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APPOINTMENTS

Stanley Lewis Professor of Israel Studies (2017 –)
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and Department of Politics and International Relations, Fellow as St. Anne's College, University of Oxford.

Tenured Senior Lecturer (2004 – 2017)
Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University

Lisa and Douglass Goldman Fund Visiting Israeli Professor (2012-2013)
Institute for Jewish Law and Israeli Law, Economy and Society
University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Professor (2006-2007)
Department of Jewish Studies, Rutgers University

Fellow (2004)
The Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University

Lecturer (2001-2004)
Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University

Visiting Scholar (2000-2001)
Department of Sociology, Columbia University

EDUCATION

PhD   **Bar-Ilan University** (2000)
Political Studies (with highest distinction)
Dissertation**:** *Intellectuals and Tradition: The Attitudes of Leading Israeli Columnists towards the Israeli National Narrative, 1967-1997.*
Supervisor**:** Prof. Charles S. Liebman

BA   **Bar-Ilan University** (1996)
Political Studies (with highest distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Authored books

Israel's Jewish Identity Crisis: State and Politics in the Middle East (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

Sovereign Jews: Israel, Zionism, and Judaism (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2017).

Beyond Secularism: Traditionism and the Critique of Israeli Secularism (Jerusalem: The Van-Leer Institute, Hakibutz Hameuhad, 2012. Hebrew).

Secularism and Religion in Jewish-Israeli Politics: Traditionists and Modernity (London: Routledge, 2011).

Masortim in Israel: Modernity without Secularization (Jerusalem: Israeli Judaism Series – Hartman Institute/Law Faculty, Bar-Ilan University/Keter Publishing, 2010. Hebrew)

Our Story: National Narratives in the Israeli Press. (Haifa University Press, 2004. Hebrew).

Edited book

With Gideon Katz, and Shalom Ratzabi, *Beyond Halacha: Remapping Tradition, Secularity and New-Age Culture in Israel -- Iyunim Series*, (Ben-Gurion University Press, 2014, Hebrew).

Translated book

Charles Taylor*: Interpretation and the Sciences of Man* (Including an introduction by the translator, Resling Press, 2014, Hebrew)

Peer-reviewed articles

With Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, 'Al-e Ahmad, Guardianship, and the Critique of Colonial Sovereignty'. *Constellations*, Online first, February 2022.

With Noam Hadad, "Nation-Statist Soteriology and Traditions of Defeat: Religious-Zionism, the Ninth of Av, and Jerusalem Day". *Politics and Religion*, Online first 26 January 2022, 1–20.

"Statist Jews: Zionist Theology and Jewish Sovereignty", Kriot Yisraeliyot, 1, 2022: 104-131. (Hebrew)

With Noam Hadad. "A Post-Secular Interpretation of Religious Nationalism: The Case of Religious-Zionism." *Journal of Political Ideologies,* Online first, July 2021: 1–18.

"'Jewish' Politics or the Politics of 'Jews'?: On Israeli Nation-Statehood". ReOrient, 6(1), 2020, 20-46.

With Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, "Jalal's Angels of Deliverance and Destruction: Genealogies of Theo-politics, Sovereignty and Coloniality in Iran and Israel," *Modern Intellectual History*, 2019, 18(1), 223-247.

"Traditionism." *Cogent Social Sciences* 1:1061734, 2015.

"Overcoming the 'Religion and Politics' Discourse: A New Interpretation of the Israeli Case". *Journal of Religion and Society* 16, 2014.

"Tradition". *Human Studies* 36(4), 2013, pp. 451-470.

With Ruth-Halperin-Kaddari, "Nationalisme, religion et (in)égalité de sexe en Israël au prisme du droit de la famille", *Cahiers du Genre,* 2012 (3), pp. 119-138.

"Masortiyut", *Mafte'ach: Lexical Review of Political Thought* 5, 2012, pp. 143-164. (Hebrew)

"The Need for an Epistemological Turn", *Israel Studies Review* 27(1), 2012, pp. 27-30.

"A Post-Secular Look at Tradition: Towards A Definition of 'Traditionism'". *Telos* 156, 2011, pp. 79-88.

"Jewish Secularism and Ethno-National Identity in Israel: The Traditionist Critique." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 26(3), 2011, pp. 465-479.

"An Israeli Peace: Myth, Utopia and Politics". *Medina VeHevrah,* 7(1), 2011, 105-140. (Hebrew)

"Maintaining Ambivalence: Religious Practice and Jewish Identity Among Israeli Traditionists – A Post-Secular Perspective". *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 9(3), 2010, pp. 397-420.

"From Within and from Without: National Identity in Israel and Its Reflection in the Changing Images of the National Other." *Democratic Culture: In Israel and in the World* 12, 2011, pp. 197-234.

With Ruth Halperin-Kaddari , "Between Universal Feminism and Particular Nationalism: politics, religion and gender (in)equality in Israel", *Third World Quarterly,* 31(6), 2010, pp. 905-920.

"A Myth of Peace: 'The Vision of the New Middle East' and its Transformations in the Israeli Political and Public Spheres", *Journal of Peace Research* 43(3), 2006, pp. 297-312.

"Gender, Religion and Feminism: The Case of Jewish Israeli Traditionalists", *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(3), 2006, pp. 353-370.

"From 'True Peace' to 'The Vision of the New Middle East': Rival Images of Peace in Israel". *Journal of Peace Research* 40(2), 2003, pp. 177-193.

"The Media and the Public Sphere: Reflections in the Wake of the Rabin Assassination". *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 1(2), 2002, pp. 150-166.
  ** A Hebrew version of this Article appeared as: "Democracy in Crisis: The media, The Public Sphere, and the Rabin Assassination", *Democratic Culture* (7), 2003, pp. 105-129.

"A Disintegrating Ritual: The Reading of the Deri Verdict as a Media Event of Degradation". *Critical Studies in Media Communication* 20(2), 2003, pp. 204-223.
  ** A Hebrew version of this article appeared under the same name in *Din Udvarim* (1), 2004, pp. 299-325.

"Jewish Traditionalism and Popular Culture in Israel", *Iyunim B'tkumat Yisrael* 13, 2004 pp. 163-180. With Charles (Yeshayahu) Liebman. (Hebrew)

"SHAS as a Struggle to Create a New Field: A Bourdieuan Perspective of an Israeli Phenomenon". *Sociology of Religion* 64(2), pp. 223-246, 2003.

"Between 'the Arab' and 'the Religious Rightist': 'Significant Others' in the Construction of Jewish-Israeli National Identity". *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 9(1), pp. 52-74, 2003.

"Intellectuals and Tradition: The Case of Journalists and National Tradition in Israel, *Kesher,* pp. 27e-36e, 2002 [Bilingual edition of the Journal].

"From the Particularistic to the Universalistic: National Narratives in Israel's Mainstream Press, 1967-1997", *Nations and Nationalism* 8(1), pp. 55-72, 2002.

"The Rabin Myth: Zionist Nationalism in the 1990's". *Democratic Culture* (1), 1999, pp. 23-36. (Hebrew)

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"On the Uses and Abuses of Tradition: Zionist Theopolitics and Jewish Traditions'", in Nadim Rouhana, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (eds.), *When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), pp. 88–112

"Introduction to the Hebrew Translation of *Interpretation and the Sciences of Man* by Charles Taylor", in Charles Taylor, *Interpretation and the Sciences of Man* (Tel Aviv: Resling Press, 2014), pp. 7-36.

"'Relinquishing' Education as a Strategy of Identity-Protection: Traditionists, the Educational System and Cross-Pressures", in Yossi Yona, Nissim Mizrahi and Yariv Feniger (eds.) *A Practice of Distinction in the Field of Israeli Education: A View from Below* (Jerusalem: Van-Leer Institute and Hakibutz Hameuhad, 2013. Hebrew), pp. 135-163.

"Jewish Identity, Gender and Religion: Masorti Women and the Feminist Challenge to Traditional Jewish Identity", in Harvey E. Goldberg, Steven M. Cohen and Ezra Kopelowitz (eds.) *Dynamic Belonging: Contemporary Jewish Collective Identities* (New York: Bergham Books, 2012), pp. 112-135.

"Israeli Forms of Judaism", in Judith R. Baskin (ed.) *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism & Jewish Culture*. (Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 341-342.

"Transcending the 'Secularization vs. Traditionalization' Discourse: Jewish-Israeli Traditionists, the Post-Secular, and the Possibilities of Multiculturalism", in Avi Sagi and Ohad Nachtomy (eds.) *The Multicultural Challenge in Israel* (Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2009), pp. 150-179.

With Haggai Ram, "'A Jew is Allowed to be Anti-Semitic Too': 'Neo- Racism' and 'Old' Racism – the Case of Israel's Shinui Party" in Yehouda Shenhav and Yossi Yona (eds.) *Racism in Israel* (The Van-Leer Institute, Hakiboutz Hameuhad, 2008. Hebrew), pp. 93-118,

With Charles Liebman, "Beyond the Religious-Secular Dichotomy: Masortim in Israel," in Zvi Gitelman (ed.), *Religion or Ethnicity? Jewish Identities in Evolution*, (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009), pp. 171-192.
** A Hebrew version of this article appeared in Uri Cohen, Eliezer Ben-Refael, Avi Bareli and Ephraim Ya'ar (eds.) *Yisrael Vehamoderniut – LeMoshe Lissak Beyovalo*, (Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 2007), pp. 337-366.

With Charles Liebman, "Secular-Jewish Identity and the Conditions of Secular Judaism in Israel", in Zvi Gitelman (ed.), *Religion or Ethnicity? Jewish Identities in Evolution*, (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009), pp. 149-170.

"Justifying Occupation: Israeli Images Of "The Arab" And The Discourse Of Occupation's Legitimization", in *Breaking the Wall II (Digital Edition)* edited by

Josep Ramoneda, Pere Vilanova, Walid Salem and Edward Kaufman (Barcelona: CCCB 2008).

"Charles Liebman and Jewish-Israeli Traditionalists (Masortim): Jewish identity, Secularization and Modernity", in Stuart Cohen and Bernard Susser (eds.) *Ambivalent Jew: Charles Liebman in Memoriam* (NY: The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2007), pp. 173-185.
** A Hebrew version of this article appeared under the same name in Dov Schwartz (ed.) *Bar-Ilan University: From Concept to Enterprise. Vol. II – The Academic Methodologies of the Founders and Researchers* (Ramat-Gan, Bar-Ilan University Press, 2006), pp. 225-238.

"The Democratic Mizrahi Rainbow and Shas: The Complexities and Limitation of the Mizrahi Identity Politics", in *Rainbow of Opinions: A Mizrahi Agenda for Israel*, edited by Yossi Yonah and Yonit Naaman and David Mahlev (Tel-Aviv: November Books, 2007), pp. 254-260, Hebrew.

"From 'The Chosen People' to 'A Nation like All Nations', in *Tradition and Renewal: Studies in Judaism, Zionism and The State of Israel*, edited by Eliezer Don-Yehiya (Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan Univeristy Press, 2005), 405-422, in Hebrew.

"Intellectuals, Mass Media, and Tradition: National Identity in the Israeli Press", in *Breaking the Wall: The Social Responsibility of Palestinian and Israeli Academics in Times of Violent Conflict – An Introspective Search*, edited by Josep Ramoneda, Pere Vilanova, Walid Salem and Edward Kaufman (Barcelona: CCCB Press , 2005), pp. 191-212.

"Israeli Identity: The Jewish Component," *Israeli Identity in Transition*, edited by Anita Shapira, (Connecticut: Praeger Press, 2004), 163-183. With Charles Liebman.

Book Reviews

Review of Judith Butler, Jurgen Habermas, Charles Taylor, Cornel West, *The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere*, Edited and introduced by Eduardo Mendieta and Jonathan VanAntwerpen. Afterword by Craig Calhou*n*. New York: Columbia University Press, A Columbia /SSRC Book, 2011. *The Public Sphere*, 7, 199-203. (Hebrew)

Review of Samdar Lavie, *Wrapped in the Flag of Israel: Mizraḥi Single Mothers and Bureaucratic Torture*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2014. *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* (Forthcoming).

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Editor of the book series *Israel: Society Culture and History*, published by Academic Studies Press.

2010 to date **–** *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*

2007 to date **–** *Contemporary Jewry*

2004 to date **–** *Teoria Ubikoret (Theory and Criticism)*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2009 **–** Publication Grant, Israel Science Foundation.

2004 - Research Grant, Israel Foundations Trustees research grant for the research proposal "*Masortim* in Israel: Modernity without Secularization?"

2003 **–** Research Grant (seed money), Israel Foundations Trustees research grant for the research proposal "*Masortim* in Israel".

2002 - Menachem Begin Heritage Center's award for outstanding PhD dissertation.

1999 - Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies' grant for doctoral students.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (fluent); English (fluent); Arabic (intermediate); Persian (intermediate)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion and Modernity

Israeli Politics

Jewish Identity in Israel

Religion and Politics

Nationalism and Ethnicity

Tradition and Secularism