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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2019- : Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Yeshiva University  
2019- : Director, Hebrew Program (teaching 400+ students each semester)  
2010-2013 and 2016-present: Chair, Department of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva College  
2013-2015: Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University  
2013-2019: Associate Professor of Near Eastern and Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University  
2008-2013: Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University  
2002-2004: Adjunct Instructor of History, Queens College of the City University of New York

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)**

2022-2023: Cook-Crone Bye-Fellowship, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge University  
2022-2023: Visiting Scholar, Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University  
2015: Lady Davis Visiting Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
2016: Brandeis University, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies Faculty Crash Course  
2016: NEH Fellowship, Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem  
2015-2016: Research fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem  
2014-2015: eLearning Faculty Fellowship - A project of the Jim Joseph Foundation Education Initiative  
2006-2008: Hebrew University Research Fellowship (Prof. Moshe Bar-Asher, Supervisor)

**EDUCATION**

2002-2009: Ph.D. in Biblical and Semitic Studies at Yeshiva University  
2004-2008: Studied Egyptian in the Brooklyn Museum and Arabic at Columbia University  
2001-2002: University of Pennsylvania, Coursework towards a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies and Assyriology  
1999: B.A. from Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University with a major in Jewish Studies

**BOOKS AUTHORED**

*The Ancient Hebrew Semantic Field of Cutting Tools: A Philological, Archaeological, and Semantic Study* (Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 49; Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 2012).

Reviews: H. G. M. Williamson, *Journal of Theological Studies* online (2015), 5pp.; Ben Austin, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 72 (2015), 491-493; Wolfgang Zwickel, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 139 (2014), 995-997.

*Esther in Ancient Jewish Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Reviews: Anne-Mareike Wetter, *Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift* 69.1 (2015), 70-71; Garrick Allen, *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 22 (2015), 39-41; H. G. M. Williamson, *Journal of Jewish Studies* 66 (2015), 182-186; Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, *Vetus Testamentum* 66 (2016), 327-329; Patrick Madigan, *The Heythrop Journal* 58 (2017), 286-287.

*Unbinding Isaac: The Significance of the Akedah for Modern Jewish Thought* (Lincoln: Jewish Publication Society and University of Nebraska Press, 2020).

Reviews: Abe Socher, *Jewish Review of Books* 11.3 (2020), 7-9; Alex Ozar, *Tradition* 52.4 (2020), 149-160; Moshe Rachmuth, *Review of Biblical Literature* (<https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/13775>); Ethan Schwartz, *AJS Review* 45.2 (2021), 503-505; Sarah Zager, *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 7 (2021), 121-125; Israel Zoberman, *CCAR Journal* Spring 2022, 179-181.

*Aramaic texts from Qumran* (co-authored with Moshe J. Bernstein and Edward Cook; under contract with the Society of Biblical Literature for publication in the series *Writings from the Ancient World*).

#### BOOKS EDITED

*Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antique Palestine* (ed. Steven Fine and Aaron Koller; *Studia Judaica* 73; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014).

Review: Joseph Geiger in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2015.04.27 (<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2015/2015-04-27.html>).

Moshe Bar-Asher, *Studies in Classical Hebrew* (trans. and ed. Aaron Koller; *Studia Judaica* 71; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013).

Review essay: Ilan Eldar, ‘ ‘Israeli Scholar’s Studies on Classical Hebrew,’ ’ *Revue de Qumran* 26.3 (2014), 467-481. Gary A. Rendsburg, *Journal of Semitic Studies* 61.2 (2016), 528-532.

*Studies in Mishnaic Hebrew and Related Dialects: Proceedings of the Yale Symposium, May 2014* (ed. Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal and Aaron Koller; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in collaboration with The Program in Judaic Studies, Yale University, 2017).

*Iran and Israel: From Cyrus the Great to the Islamic Republic* (with Daniel Tsadik; YU Center for Israel Studies; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2019).

*Semitic, Biblical, and Jewish Studies: Festschrift for Richard Steiner* (with Mordechai Z. Cohen and Adina Moshavi; Jerusalem and New York: Bialik and Yeshiva University Press, 2020).

#### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Sex or power? The crime of the single girl in Deuteronomy 22,” *Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte* 16 (2010), 279-296.

“Diachronic change and synchronic readings: Midrashim on stative verbs and participles,” *Journal of Semitic Studies* 57 (2012), 265-294.

“The Exile of Kish: Syntax and History in Esther 2:5-6,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 37 (2012), 45-56.

“לבווא ולהיכנס: Synchronic and Diachronic Aspects of the Semantics of ‘Coming’ and ‘Going’ in Ancient Hebrew,” *Lešonenu* 75 (2013), 149-164 [Hebrew].

“Ancient Hebrew מעצד and Gezer עצד,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 72 (2013), 179-193.

“On Texts, Contexts, and Countertexts: Review of Jacob L. Wright, *David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory*,” *Prooftexts* 35 (2015 [actually published 2017]), 328-344.

“Pornography or theology? The legal background, psychological reality, and theological import of Ezekiel 16,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017), 402-421.

“The Self-Referential Coda in the Mishnah and the Egyptian-Israelite Literary Tradition of Wisdom,” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 8 (2017), 2-25.

“The Diffusion of the Alphabet in the Second Millennium BCE: On the Movements of Scribal Ideas from Egypt to the Levant, Mesopotamia, and Yemen,” *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 20 (2018), 1-14.

#### ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Four Dimensions of Linguistic Variation: Aramaic Dialects in and Around Qumran,” in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context* (ed. Armin Lange, Emanuel Tov, and Matthias Weigold; Supplements to Vetus Testamentum 140; Leiden: Brill, 2010), 199-213.

“The *kos* in the Levant: Thoughts on its distribution, function, and spread from the Late Bronze through to the Iron Age II,” in *The Ancient Near East in the 12th-10th Centuries BCE, Culture and History* (ed. Gershon Galil, Ayelet Gilboa, Aren M. Maeir, and Dan’el Kahn; Alter Orient und Altes Testament 392; Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2012), 269-290.

“The Aramaic texts and Hebrew and Aramaic languages at Qumran: the North American contributions” (co-authored with Moshe J. Bernstein) in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Scholarly Perspective: A History of Its Research* (ed. Devorah Dimant with the assistance of Ingo Kottsieper; STDJ 99; Leiden: Brill, 2012), 155-195.

“What can be learned from ‘taggin’? On Persian words for ‘crown’ in Jewish Aramaic,” in *Shoshanat Yaakov: Ancient Jewish and Iranian Studies in Honor of Professor Yaakov Elman* (ed. Shai Secunda and Steven Fine; Leiden: Brill, 2012), 237-245.

“The Social and Geographic Origins of Mishnaic Hebrew,” in *Studies in Mishnaic Hebrew and Related Dialects: Proceedings of the Yale Symposium, May 2014* (ed. Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal and Aaron Koller; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yale University, 2017), 149-173.

“Negotiating empire: Jewish life and Jewish theology under the Achaemenids,” in *Iran and Israel: From Cyrus the Great to the Islamic Republic* (ed. Daniel Tsadik and Aaron Koller; YU Center for Israel Studies; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2019), 3-23.

“Tree and Wood, Polysemy and Vagueness: Detangling the branches of the Hebrew word *עץ*,” in *Semitic, Biblical, and Jewish Studies: Festschrift for Richard Steiner* (ed. Mordechai Z. Cohen, Aaron Koller, and Adina Moshavi; Bialik and Yeshiva University Press, 2020), 164\*-181\*.

“Richard Steiner: An Appreciation” (with Adina Moshavi and Mordechai Z. Cohen), in *Semitic, Biblical, and Jewish Studies: Festschrift for Richard Steiner* (ed. Mordechai Z. Cohen, Aaron Koller, and Adina Moshavi; Bialik and Yeshiva University Press, 2020), 7\*-14\*.

“Thrones and Crowns: on the Regalia of the West Semitic Monarchy,” in *The Throne in Art and Archaeology from the Dawn of the Ancient Near East until the Late Medieval Period* (ed. Liat Naeh and Dana Brostowsky Gilboa; Vienna: Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, 2020), 123-134.

“Hebrew and Aramaic in Contact,” in *A Companion to Ancient Near Eastern Languages* (ed. Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee; Blackwell, 2020), 439-455.

“Aramaic of the Jewish Targumim,” in *Textual History of the Bible* (ed. Armin Lange with Emanuel Tov, Matthias Henze, and Russell Fuller; Leiden: Brill, forthcoming, 2022?).

“Reconstructing the Jewish Aramaic Library of the Persian Period,” in a Festschrift (2022).

- “The Linguistic Revolution of the Alphabet, and Implications for Ancient Hebrew Scribal Training,” in *Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew: New Perspectives in Philology and Linguistics* (ed. Aaron D. Hornkohl and Geoffrey Khan; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 1-27.
- “Reptiles, Insects, and other Creepy Crawly Things: Folk Categories and the Ancient Hebrew Lexeme שרץ,” in a Festschrift (2022?).
- “Textualization and Oralization in Early Near Eastern and Aegean Writing,” in *Textualization* (ed. Rachel Zelnick-Abramo, Margalit Finkelberg, and Donna Shalev; Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).
- “Early Rabbinic Aramaic: Dialects and Manuscripts,” forthcoming in a Festschrift.
- “The Akedah in a Different Voice,” forthcoming in a Festschrift.
- “Further Contributions to the History of Alphabetical Order,” forthcoming in a Festschrift.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- “Affrication,” and “Attenuation,” in the *Encyclopaedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics* (ed. Geoffrey Khan; Leiden: Brill, 2013), 1.60-61 and 231-232.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Jan Best, *How to Decipher the Byblos Script* (Let Verlag, 2018), *Journal of Semitic Studies*, f.c.
- Reinhard G. Kratz, Annette Steudel, and Ingo Kottsieper, *Hebräisches und Aramäisches Wörterbuch zu den Texten vom Toten Meer 7-8* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017), *Dead Sea Discoveries*, f.c.
- Barbara Krawcowicz, *History, Metahistory, and Evil: Jewish Theological Responses to the Holocaust* (New Perspectives in Post-Rabbinic Judaism; Brookline: Academic Studies Press, 2020). H-Judaic 2022: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=57140>
- Vision, Narrative, and Wisdom in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran* (ed. Mette Bundvad and Kasper Siegismund; Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 131; Leiden: Brill, 2019): [https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13677\\_71629.pdf](https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13677_71629.pdf)
- Keith W. Whitelam, *Revealing the History of Ancient Palestine* (ed. Emanuel Pfoh; London: Routledge, 2018): [https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13606\\_71555.pdf](https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13606_71555.pdf)
- Eric Lawee, *Rashi's Commentary on the Torah* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2021: [https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13795\\_71699.pdf](https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13795_71699.pdf)
- Yosef Ofer, *The Masora on Scripture and Its Methods* (Fontes et Subsidia ad Bibliam pertinentes 7; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019), *Lešonénu* 82 (2020), 432-436.
- James A. Diamond, *Jewish Theology Unbound* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), *AJS Review* 44 (2020), 411-413.
- Ronald Hendel and Jan Joosten, *How Old Is the Hebrew Bible? A Linguistic, Textual, and Historical Study* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018), H-Judaic, forthcoming.
- Brittany N. Melton, *Where Is God in the Megilloth?: A Dialogue on the Ambiguity of Divine Presence and Absence* (Oudtestamentische Studiën 73; Leiden: Brill, 2018), *Review of Biblical Literature* (<https://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=12454>).
- William Schniedewind, *A Social History of Hebrew: Its Origins Through the Rabbinic Period* (The Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library; New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014), *Marginalia Review of Books*, June 2015 (<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org>).
- John Cook and Robert D. Holmstedt, *Beginning Biblical Hebrew: A Grammar and Illustrated Reader* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2013), *Hebrew Studies* (forthcoming).

- Moshe Bar-Asher, *לשוונות ראשונים: מחקרי לשון במקרא במגילות ים המלח ובארמית* (Jerusalem: Magnes, 2012), *Dead Sea Discoveries* 22 (2015), 221-223.
- Francesco Zanella, *The Lexical Field of the Substantives of 'Gift' in Ancient Hebrew* (*Studia Semitica Neerlandica* 54; Leiden: Brill, 2010), *Review of Biblical Literature* (forthcoming).
- Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, *Introduction to the Grammar of Jewish-Babylonian Aramaic* (*Lehrbücher orientalischer Sprachen* III/3; Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2013) – <http://thetalmudblog.wordpress.com/2014/08/19/introduction-to-the-grammar-of-jewish-babylonian-aramaic/>.
- Ishay Rosen-Zvi, *The Mishnaic Sotah Ritual: Temple, Gender, and Midrash* (*Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism* 160; Leiden: Brill, 2012), *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8539\\_9356.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8539_9356.pdf)).
- Matthias Henze (ed.), *Hazon Gabriel: New Readings of the Gabriel Revelation* (*Early Judaism and Its Literature* 29; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8184\\_8943.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8184_8943.pdf)).
- Moshe Morgenstern, *Studies in Jewish Babylonian Aramaic Based on Early Eastern Manuscripts* (*Harvard Semitic Studies* 62; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8288\\_9065.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8288_9065.pdf), 6 pp.).
- Steven E. Fassberg, *The Jewish Neo-Aramaic Dialect of Challa* (*Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics* 54; Leiden: Brill, 2010), *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7666\\_8388.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7666_8388.pdf), 5pp).
- Benjamin Sommer, *Bodies of God and the World of Ancient Israel* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), *History of Religions* 51 (2012), 282-289.
- Halakhah in Light of Epigraphy* (edited by Albert I. Baumgarten, Hanan Eshel, Ranon Katzoff, and Shani Tzoref; *Journal of Ancient Judaism* Sup 3; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011), *Strata: The Bulletin of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society* 29 (2011), 150-153.
- Alejandro Botta, *The Aramaic and Egyptian Legal Traditions at Elephantine* (T & T Clark, 2009), *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7223\\_7863.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7223_7863.pdf), 6pp.).
- Yehudah B. Cohn, *Tangled Up in Text: Tefillin and the Ancient World* (*Brown Judaic Studies* 351; Society of Biblical Literature, 2008), in *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6972\\_7566.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6972_7566.pdf), 5pp.).
- Stephanie Dalley, *Esther's Revenge at Susa: From Sennacherib to Ahasuerus* (Oxford, 2007), in *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6731\\_7297.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6731_7297.pdf), 8pp.).
- Jan Dušek, *Les manuscrits araméens du Wadi Daliyeh et la Samarie vers 450-332 av. J.-C.* (Brill, 2008) in *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6319\\_6800.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6319_6800.pdf), 8pp.).
- Victor Matthews, *Manners and Customs in the Bible* (Hendrickson, 2006), in *Review of Biblical Literature* ([http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5735\\_6051.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5735_6051.pdf), 8pp.).

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES

- “Textualization and Oralization in Early Near Eastern Writing,” at Orality and Literacy XIV: Textualization (Jerusalem – Hebrew University and Israel Academy of Sciences and the Humanities, June 2021).
- “עברית וארמית של יהודים, נוצרים, ושומרונים בתקופת חז”ל,” University of Haifa, May 2021

- "In the Beginning there was no Word: Why the Alphabet Failed (at First)," SCRIBO Seminar (Bologna), April 2021.
- "The Binding of Isaac: Historical Scholarship and Contemporary Thought," Emory University Jewish Studies Seminar Series, March 2021
- "Historical Criticism and Modern Questions: Writing about the Binding of Isaac," Harvard Hebrew Bible Workshop, February 2021
- "למה לא הצליח האלף בית הקדום? מערכות כתיב, קריאה, ושפה מדוברת," Departmental Seminar of the Department of Hebrew Language of the Hebrew University, December 2020.
- "Unbinding Isaac: New Research in Biblical Studies," Oxford and Cambridge Old Testament/Hebrew Bible research seminar, November 2020
- "The Invention of Writing and the Alphabetic Revolution," Rice University, Houston, February 2020.
- "Folk Categories and the Structure of the Lexicon: Case Studies from Ancient Near Eastern Languages," University of Texas at Austin, September, 2019.
- "The Invention and Early History of the Alphabet: New Data and New Perspectives," University of Texas at Austin, September, 2019.
- "The Real Revolution of the Alphabet, and Linguistic Implications for Scribal Training in Ancient Israel," Biblical Hebrew and Rabbinic Hebrew: New Perspectives in Philology and Linguistics, University of Cambridge, 8th-10th July 2019
- "Word Dividers and the Conceptualization of Writing in Early Alphabetic Texts," Dots, Marginalia and Peritexts in Middle Eastern Manuscripts, Princeton University Institute of Advanced Studies, June 28-29, 2018
- "Aramaic and Hebrew in Levantine religious communities of Late Antiquity," at the International Linguistics Association's 63rd Annual Conference, April 20-22, 2018
- "Strangers in Isaiah, Ezra, Deuteronomy, and the Whole Tanakh: On Intellectual History, Biblical Theology, and Contemporary Thought," at a conference, "Revisiting Mamre: The Stranger in the Three Abrahamic Faiths," Queens College, December 2017
- "The Land of (')רָא and the Origins of the P. Amherst 63 Community" (with Richard C. Steiner), at the SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2017
- "Early History of the Alphabet: The First Half-Millennium," American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2017
- "טקסונומיה עממית ומבנה הלקסיקון – דוגמאות מהעברית המקראית," Department of Bible and the Ancient Near East, Ben Gurion University, May 2016.
- "Dressing like a King: On Thrones, Crowns, and the Trappings of Kingship in the Ancient Levant," at the University of the Holy Land: The Center for the Study of Ancient Christianity (Jerusalem), May 2016.
- "Folk Taxonomy and the Structure of the Lexicon: Examples from Ancient Hebrew," Department of Hebrew Language, Ben Gurion University, April 2016.
- "Two Empirical Models for the Song of Deborah: Ancient Egyptian Poems and Bedouin Poetry," Department of Biblical Studies, University of Haifa, April 2016.
- "The regalia of the monarchy in the ancient Levant: Throne vs. Crown," at the Tenth International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Vienna, April 2016.
- "P. Amherst 63 and Middle Aramaic," Workshop at the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, March 2016.

- “Origins and Early History of the Alphabet,” Al-Quds University Institute of Archaeology, March 2016.
- “Folk Categories and the Structure of the Lexicon: Examples from Biblical Hebrew,” Departmental Seminar of the Department of Hebrew Language of the Hebrew University, March 2016.
- “The End of Mishnah Avot in Light of Egyptian Wisdom Literature,” 283rd meeting of the Seeligman Memorial Symposium of the Department of Biblical Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 2016.
- “Context is King: Thoughts on Jacob Wright’s David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory,” Liss Lecture in Judaica, Notre Dame (March, 2015).
- “Mishnaic Hebrew between Judean Hebrew and Phoenician: A Dialect Geography Perspective,” Workshop on Mishnaic Hebrew (Yale University, May 2014).
- “The regalia of the monarchy: The contribution of the Old Aramaic texts,” SBL Annual Meeting (Baltimore, November 2013).
- “Redeeming the Queen: Rabbinic interpretations of the Book of Esther,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Amsterdam, July 2012).
- “The semantics of הַלֵךְ and בּוֹא in Ancient Hebrew,” SBL Annual Meeting (San Francisco, November 2011).
- “Aramaic Jewish literature of the Achaemenid era,” SBL Annual Meeting (San Francisco, November 2011).
- “The distribution and function of the direct object marker (iy)yat in Middle Aramaic,” SBL international conference (Atlanta, November, 2010).
- “The art of drinking in the KTMW stele,” in the American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (Atlanta, November, 2010).
- “Negotiating empire: Living Jewishly under the Achaemenids in Persia and Palestine,” at the international conference, “Israel and Iran: From Cyrus the Great to the Islamic Republic,” held at the Yeshiva University Museum (October, 2010).
- “Sex or power? The crime of the single girl and the punishment(s) of her groom in Deuteronomy 22,” at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, program on Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law (Tartu, Estonia, July 2010).
- “Pornography or Theology? The ideology and message of Ezekiel 16,” at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, program on Prophets and Prophecy (Tartu, Estonia, July 2010).
- “Participles and Stative Verbs, Diachronic Linguistic Change, and Midrash,” at the conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (New York, July 6, 2010).
- “The *kos* and the Near Eastern banquet tradition in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant,” in The Ancient Near East in the 12th – 10th Centuries BCE: Culture and History,” at the University of Haifa (May, 2010).
- “Lexicography of Biblical Realia: Methodological Considerations and the Example of כּוֹס,” at the Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies (August, 2009).
- “Languages, Linguistic Ideologies, and Self-Perception in Ancient Judaism,” invited lecture at the University of Delaware (March, 2009).
- “Swords, Technology, and Ethnicity: Reflections on Social Interactions in the Late Bronze Eastern Mediterranean Cultures,” at the American Schools of Oriental Studies annual meeting (Boston, Nov 2008).

“How to Recognize an Israelite: Weaponry and Ethnicity in Ancient Israel,” Yeshiva College Jewish Studies Colloquium, Nov 7, 2008.

“Four Dimensions of Linguistic Variation: Aramaic Dialects in and Around Qumran,” in conference entitled “The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages, and Cultures,” in Vienna, February 2008.

“Swords into Plowshares and Nations into States: Isaiah 2/Micah 4 in the Contexts of Assyrian Hegemony and Political Theory,” SBL International Congress, Nov 2007.

“Lexicography of Realia: Two Examples from the Semantic Field of Blades,” SBL International Congress, Nov 2007.

“Dialectal and Diachronic Observations on the Aramaic of Hillel,” Harvard University Semitic Philology Workshop, March 8, 2007.

“Rabbis, Languages, and Linguistic Ideologies,” Yeshiva College Jewish Studies Colloquium, Nov 2006.

“The Aramaic of Hillel,” SBL International Congress, Nov 2006.

#### DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

Binyamin Goldstein, “Do Two Walk Together Without Having Met? A Critical Edition of Targum Proverbs and Analysis of Its Relationship with Peshitta Proverbs” (in progress)

Joshua Dachman-Soled, “Dunash’s *Teshuvot*: Edition, Context, and Commentaries” (in progress)

#### COURSES TAUGHT

##### *Hebrew and related courses*

Biblical Hebrew (MA level course)  
 Advanced Biblical Hebrew  
 Mishnaic Hebrew  
 History of the Alphabet  
 Northwest Semitic Inscriptions  
 Jewish Babylonian Aramaic  
 History of the Hebrew Language  
 Birth of Modern Hebrew  
 Elementary Hebrew II  
 Advanced Hebrew I  
 Advanced Hebrew II

Biblical and Jewish Responses to Hurban  
 Book of Isaiah  
 Book of Ezekiel  
 Book of Esther  
 Book of Daniel  
 Akedah in Jewish Thought  
 Ancient Egyptian Literature  
 Battle Poems of the Bible  
 Biblical History  
 Medieval Jewish Biblical Interpretation

##### *Other courses*

##### *Biblical Studies courses*

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Jewish Engagement with the Western World  
 Philosophical Foundations of Social Work  
 Classical Jewish History

#### SERVICE TO THE FIELD (SELECTED)

2019- : ad hoc advisory committee, Metropolitan Museum’s Dept. of Ancient Near Eastern Studies  
 2015-2017: Center for Jewish History, academic advisory council  
 2013-: Member, The Council for Hebrew Language and Culture, World Zionist Organization  
**Reviewer of dissertations and tenure and promotion dossiers** for New York University; Hebrew University; South Africa’s National Research Foundation; University of Haifa; Bar Ilan University



**Reviewer of grants and manuscripts** for Israel Science Foundation; Yale University Press; Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Aramaic Studies Monograph Series; *Vetus Testamentum*; *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*; *Dead Sea Discoveries*; *Iyyunei Miqra u-Farshanut*; *Torah u-Madda Journal*; *Journal of Religion*; *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*; *Aramaic Studies*; *Religions*; *Ancient Near Eastern Monographs Series*; *Hebrew Studies*; *Revue canadienne de linguistique*; Minerva Stiftung of the Max Planck Institute

#### **SERVICE WITHIN YESHIVA UNIVERSITY**

Organizer, Jewish Studies Faculty Colloquium, 2009-present

This includes approximately 8-10 programs per year, often coordinated with other departments, and including invited lectures by colleagues at other institutions, presentations from YU faculty, and symposia and other larger events

International conference on Archaeology and Talmud (“Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antique Palestine”), co-organized with Steven Fine and sponsored by the Center for Israel Studies, to take place March 27-28, 2011.

#### **University, School, and Departmental Committees**

University Committee on Academic Technology, 2018-

University Library Committee, 2017-

Yeshiva College Executive Committee, 2016-2019

Academic Advisory Board, Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, 2014-

Member of ad hoc tribunal for student appeals on academic standards violations

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Schools of Oriental Research; Society of Biblical Literature; Association for Jewish Studies

#### **LANGUAGES**

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Classical Arabic, Egyptian, Northwest Semitic dialects, Akkadian, Greek, Ugaritic

Modern: Modern Hebrew (fluent), French (intermediate), German (reading knowledge)