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Areas of expertise

Bible and literature

Jewish thought and philosophy

German Jewish intellectual history

Current areas of research: literary aspects of philosophical writing; religious structures of modernity; hermeneutic theory; genre theory;
"Maimonides and his modern readers."

Degrees

Ph.D. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., 1994

Reconciling Judaism and "Cultural Consciousness:" The Idea of Versöhnung in Hermann Cohen's Philosophy of Religion.

Erstes Theologisches Examen, Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz, Speyer am Rhein (Germany), 1986

In the Trenches: The 1916 Letters Between Franz Rosenzweig and Eugen Rosenstock (in German)

Academic Positions

Professor of Religion, Jewish Studies, and Medieval Studies

College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Since 2010

Associate Professor of Religion

College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

2002–2010

Assistant Professor of Religion

College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

1996–2002

Academic Administrative Positions

Director, Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies,
Boston University

2013-2022

Acting Director, Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies,
Boston University

2011-12

Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religion,
Boston University

2009 to 2011

Director, Division of Religious and Theological Studies,
Boston University

2006-07

Associate Director, Division of Religious and Theological Studies,
Boston University

1999-2006

Visiting Professorships

July 2019: Forum Humanum Visiting Professor

Akademie der Weltreligionen, Hamburg University (Germany)

October 2012: Hooker Distinguished Visiting Professor

Department of Religion, McMaster University, Hamilton/Ontario

Spring 2008: Schalom-ben-Chorin Professur für jüdische Religionsphilosophie, Uni Würzburg (declined)

Winter 2006/07: Visiting Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Intellectual History
Hochschule für jüdische Studien, Heidelberg, (declined)

2002-03: Martin Buber Professorship for Jewish Philosophy of Religion
Johann Wolfgang Goethe University-Frankfurt/Main (Germany) (full faculty status)

Summer 1999: Martin Buber Professorship for Jewish Philosophy of Religion
Johann Wolfgang Goethe University-Frankfurt/Main (Germany) (visiting status)

Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

2023-26 PI, Israel Institute, D.C.: Three-year appointment of post-doctoral teaching fellow.
2021-22 PI, Israel Institute, D.C.: One-year appointment of post-doctoral teaching fellow.
2020-21 Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies, Honorary Harry Starr Fellow.
2017-18 CURA Fellow, Colloquium on "Religion and Social Engagement." Boston University.
2016-17 PI, Israel Institute, D.C.: Visiting Israel Professor Leora Bilsky (Law and Political Science).
2016-17 Jeffrey Henderson Senior Fellow, BU Center for the Humanities.
2013 PI, BU Center for the Humanities: Visiting faculty grant for Myriam Bienenstock (Tours).
2011-12 PI, BU Center for the Humanities grant in support of Hermann Cohen Society of North America.
2009-13 PI, Posen Foundation: Course development grant for "Other Within."
2007-08 Senior Fellowship, The Humanities Foundation, Boston University.
2008 Prize for contributions to Jewish Studies, JSRI, Cluj/Romania.
2006 Brandeis Summer Institute for Israel Studies (declined).
2006 BU Honors Program: Award for Excellence in Teaching.
2000 Frank and Lynne Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching, CAS/BU.
1998-99 Junior Fellow of the Humanities Foundation, Boston University.
1996 NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, Hebrew University Jerusalem.
1994-95 Franz Rosenzweig Research Center for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History, Jerusalem (declined).

Publications

Jerusalem. A Brief History. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2018.

Politics, Religion and Political Theology. Edited by Allen Speight and Michael Zank [Boston Series in Philosophy and Religion, ed. Allen Speight, vol. 3], Amsterdam: Springer Verlag, 2017.

Jüdische Religionsphilosophie als Apologie des Mosaismus. [Religion in Philosophy and Theology, ed. Ingo Dalferth, vol. 88]. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016.

The Value of the Particular: Lessons from Judaism and the Modern Jewish Experience, Festschrift for Steven T. Katz on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday, edited by Michael Zank and Ingrid Anderson, with the editorial assistance of Sarah Leventer and an introduction by Michael Zank [Series: Journal for Jewish Thought and Philosophy Supplementa, ed. Elliot Wolfson et al.], Boston: Brill, 2015.

Take A Teacher, Make A Friend. Students Write for Elie Wiesel, edited by Michael Zank and Leanne Hoppe, with an introduction by Michael Zank (Boston: Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies, 2014).

New Perspectives on Martin Buber, Series: Religion in Philosophy and Theology, ed. Ingo Dalferth, vol. 22, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006. (Editor, co-translator, and contributor.)

Leo Strauss, *The Early Writings (1921-1932).* SUNY Series in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss, ed. Kenneth H. Green, Albany: SUNY Press, 2002. (Translator and editor.)

Weisung für die Menschheit: Von der Bedeutung des menschlichen Lebens by Rabbiner Yoel Schwarz (Author), Michael Zank (Translator), Klaus Müller (Translator), and Martin Kuhlmann (Translator). Jerusalem Academy Publications; 1st edition, 2000.

The Idea of Atonement in the Philosophy of Hermann Cohen. With a preface by Wendell Dietrich and an appendix of manuscripts from The National and University Library, Givat Ram, Jerusalem, and Nachlass Natorp Ms. 831 at Hessisches Staatsarchiv, Marburg. Providence/R.I.: Brown Judaic Studies, 2000. Second, revised e-book edition: 2020
(<https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:1111035/>), and on JSTOR and Project Muse).

Chapters in edited volumes

„A Peripheral Field. Meditations on the Status of Jewish Philosophy” in M. David Eckel and Try Dujardin, *The Future of the Philosophy of Religion*. Boston Series in Philosophy and Religion. Springer Verlag (2021), 179-189.

„Emil Fackenheim: ‚Die gebietende Stimme von Auschwitz’“ in *„Alles wirkliche Leben ist Begegnung“ Festschrift zum vierzigjährigen Bestehen von Studium in Israel e. V.* Editors: Ehmann, Johannes, Krause, Joachim J., Schröder, Bernd (Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, Leipzig 2018), 297-303.

“Mishpat Ivri: A Genre-Critical Approach” in *Grenzgänger: Festgabe für Michael Krupp*. Editors: Wittstock A, Kruse W (Schwäbisch Hall, 2018), 80-93.

“Torah v. Jewish Law. A Genre-Critical Approach to the Political Theology of Reappropriation” in Allen Speight and Michael Zank (eds.), *Philosophy, Theology, and Politics* [Boston Series in Philosophy and Religion, ed. Allen Speight], Springer Verlag (2017), 195-221.

“Gott und Welt, Gott und Mensch: Ein Versuch zum jüdischen Monotheismus” in Bernhard Nitsche, Klaus von Stosch, Muna Tatari (edd.), *Gott – Jenseits von Monismus und Theismus?*. Beiträge zur komparativen Theologie. Hrg. v. Klaus von Stosch, Bd. 23. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2017, 227-245.

“Martin Buber an der Universität Frankfurt (1923-33): Universitätsgeschichtliche Erinnerung und wissenschaftsgeschichtliche Annäherung” in Moritz Epple, Johannes Fried, Raphael Gross and Janus Gudian (eds.), *»Politisierung der Wissenschaft« Jüdische Wissenschaftler und ihre Gegner an der Universität Frankfurt vor und nach 1933* (Schriftenreihe des Frankfurter Universitätsarchivs). Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2016, 195-208.

“Jerusalem in Religious Studies: The City and Scripture” in *Jerusalem: Conflict and Cooperation in a Contested City* edited by Miriam Elman and Madeleine Adelman, Syracuse/NY: Syracuse University Press, 2014, pp. 114-142.

“Justice” in *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era*, edited by Martin Kavka, Zachary Braiterman, and David Novak (Cambridge, New York, etc.: Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 704-738.

“Strauss, Schmitt, and Peterson: Comparative Contours of the ‘Theological Political Predicament’” in *German-Jewish Thought Between Religion and Politics. FS Mendes Flohr*, ed. Martina Urban and Christian Wiese (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2012), pp. 317-333.

“Jasper’s *Achsenzeit* Hypothesis: A Critical Reappraisal” 30th-Anniversary Festschrift for the Karl Jaspers Society of North America, *Philosophical Faith and the Future of Humanity*, ed. Alan Olson, Greg Walters, and Helmut Wautischer (Amsterdam: Springer Verlag, 2012), pp. 189-202.

“Les conceptions politique de Franz Rosenzweig” in Myriam Bienenstock (ed.), *Héritages de Franz Rosenzweig: Nous et les autres* (Paris: Éditions de l’Éclat, 2011), pp. 208-220

“Zehn Bemerkungen zum ‘Stern’ als Rosenzweigs ‘Antwort’ auf Rosenstocks ‘Kreuz der Wirklichkeit’” in *“Kreuz der Wirklichkeit” und “Stern der Erlösung” Die Glaubens-Metaphysik von Eugen Rosenstock-Huussy und Franz Rosenzweig*. Edited by Hartwig Wiedebach. Freiburg: Alber Verlag, 2010, pp. 135-148.

“Desiderata der Rosenstock- und Rosenzweig-Forschung. Responsio ad Gormann-Thelen” in *“Kreuz der Wirklichkeit” und “Stern der Erlösung” Die Glaubens-Metaphysik von Eugen Rosenstock-Huussy und Franz Rosenzweig*. Edited by Hartwig Wiedebach. Freiburg: Alber Verlag, 2010, pp. 149-152.

“Politische Theologie als Genealogie. Anmerkungen zu Schmitt, Strauss, Peterson und Assmann” in *Fragen nach dem einen Gott. Die Monotheismusdebatte im Kontext*, ed. Gesine Palmer. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007, 229-250.

“Where Art Thou? Biblical Perspectives on Responsibility” in *Responsibility* (BU Institute of Philosophy and Religion 2004 Lectures), ed. Barbara Darling-Smith (Lanham, MD: Rowman&Littlefield, 2007), pp. .

“Rosenzweig und Cohen. Beobachtungen zu einer Schüler-Lehrer-Beziehung” in Wolfdietrich Schmied-Kowarzik (ed.), *Franz Rosenzweig’s “Neues Denken.” Internationaler Kongress Kassel 2004*, vol. I: *Selbstbegrenzendes Denken – in philosophos* (Freiburg and Munich: Verlag Karl Alber, 2006) pp. 156-178.

“Martin Buber – A Visualization of His Life in the Cities of His Work” in *New Perspectives on Martin Buber* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006), pp. 11-30.

“Buber and *Religionswissenschaft*: The Case of His Studies on Biblical Faith” in *New Perspectives on Martin Buber* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006), pp. 61-82.

“Between Dialogue and Disputation: Wilhelm Herrmann and Hermann Cohen on Ethics, Religion, and the Self” in Gesche Linde, Richard Purkharther, Heiko Schulz, Peter Steinacker (ed.), *Theologie zwischen Pragmatismus und Existenzdenken. FS für Hermann Deuser zum 60. Geburtstag*, Marburg: N. G. Elwert Verlag, 2006, pp. 131-148.

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“Leo Strauss’s Rediscovery of the Exoteric” in: *Religious Apologetics and Philosophical Argumentation*, ed. Yossef Schwarz and Volkhard Krech, Series: Religion in Philosophie und Theologie, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2004, 185-202.

“Arousing Suspicion Against a Prejudice: Leo Strauss and the Study of Maimonides’ *Guide of the Perplexed*” in *Moses Maimonides (1138-1204) - His Religious, Scientific, and Philosophical Wirkungsgeschichte in Different Cultural Contexts*, ed. by Görgo K. Hasselhoff and Otfried Fraise (Ex Oriente Lux: Rezeptionen und Exegesen als Traditionskritik, vol. 4) Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2004, pp. 549-571.

“Bescheidenheit als Kriterium guter Theologie” in Clemens Sedmak ed. *Was ist gute Theologie?* (Salzburger Theologische Studien 20) Innsbruck-Wien: Tyrolia Verlag, 2003, pp. 309-322.

“Spinoza, die Juden, und die theologisch-politische Brille” in Bernd Witte (Hg.), *Der eine Gott und die Welt der Religionen*, Würzburg: Religion und Kultur Verlag, 2003, pp. 89-108.

"Franz Rosenzweig, the 1920s, and the <email> moment of textual reasoning" in *Textual Reasonings: Jewish Philosophy and Text Study After Modernity*, edited by Peter Ochs and Nancy Levene. London: SCM Press, 2002, pp. 229-250.

"Unterscheiden und Zusammendenken, oder: Hermann Cohen als kulturphilosophischer Gestaltversuch" in: *Rationalität der Religion und Kritik der Kultur*, ed. Hermann Deuser and Michael Moxter, Series: Religion in der Moderne, ed. Matthias Lutz-Bachmann and Michael Sievernich, Würzburg: Echter Verlag, 2002, pp. 55-68.

"Inauthentizitätsverdacht und Anspruch auf Authentizität. Reflexionen über Hermann Cohens Auseinandersetzung mit dem Christentum" in "*Religion of Reason Out of the Sources of Judaism. Tradition and the Concept of Origin in Hermann Cohen's Later Work*", ed. H. Holzhey, G. Motzkin und H. Wiedebach. Hildesheim/Zürich/New York: Olms, 2000, 303-329.

"The Rabbinic Epithet *Gevurah*" in *Approaches to Ancient Judaism* vol. 14, ed. Jacob Neusner (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998), pp. 83-169.

"Hermann Cohen und die rabbinische Literatur" in *Hermann Cohen's Philosophy of Religion. International Conference in Jerusalem 1996*, ed. Stéphane Mosès and Hartwig Wiedebach, Hildesheim/Zürich/New York: Georg Olms, 1997 (= Philosophische Texte und Studien Band 44), pp. 263-291.

Peer-reviewed articles

"A Putative (Private) Life of Hannah Arendt: Bio-portraiture as performance in the work of Miriam Shenitzer" in *Performance Philosophy Journal* vol. 5/1 (2019).
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21476/PP.2019.51272>

"Torah als Staatsrecht? Epochen einer theologisch-politischen Idee" in *Interjekte* (e-journal) 10 (2017), 34-39.

"The Jerusalem Basic Law (1980/2000) and the Jerusalem Embassy Act (1990/95): A comparative investigation of Israeli and US legislation on the status of Jerusalem," in: *Israel Studies* 21.3 (2016), 20-35.

"The Grinch Who Stole the Bible: Teaching Scripture Through Distance, Proximity, and Engagement" in Emily Ransom and Peter Hawkins (edd.), Forum: "Rethinking the Bible as Literature" in *Religion and Literature* vol. 46.1 (Spring 2016), 175-182.

(With Thomas Meyer), "More Early Writings by Leo Strauss from the *Jüdische Wochenzeitung für Cassel, Hessen und Waldeck* (1925–1928)" in *Interpretation* 39/11, Spring-Summer 2012, 109-137.

(With Hartwig Wiedebach), "The Kant-Maimonides Constellation" *JJTP* 20.2 (2012), 135-145.

"The Heteronomy of Modern Jewish Philosophy" in *JJTP* 20.1 (2012), 99-134.

"Holy City: Jerusalem in Time, Space, and the Imagination" in *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*, XIX/1 (2008), 40-67.

"How does one become a Jewish philosopher? Reflections on a canonical status" in *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 18.6 (Winter 2007), 168-180 (online at www.jsri.ro).

"*Zwischen den Stühlen?* On the Taxonomic Anxieties of Modern Jewish Philosophy." Invited essay for the first issue of the *European Journal for Jewish Studies* (*EJJS*), vol. 1, no. 1 (2007), 105-134.

"The Ethics of Rebuke" in *Textual Reasoning*, guest-edited by Dana Hollander, Volume 4, Number 1 (November 2005), on-line at http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume4/TR_04_01_e02.html.

“Jenseits der Synthese: Das theologisch-politische Problem in den frühen Schriften von Leo Strauss” in *transversal. Zeitschrift des Centrums für Jüdische Studien*, Karl Franzens Universität Graz. Thematic issue on “Konstellationen Jüdischer Philosophie” edited by Daniel Wildman and Ulrich Wyrwa, 6. Jg./Heft 1 (2005), 65-83.

“The Ethics in Hermann Cohen’s Philosophical System” in *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, guest-edited by Robert Gibbs, vol. 13, Numbers 1-2 (2004), pp. 1-15.

“Jüdische Religionsphilosophie als Apologie des Mosaismus” in *Archivio di filosofia*, 2003, (LXXI) Nr.1-3, 173-182.

“The Rosenzweig-Rosenstock Triangle, or, What Can We Learn From *Letters to Gritli?*” in *Modern Judaism*, vol. 23 nr. 1 (February 2003), 74-98.

“Unser jüdischer Spezialkollege” in *Widerspruch. Münchner Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 21. Jahrgang, Nr. 37 (2001), 80-84.

“Goldhagen in Germany: Historians’ Nightmare & Popular Hero. An Essay on the Reception of *Hitler’s Willing Executioners* in Germany” in: *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 24 no. 3 (July 1998), 231-240.

“The Individual as I’ in Hermann Cohen’s Jewish Thought” in *The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, vol. 5, No. 2 (1996), 281-296.

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“Zion” in *Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur* ed. Dan Diner, vol. 6. (Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler Verlag, 2015), 564-567.

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“Apikoros” in *Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur* ed. Dan Diner. Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler Verlag, vol. 1 (2011).

“Cohen, Hermann” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter (published).

“Neo-Kantianism” in *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, ed. Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks/California: SAGE Publications, 2010.

“Atonement. II. Judaism. d. Modern Era and Present” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter (published).

“Atonement” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin (2011).

“Hermann Cohen” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin (2011).

“Hermann Cohen” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig, London, 1998.

Reviews and review essays

Review of *Jerusalem. History of a Global City*, Under the direction of Vincent Lemire, with Katell Berthelot, Julien Loiseau, and Yann Potin. Translated by Juliana Frogatt. University of California Press (2022) in *Mediterranean Studies* (submitted Aug. 2022).

Review of Miguel Vatter, *Living Law: Jewish Political Theology from Hermann Cohen to Hannah Arendt* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2021) in *Review of Politics* Winter 2022, Volume 84 Issue 1 [online at <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670521000875>].

“New Work on Hermann Cohen” (Frederick Beiser, *Hermann Cohen*, Paul Nahme, *Hermann Cohen and the Crisis of Liberalism*, Myriam Bienenstock, *Cohen und Rosenzweig*) in *Modern Judaism: A Journal of Jewish Ideas and Experience* Volume 39 Issue 3 (2019), 370-394.

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Howse, Robert, *Leo Strauss: Man of Peace*. New York 2014, Cambridge University Press. 188 S., in: *Der Staat*, Heft 1/2015, 54. Band, S. 153-157.

Review of Michael Morgan, *Fackenheim's Jewish Philosophy: An Introduction* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, September 2014 (on-line at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/50258-fackenheim-s-jewish-philosophy-an-introduction/>).

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Nancy Levene, *Spinoza's Revelation: Religion, Democracy, and Reason* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004) in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, Volume 62, Issue 04, November 2009, pp 509-511.

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Editorial Board, *Journal for Jewish Thought and Philosophy*. 2005 – 2021.

Editorial Board, *RUDN Journal of Philosophy* (see <https://journals.rudn.ru/philosophy>). Since 2019.

Series Co-editor, "Religion in der pluralen Welt", LIT Verlag, Münster (Germany). Since Febr 2006.

Advisory Board, interdisciplinary project "Key Concepts in Interreligious Dialogue: Judaism, Christianity and Islam (KCID)" (University of Erlangen). 2017-19.

Peer reviewer

Peer review of articles for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *EJJS*, *Hebrew Union College Annual*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Israel Studies* (journal), *Journal for Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *JQR*, *Modern Judaism*, *Modern Theology*, *Naharaim*, *PHILOSOPHIA: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethics*, and *the Humanities in Medicine*, *Journal of Religion*, *Review of Politics*, *Rosenzweig Yearbook*, *Studies in the History of Ethics* (e-journal), and *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Evaluation of book proposals, manuscripts (book length and other), proposals for revision, etc. for Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Indiana University Press, Leo Baeck Institute Year Book, Lexington Books, Oxford University Press, Presses universitaires de Liège, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield, SUNY Press (Albany), University of Chicago Press, University of Notre Dame Press, Wiley-Blackwell.

Evaluation of tenure and/or promotion cases for Case Western Reserve University, Bar Ilan University, Binghamton University (SUNY), Brandeis University, Brown University, Connecticut College, McMaster University, Princeton University, Syracuse University, University of Exeter, University of Manchester, University of Virginia, University of Rochester.

External program evaluations for Tufts University (2009), Martin Buber Professorship, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-University Frankfurt (2006), Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (2006).

Evaluation of grant proposals for Austrian Science Fund (2010), John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (2008), Hong Kong Research Council (2008, 2009, 2010), Leverhulme Trust (2007), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2006), Georgian National Science Foundation.

Candidate evaluation for major prizes, fellowships, and award: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Division Humanities and Social Sciences; FNP Prize of the Executive Board and the Advisory Council of the Foundation for Polish Science; Radcliffe Institute.

Academic papers and public lectures

Academic papers

“Ins Leben: Ein Ausstieg aus der Geschichte? Vortrag für die Konferenz der Internationalen Rosenzweig Gesellschaft, Frankfurt, July 20, 2022 (written, not delivered due to medical emergency).

„Leo Strauss zu Platons *Nomoi*: Ein Metakommentar über die Torah?“ Invited lecture, Selma Stern Zentrum für jüdische Studien, Potsdam, and Freie Universität, Berlin. July 19, 2022 (written, not delivered due to medical emergency).

“Method in Spinoza and Maimonides.” Invited lecture, conference “Intersections Between Philosophy and Jewish Thought.” Selma Stern Zentrum für jüdische Studien, Potsdam, and Freie Universität, Berlin, March 8, 2022.

“Literary Aspects of Philosophical Writing: The Case of Maimonides’ *Guide of the Perplexed*.” Presentation to the Starr Fellows Seminar, Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies, Febr. 17, 2021.

Response to a panel on Jewish Hegelians. Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Dec 18, 2018.

"Autonomy and Freedom" AJS panel on "Drawing Cohen into the Conversation: A centennial commemoration of Hermann Cohen" Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Dec 17, 2018.

“Universalism and Particularism in Modern Jewish Thought.” CURA Fellows Seminar, March 23, 2018.

“Mishpat Ivri (משפט עברי): A genre-critical approach.” Invited presentation. Minerva Center for the Study of Law and Human Rights, Tel Aviv University School of Law. January 10, 2018.

“Hermann Cohen After 100 Years.” Invited presentation. Israel Studies Center of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Sde Boqer, Israel. January 9, 2018.

Response to a research paper on Simon Szanto. Minerva Rosenzweig Center Fellows Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. January 8, 2018.

"The Concept of Tolerance in the Jewish Tradition." Invited conference presentation. Conference on Tolerance in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Dec 13, 2017.

"Torah als Staatsrecht? Epochen einer theologisch-politischen Idee" Conference on "The Return of Religion and the Cultural Sciences." Annual conference of the Berlin Center for Literature and Cultural Sciences (Zentrum für Literatur und Kulturwissenschaft) Berlin, Oct 31, 2015.

"Belief and Unbelief: A Straussian Perspective" Institute for Philosophy and Religion 2015/16 series on Faith and Doubt. Boston University, September 30, 2015.

"The Jerusalem Basic Law (1980/2000) and the Jerusalem Embassy Act (1990/95): A comparative investigation of Israeli and US legislation on the status of Jerusalem" AIS Montreal, June 1 2015.

"Can Philosophy Help Us Understand Religion?" Institute for Philosophy and Religion lecture series on Philosophy and the Future of Religion. Boston University, October 3, 2014.

"Jewish Philosophy and the Problem of History" Bar Ilan University, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Jan 6, 2014.

"Strauss und Cohen," Strauss Workshop at Zentrum für Literatur und Kulturforschung, Berlin, June 20, 2013.

"Philosophy of Religion or Philosophies of Religions," Department of Religion faculty colloquium, McMaster University, Hamilton/Ontario, Oct 24, 2012.

"Is Cohen the Enemy? Reflections Apropos Mark Lilla's A Stillborn God," International Rosenzweig Society Congress, University of Toronto, Sept 3, 2012.

"Zwischen Religionswissenschaft und »Aufbau im Untergang« – Martin Buber vor und nach der unbefristeten Beurlaubung 1933" at International Conference on "Scholarship in Times of Political Radicalisation: Jews, Nationalists, and Others at the University of Frankfurt in the First Part of the 20th Century," Goethe University Frankfurt, June 27, 2012.

"Wissenschaft als Widerstand: Martin Buber über Bildung und die Bibel" Seminar and guest lecture in series on *Jüdisches Denken in Frankfurt: Das Freie Jüdische Lehrhaus 1920-1938*, under the auspices of the Martin Buber Professorship for Jewish Philosophy of Religion at Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main (Germany), May 9, 2012. Also at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Seminar für Jüdische Studien, Halle (Germany), May 7, 2012.

"Die Form des Innern: The German-Jewish Musical Tradition and the Philosophical Anthropology of the Berlin School (Mendelssohn, Steinthal, Cohen)" *German Jewish Aspirations in Music and Culture in 19th and 20th Century Germany*, Brandeis University, November 14, 2011.

"Jenseits des Schmelztiegels, oder: Weshalb Cohens Philosophie der Versöhnung mit dem (deutschen) Protestantismus in Amerika nicht ankommt" International conference on Religion aus den Quellen der Vernunft: Hermann Cohen und die protestantische Theologie, Tübingen, Sept. 2011.

"Strauss in England" Paper for a conference on German-speaking Jewish philosophers in British contexts, organized by the Leo Baeck Institute, London, Nov 23, 2010.

"Monotheism and its Discontents: *Achsenzeit* or *deus ex machina*?" Karl Jaspers Society panel on World Philosophy and the Axial Age Thesis at APA, Eastern Division Meeting, Dec 27, 2009.

"Rosenzweigs politische Ideen" International Rosenzweig Society Congress, Paris, May 17-20, 2009.

"The Heteronomy of Jewish Philosophy. Five observations and a question." Invited paper, conference on Jewish Philosophy: Past Approaches, New Directions at McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario) and King's University College (London, Ontario), April 20–22, 2009.

"Was sollen uns die Bilder, oder: Ist der Stern der Erlösung eine adequate Antwort auf das Kreuz der Wirklichkeit?" Opening lecture, international conference on „Kreuz der Wirklichkeit“ und „Stern der Erlösung“: Die Glaubens-Metaphysik von Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy und Franz Rosenzweig, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, July 6-9, 2008.

"How Does One Become a Jewish Philosopher. Reflections on a Canonical Status" Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, Series on The Future of Philosophy of Religion, Oct. 10, 2007.

"The City as Palimpsest: On Scripture as the Matrix for Jerusalem as a Holy City," Conference on Jerusalem Across the Disciplines, ASU Tempe/Arizona, February 20, 2007.

"Hermeneutics and Jewish Tradition" at Conferenze *Percorsi della filosofia*, Università degli Studi di Torino, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Dipartimento di Filosofia, Oct. 26, 2006.

"Politische Philosophie und ihre Kritik: Cohen und Strauss" at *Juden und Öffentlichkeit*, Internationale Tagung der Leo Baeck Institute London und Jerusalem und des Hermann Cohen-Archivs Zürich, Zürich, Oct. 23, 2006.

"Gerechtigkeit" Research Colloquium in Old Testament Studies, Theology Faculty, Leipzig University, February 23, 2006.

"Martin Bubers Bibelwissenschaft als Beitrag zur Religionswissenschaft" Martin-Buber-Haus Heppenheim, February 22, 2006.

"The 'Theologico-Political Predicament' and the Context of the Early Strauss," Karl Jaspers Society of North America, group session at the APA Eastern Division conference, NYC, Dec. 2005.

"Strauss, Schmitt, and Peterson, or: Comparative Contours of the Theological-Political Problem," AJS annual meeting in Washington/DC, Dec. 2005.

"The European Critique of Religion and the Jews" Workshop Jewish Philosophy of Religion, JWGoethe University Frankfurt/Main, July 11, 2005.

"Ist mit Hermann Cohen noch Staat zu machen?" Invited opening lecture to the international conference on *Jüdische und politische Profile im Umkreis Hermann Cohens*, Coswig (Anhalt), June 24, 2005.

"Arousing Suspicion Against a Prejudice: Leo Strauss and the Study of Maimonides' *Guide of the Perplexed*" BU Center for the Philosophy of Science conference on Maimonides as Philosopher and Scientist, Nov. 8, 2004.

"Leo Strauss's Critique of Cohen's Interpretation of Maimuni", International Conference on Kant and Maimonides, Oct 31-Nov 1, 2004, in Tempe/AZ.

"The Ethics of Rebuke" The First Natalie Limonick Symposium on Jewish Civilization on "The Ethics of the Neighbor" Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, May 17, 2004.

"Franz Rosenzweig und Hermann Cohen: Wirkungsgeschichtliche Bilanz einer Schüler-Lehrer Beziehung" International Franz Rosenzweig Congress Kassel, March 30, 2004.

"Where Art Thou? Biblical Perspectives on Responsibility" Institute for the Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, January 21, 2004.

"Die Entdeckung des Dialogischen in der jüdischen Philosophie des frühen 20. Jahrhunderts," IPP Studientag Religion im Dialog, JWGoethe-Univ. Frankfurt, July 11, 2003.

"Die Aktualität Martin Bubers, oder: Religionswissenschaft als die zentrale Perspektive des Buberschen Werkes" International Symposium on Martin Buber: Neue Perspektiven/New Perspectives, JWGoethe Universität Frankfurt, July 6, 2003.

- “Der Mythosbegriff im Diskurs der modernen jüdischen Philosophie” Conference on Religionsphilosophische Aspekte in der Dialektik der Aufklärung von M. Horkheimer und Th. W. Adorno, Institute for the Philosophy of Religion, JWGoethe-Univ. Frankfurt, June 28, 2003.
- “Gotteslästerung und Profanierung des Namens” Seminar of the Inst. for Linguistics and Philosophy of Language (W. Hamacher) on Blasphemy, JWGoethe-Univ., June 13, 2003.
- “From Presuppositionalism to Political Philosophy: Strauss’s Discovery of the Exoteric in the Contexts of his Early Work,” Lecture to the Yale University Judaic Studies Program, Febr. 25, 2003.
- “Judentum und Moderne: Eine theologisch-politische Betrachtung,” Inaugural lecture, Martin-Buber-Professorship in Jewish Philosophy of Religion, JWGoethe University Frankfurt, Oct. 21, 2002.
- “Leo Strauss’s Rediscovery of the Exoteric” Second international conference on Religious Polemics and Philosophical Argumentation, Frankfurt, July 13, 2002.
- “Harnack und Baeck nach hundert Jahren: Was bleibt noch von der Frage nach dem Wesen?” International conference on Religious Polemics and Philosophical Argumentation, Frankfurt, Sept. 12-16, 2001.
- “The Ethics in Hermann Cohens System of Philosophy,” Public key note address, Symposium on the Ethics of Hermann Cohen, University of Toronto, Aug. 27, 2001.
- “Göttliche Verstellungskunst und postliberale Pädagogik,” Rundgespräch Religion und Bildung, Forschungsstätte der Evangelischen Studiengemeinschaft (FEST), Heidelberg, Sept. 22, 2000.
- “The Torah as a Constitution for no State,” NEMAAR, Providence/RI, April 14, 2000.
- “A Critique of Edith Wyschogrod’s *An Ethics of Remembering*,” Session on “Ethics and Memory After the Cataclysm” AAR, Boston, Nov 20, 1999.
- “Jüdische Philosophie am Ende des 20sten Jahrhunderts” Guest lecture. Moses Mendelssohn Research Center Potsdam (Berlin-Brandenburg), July 8, 1999.
- “Unterscheiden und Zusammendenken. Religionsphilosophie und Regeln der Denkpraxis bei Hermann Cohen” Lecture at Internationales Rundgespräch “Rationalität der Religion und Kritik der Kultur: Hermann Cohen und Ernst Cassirer,” Frankfurt am Main, June 24, 1999.
- “Einige Vorüberlegungen zur jüdischen Philosophie am Ende des 20. Jahrhunderts” Inaugural lecture, Martin-Buber- Professor für jüdische Religionsphilosophie, JWGoethe-University Frankfurt, May 3, 1999.
- “Cohens Auseinandersetzung mit dem Christentum,” International Conference on Hermann Cohen, *Religion der Vernunft aus den Quellen des Judentums*, Hermann Cohen-Archiv am Philosophischen Seminar der Universität Zürich, unter dem Patronat der Schweizerischen Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften, Sept. 10, 1998.
- “On the Modernity, Authenticity, and Rationality of Modern Jewish Philosophy.” Philosophy of Religion Section and Study of Judaism Section on: “A Requiem For Modern Jewish Thought” AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 24, 1997.
- “Germanism, Judaism, and the Rediscovery of the Political Dimension in Jewish Thought.” BU Conference on Political Dimensions in Modern Jewish Thought. Boston, Oct 26, 1997
- “Reverberations of Hermann Cohen in Contemporary Jewish Philosophy” Second Annual Meeting of the Academy for Jewish Philosophy at the APA, Eastern Division, Atlanta, Dec. 29, 1996

"What is in a (Divine) Name? The Case of the Rabbinic Epithet *Gevurah*" AAR New Orleans, Nov. 1996

"The Life of Adam and Eve: A Comparison between the Greek and Latin Versions" NEH-Summer-Seminar for College Teachers, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 1996.

"Hermann Cohen und die rabbinische Literatur," International Conference on Hermann Cohen's Philosophy of Religion at the Franz Rosenzweig Research Center for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 19-21, 1996.

"Boundary Crossings and World View," Regional Meeting of the New England-Maritime AAR, Harvard Divinity School, March 29, 1996.

"*Teshuva* and *Kappara* in Hermann Cohen's Philosophy," Annual meeting of the AJS, Boston, Dec. 1994.

"The Idea of Atonement in Hermann Cohen's Philosophy of Religion," Faculty Colloquium, Hebrew College, Brookline/Mass., Oct. 10, 1994.

"A Critique of Robert Gibbs, *Correlations in Rosenzweig and Levinas*" Meeting of the Academy for Jewish Philosophy at the Conference of the AJS, Boston, Dec. 18, 1994.

"Philosophical Contexts of Hermann Cohen's Concept of Concrete Subjectivity," Academy for Jewish Philosophy, University of Judaism, Los Angeles, June 6, 1994.

"Modern Jewish Political Philosophy in the Diasporah: The Models of Spinoza, Mendelssohn, and Cohen," AJS, Boston, Dec. 1993.

"Wilhelm Herrmann's Challenge to Hermann Cohen," Annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Dec. 1991

Lectures

"The Hebrew Bible and the Primordial History of Genesis." Intro lecture to BU/CAS Core Curriculum, Sept 6, 2022.

"Religion and Violence in the Bible" Guest lecture for BU course on "Religion and Violence" (Teena Purohit). Febr 20, 2020.

"The Bible as Canon" Introductory lecture for Boston University Core Curriculum CC101. September 10, 2019.

„Geschichte der Juden in Hamburg“ Rotary Club Hamburg Bergedorf, July 8, 2019.

"Durch Blut geheiligt? Religion und Gewalt in der Geschichte Jerusalems" Forum Humanum Visiting Professor at Akademie der Weltreligionen der Universität Hamburg. Kaisersaal, Rathaus Hamburg, July 1, 2019.

"Jerusalem in Time, Space, and the Imagination" Presentation to the BU Evergreen Program, June 20, 2016.

"Jerusalem in Time, Space, and the Imagination" Presentation to BU alumni in Needham/Mass. April 11, 2016.

"Unlike Moses: The Biblical Prophet in Muslim Tradition." Presentation to the Jewish Law Students' Association at Boston University. February 1, 2016.

“Jerusalem: A Symbol and its Representations.” Shivek Lecture, Temple Emeth, Chestnut Hill/Mass., May 9, 2015

“Moses in the Qur’an.” Shivek Lecture, Temple Emeth, Chestnut Hill/Mass., May 10, 2015

“Christian Jewish Dialogue and its Discontents” Lecture and workshop in dialogue with John Connelly (UC Berkeley) on “Explicit and Implicit Anti-Semitism. European Catholics Before Vatican II.” Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, March 23, 2015.

“Jerusalem in the Religious Studies Classroom” Brandeis University, Schusterman Seminar in Israel Studies; October 24, 2014.

Introductory lecture on the Hebrew Bible, The CAS Core Curriculum. September 10, 2013; Sept 9, 2014.

“Jerusalem, or: How an ordinary royal city of the ancient southern Levant attained extraordinary holiness.” McMaster University, Hamilton/Ontario, Oct 23, 2012.

Lecture on Genesis 12-50 (Patriarchal Narratives), The CAS Core Curriculum. September 18, 2012.

“Breaking down J-town: Religion, Politics and Demographics of Jerusalem.” Lecture sponsored by the BU Arab Israeli Peace Alliance. Howard Thurman Center, April 5, 2010.

“Jerusalem: Teaching and Writing on a Troubled City.” First Church Boston (UU), January 31, 2010.

“Der Begriff der Gerechtigkeit in der jüdischen Religionsphilosophie.” Gesellschaft für christlich-jüdische Zusammenarbeit Leipzig, February 23, 2006.

“Martin Buber's *I and Thou*,” Literatursalon Philosophie, Goethe Institut Boston, Dec. 16, 2004.

“Das Land Israel in der rabbinischen Tradition” Arbeitskreis Kirche und Judentum, Evangelical Church of the Palatinate, Neustadt-Hambach (Germany), March 29, 2004.

“The Struggle for Jerusalem in Historical Perspective” Lecture to the Trustee Scholars Seminar, Boston University, Dec. 8, 2003.

“Death and Afterlife in Rabbinic Judaism” Guest lecture in the Seminar on Modernity, University Professors Program, BU, Oct. 3, 2003.

Franz Rosenzweigs “Gritli Briefe”. Guest lecture in a seminar on Rosenzweig (W. Licharz), JWGoethe-Univ. Frankfurt, May 27, 2003.

“Liebe zu den Geboten: Anthropologie und Theologie in der jüdischen Religion” Conference on Thora-Gesetz-Sharia: Ihre theologische und lebenspraktische Bedeutung, Evangelische Akademie Arnoldshain, January 25, 2003.

“Das Land Israel in der rabbinischen Tradition” Studium in Israel, Stuttgart, Jan. 5, 2002.

“Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City” BU Society for Middle Eastern Studies, April 23, 2002.

“Teaching the Bible in the College Classroom” Teaching Seminar, DRTS/BU, April 26, 2000.

“The Book of Exodus” BU Core Curriculum Honor’s Section, Sept. 25, 1999 and Sept. 29, 2000.

“Anfang, Ende und Mitte: Vom Sinn der Geschichte” Martin Buber Haus, Heppenheim. June 23, 1999.

"Ein aus dem Baum gefallener Jude. Aus den Aufzeichnungen eines (quasi) Marranen" Gesellschaft für christlich-jüdische Zusammenarbeit Gießen-Wetzlar. Gießen, June 22, 1999.

"Bible and Interpretation. History and Responsibility" BU Core Curriculum lecture, Tsai Performance Center, Sept 18, 1997.

"Fallen From a Jewish Tree: Autobiographic Fragments of a Youth in post-War Germany" SUNY Binghamton, Judaic Studies Lecture Series, 4/4/97.

"Death as a Gate to Life: Reflections on Death, Resurrection and the World to Come in Modern Jewish Thought" College of Jewish Studies Binghamton, 4/4/97.

"S. Y. Agnon's *In the Heart of Seas (Bilevav Yamim)*. Notes on a Literary Pilgrimage." Presentation to RN102 "Sacred Journeys," Prof. David Eckel instructor. (October 1996, Febr. 1998, Febr. 01).

"Teaching the Books of Samuel," Presentation to the Fall 1996 NEH Core Curriculum Fellows Humanities Seminar, Boston University, Sept. 18, 1996.

"The Book of Genesis," Lecture to the Core Curriculum, Boston University, Tsai Performance Center. Sept. 12, 1996.

"Judaism as a Living Faith vs. Biblical Studies," Presentation to faculty and students at the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol/England, November 8, 1995.

"An Ebionite, unwillingly," Graduate Student Brown Bag Lunch, DRTS, Boston University, Fall 95.

College and Graduate Level Teaching

Boston University

The Bible; Religions of the World I: Western; Judaism; Holy City: Jerusalem in Time Space, and the Imagination; Classical Jewish Thought; Modern Jewish Thought; The Modern Jew (Other Within series; with Prof. Abigail Gillman); Jewish Mysticism; Jewish Spirituality; Gender and Judaism; Medieval Philosophy; Maimonides; 19th-Century Philosophy; Topics in Philosophy of Religion; Moses; Moses and Muhammad as Prophets (Kilachand Honors College freshman seminar; with Prof. Kecia Ali); Critique of Religion; Philosophy of Religion; graduate seminar Philosophical and Theological Approaches to Religion.

Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Fall term (Wintersemester) 1999: Was ist jüdische Philosophie? (lecture series); Die Bindung Isaaks (Seminar, 1999); Jüdisches Gebet als Quelle der philosophischen Bildung (Proseminar, 1999). Fall term (Wintersemester) 2002/3: Die Europäische Religionskritik und die Juden (lecture series); Klassische jüdische Philosophie (Proseminar); Spinoza (Seminar). Spring term (Sommersemester) 2003: Religion und Offenbarung im Dialog zwischen Neuprottestantismus und Wissenschaft des Judentums (lecture series); Moderne jüdische Religionsphilosophie (Proseminar); Maimonides (Seminar).

Conferences, lectures, and events organized and directed (selected)

2011-2022: Responsible for BUJS Faculty and Graduate Student Research Forum, occasional lectures, and cultural events, as well as between two and five major endowed lectures per year as part of my responsibilities as Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies. (See annual reports for 2011/12 and 2013-21, at <http://www.bu.edu/jewishstudies>.)

Symposium "Jewish Text(s) and the College Humanities" Boston University, October 27, 2013 (<http://www.bu.edu/judaicstudies/jewish-texts-symposium/>).

IPR/EWCJS lecture series on Levinas. Lecturer: Myriam Bienenstock (Tours), respondents: Jeffrey Mehlman, Dan Dahlstrom, Eugene Sheppard. April 2013.

"An Israeli and a Palestinian Woman Speak at BU" February 16th, 2012 (See <http://www.bu.edu/judaicstudies/2012/02/10/activists-at-bu/>)

Hillel student board/EWCJS faculty focus group meeting, January 23, 2012 (See <http://www.bu.edu/judaicstudies/2012/01/11/tell-us-what-you-would-like-to-see/>)

Salon event with Boston area premiere of Jonathan Berger's "The Bridal Canopy" performed by the Arneis Quartet, Dec 8, 2011 (See <http://www.bu.edu/judaicstudies/2011/12/09/ewcjs-library-transformed-into-chamber-music-space/>)

Co-directed the 2011-12 Institute for Philosophy and Religion lecture series on Religion, Politics, and Theology (See <http://www.bu.edu/ipr/program/>).

"Other Within" Greater Boston Area Jewish Studies visiting and new faculty reception. October 7, 2010. Guest speaker: Prof. Jonathan Sarna (Brandeis University).

A Sister Act: Sarah and Susan Silverman @ BU. An "Other Within" event. November 8, 2011. (See <http://www.bu.edu/judaicstudies/news/archived-videos-lectures/>)

Lecture by Bernard Avishai on the Palestinian bid to the UN for statehood. Sept 15, 2011. (See <http://dailyfreepress.com/2011/09/19/learning-history-necessary-to-resolve-israeli-palestinian-conflict-speaker-says/>)

"Paths in Jewish Secularism/Secular Judaism" Organization and moderation of a panel discussion with Michael Felsen, Mitchell Silver, Abigail Gillman, and Adam Seligman. Sponsored by a grant from the Center for Cultural Judaism/Posen Foundation. Boston University, March 25, 2010.

"Text and Interpretation: A Jewish Studies Colloquium" Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies, Spring 2004 (inaugural meeting).

"Prophet des Humanen: Martin Buber zum 125sten" (Frankfurt, July 2003). A series of academic and public events at JWGoethe University, Frankfurt am Main, on occasion of Martin Buber's 125th anniversary. Under the auspices of the Mayor of Frankfurt am Main, Ms. Petra Roth, in coordination with Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus, Evangelische Akademie Arnoldshain, and other cooperating institutions. (Primary funding investigator and coordinator.) Related events personally designed and directed:

"Martin Buber: Neue Perspektiven/New Perspectives" International Symposium at JWGoethe Universität Frankfurt, July 6-7, 2003 (conference director).

"Martin Buber in Frankfurt" An exhibition (July 7-25, 2003). Vernissage and opening reception: July 6 (curator).

"Buber's Vision of the Future of the Middle East: Utopia or Realism?" Public Panel Discussion, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hebrew University in Frankfurt e.V., July 7, 2003.

"Teaching the Bible." Second workshop at the annual meeting of the New England/Maritimes Regional AAR and SBL, April 12, 2002

"Authority in the Jewish Political Tradition" BU Center for Judaic Studies symposium, Nov. 29, 2001.

"Teaching the Bible in Post-Secondary Education." Workshop at the annual meeting of the New England/Maritimes Regional AAR and SBL, April 27, 2001.

"Talmud Torah as Paideia." Three roundtable discussions, sponsored by Textual Reasoning, at the World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, Aug. 10-12, 1998.

"Political Dimensions in Modern Jewish Thought." A Boston University Center for Judaic Studies conference, Oct. 26-27, 1997.

"A Requiem For Modern Jewish Thought." Paper session, Study of Judaism section. Annual Meeting of the AAR, San Francisco, Nov. 1997.

Study Session and Reception for "Textual Reasoning" group. Annual Meeting of the AAR, San Francisco, Nov. 1997.

"Hermann Cohen." Paper session at the annual meeting of the AJS, Boston, Dec. 91.

Languages

Speaking, reading and writing

English: Fluent.

German: Native speaker; US Department of State certified simultaneous interpreter and published translator (German to English and English to German).

Hebrew (Ivrit): Language exemption exam, Hebrew University (1982); college level teaching experience (Heidelberg, 1986). US Department of State certified consecutive interpreter.

Reading knowledge

Hebrew, biblical; Hebraicum Universität Göttingen 1977; college level teaching experience in Germany and the US.

Greek, Classical and *Koine*; reading knowledge, external *Graecum* Johanneum Lüneburg, 1978.

Latin: *Latinum magnum*, Werner Heisenberg Gymnasium Bad Dürkheim, 1977.

Talmudic Aramaic, Arabic, French, and Spanish: Basic reading and comprehension.

Links to samples of writing at <https://bu.academia.edu/MichaelZank>

Internet sites

<http://blogs.bu.edu/mzank>

<http://www.bu.edu/mzank/Jerusalem>

<http://unholycity.blogspot.com>

<https://holycityjerusalem.wordpress.com>