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### ***EDUCATION***

- **University College London, Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies – Ph.D., 2014**  
*‘Improper Twins’: The Ambivalent ‘Other Side’ in the Zohar and Kabbalistic Tradition*
- **Harvard Law School – J.D., 1985**  
*Magna cum Laude; Harvard Law Review; Sears Prize for academic excellence; Laylin Prize in International Law*
- **Yale College – B.A., 1980**  
*Summa cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Honors in Philosophy*

### ***POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS***

- **Commission of the European Communities, Brussels, 1992**  
*Observation and training in Directorate-General III, Unit F-4 (Copyright and International Aspects of Intellectual Property)*
- **Harvard Sheldon Fellowship, Paris, 1985-86**  
*Research and study in philosophy and literary theory*

### ***FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS***

- **Brown University, Rahel Varnhagen Professor of International Affairs, Law, Modern Culture, and Religious Studies, 2009-present**  
Research Initiative: *Religion and Internationalism Project, 2011-2018*  
Courses: *International Law; Nationalism, Colonialism, Religion, and International Law; Religion, Secularization, and the International; Law and Religion; Kabbalah: An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism; Indigenous Peoples and American Law; Sacred Sites: Law, Politics, Religion; God’s Law: Religion, Legality, and Spirituality; Death: Religion, Philosophy, Law*  
Other Brown Affiliations: *Judaic Studies Program, Native American and Indigenous Studies Initiative*
- **Brooklyn Law School: Professor of Law – 2001-2008**

Courses: *International Law; Regional Human Rights Systems; International Trade; European Union Law; Nationalism, Self-Determination, and Cultural Identity*

- **Northeastern University School of Law: Professor of Law – 1989-2001**  
Courses: *International Law; European Union Law; Regional Human Rights Systems; European Human Rights Law; Conflict of Laws; Arab-Israeli Conflict; Law and Literature; Nationalism, Self-Determination and Cultural Identity*
- **Amherst College: Mellon Lecturer in Law and the Social Order – 1988-89**  
Courses: *Law and Literature; Law and Politics*

### ***AFFILIATED AND VISITING APPOINTMENTS***

- **Sciences-Po, Paris : Visiting Professor, Fall 2010**  
Course: *International Law and Religion*
- **School of Oriental and African Studies, London: Professorial Research Associate and Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre on International Law and Colonialism – 2006-present**
- **Université de Paris-I (Sorbonne/Panthéon): Visiting Professor – January 2005**  
Lectures : *“Nationalisme, colonialisme et renouveau moderniste du droit international,” “Hégémonie et droit international ;” “Droit de guerre comme champ de bataille”*
- **University of Siena: Professor in Master’s Program in Human Rights – Spring 2003**  
Course: *Humanitarian Intervention*
- **Stanford University, Department of Political Science: Visiting Professor – Winter 2003**  
Courses: *Wars and Laws; International Law*
- **Columbia Law School: Visiting Scholar – 2001-02**

### ***NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS (selected)***

- **Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination: Staff Attorney, 1987-88**  
*Housing Discrimination Unit*
- **United States Court of Appeal for the First Circuit: Judicial Clerk, 1986-87**  
*Hon. Hugh H. Bownes, Circuit Judge*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- **Books**

- *DIVINE AND DEMONIC IN THE POETIC MYTHOLOGY OF THE ZOHAR: THE “OTHER SIDE” OF KABBALAH* (The Hague: Brill 2018)
- *PASSION AND AMBIVALENCE : COLONIALISM, NATIONALISM, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* (The Hague: Brill, 2011)
- *PASSIONS ET AMBIVALENCES: LE COLONIALISME, LE NATIONALISME ET LE DROIT INTERNATIONAL* (Paris: Editions Pedone 2008)

- **Manuscripts-in-Progress**

- *ANGER, EVIL, AND DEATH: EXISTENTIAL CRISIS AND KABBALISTIC MYTHOLOGY*
- *DISCOURSES OF DEMONIZATION : RELIGION, LAW, POLITICS*

- **Scholarly Essays and Reviews**

- *A 'Seething Cauldron' of 'Infinite Soul-Sparks': Lurianizing 'Introjection' / Psychoanalyzing 'Gilgul'*, in Andrea Gondos & Leore Sachs-Shmuelly (eds.), *The Life of the Soul: Perspectives on Reincarnation from the Middle Ages to the Modern Period*, (under review at SUNY Press)
- *"There is Anger — and — There is Anger": The Furious Construction of Zoharic Subjectivity*, forthcoming in Lawrence Fine, Joel Hecker, and Ruth Kara Ivanov-Kaniel (eds.), *Emotions in the Jewish Mystical Tradition*, Littman Library of Jewish Civilization
- *"'Un Dieu Manqué': Existentialism, Death, and Zoharic Myths of Human and Divine Souls"*, forthcoming in *Jewish Studies Quarterly*
- *Review of Melila Hellner-Eshed, Seekers of the Face : Secrets of the Idra Rabba (the Great Assembly) of the Zohar, trans. Raphael Dascalu. Stanford : Stanford University Press, 2021, AJS Review 47:1, April 2023*
- *"International Law: A Novel, By G. (Reviewed By A Protagonist),"*  
<http://humanityjournal.org/blog/international-law-a-novel-by-g-reviewed-by-a-protagonist-2/>, November, 2022 – review of Gerry Simpson, *The Sentimental Life of International Law: Literature, Language, and Longing in World Politics* (Oxford 2022).
- *Review of Moshe Halbertal, "Nahmanides: Law and Mysticism"*, in *Marginalia Review of Books*, <https://themarginaliareview.com/beyond-the-era-of-the-torah/>, May, 2021

- *Conquest, Sacred Sites, and “Religion” In a Time of Crisis*, in Pamela Slotte and John Haskell (eds.), *Christianity and Public International Law* (Cambridge University Press 2021)
- *The Irreducibility of Demonization and Kabbalistic Ambivalence*, in *AJS Perspectives*, Spring 2020, <https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/docs/default-source/ajs-perspectives/ajs-perspectives-hate-issue-berman.pdf?sfvrsn=0>
- *There’s No Place Like Home: Domicile, René Cassin, and the Aporias of Modern International Law*, in James Loeffler & Moria Paz (eds.), *Jewish Lawyers and International Law: A Sphere Between Nations* (Cambridge University Press 2019)
- *Drama Through Law: The Versailles Treaty and the Casting of the Modern International Stage*, in Burkhard Hess and Hélène Ruiz Fabri (eds.), *‘Peace Through Law’: The Versailles Peace Treaty and Dispute Settlement After WW I* (Nomos & Hart, 2019)
- *Demonization and Transformation: Legal and Kabbalistic Myths of Self and Other*, in Philip Wexler (ed.), *Jewish Spirituality and Social Transformation* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2018)
- *The Devil’s Party: The Discourse of Demonization in a Fracturing World*, 6 *London Review of International Law*, 6:1 (2018)
- *‘In a Place Parallel to God’: The Draft, the Demonic, and the Conscientious Cubist*, *Journal of Law and Religion*, 32:2 (2017)
- *Demonic Writing: Textuality, Otherness, and Zoharic Proliferation*, in *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 24:4 (2017)
- 
- *Demonization*, *Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon* 3:5 (Fall 2016)
- *Bernard Lazare: Radical Modernism and Jewish Identity*, in *Makers of Jewish Modernity: Thinkers, Artists, Leaders, and the World They Made*, ed. Jacques Picart, Jacques Revel, Michael Steinberg, and Idith Zertal (Princeton University Press, 2016)
- *“The Sacred Conspiracy”: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism*, 25 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 9 (2012), reprinted in Silvio Ferrari & Rinaldo Cristofori (eds.), *Current Issues in Law and Religion* (London: Ashgate 2013)
- *‘Religion’, Genealogy, History: A Reply to Zucca and Monod*, 25 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 73 (2012)
- *The Ambivalence of “Walls” in the Internationalist Imagination: Legal Scandal or the Foundation of Legal Order?*, in Jean-Marc Sorel (ed.), *Les Murs et le droit international* (Paris: Editions Pedone 2010)

- ***Aestheticism, Rationalism, and Esotericism: Medieval Scholarship and Contemporary Polemics***, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 99 (2009)
- ***Power and Irony, or, International Law after the Après-Guerre***, in Emmanuelle Jouannet, Hélène Ruiz Fabri, & Jean-Marc Sorel (eds.), *Le droit international vu par une génération de juristes* (Paris, Editions Pedone 2008)
- ***Council Comment: International Law and the Next U.S. Presidency***, <http://www.asil.org/il08/berman.html> (2008)
- ***Les Ambivalences Impériales***, in Hélène Ruiz & Emmanuelle Jouannet (ed.), *Droit international et impérialisme en Europe et aux Etats-Unis* 131 (Paris: UMR de Droit Comparé, 2007)
- ***Council Comment: the ICJ's Decision in Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro***, Spring 2007 Newsletter of the American Society of International Law 8
- ***Intervention in a 'Divided World' : Axes of Legitimacy***, 17 *European Journal of International Law* 743 (2006); reprinted in Philip Alston & Euan MacDonald (eds), *Human Rights, Intervention and the Use of Force* 215 (Oxford University Press 2008).
- ***Roundtable on War, Force, Revolution (with others)***, 100 *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* (2006)
- ***War, Trade, and the Construction of the International***, 31 *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* 685 (2006)
- ***Legitimacy through Defiance: From Goa to Iraq***, 23 *Wisconsin International Law Journal* 93 (2005)
- ***"The Appeals of the Orient": Colonized Desire and the War of the Rif***, in Karen Knop (ed.), *Gender and Human Rights* 195 (Oxford University Press; 2004)
- ***Privileging Combat? Contemporary Conflict and the Legal Construction of War***, 43 *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 1 (2004)
- ***Roundtable: Subversive Legal Moments? (with Karen Engle, Elizabeth Schneider, Janet Halley, Vicki Schultz, and Adrienne Davis)***, 12 *Texas Journal of Women and the Law* 197 (2003)
- ***The Quest for Rationality: The Recent Writings of Tom Franck***, 35 *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics* 339 (2003)
- ***Shadows: Du Bois and the Colonial Prospect, 1925***, 45 *Villanova Law Review* 959 (2001)
- ***Against the Wrong and the Dead: A Genealogy of Left/MPM***, 22 *Cardozo Law Review* 1005 (2001)

- ***The Nationality Decrees Case, or, of Intimacy and Consent***, 13 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 265 (2000)
- ***Imperial Rivalry and the Genealogy of Human Rights: The Nationality Decrees Case***, 94 *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* (2000)
- ***In the Wake of Empire (First Annual Grotius Lecture at the American Society of International Law)***, 14 *American University International Law Review* 1515 (1999)
- ***Roundtable: Law and Literature (with Mitchell Lasser, David Kennedy, Duncan Kennedy, Norman Silber, and Lawrence Kessler)***, in Susan Tiefenbrun (ed.), *Law and the Arts* 115 (Greenwood Press; 1999)
- ***Bosnien, Spanien, und das Volkerrecht: Zwischen 'Allianz' und 'Lokalisierung'***, in Hauke Brunkhorst, *Einmischung Erwünscht?* 117 (Fischer Verlag 1998)
- ***Aftershocks: Exoticization, Normalization, and the Hermeneutic Compulsion***, 1997 *University of Utah Law Review* 281
- ***Nationalism "Good" and "Bad": Vicissitudes of an Obsession***, 90 *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* 214 (1996)
- ***Beyond Colonialism and Nationalism? Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, and "Peaceful Change"***, 65 *Nordic Journal of International Law* 421 (1996)
- ***Legalizing Jerusalem, or, Of Law, Fantasy, and Faith***, 45 *Catholic University Law Review* 823 (1996)
- ***Economic Consequences, Nationalist Passions: Keynes, Crisis, Culture, and Policy***, 10 *American University Journal of International Law and Policy* 619 (1995)
- ***Between "Alliance" and "Localization": Nationalism and the New Oscillationism***, 26 *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics* 449 (1994)
- ***"But the Alternative is Despair": European Nationalism and the Modernist Renewal of International Law***, 106 *Harvard Law Review* 1792 (1993)
- ***Modernism, Nationalism, and the Rhetoric of Reconstruction***, 4 *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities* 351 (1992), *revised in* Loriaux & Lynch (eds.), *Law and Moral Action* (University of Minnesota, 1999); *reprinted in* 13 *Current Legal Theory* 3 (1995); *abridged in* Danielsen & Engle (eds.), *After Identity: Essays in Law and Culture* (Routledge, 1994)
- ***A Perilous Ambivalence: Nationalist Desire, Legal Autonomy, and the Limits of the Interwar Framework***, 33 *Harvard International Law Journal* 353 (1992)

- *Nationalism Legal and Linguistic: The Teachings of European Jurisprudence*, 24 New York University Journal of International Law and Politics 1515 (1992)
- *Book Review: Autonomy, Sovereignty and Self-Determination: The Accommodation of Conflicting Rights*, by Hurst Hannum, 85 American Journal of International Law 730 (1991)
- *The Paradoxes of Legitimacy: Case Studies in International Legal Modernism*, 32 Harvard International Law Journal 583 (1991)
- *Sovereignty in Abeyance: Self-Determination and International Law*, 7 Wisconsin Journal of International Law 51 (1988), reprinted in Martti Koskenniemi (ed.), *International Law* 389 (Dartmouth, 1992), reprinted in Robert McCorquodale (ed.), *Self-Determination in International Law* (Dartmouth 2000)
- *Case Comment: MPIRG v. Selective Service System*, 98 Harvard Law Review 87 (1984)

- **Public Humanities / Journalism**

- *Opinion: This Is How Israel Really Silences Palestinian Human Rights Advocates*, May 21, 2023, <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/2023-05-21/ty-article-opinion/.premium/this-is-how-israel-really-silences-palestinian-human-rights-advocates/00000188-3e0a-d805-a7c9-ffc7f1b0000>
- *Podcast: Interview on Sitra Achra (The Other Side) and Evil*, Neshamah Project Podcast Episode 40, March 2023, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/neshamah-project-podcast-episode-40-professor-nathaniel/id979100756?i=1000603030285>
- *Podcast: The Delusion of the Supreme Court as a Last Bastion of Human Rights in Israel* (discussion with Peter Beinart and Sawsan Zaher), Foundation for Middle East Peace, Feb 2023, <https://fmep.org/resource/the-delusion-of-israels-supreme-court-as-pillar-of-democracy/>
- *Opinion: Israel's Supreme Court Is No Human Rights Savior. Just Ask the Palestinians*, in *Haaretz*, Feb 14, 2023, <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-02-14/ty-article-opinion/.premium/israels-supreme-court-is-no-human-rights-savior-just-ask-the-palestinians/00000186-4f2d-d603-a7bf-cfbfe0360000>
- *Opinion: Israel Must Not Grant Its Soldiers Immunity for War Crimes*, in *Haaretz*, Jan 2, 2023, <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-01-02/ty-article-opinion/.premium/israel-must-not-grant-its-soldiers-immunity-for-war-crimes/00000185-7177-d7c3-afdd-757716630000>
- *Cassandra and the "Reasonable Man": American Jews Face Israel's New Government*, in *Times of Israel*, Jan 13, 2023, <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/cassandra-and-the-reasonable-man-american-jews-face-israels-new-government/>

- *The Settler-Protection Law No Israeli Government Can Survive Without*, June 8, 2022, <https://jewschool.com/the-settler-protection-law-no-israeli-government-can-survive-without-173692>
- *Western Sahara, Israel, and the Death of International Law*, in *Times of Israel*, Dec 18, 2020, <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/western-sahara-israel-and-the-death-of-international-law/>
- *Jerusalem before the International Courts: Utopias 2020*, in *Opinio Juris*, Oct 8, 2020, <http://opiniojuris.org/2020/08/10/jerusalem-before-the-international-courts-utopias-2020/>
- *The Year Everything Changed: 160 AD*, in *Moment Magazine*, June 2020, <https://momentmag.com/the-year-everything-changed/#berman>
- *Annexation in the Shadow of the Law*, in *Opinio Juris*, May 2020, Part 1 - <http://opiniojuris.org/2020/05/21/annexation-in-the-shadow-of-the-law/>; Part 2 - <http://opiniojuris.org/2020/05/21/annexation-in-the-shadow-of-the-law-part-ii/>
- *The Settlement Legality Debate: FAQ*, in *Tikkun* (May 2017)
- *Statism and Anti-Statism: Reflections on Israel's Legitimacy Crisis*, in *Tikkun* 27:3 (2012)

**SELECTED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS** (since 2010)

- *Cuius Regio? The Complicities of 'International-Law-and-Religion,'* Festschrift Conference for David Kennedy, NYU Law School, May 30, 2023
- *Commentator, Natasha Wheatley's forthcoming The Life and Death of States*, Remarque Institute, NYU, April 21, 2023
- *Towards the ICJ's Advisory Opinion on the Occupation of the West Bank*, International Law Workshop Special Roundtable, Tel Aviv University, April 17, 2023
- *The Problem of Evil, the Myth of the Demonic, and Confronting Death: Biblical, Rabbinic, Philosophic and Kabbalistic Perspectives*, Dickinson College, March 15, 2023
- *"Only the Wicked Revolve Alone": Horror and Redemption in Gilgul-Narratives*, Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December 18, 2022
- *"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan": Demonization as Emancipatory Practice*, Post-Critical Perspectives on Critical Legal Studies, Cardozo Law School, November 6, 2022
- *The Zohar and Existential Thought: Contra Scholem*, Association of Jewish Studies, December 20, 2021



- *A Sinister Esther, A Demonic Mordechai: A Kabbalistic View*, February 13, 2021, <https://www.sefaria.org/sheets/300812?lang=bi>
- *Standing between the Living and the Dead: Plague and the Incense Ritual in Kabbalah*, January 6, 2021, <https://vimeo.com/497846074>
- *Organizer and Chair, First International Zoom-Idra (international consortium of kabbalah scholars), Discussion in the wake of Boaz Huss' Halakha vs. Kabbalah in the Study of Jewish Mysticism*, January 18, 2021
- *Death: Nature, Power, and the Mythopoetic Self* – Association of Jewish Studies, December, 13, 2020
- *The Kelipotic Verses: An Essay in Constructive Mythology* – American Academy of Religion, December 9, 2020
- *Lilith, Kabbalah, and the Zohar*, December 4, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzL1ME39pQ8>
- *Sitra Ahara, 'The Other Side': The Demonic as Otherness Within and Without* - Bard College, October 28, 2020
- *The Kabbalistic Shofar*, October 5, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQIezN-fWKY>
- *Michel Foucault* - Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy, October 2, 2020
- *The Modern Denial of Death and the Redemption of Nature in Kabbalistic Myth* – Social Vision 2020, September 3, 2020
- *The Impossibility of Mourning: Zoharic Thoughts on the Interminability of Tisha B'Av*, August 7, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjyhcoutIVU>
- *Demonization and Transformation: Legal and Kabbalistic Myths of Self and Other*, lecture at Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, January 2020
- *“But Now God is Not One”: Kabbalah as the Cry of a Broken World*, Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix, Arizona, December 18, 2019
- *From International Law to Kabbalah!, Interview with Nathaniel Berman*, December 20, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZtMBmPARgc>
- *A New History of Kabbalah (Chair and Commentator)*, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, December, 2019
- *A Poetic Mythology for an Age of Anger? The Furious Construction of Subjectivity in the Zohar*, Literature and Kabbalah Conference, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel, June 2019

- ***Divine and Demonic in the Poetic Mythology of the Zohar: the 'Other Side' of Kabbalah***, at conference on *An Inter-Generational Encounter in the Study of the Zohar: Four Authors, Four New Books*, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, June, 2019
- ***Conquest, Sacred Sites, and “Religion” In a Time of Crisis***, at workshop on *Christianity and Public International Law*, Emory University, May 2019
- ***Poetic Mythology for our Age of Anger: The Wisdom of the Zohar and Its Relevance for the 21st Century***, lecture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, March 2019
- ***Bible in the Bar – Deuteronomy, Chapter 17***, March 4, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lht3qngLIts>
- ***Session devoted to discussion of my book DIVINE AND DEMONIC IN THE POETIC MYTHOLOGY OF THE ZOHAR: THE “OTHER SIDE” OF KABBALAH***, at the *Annual Workshop, Kabbalah Working Group*, Lehigh University, March, 2019
- ***Commentator, Conference on Law and Decolonization, Department of History, Princeton University*** – commentator on panel on ‘Legal “Prehistories” of Decolonization?’, March 2019
- ***Respondent, Davis Center Seminar, Department of History, Princeton University*** – response to Lena Salaymeh, ‘Secular Islamicized Law: Invisible Civilians in Contemporary Warfare’, March 2019
- ***Poetic Mythology for our Age of Anger***, Drisha Institute, New York City, January 2019
- ***The “Other Side” of Taboo: The Equidistant Sacred and Abject in the Zohar***, at panel on “Taboo in Kabbalah,” annual conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, December 2018
- ***A Poetic Mythology for an Age of Anger? The Furious Construction of Subjectivity in 13th Century Kabbalah***, Bard College, November 27, 2018
- ***Sacred Sites and the Genealogy of “Religion”***, at “Law and Religion Roundtable,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, June 2018
- ***Drama through Law: Nationalist Struggle and the Casting of the Modern International Stage***, at workshop on “Law as Performance and Play: A Dialogue,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, April 2018
- ***Workshop, Kabbalah Working Group***, Lehigh University, March, 2018 [note: this second annual event brings together major scholars working on the kabbalistic tradition from a variety of disciplinary perspectives; the work at the conference is collaborative – no formal papers are given]
- ***“There is Anger – and – There is Anger”: The Furious Construction of Zoharic Subjectivity***, at panel on “Human Nature in Jewish Mysticism: Body, Soul, Psychology, and Ethics,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December, 2017

- ***Drama through Law: The Versailles Treaty and the Casting of the Modern International Stage***, keynote address at conference on "Peace through Law: the Versailles Peace Treaty and dispute settlement after WW1," Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law, Luxembourg, December, 2017
- ***Concluding Address***, at conference on "Balfour@100: A Century of International Law In Palestine," School of Oriental and African Studies, London, November, 2017
- ***"There is Anger – and – There is Anger": The Furious Construction of Zoharic Subjectivity***, at seminar on "Human Nature in Jewish Mysticism: Body, Soul, Psychology, and Ethics," Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December, 2017
- ***The Anger of Myth / the Myth of Anger: The "Other Face" of Narrativity in the Zohar and Rav Nahman***, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, August 2017
- ***Separation, Integration, Effacement: Responses to the Other in Modern International Law and Classical Kabbalah***, Institute of Jewish Spirituality and Society, Briarcliff Manor, NY, July 2017
- ***Productive Demonization: A Theological Genealogy of "All Peoples," "Indigenous Peoples," and "Other" Americans***, International Law Workshop, Tel Aviv University, January 2017
- ***The Dragon in the Abyss – The "Other Side" of Kabbalistic Myth and the Paradoxes of Abjection***, Jung Psychoanalytic Association, NYC, June, 2016
- ***Demonic Writing: Textuality, Otherness, and Zoharic Proliferation***, at faculty workshop, Judaic Studies Program, Brown University, March, 2016
- ***"And a Satan Goes Forth from Eden to Water the Garden...": The Sitra Aħra as the Vital/Fatal Other of God, the Self, Consciousness, Civilization***, at conference on "Zohar: East and West," Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel, December, 2015
- ***Commentator, State, Sect, and Security***, at conference of North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies, Brown University, September, 2015
- ***The Dragon in the Abyss: The "Other Side" of Kabbalistic Myth and the Paradoxes of Abjection***, at panel on "Myth of the Other: Kabbalistic Imagination, Maternal Archetypes, & Primordial Loss," Psychology and the Other Conference, Lesley University, October, 2015
- ***'In a Place Parallel to God': The Draft, the Demonic, and the Conscientious Cubist***, at Seminar of the Mellon Committee on the Study of Religion, CUNY Graduate Center, April, 2015
- ***'In a Place Parallel to God': The Draft, the Demonic, and the Conscientious Cubist***, Law and Humanities Colloquium, Cornell University, April 2015

- ***“Out of the Dunghill”: Abjection, Redemption, and the Disruption of Language***, at panel on “New Scholarly Perspectives in the Study of the Zohar: Polemics, Messianism and Redemption,” Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December, 2015
- ***Sacred, Demonic, Profane: Rival Temporalities of ‘International Law and Empire’***, at conference on History and Histories of International Law, University of Helsinki, October 2014
- ***Law and Religion: The Tragedy of Interdisciplinarity? (Plenary Address)***, Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy, January 2014, Hamad bin Khalifa University, Doha, January 2014
- ***Reading the Sitra Aḥra: The Textuality of the Demonic in the Zohar***, at workshop on “The Zoharic Story: Narrative, Myth and Poetics,” Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December, 2013
- ***Demonization: A Journey, in Six Parts, to the Other Side***, at Political Concepts at Brown – A Critical Lexicon in the Making, Brown University, November, 2013
- ***Chair, The Zohar in Relation to the Christian and Muslim Cultures in the 13th and 14th and in Comparison to Cabbalists of its Time***, at NAPH Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature, and Culture, Jewish Theological Seminary, June 2013
- ***‘The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,*** presentation at Religion and Internationalism Project Symposium with Hent de Vries, Brown University, February 2013
- ***Commentator, Jews in the Colonial Metropole***, at conference on “Jewish History After the Imperial Turn: French and Comparative Perspectives,” Brown University, November, 2012
- ***Religion and the 2012 Election***, panelist (with others), Brown University, October 2012
- ***Bernard Lazare: Radical Modernism and Jewish Identity***, presentation at Fellows Seminar, Cogut Center for the Humanities, April 2012
- ***Post-colonial, Post-National, Post-Laique ?***, presentation at conference on “Le Droit, Entre Théorie et Critique,” Université de Paris – I, March 2012
- ***Le Nationalisme, le Colonialisme, et le Droit International***, seminar presentation at Sciences-Po, Paris, March 2012
- ***‘The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,*** presentation at Law and Humanities Colloquium, Columbia University, November 2011
- ***“Preparing the Collapse of the Old World”: Franco-American Traditions of Aesthetic/Political Critique***, presentation at conference on “Franco-American Legal Influences, Then and Now,” Harvard Law School, June 2011

- ***“The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,”*** presentation at workshop on “International Law, Human Rights and the Politics of Religious Difference,” Princeton University, April 2011
- ***“L’Etat,”*** commentator on panel at conference on “Israël-Palestine : Trois Questions Actuelles de Droit International, ” Université Libre de Bruxelles, April 2011
- ***“Rêvons l’international: entre humanitaire et impérialisme,”*** lecture at Université de Paris VII, April 2011
- ***“Nous Sommes Farouchement Religieux,’ ou, Au-delà du religieux et de la sécularité,”*** lecture at the Collège International de Philosophie, Paris, April 2011
- ***“The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,”*** presentation at the Center for Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2011
- ***“The Crisis of Pluralism: Theology, Law, and the Question of Power,”*** public lecture at the Veritas Forum, Brown University, March 2011
- ***“Are Social Movements Secular?,”*** keynote speech at conference on “Praxis of Resistance: Communities of Inclusion and Exclusion,” The Fourth Annual Conference of the Toronto Group for the Study of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, January 2011
- ***“Preparing the Collapse of the Old World”: Franco-American Traditions of Aesthetic/Political Critique,*** at conference on “Franco-American Legal Influences, Then and Now,” Harvard Law School, June 2011
- ***“The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,”*** at workshop on “International Law, Human Rights and the Politics of Religious Difference,” Princeton University, April 2011
- ***“L’Etat,”*** commentator on panel at conference on “Israël-Palestine : Trois Questions Actuelles De Droit International, ” Université Libre de Bruxelles, April 2011
- ***“Rêvons l’international: entre humanitaire et impérialisme,”*** at Université de Paris VII, April 2011
- ***“Nous Sommes Farouchement Religieux,’ ou, Au-delà du religieux et de la sécularité,”*** at the Collège International de Philosophie, Paris, April 2011
- ***“The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,”*** at the Center for Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center
- ***“The Crisis of Pluralism: Theology, Law, and the Question of Power,”*** public lecture at the Veritas Forum, Brown University, March 2011

- ***“Are Social Movements Secular?”*** keynote speech at conference on “Praxis of Resistance: Communities of Inclusion and Exclusion,” The Fourth Annual Conference of the Toronto Group for the Study of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, January 2011
- ***“Spanning the Gap at One Bound”: Paragraph 3, Frantz Fanon, and the Discourse of “Readiness,”*** keynote address at conference on “The Colonial Declaration at 50,” the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, December 2010
- ***“Religion and International Law,”*** seminars at the Sciences-Po Faculty, Paris, November and December 2010
- ***“‘The Sacred Conspiracy’: Religion, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Internationalism,*** Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series, Cornell Law School, October 2010
- ***“‘The Lawless Condition of Savages’: Internationalist Faith and the Crisis of Teleology,”*** at a meeting of the working group on “Teleology and History: A Critical Assessment of an Enlightenment Thought,” June 2010.
- ***“Religion, Peace, and International Law: A Genealogy,”*** at the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, April 2010
- ***Autour de Nathaniel Berman, “Passions et ambivalences, le colonialisme, le nationalisme et le droit international,”*** – a conference occasioned by my book (“Passions ...”) in Paris at the “Sciences-Po” faculty, co-sponsored by Sciences-Po, Nosophi (Normes, Sociétés, Philosophies), Cerdin (Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches en Droit International), and Editions Pedone. Speakers included Emmanuelle Jouannet (Paris-I), Mikhail Xifaras (Sciences-Po), Olivier le Cour Grandmaison (Université d’Evry), Martti Koskenniemi (University of Helsinki), Julie Saada (Université d’Artois), Barbara Delcourt (Université Libre de Bruxelles), March 2010

### ***ADULT EDUCATION / PUBLIC HUMANITIES COURSES*** (selected since 2015)

- ***Spirit Guides and Past Lives: Revolutions of the Soul,*** The UnYeshiva – Judaism Unbound, December 2022
- ***Resurrection and Reincarnation: Two Central Jewish Teachings and their Meaning for Today,*** Drisha Institute, Fall, 2022
- ***Death and Afterlife in Rabbinic and Kabbalistic Imaginations*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Spring 2021
- ***Anger and Kabbalah: Jewish Teachings for our Furious Age*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Fall 2020
- ***Kabbalah for our Turbulent Souls: Zoharic Myths of Anger, Shame, and Desire,*** Drisha Institute, Spring 2019

- ***Purim and Passover: Literary and Kabbalistic Perspectives on Transformations of Human and Divine Identity*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Spring 2017
- ***Was the Golden Calf so Bad? Literary and Kabbalistic Perspectives on Avodah Zarah [Alien Worship] in the Tanakh*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Fall 2016
- ***Legends of the Cave: Biblical, Rabbinic, and Kabbalistic Quests for Ancestral, Mystical, and Messianic Truth in the Dark*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Spring 2016
- ***Brother Rival / Sister Enemy: Literary and Kabbalistic Readings of Intimate Antagonism in the Bible*** (with David Silber), Drisha Institute, Fall 2015
- ***The Exile of the Shekhinah and Religious Experience: Kabbalistic Tales of the Masks of God***, Drisha Institute, Summer 2015
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