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Education:

HARVARD UNIVERSITY: Cambridge, MA

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Committee on the Study of Religion, PhD Candidate. – Dissertation topic: *The Relationship between Judaism and Christianity in the Apostolic Constitutions*, under the guidance of Karen King (advisor), Shaye J.D. Cohen, François Bovon. Expected completion: June 2010.

Harvard Divinity School *M.T.S.* Area: Early Christian Studies, June, 2002.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY: New York, NY

Bernard Revel Graduate School: *M.S.* - Bible, 1991

Stern College: *B.A. cum laude* in Mathematics and Jewish Studies, 1988.

Academic Honors and Fellowships:

Katherine W. Stroock Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-2009

Schimberg Fellowship, Harvard University, 2006-2008.

Mandell L. Berman Fellowship, Harvard University, 2004-2006.

Guerrand-Hermes Fellowship for interfaith work, Harvard Divinity School, 2001.

Michael Bernstein Memorial Award for excellence in Hebrew Bible, Bernard Revel Graduate School, 1988.

Award for excellence in Hebraic Studies, Stern College, 1987.

Max Stern Scholarship, Stern College, 1983-1987.

Professional Positions:

BOSTON UNIVERSITY- *Department of Religion*

Visiting Instructor, 2008 - 2010

Teaching two courses per semester, including “Introduction to the Bible,” “Varieties of Early Christianity,” “Introduction to the New Testament,” “Early Christian Women,” “Introduction to Midrash,” “Christianity”

BOSTON HEBREW COLLEGE

Academic Director, Northeastern Region, 2006 – 2008.

Instructor, Rabbinic history and the literature of the Talmud and Midrash. October 2000 – May, 2008.

CITY COLLEGE: CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

Adjunct Instructor for undergraduate lecture course, “Jesus the Jew” 2005-2006.

SKIRBALL CENTER FOR ADULT JEWISH LEARNING – Temple Emanu-El, New York, NY

Instructor of Hebrew Bible and topics in Early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. 2004 – 2007.

PARDES INSTITUTE: Jerusalem, Israel

Instructor of Bible, Talmud, Prayer and other subjects, for Jewish adults, mostly from the United States and Europe.

Emphasis is on development of analytical skills, through lectures and cooperative study (*hevruta*), Lectures in Hebrew and English. July 1994 – June 2000.

DRISHA INSTITUTE: New York, NY

Instructor of Bible, *Midrash*, and liturgical texts for Jewish women. Courses focusing on primary texts, often including time for cooperative study. Summer 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000. Fall, 2004 – Spring 2007.

ECCE HOMO BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM: Jerusalem, Israel

Instructor of Hebrew Scripture, for Catholic religious leaders, on sabbatical in Jerusalem. Emphasis on close readings of biblical texts, with the goal of understanding how Jews have read these stories through the ages. Lectures in English. September 1994 – June 2000

SWEDISH THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE: Jerusalem, Israel

Instructor of Hebrew Scripture, for Protestant theology students and lay people from Holland and Sweden. Emphasis on biblical texts used in the Jewish liturgy, and Jewish exegesis. September, 1995 – June, 2000.

TANTUR ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE: Jerusalem, Israel

Lecturer of Jewish texts - Bible, Talmud, Siddur for Christian religious leaders and lay people. Introduction to Jewish interpretation and ritual with the goal of fostering understanding and respect. September 1996 – June 2000.

MIDRESHET LINDENBAUM: Jerusalem, Israel

Instructor of Talmud and Bible to post-high school students from North America and England; concentrated on skills necessary for independent study of these Aramaic and Hebrew texts; individual and group counseling; extra curricular involvement with students. Lectures in Hebrew and English. July 1990 - June 1994.

PELECH HIGH SCHOOL: Jerusalem, Israel

Instructor - "Women and Halakha"; Exposed Israeli high school students to topics of modern interest by tracking issues from ancient texts to modern thinkers. Lectures in Hebrew. September 1989 - June 1990.

Papers and Presentations:

- "Learning from Adult Learners," presented at the *Conference on Teaching Rabbinic Literature: Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy*, Brandeis University, January, 2008.
- "The Apostolic Constitutions and the Law," presented at conference on *Late Antique Crossroads in the Levant*, Montréal, Quebec, November 2006.
- "Passion and Controversy," Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA. March, 2004 (also available online: www.myjewishlearning.com/history_community/Jewish_World_Today/ContemporaryInterfaith/Jew_Christian_Relations/Lenk_Passion.htm).
- "Jewish Reflections on Reading the New Testament" *Edah Conference*, New York. February, 2004.
- "God as Birth-giver in Jewish Texts," "Barrenness: Traditions and Countertraditions." *Texts of Liberation and Oppression: Feminist Readings of the Bible*: International conference of feminist theologians, Teologiska Hogskolan, Stockholm, Sweden, March 2000.
- "The Other as Mystery" *International Conference of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) Women's Seminar*: Rome, Italy, September 1997.

Language Competence

Greek: Classical and Koine

Latin: Classical and Medieval

Hebrew: Classical and Modern

Aramaic

German: reading

French: reading

Memberships in Learned Societies:

North American Patristics Society, 2008

Society of Biblical Literature, 2000-present.

American Academy of Religion, 2000-present.

Association for Jewish Studies, 2000-present.

Jerusalem Rainbow Group, 1998-2000.

Published Articles:

- "The *Apostolic Constitutions* and the Law" – forthcoming, to be published as part of the proceedings for the colloquium: *Late Antique Crossroads in the Levant*, Montreal, Canada, November 2006.
- "The Da Vinci Code and Ancient Christianity" (beliefnet.com, 2006)
www.beliefnet.com/story/186/story_18615_1.html
- "Hannukah and Miracles," *Sh'ma* (January, 2002)
- "Reflections of an Orthodox Jewish Educator on Christian Pilgrimage to Israel," *Pilgrimage in a New Millennium: Spiritual Reflections from Christians and Jews in the Holy Land* (Jerusalem: Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, 1999)