intercultural Engagement”

Adjunct Instructor, Boston University School of Theology, 2016-2017

Taught two courses in December and January: “Islam, Judaism, and Interfaith Peacebuilding” (with a Muslim colleague) and “Skills, Tools, and Sensitivities for Interfaith Leadership”

Associate Professor of Interfaith Relations and Holder of the Abrahamic Partnerships Chair, Hartford Seminary, CT (Faculty member, 2002-2016)

Taught courses in Jewish tradition and spirituality, interfaith dialogue & leadership, religion and peacemaking; director of the *Building Abrahamic Partnerships* training program for Jews, Christians, and Muslims, 2004-2016

Senior Associate, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA (2011-2021)
Consultant to the college's *Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations*

Advisory Council Member, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI (2011-2013)
Member of Fetzer's *Advisory Council on World Religions and Spiritualities*, consulting on program initiatives and funding priorities

Distinguished Fellow, Drew University, Madison, NJ (2010-11)
Through Drew's *Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict*, taught courses on "Jewish Spirituality" and "Religion, Conflict, and Peacemaking"; spoke at public events; and consulted on program development for the Center

Visiting Professor, Connecticut College, New London, CT (Spring 2005)
Taught introductory course on Jewish tradition and spirituality to undergraduates

Visiting Scholar in Religious Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ (Fall 2001)
Conducted interfaith training seminars through the University Chaplain's Office

Lecturer on Judaism and Interfaith Relations at Christian institutions in Israel: Tantur Ecumenical Institute, St. George's College, Sisters of Sion International Program at Ecce Homo, the Swedish Theological Institute, and Nes Ammim Village (1981-2002)

Co-Founder and Co-Director, Open House Center for Jewish-Arab Coexistence and Reconciliation, Ramle, Israel (1991-2003); financial and administrative director, raised operating funds, spoke at public events in Israel/Palestine and internationally; see www.friendsofopenhouse.co.il

Executive Director, *Oz veShalom-Netivot Shalom* religious peace movement in Israel (1982-1991); directed the staff, raised operating funds, edited publications, planned programs, spoke at public events in Israel/Palestine and internationally; see www.ozveshalom.org.il

Program Coordinator, Israel Interfaith Association, Jerusalem (1980-1982); planned programs, edited newsletter "Interfaith Israel," created support network in North America

Visiting Professor and Seminar Leader:

Maryknoll Mission Institute (June 2018), conducted seminar on "Spiritual Resources for Interfaith Peacemaking"

Interfaith Academy at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City (June 2007)

Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry (July 2003 and July 2006)

Maryknoll Institute for Justice and Peace (July 1987)

Bard College (1976-1978)

Tufts University (1975-1976)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

How to Talk to Just About Anyone About Israel-Palestine, co-authored with Joyce Schriebman (published by My Brother from Another Mother, 2016, accessible at no cost at www.mybrotherfromanothermother.org)

Healing the Holy Land: Interreligious Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine, United States Institute of Peace, *Peaceworks* monographs No. 51, September 2003, accessible at www.usip.org/files/resources/pwks51.pdf

Voices from Jerusalem: Jews and Christians Reflect on the Holy Land (Paulist Press, 1992), co-editor with David Burrell, author of chapter “Hebron and Jerusalem: Centers of Inclusive Holiness”

Violence & the Value of Life in Jewish Tradition, ed., (Oz veShalom Publications, 1983)

Religious Zionism: Challenges and Choices, ed., (Oz veShalom Publications, 1982)

Book Chapters

“Creating Spiritual Remedies for Our Social Pathologies: Reflections of a Religious Peacebuilder,” *Building Bridges Among Abraham’s Children: A Celebration of Michael Berenbaum*, Vol. 1, (Newton, MA: Academic Studies Press), 2025, pp. 312-317

“Foreword” to *Restoring the Gospels’ Jewish Voice: André Chouraqui and the Intersection of Biblical Translation and Interfaith Dialogue*, Murray Watson (New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press), 2023, pp. xix-xxv

“Adaptive Facilitation: A Requirement for Interfaith Discussions of Israel/Palestine,” in *With the Best of Intentions: Interreligious Missteps and Mistakes*, Lucinda Mosher, Elinor J. Pierce, and Or N. Rose, eds. (Maryknoll: Orbis Books), 2023, pp. 112-118

“Jerusalem, Our Common Mother City,” in *What Jerusalem Means to Us: Jewish Perspectives and Reflections*, Saliba Sarsar and Carole Monica C. Burnett, eds. (The Jerusalem Peace Institute, Holy Land Books/Noble Book Publishing, North Bethesda, MD), 2023, pp. 57-69

“Ishmael and Isaac in Jewish Tradition: Implications for Our Time,” in *Ishmael & Isaac in the Three Monotheistic Faiths*, Jerusalem: Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA), May 2019, pp. 5-44

“John Pawlikowski, Interfaith Leader: A Jewish Tribute,” in *Righting Relations After the Holocaust and Vatican II: Essays in Honor of John T. Pawlikowski, OSM*, Elena G. Procaro-Foley and Robert A. Cathey, eds. (Paulist Press, 2018), pp. 314-322

- “Religion [and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict],” *The Routledge Handbook on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, Joel Peters & David Newman, eds. (Routledge, 2013), pp. 162-172
- “The Religious Dimension of Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking,” in *Resolving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Perspectives on the Peace Process*, Moises Salinas and Hazza Abu Rabi, eds. (Cambria Press, 2009), pp. 263-285
- “Building Abrahamic Partnerships: A Model Interfaith Program at Hartford Seminary,” in *Changing the Way Seminaries Teach: Pedagogies for Interfaith Dialogue*, David A. Roozen and Heidi Hadsell, eds. (Hartford Seminary, 2009), pp. 87-123; reprinted in *Sharing Values: A Hermeneutics for Global Ethics*, Ariane Hentsch Cisneros and Shanta Premawardhana, eds. (Globeethics.net, 2011), pp.177-206
- “Foreword” to *The Synoptic Gospels Set Free: Preaching without Anti-Judaism*, Daniel J. Harrington, SJ (Paulist Press, 2009), pp. ix-xii
- “Lessons from the *Building Abrahamic Partnerships* Program at Hartford Seminary,” in *The Meeting of Civilizations: Muslim, Christian, and Jewish*, Moshe Ma’oz, ed. (Sussex Academic Press, 2009), pp. 187-199
- “Dreams and Dream Interpretation in Said Nursi’s *Risale-i Nur*: Islamic, Judaic, and Universal Resonances,” in *Spiritual Dimensions of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi’s Risale-i Nur*, Ibrahim M. Abu-Rabi’, ed. (SUNY Press, 2008), pp. 147-174
- “An Open House: Yehezkel Landau,” in *Peacemakers in Action: Profiles of Religion in Conflict Resolution*, David Little, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 351-374
- “Pope John Paul II’s Holy Land Pilgrimage: A Jewish Appraisal,” in *John Paul II in the Holy Land: In His Own Words*, Lawrence Boadt, CSP, and Kevin di Camillo, eds. (Paulist Press, 2005), pp. 129-156
- “A Holistic Peace Process for the Middle East,” in *How Long Lord?: Voices from the Ground and Visions for the Future in Israel/Palestine*, Maurine and Robert Tobin, eds. (Cowley Publications, 2003), pp. 233-237; reprinted in *The American Catholic*, Vol. 11, No. 3, October 2003, p. 7
- “A Practical Connection between the Heavens and the Earth in Israel-Palestine,” in *Understanding One Another in Israeli Society*, Ron Kronish, ed. (Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, 1997), pp. 19-23
- “*Hamidbar Medaber (De Woestijn Spreekt—The Desert Speaks): De Woestijn in de Joodse Spiritualiteit (The Desert in Jewish Spirituality)*,” in *Woestijn en Openbaring (Desert and Revelation)*, Uitgeverij Kok (Kampen, the Netherlands), 1996, pp. 27-36
- “Blessing Both Jew and Palestinian: A Religious Zionist View,” in *Walking the Red*

Line: Israelis in Search of Justice for Palestine, Deena Hurwitz, ed. (New Society Publishers, 1992), pp. 119-127

“Yehezkel Landau,” interview-article in *Unified in Hope: Arabs and Jews Talk about Peace*, Carol Birkland, ed. (WCC Publications, 1987), pp. 72-81

Other Essays and Articles

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“Trees as Living Beings, Cultural Icons, and Wisdom Teachers,” *CrossCurrents*, Vol. 74, No. 3 (September 2024), pp. 234-244, accessible at <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/954408>

“Remembering My Spiritual Brother, Bishop Frank Griswold,” a tribute to the former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, *Covenant* weblog, March 28, 2023, accessible at: <https://covenant.livingchurch.org/2023/03/28/remembering-my-spiritual-brother-bishop-frank-griswold/>

“‘A Dispute for the Sake of Heaven’: Elevating the Israel-Palestine Conversation in Jewish Schools and Communities,” co-authored with Joyce Schriebman, *The Jewish Educator*, Spring/Summer 2022, and accessible at <https://thejewisheducator.files.wordpress.com/2022/10/landau.pdf>

<https://www.tikkun.org/therefore-choose-life/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=4864522b-19b3-46e7-a74e-d6716496b2b8> a Jewish response to the Supreme Court rulings rescinding abortion rights and affirming the right to carry weapons in public settings, *Tikkun*, June 30, 2022

<https://www.tikkun.org/the-tormented-dance-of-the-colonizer/> an exchange with Jewish psychologist Mark Braverman on the meaning of Zionism, *Tikkun*, March, 2021

<https://www.american-religion.org/dabruemet?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=4f778a08-50a5-4456-9c3a-5d4f0e41b117> a critical response from March, 2021, to the 2000 statement *Dabru Emet* ("Speak Truth"), a positive assessment of Christianity endorsed by over 200 Jewish scholars and rabbis (see reflection on Christian solidarity with both Jews and Palestinians)

“Can Zionism Be Redeemed?”, *Tikkun*, June 2019, accessible at <https://www.tikkun.org/can-zionism-be-redeemed>

“Four Dimensions of Peacemaking,” *Spirituality & Health*, March/April 2019, pp. 30-31

“Duncan Black Macdonald’s Views on Jewish Thought,” *The Muslim World*, Vol. 105, No. 3 (July, 2015), pp. 312-321

“God as Multiple Covenanter: Toward a Jewish Theology of Abrahamic Partnerships,” *CrossCurrents*, Vol. 65, No. 1 (March 2015), pp. 57-78

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“Frieden für alle Kinder Abrahams” [Peace for all the Children of Abraham], *GEO Magazine* (Hamburg), April 2012, p. 71

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“Shi’ite Mahdism and Jewish Messianism: The Ambivalent Mingling of Piety and Politics,” accessible at www.abrahamicfamilyreunion.org/readings, 2009

“Contemplative Methods that Help Healing: Incorporating Spiritual and Contemplative Practices in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Encounters,” in *A Guidebook for Interfaith Organizations Seeking Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Community*, accessible at www.abrahamicfamilyreunion.org/interfaith-guidebook, 2009

“The Land of Israel in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations,” *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*, (Boston College e-journal, Vol. 3, Issue 1, article 17, CP1-12), 2008, accessible at <https://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/scjr/article/view/1501>

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“Reclaiming Dignity and Hope,” with Saliba Sarsar, *Middle East Times*, September 2006

“Sharing Sacred History and Geography,” *Zion’s Herald*, Jan/Feb 2004, pp. 33-34, 38

“Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine: A 25-Year Retrospective,” in *Waging Peace: A Two-Part Discussion of Religion-Based Peacemaking*, Washington National Cathedral, November 2003, pp. 11-14

“Religious Responses to Atrocity,” *Tikkun*, Vol. 18, No. 5, September-October 2003, pp. 28-31, 44

“Jews, Muslims, and Peace,” co-authored with Imam Yahya Hendi, *Current Dialogue* (World Council of Churches), No. 41, June-July 2003, pp. 12-13 (and disseminated through various Web sites)

“Holy Land—Holistic Peace,” *Corrymeela Connections* (Northern Ireland), Vol. 4, No. 1, Spring/Summer 2002, pp. 18-21

“Passionate Faith and Its Risks,” *Common Ground* (U.K. Council of Christians and Jews), 1999

- “Sarajevo, Jerusalem, and Edith Stein: Interfaith Relations on the Eve of a New Millennium,” published in *Catholic New Times* (Toronto), Vol. 23, No. 6, April 4, 1999, pp. 10-11, as “The First Covenant was Sealed with the Rainbow: Does Hope for Interfaith Harmony Begin Here?”; reprinted in a Croatian Catholic journal
- “Division and Conflict in Israel: A Jewish-Christian Exchange,” co-authored with Tom Getman, *The Christian Century*, August 26-September 2, 1998, pp. 786-788
- “Israel at 50: Uncertain Celebration,” *PS Journal*, No. 106, June 3, 1998; reprinted in French as “50 Ans d’Israel: Ombres et Lumieres,” *Changer International* (France), No. 286, July-August 1998, pp. 8-10
- “Israel’s Peace Laboratories,” *The Tablet* (London), May 2, 1998, p. 546
- “Clarity Can Avoid Catastrophe,” article on the controversial *Har Homa* building project, *The Jerusalem Post*, November 5, 1996
- “Sharing Jerusalem: The Spiritual and Political Challenges,” *SIDIC Journal* (English and French editions, Rome), Vol. XXIX, No. 2-3, 1996, pp. 3-9
- “Israel’s Two Solitudes,” *PS Journal*, No. 54, January 3, 1996, p. 1; also published in *Catholic New Times* (Toronto), Nov. 19, 1995, p. 10
- “Rehumanizing the ‘Enemy’ and Confronting Ourselves: Challenges for Educators in an Era of Peace,” *Palestine-Israel Journal*, Vol. III, No. 1, Winter 1996, pp. 65-70, and at <https://pij.org/articles/573/rehumanizing-the-enemy-and-confronting-ourselves>
- “Truth, Justice, and Peace,” *Echoes of Peace*, Niwano Peace Foundation (Tokyo), No. 42, July 1993, pp. 4-6; reprinted in German as “Wahrheit, Gerechtigkeit und Frieden” in *Friede Uber Israel* (Wolfsburg, Germany), 2/98 (July 1998), pp. 57-64, 81
- “The Role of Observant and Orthodox Jews in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process,” *J.A.D.E. News*, Jewish-Arab Dialogue in Europe (London), March 1992, pp. 2-7
- “Missing Ingredient for Middle East Peace,” *For a Change* (London), August/September 1991, p. 16; reprinted in *The Other Side*, January/February 1992, p. 7, and (in Swedish) in *Var Losen*, Nr. 2/3-92, 1992
- Katzenstein Award Acceptance Speech, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Vol. XX, No. 2, Summer 1990, p. 1
- “Jerusalem Day After the Killings,” *New Outlook* (Tel Aviv), July 1990
- “Blessing Both Jew and Palestinian: A Religious Zionist Perspective,” *The Christian Century*, December 20-27, 1989
- “Sharing the Holy Land: A Zionist’s View,” *The Other Side*, Jan/Feb 1989, pp. 30-33

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“Profile: The Rev. Dr. Robert Lindsey, an Oklahoma Baptist at Home in Jerusalem,” *Christian News from Israel*, Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs (Jerusalem), June 1985, pp. 14-17

“Pilgrimage of the Soul,” *Ariel*, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jerusalem), No. 58, 1984 (English, French, Spanish, and Russian editions)

“The President and the Prophets,” *The Jerusalem Post*, November 4, 1983; reprinted in *Sojourners, Christianity & Crisis, IFOR Report*, and *Hervormd Nederland* (in Dutch)

“Shuttling Between Heaven and Earth: Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz,” *Ariel*, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jerusalem), No. 54, 1983 (English, French, Spanish, Russian editions)

“Martyrdom in Paul’s Religious Ethics: An Exegetical Commentary on Romans 5:7,” *Immanuel*, Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity (Jerusalem), No. 15, 1982-83, pp. 24-38

“The Return to Covenantal Morality,” *Shefa Quarterly* (Jerusalem), Vol. II, No. 3, 1980

Book Review Articles and Notes

Review article on *Abraham’s Journey: Reflections on the Life of the Founding Patriarch* by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (Ktav Publishing House, 2008), *Shofar Journal of Jewish Studies* (Purdue University, Vol. 28, No. 2, Winter 2010), pp. 201-203

Review article on *Israel: An Echo of Eternity* by Abraham Joshua Heschel (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1969), *Shofar Journal of Jewish Studies* (Purdue University, Vol. 26, No. 1, Fall 2007), pp. 205-211; reprinted in *Abraham Joshua Heschel Today: Voices from Warsaw and Jerusalem*, Harold Kasimow, ed., Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2020, pp. 163-169

Review article on *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing (Westview Press, 2004), *Conversations in Religion and Theology* (Blackwell Publishing, Vol. 3, Issue 1, May 2005), pp. 54-60

Book note on *Lamentations and the Tears of the World* by Kathleen M. O’Connor (Orbis

Books, 2002), *Conversations in Religion and Theology* (Blackwell Publishing, Vol. 1, Issue 1, May 2003), pp. 111-112

AWARDS RECEIVED

Human Relations Award, granted annually by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, 2011

Living Spirit Award, given annually by the Spiritual Life Center, W. Hartford, CT, 2009

Peacemaker in Action award, granted annually to a religious peacemaker by the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, 2000; award recipients are members of Tanenbaum's *Peacemakers in Action Network* (see www.tanenbaum.org)

Mount Zion Award, granted every two years to a religious peacemaker by a Swiss/German foundation associated with the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem, 1995

Rabbi Martin Katzenstein Award, granted annually to a graduate of Harvard Divinity School by the HDS Alumni and Alumnae Association, 1990

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Stimulus Foundation of Paulist Press, Board Member: www.stimulusfoundation.org

The Foundation for Religious Literacy, Advisory Board Member: www.tfrl.org