

APPOINTMENTS

Stanley Lewis Professor of Israel Studies (2017 -)

Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and Department of Politics and International Relations, Fellow at 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**

[To Be a Jewish State: Zionism as the New Judaism \(NYU Press, 2024\).](#)

[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 Yakov Rabkin, "On Political Tradition and Ideology: Russian Dimensions of Practical Zionism and Israeli Politics". Nationalities Papers, Online First, November 2023.](#)

["Nostalgia and Political Analysis – A Perspective from the Israeli Case", Politics, Online first, May 2022.](#)

“The great sin of today is the “politicization” of our Judaism, the great need, the “Judaization” of our politics’: Leon Roth and the possibilities of a Jewish critique of Zionist politics.” *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 22(4), 2023, 412-437.

With Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, “Al-e Ahmad, Guardianship, and the Critique of Colonial Sovereignty”. *Constellations*, 29(1), 2022, 19-33.

With Noam Hadad, “Nation-Statist Soteriology and Traditions of Defeat: Religious-Zionism, the Ninth of Av, and Jerusalem Day”. *Politics and Religion*, 15(3), 2002, 506-25.

“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*, 28(2), 2023, 238-255.

“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”, *Mafté’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 Beyovalu*, (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 Calhoun. 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: Mizrahi 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*

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