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Professor of Law, Cardozo Law School
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Education:

J.D., 1978 Columbia University Law School
Writing and Research editor, *Columbia Law Review*. Stone Scholar.

Graduate,
1974-75 Yale University
Danforth Fellow in Religion and Classical Civilization.

B.A., 1974 Princeton University
Major in Religion, *summa cum laude*. *Phi Beta Kappa*. University Scholar, 1971-74.
George Potts Bible Prize and John Robinson Memorial Prize

Languages: Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Aramaic, French

Employment:

2008-present University Professor

1983-present Professor, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

2004-present Director, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization

1987-1990 Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Cardozo School of Law

1979-1983 Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Associate, Litigation Department

1978-1979 Law Clerk, Judge John Minor Wisdom, Fifth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals

Visits:

Princeton University, Visiting Chair in American Jewish Studies, Spring, 2008

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Caroline Zelaznik Gruss and Joseph S. Gruss
Visiting Chair in Talmudic Civil Law, Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Columbia Law School, 2006-2007

Harvard Law School, Caroline Zelaznik Gruss and Joseph S. Gruss Visiting Chair in
Talmudic Civil Law, 2004-2005

Hebrew University Law School, Affiliated Visiting Professor, 2006-10

Columbia Law School, Adjunct Visiting Professor, 2002 -2005

Tel Aviv Law School, Affiliated Visiting Professor, 2006-2010

Haifa Law School, May 2003

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Criminal Law, Family Law, Law and Religion in History, Religion and the State, The Jewish Political Tradition, Biblical Jurisprudence, Jewish Law and American Legal Theory, Interpretation and Authority in Jewish Law, Talmudic Law and Rationality, War and Sacrifice in Jewish Law, Religion and Political Space, Truth, Trust and Law

Journals Edited: Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Diné Israel: A Journal of Jewish Law* (in collaboration with Tel Aviv Law School)

Editorial Board, *Jewish Quarterly Review*

Senior Editor, *Hebraic Political Studies*

Works in Progress: *The Rabbinic Legal Imagination: Subjecting the Divine to Law*

Mercy: A Jewish View

The Franz Rosenzweig Lectures, Yale 2010

Books: *Rabbinic and Lay Communal Authority*, Editor (Yeshiva University Press, 2007)

Publications: "Between Truth and Trust: Prophecy and Self-Deception," *Hebraic Political Studies* (forthcoming Dec. 2009)

"Between Revenge and Reconciliation: Rabbinic Perspectives on Collective Justice and Mercy" (forthcoming)

"War in Jewish Law and Thought," in *Islamic Theories of War* ed. Sohail Hashmi (Oxford University Press) (forthcoming)

"Law Without Nation or Law Without State: The Case of Halakha" in *Law Without Nation*, ed. Austin Sarat (forthcoming)

"Religion and the State: Models of Separation from Within Jewish Law," *ICON*, Volume 6, No. 3 & 4, pp. 631-661 (2008)

"Jewish Marriage and Secular Law," in *The Islamic Marriage Contract* (Harvard University Press) 2008

"On the Interplay of Rules, 'Cases,' and Concepts in Rabbinic Legal Literature: Another Look at the Aggadot on Honi the Circle-Drawer," *Dine Israel* 24 (2007)

"Influence of Jewish Law on the US Legal System," Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, *Annual Assessment: Major Shifts – Threats and Opportunities*, Executive Report No. 3 (2006): 54-59.

"Text, Tradition, and Reason in Comparative Perspective," Symposium Volume: (editor and introduction, co-authored with Adam Seligman), 28 *Cardozo Law Review* 1 (October 2006)

"Formulating Responses to Egalitarianism," *Jewish Law and Egalitarianism* (Jason Aronson Press, 2005)

"Rabbinic Legal Magic: A New Look at Honi's Circle as the Construction of Legal Space," 17 *Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities* (March 2005)

"Between Truth and Trust: The False Prophet as Self-Deceiver", The Harold Berman Memorial Lectures, *Publication of the Center for Jewish Studies*, Queens College, CUNY (2005)

"Orthodoxy and the Public Square of Ideas," *Tradition* vol. 38, No. 1 (Spring, 2004)

"Truth and Illusion," *Jewish Quarterly Review*, vol.94, No.1 (Winter, 2004)

"Feminism and the Rabbinic Conception of Justice," *Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy*, Hava Samuelson, ed. (Indiana University) (2004) (translated into Italian)

"A Jewish Perspective on Human Rights," *Society* 41, No. 2 (Jan/Feb 2004)

Participant: *Modest Claims: Dialogues on Toleration and Tradition*, ed. Adam B. Seligman (University of Notre Dame Press) (2004).

"Spinoza's Identity and Philosophy: Jewish or Otherwise? 25 *Cardozo Law Review* 579 (2003)

"Tolerance versus Pluralism in Judaism," *Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 2, #1 Spring (2003) (translated into German, Hebrew, and Arabic)

"The Jewish Tradition and Civil Society," *Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society*, Will Kymlicka, ed. (Princeton University Press) (2002), reprinted in *Law, Politics and Morality in Judaism*, ed. Michael Walzer (Princeton University Press, 2006)

"Tolerance and Pluralism in the Jewish Tradition", in *Religious Perspectives on Tolerance*, Forum Bosnia, Rusmir Mahmutćehajić, ed. (2001)

"The Intervention of American Law in Jewish Divorce: A Pluralist Analysis," 34 *Israel Law Review* 170 (2000)

Book Review, "Rational Rabbis: Science and Talmudic Culture", *Iyyun: A Journal of Philosophy* (Hebrew University Press) (January 2000)

Commentary on Prophecy, *The Jewish Political Tradition*, Michael Walzer, ed. (Yale University Press) (2000)

“Cultural Pluralism, Nationalism, and Universal Rights,” 21 *Cardozo Law Review* 1211 (2000)

“Religion and State: A Comparative Perspective,” *Proceedings of the Luso-American Forum on Comparative Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law* (1999)

“What Do American Jews Believe?” *Symposium, Commentary Magazine* (August 1996)

“Justice, Mercy, and Gender in Rabbinic Thought,” 8 *Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* 139 (1996)

“The Emergence of Jewish Law In Postmodernist Legal Theory,” *Harvard Law School Occasional Paper Series, Occasional Paper 2/94*.

"In Pursuit of the Countertext: The Turn to the Jewish Legal Model in Contemporary American Legal Theory," 106 *Harvard Law Review* 813 (1993)

"Judaism and Postmodernism," 14 *Cardozo Law Review* 1681 (1993)

"The Transformation of Prophecy," 4 *Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* 167 (1992).

"Sinaitic and Noahide Law: Legal Pluralism in Jewish Law," 12 *Cardozo Law Review* 1157 (1991)

Note, "The Preclusive Effect of State Court Judgments on Subsequent § 1983 Actions," 78 *Columbia Law Review* 610 (1978)

**Conferences
Organized:**

Legal and Political Theology, Cardozo Law School, Spring 2010

Law and Rationality, Cardozo Law School, Spring 2009

Graduate Seminar on Interdisciplinary Research in Jewish Law (Cardozo-Hebrew University Law-Tel Aviv Law) Fall 2008

The Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Intellectual Discourse (Cardozo-Hebrew University), Spring 2008

Jews and the Legal Profession, Cardozo Law School, Fall 2006

Halakha and Aggada, Harvard Law School, Spring 2005

Text, Tradition and Reason in Comparative Perspective, Cardozo Law School, Spring 2004

Religious Law and Legal Pluralism, Cardozo Law School, Fall 1990

Presentations:

“Franz Rosenzweig Lectures in Religion and Law” Yale University. Fall, 2010

“Mercy,” Tikvah Summer Session, Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions, August, Princeton University

“Rabbinic Conceptions of Power,” Jews and Power, Center for Jewish History, May 2009

“Law and the Supranatural,” Law and Rationality Workshop, Cardozo Law School, April 2009

“Religious Globalization and Legal Theory,” Conference on Virtual Religious Communities, Van Leer, Jerusalem, December 2008

“Jewish Law and War: The Turn to International Law and Ethics,” Mount Holyoke, November 2008

“Law as the Nation, Law against the Nation,” Amherst, November 2008

“Religion and State in the Jewish Legal Imagination,” The Gruss Lectures, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Fall, 2008

Hebraic Political Studies Conference, Princeton University, Sept. 2008

“God, Politics & the Jewish Tradition.” Princeton University Seminar. August 1, 2008

“Tolerance and Pluralism” ISSRPL Conference. Birmingham, England. July, 2008

“Jewish Law & Legal Theory.” Hebrew University Law School. May 26, 2008

“Coercion & Jewish Law.” Harvard University Law School. May 19, 2008

President Shimon Peres Conference, Jerusalem. May 12-15, 2008.

“Prophecy and Trust.” Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Intellectual Discourse, Cardozo School of Law, (March 17, 2008)

“Narrative as Law.” Judaic Studies Workshop. Princeton University (March 7, 2008)

“Pictures of God, Pictures of Law.” LAPA Seminar, Princeton University. (March 3, 2008)

“Torah and the State: Divergent Halakhic Conceptions of the State of Israel.” Feibel Memorial Lecture, Ohio State University. (March 2, 2008)

“Judicial Authority,” Jewish-Islamic Text Study Group, University of Toronto, (October 14-16, 2007)

“Revenge and Reconciliation,” Zalman Bernstein Memorial Lecture, Shalem Center, Jerusalem (October 2007)

“Revenge and Reconciliation,” Gruss Lectures in Jewish Law, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (September-October 2007)

“Religion and Empire,” ISSRPL Conference, Istanbul (July 2007)

Scholar-in-Residence, Jewish Center, New York (May 2007)

“Religion and Public Space,” Galilee Conference, Jerusalem (June 2007)

“Between Revenge and Reconciliation: Rabbinic Views on Historical Justice,” McGill University, Kisilevsky Lecture in Jewish Law, Montreal (March 2007)

“Jewish Law in the American Legal Setting,” Israeli Judiciary, Institute for Advanced Judicial Studies, Jerusalem (February 27, 2007)

“Genesis and the Problem of Evil,” Yale University Law School, New Haven (February 2007)

“Halakhah and Aggadah,” Columbia University Center for Israeli and Judaic Studies, New York (January 2007)

Commentator, AALS Panel, Jewish Law Section Program, Washington, D.C. (December 2006)

Moderator, “Punishment: The US Record,” Social Research Conference, The New School (November 2006)

“Israel and Constitutionalism,” Boston Hebrew College, Boston (November 2006)

“Prophecy, Interpretation, and Authority” Tel Aviv Law and History Workshop, Tel Aviv (May 2006)

“Prophecy in the Palestinian Talmud and in Maimonides,” Bar Ilan Law School, Tel Aviv (May 2006)

“Truth and Trust,” Bar Ilan Law School Faculty Workshop, Tel Aviv (May 2006)

Law and Culture Workshop: “Law and the Imagination,” Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliyah Law School, Herzliya (May 2006)

“Collective Punishment and Justice,” Boston Hebrew College, Boston (February 2006)

“Religion in the Public Square,” a dialogue with President Lee Bollinger, Columbia University, New York (March 2006)

"Revenge and Reconciliation," Boston Hebrew College, Boston (January 2006)

"A Conversation with Ronald Dworkin on Jewish Law," Center for Jewish History (December 2005)

"The New American Contribution to the Future of Jewish Law as an Academic Discipline," World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (August 2005)

"Halakhah and Aggadah," Harvard Law School, Boston (May 2005)

"Death Penalty in Jewish Law," Philadelphia Law Day Keynote Speaker (May 2005)

Scholar-in-Residence, Ohab Zedek (May 2005)

Scholar-in-Residence, Kehillat Jeshurun (May 2005)

"Is the Halakha a Self-Sufficient Legal System: Views from Within," Harvard University, Center for Judaic Studies, Endowed Lecture, Boston (May 2005)

"Law and Morality: A Comparative Perspective," 92nd St. YMHA, New York (March 2005)

"Jewish Law, Abortion, and Choice," Harvard Law School, Boston (February 2005)

"Jewish Perspectives on the Death Penalty," AALS Conference, San Francisco (January 2005)

"Folktales of Jurisdiction," Yale Law School, New Haven (April 2004)

"Just War: A Comparative View," Fordham Law School, New York (March 2004)

"Religion, State, and Jewish Divorce," JCC Series on American and Jewish Law, New York (March 2004)

"Collective Punishment, War, and Morality," AALS Conference, Atlanta (January 2004)

"How Do We Know the Prophet?" CUNY Graduate Center, New York (October 2003)

"Sotah: Law and Emotion," Boston University, Boston (November 2003)

"Genesis and Noahide Law," Harvard Law School, Boston (May 2003)

"Honi HaMe'aggel: The Ritual Enactment of Legal Concepts," Boston University, Boston (May 2003)

"Controversy in Jewish Law," Soloveitchik Institute, Brookline, MA (February 2003)

Scholar in Residence, Davar Institute (January 10-11, 2003)

"Law and Prophecy," AALS Conference, Washington, D.C. (January 2003)

"Collective Punishment in Rabbinic Thought", Conference on Terrorism and Democracy, Haifa University Law School, Haifa (December 2002)

"Rabbinic Models of Citizenship," Orthodox Caucus, New York (November 2002)

"Prophecy, Hermeneutics, and Trust," Columbia Law School Legal Theory Workshop, New York (November 2002)

"Judaism and the Other," Interreligious Center on Religious Life, Boston Hebrew College, Boston (October 2002)

"Was Spinoza a Jewish Philosopher?" Conference on Spinoza's Law, Cardozo Law School, New York (October 2002)

"Justice Cardozo and the Jewish Tradition", Center for Jewish History, New York (May 2002)

"Teaching Jewish Law in American Law Schools," Conference on Equity in Jewish Law, Harvard Law School, Boston (May 2002)

"Fundamentalism and Tolerance," Conference on Fundamentalisms, Equalities, and the Challenge to Tolerance in Post-9/11 Environment, Cardozo Law School, New York (April 2002)

"Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society", Forum on Comparative Law and Comparative Politics, New York Law School, New York (April 2002)

"Law and Emotion", Conference on Law and the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia (March 2002)

"Rabbinic and Lay Authority", Lecture Series, Queens College, New York (February 2002)

"The Jewish Political Tradition," Conference on Jewish Civilization and its Discontents, UCLA, Los Angeles (November 2001)

"Halakha and Morality," Meorot Lecture, Yeshivat Hovevei Torah, October 2001.

"Judaism and Human Rights," Interreligious Center on Public Life, Boston Hebrew College, Boston (October, 2001)

"Judaism and Political Toleration", Conference, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem (May 2001)

"The Jewish Tradition and the Idea of Equality", Seminar on Equality, Constitutionalism, and Nationalism, Cardozo Law School, New York (April 2001)

“Jewish Law and Emerging Ethical Issues” Orthodox Forum, Yeshiva University, New York (March 2001)

“Law, Judaism, and Contemporary America”, Conference on Law, Judaism, and the State, Harvard Law School, Boston (March 7, 2001)

“Lawyering and Jewish Ethics”, Edah Conference, February 2001.

“Gender and the Jewish Legal Imagination” Conference on Feminism and Jewish Philosophy, Arizona State University, Arizona (February 2001)

“The Law of the State is the Law,” International Conference on Law and Philosophy, Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem (June 2000)

“Jewish and Secular Conceptions of Tolerance”, Yeshiva University, New York (May 2000)

“Jewish Law and Capital Punishment”, Symposium on Law in the Last Millennium, Federal Bar Association, Arizona (March 2000)

“Jewish Divorce and The American Courts: A Pluralist Analysis,” International Conference on Religion, Secularism and Human Rights, Hebrew University Law School, Jerusalem (February 2000)

Participant, International Conference on Law and Philosophy, Shalom Hartman Institute, 2002 (Jerusalem), 2001 (Jerusalem), 2000 (Jerusalem), 1999 (Jerusalem), 1998 (Jerusalem), 1996 (New York), 1995 (Jerusalem).

"The Jewish Conception of Tolerance," International Conference on Tolerance in Political and Religious Traditions, Institut fur die Wissenschaften Vom Menschen, Workshop on Religious Tolerance, Vienna, Austria (April 1999)

"Jewish Marriage and Secular Law," International Conference on the Islamic Marriage Contract, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, Boston (January 1999)

"Multiculturalism and Universal Rights," A Roundtable on Constitutionalism, Constitutional Rights and Changing Civil Society, U.S. and International Association of Constitutional Law, New York University Law School, New York (November 1998)

"Forgiveness and Mercy in Politics and Law," Conversation with Jacques Derrida, Law and Humanism Speaker Series, Cardozo School of Law, New York (October 1998)

"Judaism and Civil Society," Conference on Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society, Ethikon Institute, California (July 1998)

"Comparative Law and Religion," Luso-American Forum on Comparative Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law, Lisbon, Portugal (June 1998)

"Jewish Law and Modernity: Five Interpretations," The Caroline Zelaznik Gruss and Joseph S. Gruss Visiting Professorship in Talmudic Civil Law Lecture, Harvard Law School, Boston (November 1994)

"History and Memory," Memorial Lecture, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore (May 1994)

"Prophecy and Tradition," Faculty Workshop, University of Southern California Law School, Los Angeles (March 1994)

"The *Agunah* and American Civil Law Responses," AALS Annual Meeting, Jewish Law Section, January 1994.

"The Intervention of the American Legal System in Jewish Divorces," The Institute of Jewish Law, Touro College Law Center, Islip, New York (November 1993)

"Bargaining in the Shadow of Jewish Law", Conference on Jewish Divorce Law, Cardozo School of Law, New York (May 1993)

"Prophecy and the Law," Conference on Law and Rhetoric, Cardozo School of Law, New York (May 1993)

"Noahide and Sinaitic Law" Conference on Jewish Law and Legal Pluralism, Cardozo School of Law, New York (November 1990)

Professional and Communal Activities:

Summer 2009	Dean, Tikvah Summer Seminar, Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions
2007- present	Islamic and Jewish Law Professors Reading Group, University of Toronto
2003 – 2007	Curator, Jews and Justice Series, Center for Jewish History.
2002	Member, Judicial Screening Panel for Supreme Court, New York County.
2002	Chair, Section on Jewish Law, American Association of Law Schools.
2000-2001	Member, Special Investigative Commission of the Orthodox Union.
1998-2001	Officer, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Jewish Law.
1992-1995	Vice President, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.
1988-1991	Member, Committee on Legal Education, Association of the Bar of the City of New York.
1984-1987	Member, Committee on Federal Courts, Association of the Bar of the city of New York.
1981-1984	Member, Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics, Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Current Board Memberships:

The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists
International Summer School in Religion and Public Life
The Center for Ethics and Civilization, Yeshiva University