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### ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS, CARLETON COLLEGE:

2013 - Associate Dean of the College and Director of Advising  
2012-13 Director of Faculty Development  
2010-13 Director, Perlman Center for Learning and Teaching, and  
Humphrey Doermann Professor of the Liberal Arts  
2003 - John M. and Elizabeth W. Musser Professor of Religious Studies  
1997 - Professor of Religion  
1990-96 Associate Professor of Religion  
1983-90 Assistant Professor of Religion

### EDUCATION:

1983 Ph.D., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (Judaic Studies)  
1979-80 Hebrew University and Jewish Theological Seminary, Jerusalem, Israel  
1979 M.A., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Philosophy)  
1976-77 Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis  
University, Waltham, Massachusetts  
1976 B.A., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Philosophy, Hebrew  
Language and Literature)

### PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

*The Sanctity of the Seventh Year: A Study of Mishnah Tractate Shebiit* (Chico: Scholars Press, 1983)

Co-editor (with Elliot Dorff), *Contemporary Jewish Ethics and Morality: A Reader* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995)

*Past Imperatives: Studies in the History and Theory of Jewish Ethics* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1998)

Co-editor (with Elliot Dorff), *Contemporary Jewish Theology: A Reader* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)

*An Introduction to Jewish Ethics* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2005)

Co-edited (with Elliot Dorff) three volumes (*Body; Money; Power*) in the *Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices* series (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2008, 2009)

*Repentance: The Meaning and Practice of Teshuvah* (Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2010)

#### PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Shamma Friedman's Commentary to Babylonian Talmud Yebamot 87b-88a," *Semeia*, vol. 27, (1983), 53-61.

"David Weiss Halivni: A Source-Critical Commentary on Babylonian Talmud Yebamot 87b," *Semeia*, vol. 27, (1983), 93-101.

"Tosefta Shebiit," (translation) in Jacob Neusner, ed., *The Tosefta, Translation from the Hebrew. First Division: Zeraim: The Order of Agriculture* (New York: Ktav, 1986), 201-47.

"The Quality of Mercy: On the Duty to Forgive in the Judaic Tradition," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, vol. 15, no. 2 (1987), 155-72.

"Mishnah Shebiit," (translation) in Jacob Neusner, ed., *The Mishnah: A New Translation*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988), 68-93.

"Law, Virtue and Supererogation in the Halakha: The Problem of *Lifnim Mishurat Hadin* Reconsidered," *Journal of Jewish Studies*, vol. 40, no. 1 (Spring 1989), 61-88.

"Woodchoppers and Respirators: The Problem of Interpretation in Contemporary Jewish Ethics" *Modern Judaism*, vol. 10, no. 1 (February, 1990), 17-42.

Case Study (with Dr. Sheldon T. Berkowitz) on performing cesarean section on mother with anencephalic fetus, *Hastings Center Report*, vol. 20, no. 2 (March/April 1990), 22-3.

"At the Crossroads: Reflections on Teaching Introductory Courses in Jewish Studies," *Shofar*, vol. 8, no. 2 (Winter 1990), 58-68.

"Ethics as Law, Law as Religion: Reflections on the Problem of Law and Ethics in Judaism," *Shofar*, vol. 9, no. 1 (Fall 1990), 13-31.

"Covenant and Contract: A Framework for the Analysis of Jewish Ethics," *Journal of Law and Religion*, vol. 9, no. 1 (1992).

"Jewish Theology and Bioethics," in *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, vol. 17, no. 4 (1992), 309-27.

"The Challenges of New Reproductive Technologies for Jewish Ethics," *Creighton University Law Review*, vol. 25, no. 5 (1992), 1651-62.

"Text and Tradition in Contemporary Jewish Bioethics," in Paul F. Camenisch, ed., *Religious Methods and Resources in Bioethics* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer, 1993), 127-43.

"Talking Ethics with Strangers: A View from Jewish Tradition," in *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, vol. 18, no. 5 (1993), 549-67.

"Learning to be Led: Reflections on Reform Jewish Ethics and Halakhah," in Eugene Borowitz, ed., *Reform Jewish Ethics and Halakha*, (W. Orange, NJ: Behrman House, 1994), xiii-xxi.

"Good and Evil," in R.J. Zwi Werblowsky and Geoffrey Wigoder, editors, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), 280-81.

"Covenantal Responsibility in a Modern Context: Recent Work in Jewish Ethics," in *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 25:1 (1997):1101-1126.

"Beneath the Robe: The Role of Personal Values in Judicial Ethics," *Journal of Law and Religion* 12:2 (1995-96): 507-31.

"Constructing a Jewish Sexual Ethic: A Rejoinder to David Novak and Judith Plaskow" in Saul M. Olyan and Martha C. Nussbaum, eds., *Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), 46-53.

"Ethics, Faith and Healing: Jewish Physicians Reflect on Medical Practice," in David H. Smith, ed., *Caring Well: Religion, Narrative and Health Care Ethics* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2000), 117-43.

"The Law of Nature and the Nature of the Law," in Theodore M. Vial and Mark A. Hadley, eds., *Ethical Monotheism, Past and Present: Essays in Honor of Wendell S. Dietrich* (Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies, 2001), 259-277.

"Therapy and Enhancement: Jewish Values on the Power and Purpose of Medicine," in Noam Zohar, ed., *Quality of Life in Jewish Bioethics* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), 121-30.

"The Narrative and the Normative: The Value of Stories for Jewish Ethics," in William Cutter, ed., *Healing and the Jewish Imagination* (Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2007), 183-92.

"Balancing Justice and Mercy: Reflections on Forgiveness in Judaism," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 41:3 (2013), 435-456.

"Blessed is the One Who is Good and Who Brings Forth Goodness': A Jewish Theological Response to the Ethical Challenges of New Genetic Technologies," in Elliot N. Dorff and Laurie Zoloth, eds., *Jews and Genes* (Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellon Press, forthcoming)

Numerous book reviews in *Choice*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Journal of Reform Judaism*, and *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

#### PUBLICATIONS: NON-ACADEMIC

"At Carleton College Jews are an Enigma," *Sh'ma*, 15/281, (November 16, 1984), 6-7 (Reprinted in *The Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus*, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1993, 6-9).

"Being Myself, a Teacher," *Liberal Education*, 80:4 (Fall 1994), 52-55.  
(Reprinted in abridged form in Mark Hadley and Mark Unno, eds., *Counterpoints: Issues in Teaching Religious Studies*, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 1995)

"The Spirit of Jewish Ethics," *Sh'ma*, 26/505 (January 5, 1996), 3-4.

"Staying Focused on What Matters: A Vision of Teaching at Midlife" in Susan Singer and Carol Rutz., eds. *Reflections on Learning as Teachers* (Northfield, Minn.: College City Publications, 2004), 41-48

"Praying for Healing in Community," *The Reconstructionist* 70:2, (Spring 2006), 56-61.

"Doing *Teshuvah*: Undoing Mistakes, Repairing Relationships and Finding Inner Peace," LifeLights series for Jewish Lights Publishing, 2006

"Money and Morals," *Sh'ma*, 39:656 (January 2009), 1-2

"The Pity of Bernie Madoff," *Forward*, April 3, 2009

"Senator Byrd: Unorthodox Yom Kippur Role Model," *Huffington Post*, August 23, 2010

"Understanding the Lost Art of Repentance and its Urgency," *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, August 31, 2010

"Choosing a College, Intelligently," *High School Counselor Week*, September 15, 2011  
(<http://hscounselorweek.com/archive>)

"Teshuvah and the Internet," *CJ: Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism*, 5:1 (Fall 2011), 22,55

"The Thrill of Repentance," *Forward*, September 20, 2012

PRESENTATIONS:

I have given papers at the conferences of the American Academy of Religion, the Association for Jewish Studies, the Academy for Jewish Philosophy, the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, the Society for Christian Ethics and the Society of Jewish Ethics.

I have also given invited papers at the University of Minnesota, University of Washington, Hamline University School of Law, Creighton University, University of William and Mary (Andrea and Charles Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor in Judaic Studies), University of Virginia, Villanova University, St. John's University, University of St. Thomas, and California State University – Northridge. In the spring of 2013 I have been invited to lecture at Harvard University and Stanford University.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Faith, Hope and Love: Religious Responses to Suffering, Hebrew Bible, Introduction to Judaism, Jewish Ethics, American Judaism, Introduction to Rabbinic Literature, Introduction to Religion, The Religion of Skeptics, Martin Buber, Zionism, Issues in Study of Religion (Religion majors seminar), The Hebraic Experience (Integrated General Studies), Reason and Revelation (Integrated General Studies), Religious and Moral Issues of the Holocaust, Roots and Branches: Judaism and Christianity in Conflict (with Richard Crouter), Religions of the West (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), Contemporary Jewish Theology, Genesis, The Anatomy of Evil: Sin and Sinners in Religious Perspective, The Book of Job, The State of Judaism in the State of Israel

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

Large Faculty Development Grants, Carleton College (1988-89, 1994-95, 2002-03)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Member: American Academy of Religion, Association for Jewish Studies, Academy for Jewish Philosophy, Society for Values in Higher Education, Jewish Law Association, Society for Christian Ethics, Society of Jewish Ethics

Consultant on Jewish Studies and Jewish Student Life, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., (April 1985)

Member, Program Committee, 10th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, Minneapolis, (November 1987)

Member, Ethics Committee, Aspen Medical Group, Minneapolis (1987-89)

Member, Steering Committee, Conference on "The Meaning of the Holocaust for Biomedical Ethics", sponsored by Center for Biomedical Ethics, University of Minnesota (May 1989)

Chair, Ethics Section, Upper Midwest Region of American Academy of Religion (1986-90)

Member, Committee on Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Faith and Order Commission of the Minnesota Council of Churches (1987-91)

Chair, Campus Caucus, a subcommittee of Committee on Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Editor, *Religious Studies Review*, Judaic Theology and Modern Jewish Thought sub-section, (1988-94)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Law and Religion* (1990-96)

Participant in consultation on "The Study of Religion and the Liberal Arts," Wabash College, (September, 1992)

Participant in consultation on "Religion and Professional Ethics," Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Indiana University (1993-95)

Participant, Pew Roundtable in Higher Education (1993-95)

Member, Accreditation team for Western Association of Schools and Colleges of Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, (February-March, 1995)

Editorial Board, *Annual of Society of Christian Ethics* (1996-99)

Reviewer of Religion Department, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, (Fall 1997)

Participant in consultation on Religion, Ethnography and Professional Life, Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Indiana University, (1997-99)

Participant in national project on Judaism and Bioethics, organized by Professor Laurie Zoloth, with support from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2003-05)

Founding president, Society of Jewish Ethics (2002-05)

Participant, Faculty seminar, Twenty-First Century Liberal Arts Education, Transylvania University (July 2010)

Dissertation defense committees for Jonathan Crane (University of Toronto, 2010) and Geoffrey Claussen (Jewish Theological Seminary, 2011).

Designed and ran AALAC faculty workshop, "Mentoring a New Generation of Colleagues—Challenges, Prospects, Best Practices," Carleton College, June 3-5, 2012

Participant, Aspen Institute, Wye River Faculty Seminar, (July 2012)

Chair, External Review Committee, Department of Religion, Whitman College (February 2013)

In addition, I have given many informal talks at local churches and synagogues on topics in Jewish life and thought. I have also been active in Jewish communal organizations, such as the New Israel Fund, and in synagogue affairs. I was president of the board of directors of the Talmud Torah of St. Paul (a private Jewish school) from 1994-96 and president of the board of directors of Beth Jacob Congregation (Conservative synagogue) from 2009-11.

SERVICE AT CARLETON:

Director, Program in Judaic Studies (1984-2006)  
 Member, Academic Standing Committee (1984-86; chair, 1985-86)  
 Member, Committee on the Future of the Chaplaincy (1985-86)  
 Member, Faculty Judiciary Committee (1985-88)  
 Chair, Committee on Religious Life (1986-88; 1991-93)  
 Campus Coordinator, Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities (1984-87)  
 Religion Department Career Coordinator (1984-87)  
 Faculty advisor, Jewish Students at Carleton  
 Member, Larson Fellowship Committee (1987)  
 Member, Learning and Teaching Center Steering Committee (1996-7)  
 Member, Chaplain Search Committee (1996-7)  
 Member, Education and Curriculum Committee (1998-01; chair, 2000-01)  
 Chair, Institutional Review Board (2003-06)  
 Chair, Religion Department (1991-94, 2003-06)  
 Member, Honorary Degrees Committee (2006-07)  
 Chair, Curricular Design team (2007-08)  
 Convener, Strategic Planning Group – Curriculum (2011-12)  
 Member, Residential Life Director Search Committee (2012)

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