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2009-	Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Classical Jewish Civilization,
	Department of Religion, Columbia University; from 2010, Departments
	of History and Classics
2001-	Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York (Gerson
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2007-2008	Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2006-2007	NEH Fellow; Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of
	Historical Studies, Princeton
2002-2003	Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem
1999-2000	Guggenheim Fellow
1997-2001	Associate Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary, New
York	
1995-7	Assistant Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York
1992-5	Fellow, King's College, Cambridge
1991-4	Assistant Professor of History, University of Rhode Island
1991	Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary
1990-91	Visiting Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University
1987-90	Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University
1986-87	Golda Meir Post-Doctoral Fellow, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1985-86	Assistant Professor of Hellenistic Jewish Literature and History,
	Dropsie College, Merion, PA
1985	Ph.D. in Ancient History, Columbia University
	Dissertation: "Josephus and Judaism from 70 to 100 CE"
1982	M.Phil. in Ancient History, Columbia University
1981	M.A. in Ancient History, Columbia University
1979	B.A. magna cum laude in Classics, Yeshiva University, New York
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# **Additional Activities**

Chair, History Department, JTS (2002-6); Director, Graduate Program in Ancient Judaism, JTS (1995-); Co-chair, Faculty Graduate School Committee, JTS (2000-5); Editorial Boards, Texte und Studien zum Antiken Judentum (Mohr Siebeck); Arbeiten zur Geschichte des Antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums (E.J. Brill); Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Yale University, 1999; Visiting Professor, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2004; editor, volume 2 of Posen Library of Jewish Culture; elected to American Academy for Jewish Research, 2007; nominating committee, 2008-; executive committee, 2008-10; division head, Jewish History and Culture in Antiquity, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008-.

#### **Books**

Were the Jews a Mediterranean Society? Reciprocity and Solidarity in Ancient Judaism. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

*Imperialism and Jewish Society, 200 BCE-640 CE,* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001. (Winner, National Jewish Book Award, Scholarship, 2001-2; Finalist, Koret Prize in Jewish History, 2002)

*Josephus and Judaean Politics*. (Columbia Studies in the Classical Tradition, 18.) Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1990.

Consuls of the Later Roman Empire (with Roger Bagnall, Alan Cameron, and Klaas Worp). (Philological Monographs, 36.) Atlanta: American Philological Association, 1987.

### **Book Edited**

with Richard Kalmin, *Jewish Culture and Society in the Christian Roman Empire*, Leuven-New York: Peeters-JTS, 2003.

with Oded Ir-Shai, Jodi Magness, and Ze'ev Weiss, Festschrift for Lee Levine, JTS/Eisenbrauns, 2010 (?)

**Articles** (n.b.: I have not listed book reviews)

"Sunt Lachrymae Rerum", Jewish Quarterly Review 99 (2009) 56-64.

"No Dialogue at the Symposium? Conviviality in Ben Sira and the Palestinian Talmud", in S. Goldhill, ed., *The End of Dialogue in Antiquity*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008, 193-216.

"Rabbinic and Roman Honor and Deference: Y. Berakhot 5.1, 9a and Y. Bikkurim 3.3, 65c-d", forthcoming in Ir-Shai et al., eds., Lee Levine Festschrift, JTS Press 2009?

"Ancient Jewish Social Relations", M. Peachin, ed., Oxford Handbook of Roman Social Relations, forthcoming.

"The Jews", Scheidel and Bang, eds., Oxford Handbook of the Ancient State, forthcoming.

"Judaism", Scheidel and Barchiesi, eds., Oxford Handbook of Roman Studies, forthcoming.

"Roman Historians and the Rise of Christianity: The School of Edward Gibbon", W. V. Harris, ed., *The Spread of Christianity in the First Four Centuries: Essays in Explanation*, Leiden: Brill, 2005, 145-60.

"A God of Reciprocity: Torah and Social Relations in an Ancient Mediterranean Society", Zsuzsanna Varhelyi and Jean-Jacques Auber, eds., *A Tall Order: Writing the Social History of the Ancient World, Essays in Honor of William V. Harris*, Munich: Saur, 2005, 3-35.

"The Political Geography of Rabbinic Texts", Charlotte Fonrobert and Martin Jaffe, eds., *Cambridge Companion to the Talmud and Rabbinic Literature*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, 75-96.

"Hebrew and Imperialism in Jewish Palestine", in C. Bakhos, ed., *Ancient Judaism in its Hellenistic Context*, Leiden: Brill, 2005 (JSP Supplement Volume 95) 53-84.

- "The Theoretical Foundations of Judaisms: A Critique of J. Z. Smith on Fences and Neighbors", proceedings of conference, Jerusalem, May 2003, Ancient Judaism, Unity or Diversity, edited by I. Gafni.
- "Euergetism in Josephus and the Epigraphical Culture of First Century Jerusalem", H. Cotton, J. Price and D. Wasserstein, eds., *From Hellenism to Islam: Cultural and Linguistic Change in the Near East, Cambridge*: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, in 2009)..
- "Conversion to Judaism in the Second Temple Period: A Functionalist Approach", S. Cohen and J. Schwartz, eds., *Studies in Josephus and the Varieties of Ancient Judaism*: *Louis H. Feldman Jubilee Volume*, Leiden: Brill, 2007, 223-36.
- "Big-Men or Chiefs? Against an Institutional History of the Palestinian Patriarchate", J. Wertheimer, ed., *Jewish Religious Leadership: Image and Reality*, volume 1, New York: JTS Press, 2004, 155-73.
- "Rabbinization in the Sixth Century", in P. Schäfer, ed., *The Talmud Yerushalmi and Greco-Roman Culture* 3 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2002) 55-69.
- "Antikes Judentum", forthcoming in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. (this has now appeared)
- "Some Types of Jewish-Christian Interaction in Late Antiquity", (in Hebrew) in L. Levine, ed., *Retzef u-Temurah*, Jerusalem: Merkaz Shazar, 2004; in English, in R. Kalmin and S. Schwartz, eds., *Jewish Culture and Society in the Christian Roman Empire*.
- "Historiography on the Jews in the 'Talmudic Period', 70-640 CE", in M. Goodman, ed, *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002) 79-114.
- "Political, Social and Economic History of Palestine, 70-235 CE", *Cambridge History of Judaism*, volume 4, 23-52.
- "On the Program and Reception of the Synagogue Mosaics", in L. Levine and Z. Weiss, eds., *From Dura to Sepphoris: Studies in Jewish Art and Society in Late Antiquity* (Journal of Roman Archaeology supplement volume 40 (2000)) 165-81.
- "Palestinian Society and Jewish Identity in the High Roman Empire", in S. Goldhill, ed., *Being Greek under Rome: Cultural Identity, the Second Sophistic and the Development of Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001) 335-61.
- "King Herod, Friend of the Jews", J. Schwartz, Z. Amar and I. Ziffer, eds., *Jerusalem and Eretz Israel: Arie Kindler Volume* (Tel Aviv: Rennert Center, Bar Ilan University/Eretz Israel Museum, 2000), \*67-\*76.
- "The Patriarchs and the Diaspora", Jnl of Jewish Studies 50 (1999) 208-22.
- "The Hellenisation of Jerusalem and Shechem", M. Goodman, ed., *Jews in a Graeco-Roman World* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), 37-45.
- "Rabban Gamaliel in Aphrodite's Bath", P. Schäfer, ed., *The Talmud Yerushalmi and Greco-Roman Culture* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1998), 203-17.
- "Beginnings: The Jews in the First Millennium BCE", *Illustrated History of the Jews*, ed. N. R. M. de Lange (New York: Harcourt Brace, 1997), 3-50.
- "Language, Power and Identity in Ancient Palestine". *Past and Present* 148 (1995) 3-47. "Josephus in Galilee: Rural Patronage and Social Breakdown". *Josephus and the History of the Greco-Roman Period: Essays in Memory of Morton Smith*. Edited by Fausto Parente and Joseph Sievers (Leiden: Brill, 1994) 290-308.
- "On the Autonomy of Judaea in the Fourth and Third Centuries B.C.E.". *Journal of Jewish Studies* 45 (1994) 157-68.

- "John Hyrcanus I's Destruction of the Gerizim Temple and Judaean-Samaritan Relations". *Jewish History* 7 (1993) 9-25.
- "A Note on the Social Type and Political Ideology of the Hasmonean Family". *Journal of Biblical Literature* 112 (1993) 305-9.
- "Israel and the Nations Roundabout: 1 Maccabees and the Hasmonean Expansion". *Journal of Jewish Studies* 42 (1991) 16-38.
- "Georgius Syncellus and Ancient Jewish History". *Proceedings of the Tenth World Congress of Jewish Studies* (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 1990), Division B, vol. 2, pp. 1-8.
- "The 'Judaism' of Samaria and Galilee in Josephus's Version of the Letter of Demetrius I to Jonathan (Ant. 13.48-57)". *Harvard Theological Review* 82 (1989) 377-91.
- "A Greek Inscription at the Annenberg Institute." *Jewish Quarterly Review* 80 (1989) 87-91.
- "Judaism from Cyrus to Constantine." *Civilizations of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome* (New York: Scribners, 1988), pp. 1027-45.
- "The Composition and Publication of Josephus's *Bellum Judaicum* Book 7." *Harvard Theological Review* 79 (1986) 373-86.
- "T. Mucius Clemens: A Supplementary Note." *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 58 (1985) 296.
- "T. Mucius Clemens, Commander of the Army of Agrippa II." *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 56 (1984) 240-42.

# **Invited Lectures**

Etc....(AJS talk, 2008; Scholion seminar, Hebrew U. 1/14/09, several things at CAJS, 2007/8......etc etc etc-can no longer keep track)

2006: "Rabbinic Deference and Roman Honor", Jewish studies seminar, Rutgers University, October.

2005: "Were Jews and Christians a Single Group in the Preconstantinian Roman Empire?", World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 2005; "A God of Reciprocity", History Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Oct 31, 2005. 2003/4: "Memory in Josephus", one-day conference on Memory and the Jews, GTU/Berkeley, April, 2004 (similarly in May 2005, University of Calgary); "Was there a Priestly Revival in Late Antique Galilee", Conference on Galilee in Antiquity, Yale, October, 2004.

In Academic Year 2002-3:

Inaugural lecture for Cohen Chair, JTS, March, 2003; 2 lectures at conferences sponsored by Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, May and July 2003; Epigraphy Group seminar, IAS, Jerusalem, June 2003; talk at Makhon Schechter, Jerusalem, June 2003; Response to Galit Hasan-Rokem, one day conference at Center for Literary and Cultural Studies, Hebrew University, June 2003; New Testament seminar, Union Theological Seminary, October, 2003; Schwartz Family Lecture, University of Toronto, October, 2003; 3 Bronfman Lectures, Trinity College, Dublin, November, 2003; Response at session dedicated to *Imperialism and Jewish Society*, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November, 2003; "Gedalyah Alon: A View from the Diaspora, AJS Annual Meeting, Boston, December, 2003.

In academic year 2000/01:

- "Rabbinization in the Sixth Century", The Talmud Yerushalmi and Greco-Roman Culture II, Princeton, November, 2000; similarly, church history seminar, Theologische Fakultät, University of Bonn, July, 2001
- "Comments on Boyarin, *Dying for God*", SBL/AAR Annual Meeting, Nashville, November, 2000
- "Forgery and the Problem of Attributions in Rabbinic Literature", Fraud and Forgery, a special seminar in the Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge, May, 2001 "Comments on Richard Kalmin, *Sages and Society*", SBL International Meeting, Rome,

## 1996-2000???

July, 2001

"Gamaliel in Aphrodite's Bath: Palestinian Judaism and Urban Culture in the Third and Fourth Centuries", Text and Context: The Talmud Yerushalmi in its Graeco-Roman Environment, conference at the Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, October, 1996; similarly at ancient history seminars at Columbia and Princeton Universities, October, 1996-February, 1997.

"The Patriarchs and the Diaspora", Annual Skirball Conference, New York University, Israel and the Diaspora in Antiquity, February, 1996.

"Herod and the Transformation of Jewish Society", Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, November, 1995.

"The Hellenization of Jerusalem and Shechem and What it Meant to be Greek in the Second Century BCE", British Association of Jewish Studies, Regent's Park College, Oxford, July 1995.

"The Rise of the Synagogue: Patronage and the Ideology of Community in Late Antique Palestine", Ancient History Seminar, Institute of Classical Studies, London, December, 1994; Ancient Judaism and Christianity Seminar, Wolfson College, Oxford, November, 1994.

- "The Transformation of Judaism and Hellenism under Ptolemaic Rule", Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, October, 1993.
- "Language, Power and Identity in Ancient Palestine", Theology Faculty, University of Heidelberg, May, 1993; Ancient History Seminar, Cambridge, June, 1993.
- "The Status of Judaea Under the Ptolemies", Jüdische Hochschule, Heidelberg, May, 1993.
- "Josephus in Galilee: Rural Patronage and Social Breakdown", International Colloquium on Flavius Josephus, San Miniato, Italy, and Cambridge Seminar in Hebrew and Jewish Studies, November, 1992.
- "The Rhetoric of 1 Maccabees and Hasmonean Ideology", Society of Biblical Literature, November, 1991, and King's College, Cambridge, February, 1992.
- "The Books of Maccabees and the Hasmonean Expansion: Towards a Revision of the History of Hellenistic Palestine", Ohio State University, February, 1991.