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1980-1983 B.A., Jewish Thought and Philosophy, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1983-1985 M.A., Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1985-1987 Israeli Army Service

1988-1992 Ph.D., Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1992 Ordination, Conservative Rabbi, Schechter Rabbinical Seminary

1983-1984 Assistant Dean, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

1995-2005 Academic Dean, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

1993-1999 Lecturer, Jewish Thought, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

1999- Senior Lecturer, Jewish Thought, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

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Research Interests:

The Philosophy of Maimonides

The Philosophy of Abraham Joshua Heschel

The Philosophy of Spinoza

Philosophical and mystical interpretations of the Bible

Books

1. Doctoral Dissertation *Enlightenment and Faith: The Philosophical Works of Naphtaly Herz Ulman* (Hebrew), Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1992 (Director: Prof. Shalom Rosenberg).
2. *A Voice from the Darkness: Abraham Joshua Heschel, Phenomenology and Mysticism* (Hebrew), Tel-Aviv 1999

3. Hebrew translation of Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*, Tel-Aviv 2003
4. *The Binding of Isaac: Mystical and Philosophical Interpretations of the Bible* (Hebrew), Tel-Aviv 2006.
5. Forthcoming: with Ephraim Meir, **Between Heschel and Buber: A Comparative Study**

Articles

1. with Shalom Rosenberg, "New Philosophical Terminology at the end of the 18th Century" (Hebrew), *Iyun* 37 (1988): 263-270.
2. "Tikkun Olam (making a better world) in the Philosophy of Abraham Joshua Heschel" (Hebrew), *Proceedings of The Rabbinical Assembly*, 1988, pp. 168-174.
3. with Shalom Rosenberg, "A Philosophical Dialogue at the end of the 18th Century" (Hebrew), *Iyun* 43 (1994): 209-220.
4. "P'shat (the literal meaning) of the Bible as a Source of Certainty" (Hebrew), *Pe'amim* 60 (1994): 20-31.
5. with Shalom Rosenberg, "Coplas Filosóficas de Abraham Gomez Silveyra", *Revue des Etudes Juives*, 153: 3-4 (juillet-décembre 1994): 327-351.
6. "The Theology of the Leibnizian-Jewish Philosopher Naphtaly Herz Ulman" (Hebrew), *Proceedings of the 11th World Congress of Jewish Studies*, vol.2, Jerusalem, 1994, pp. 93-100.
7. "Two Eschatological (Messianic) Texts in the of Enlightenment" (Hebrew), *Daat* 35 (1995): 87-97.
8. "Search for God" (Hebrew), *Et Laasot* 4 (1996): 63-71.
9. "The Torah, Revelation, and Scientific Critique in the Teachings of Abraham Joshua Heschel", *Conservative Judaism*, 50: 2-3 (Winter/Spring 1998): 67-76.
10. "The Image of God – Faith in Humanity" (Hebrew), *Common Values – Different Sources*, 1999, pp. 111-117.
11. "Mysticism and Prophecy in Abraham Joshua Heschel's Philosophy" (Hebrew), *Kabalah* 5 (2000): 359-370.
12. "The 'Soul' and Education in Abraham Joshua Heschel's Philosophy" (Hebrew), *Hagut – Jewish Educational Thought* 2 (2002): 223-233.

13. "Ulman, Herz (1731-1787)", *The Dictionary of Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Dutch Philosophers*, vol.2, Bristol-England 2003.
14. "On the Holiness of the People of Israel in the Thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel", *A Holy People - Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Religious Communal Identity*, Leiden and Boston 2006, pp. 361-377.
15. "Seeing the Divine – a Holy Controversy in Jewish Thought", *Iconoclasm and Iconoclasm – Struggle for Religious Identity*, Leiden and Boston 2007, pp. 95-105.
16. "God's Omnipotence and Presence in Heschel's Philosophy", *Shofar* 26: 1 (2007): 41-71.
17. "Ascetism and Yetzer Ha-Rah [=Destructive Desires]" (Hebrew), *Jewish Dialogues with Desire*, Tel-Aviv 2007, pp. 63-78.
18. 'Symbols' and 'Prayer' in Abraham Joshua Heschel's Thought" (Hebrew), *Iggud* 1, pp. 337-351.
19. "God's Positive Attributes in Maimonides Philosophy" (Hebrew), *Daat* 63, pp. 49-75.
20. "Faith and the Courage to Be – Heschel and Tillich", *Identity in The Making*, Leiden and London.
21. "Aqedah" [=The Binding of Isaac], *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Berlin and London.
22. Forthcoming: "I-You-The Other-God in the Thought of Buber, Heschel and Levinas" (Hebrew), *Social Responsibility and Educational Audacity* (Hebrew), *Agut הגות בחינוך היהודי*
23. Forthcoming: "The Lonely Man of Faith? Heschel?," (Hebrew) - Beit Morasha, Jerusalem.

Edited Works

1. with Ehud Bandel, *Iyunei Shabbat: Reflections on Parashat HaShavua* [weekly], 1988-1989.
2. *Et Laasot* [Journal of the Beit Midrash Lelimudei Hayahadut (former name of The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary)], 1996.
3. Chief ed., *Iyunei Shabbat: Reflections on Parashat HaShavua* [weekly Bible reading], 2006-2008.

List of Courses

1. Faith and Enlightenment
2. Religious Movements in Judaism
3. Concepts of God in Philosophy
4. The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought
5. Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed
6. Criticism and Interpretation of Maimonides' Philosophy
7. "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near"
(*Isaiah* 56, 6): The Search for God in Jewish Philosophy and
Mysticism
8. Prophecy and Faith
9. "Education" in Jewish Philosophy
10. "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy" (*Leviticus* 19, 2): Holiness,
Morality and Perfection in Jewish Thought.
11. The Binding of Isaac: Mystical and Philosophical Interpretations of the Bible
12. "Torah and Revelation": Mystical and Philosophical Interpretations of the
Bible
13. "The Fall of Man": Mystical and Philosophical Interpretations of the Bible
14. "Good" and "Evil" in Jewish Thought
15. Introduction to Jewish Thought in the Middle Ages
16. Introduction to Jewish Thought in the Modern Period
17. Heresy and Holiness: Maimonides and Spinoza
18. The Philosophy of Education in Modern Jewish Thought
19. Theology before and after the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain