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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Department of History

- Joint-Programmatic Appointment in the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies
- Associate Director with Joint-Programmatic Appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum

2009-present Assistant Professor of History
2010-2013 Peter T. Paul Career Development Professor

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Department of History and Center for Jewish Studies

2007-2009 Alexander Grass Postdoctoral Associate in Jewish History

DEGREES RECEIVED

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
Department of History

2007 *Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative History*
2003 *Master of Arts in Comparative History*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

2001 *Bachelor of Arts in History and Jewish Studies*, First-Class Joint-Honours

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summers 2015, 2016 TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Visiting Scholar, David Berg Institute for Law and History/Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Thought
2015-present HEBREW COLLEGE BOSTON, Me'ah Teaching Faculty
2011-2012 UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, Research Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies
Feb/Mar 2012 TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Visiting Scholar, Goldstein-Goren Center for Diaspora Research,
2010-present HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Center Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
2005-2006 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG, Visiting Doctoral Student

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Jewish Rights, National Rites: Nationalism and Autonomy in Late Imperial and Revolutionary Russia. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press (Stanford Studies in Jewish History and Culture), 2014.

- 2nd Edition Paperback forthcoming spring 2016.
- 2015 *Winner, Choice* Outstanding Academic Title.
- 2015 *Long List*, Historia Nova Prize
- 2014 *Finalist*, National Jewish Book Award.

In progress: *Jewish Rights, East and West: Collective Rights in Israel and the Diaspora*.

EDITED VOLUMES

Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press (The Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought), 2012.

Defining Israel: Sources and Reflections on the Nation-State Law.

Completed manuscript forthcoming with Hebrew Union College/University of Pittsburgh Press. Based on the following forum in *The Marginalia Review of Books*:

<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/defining-israel-forum-recent-attempts-determine-israels-character/>

JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, REFERENCE

“A Bridge to the East: Moses Gaster as a Romanian Folklorist,” in *BÉROSE, encyclopédie en ligne sur l’histoire des savoirs ethnographiques*. Paris, IIAC-LAHIC, 2015. <http://www.berose.fr/?A-Bridge-to-the-East-Moses-Gaster>.

“Simon Dubnov,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*. Edited by Naomi Seidman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. www.oxfordbibliographies.com.

“Diaspora, Nation, and Messiah: An Introductory Essay,” in Simon Rabinovitch ed., *Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States*. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2012, xv-xli.

“Ethnography,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 21-29.

“Folklore,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 231-39.

“Russian Jewry Goes to the Polls: An Analysis of Jewish Voting in the All-Russian Constituent Assembly Elections of 1917,” in *East European Jewish Affairs* vol. 39, no. 2 (August 2009): 205-25.

“Jews, Englishmen and Folklorists: The Scholarship of Joseph Jacobs and Moses Gaster,” in Nadia Valman and Eitan Bar-Yosef eds., *The ‘Jew’ in Late-Victorian and Edwardian Culture: Between the East End and East Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 113-30.

“Positivism, Populism and Politics: The Intellectual Foundations of Jewish Ethnography in Late Imperial Russia,” in *Ab Imperio: Theory and History of Nationalism and Empire in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 3 (2005): 227-56.

“The Dawn of a New Diaspora: Simon Dubnov’s Autonomism, from St. Petersburg to Berlin,” in *The Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* vol. 50 (2005): 267-88.

JOURNALISM AND SHORT PIECES

Positions: Contributor, *Haaretz.com*; Senior Editor, *The Marginalia Review of Books*

“The Ultimate Jewish Road Novel, Set in First-century Rome, Judea, and Beyond,” a review of György Spiró, *Captivity*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (May 16, 2016). <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish/books/1.718539>

“A Conversation with Tzipi Livni,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (August 27, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/a-conversation-with-tzipi-livni/>

“A Blessing on Your Head, and Other Ways to Deliver a Beating in Yiddish,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (May 28, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/a-blessing-on-your-head-and-other-ways-to-deliver-a-beating-in-yiddish-simon-rabinovitch/>

“Jewish and Democratic According to the Law: An Introduction to Israel’s Nation-State Bills,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (February 2, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/jewish-and-democratic-according-to-the-law/>

“Don’t blame the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for anti-Semitism in France,” a review of Maud Mandel, *Muslims and Jews in France: A History of a Conflict*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (January 8, 2015). <http://www.haaretz.com/life/books/.premium-1.635747>

“Defining What’s Jewish About the Jewish State: An Introduction to Ruth Gavison’s Report to the Minister of Justice,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (December 30, 2014). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/constitutional-anchoring-israels-vision-recommendations-submitted-minister-justice-ruth-gavison/>

“A Conversation with Sayed Kashua,” with Margaret Litvin, in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (November 5, 2014). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/conversation-sayed-kashua/>

“Pakistan’s ‘Jewish’ Roots,” a review of Faisal Devji, *Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (October 1, 2013). <http://www.haaretz.com/culture/books/.premium-1.549739>

“Searching for the Meaning of ‘Russian,’” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (July 2, 2013). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/searching-for-the-meaning-of-russian-by-simon-rabinovitch/>

“Europeans of the Orient,” a review of the exhibit *Les Juifs dans l’orientalisme* at the Musée d’art et d’histoire du Judaïsme, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (August 2012), 1, 4, 13. <http://www.haaretz.com/life/books/europe-the-orient-and-the-changing-image-of-the-jews-1.457873>

“In Brief” review of Dana Evan Kaplan, *Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal*, in *The Times Literary Supplement* (October 2, 2009), 31.

“Memory Disorder,” a review of Omer Bartov, *Erased*, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (September 2008), 10-11.

EDITED E-BOOK

With Angela Roskop Erisman and Charles Halton, *LARB Digital Editions* no. 37. Los Angeles, CA: Los Angeles Review of Books, 2015.

ACADEMIC BOOK AND ARTICLE REVIEWS

Article review of Rotem Giladi, “A ‘Historical Commitment’? Identity and Ideology in Israel’s Attitude to the Refugee Convention, 1951-4,” *The International History Review* 37: 4 (2015): 745-67, in *H-Diplo* no. 609 (April 22, 2016). <https://networks.h-net.org/system/files/contributed-files/ar609.pdf>

Book review of Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *Lenin’s Jewish Question*, in *Revolutionary Russia* vol. 25, no. 2 (November 2012): 223-25.

Book review of Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn eds., *The Revolution of 1905 and Russia’s Jews*, in *Slavonic and East European Review* vol. 89, no. 2 (April 2011): 367-69.

Book review of Olga Litvak, *Conscription and the Search for Modern Russian Jewry*, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* vol. 50, 3-4 (September-December 2008): 516-17.

TEACHING

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Courses Taught

- Core Curriculum Social Sciences I: Religion, Social Thought, and the Roots of Society (CAS CC112)
- Core Curriculum Social Sciences II: Religion and Secularism (CAS CC204)
- The Emergence of Modern Europe (CAS HI102)
- The Historian's Craft (CAS HI200)
- Jews in the Modern World (CAS HI219)
- Russia and Its Empires Since 1900 (CAS HI 273)
- History of the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe (CAS HI275)
- Religious Controversies and the Law (CAS HI/RN295)
- Political and Cultural Revolution (CAS HI341)
- Revolutionary Russia (CAS HI446)
- Topics in the History of Popular Culture (HI450)
 - Topic: Ritual Murder and Other Myths of Jewish Conspiracy
- Topics in Jewish History Colloquium (CAS HI552)
 - Topic: Jews, Empires, and Nation States
 - Topic: Modern Jewish Politics
- Graduate Seminar in European History (CAS HI719)
 - Topic: Nationalism
- Directed Study in European History (GRS HI902)

New Course Approved for Fall 2016

- Topics in Legal History (CAS HI 510)
 - Topic: Global History of Tolerance

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- History of the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe
- History of Modern Jewish Political Movements
- Graduate Readings in Russian-Jewish History
- Graduate Readings in Modern Jewish Politics