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EDUCATION

*Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan* **2005**

**Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy**

Dissertation: "Letters of Desire: Language, Mystical Experience and Eros in the Writings of R. Nachman of Bratzlav"

❖ Honors: Recipient of "Presidents and Dean's Scholarship for Outstanding Doctoral Students"

*Azrielli Graduate Institute – Yeshiva University, New York* **1993**

**M.S. in Jewish Education, Secondary School Level**

❖ Honors: Recipient of "Herman Axelrod Endowed Scholarship of Academic Excellence and Professional Involvement in Jewish Education"

*Sarah Lawrence College, New York* **1983**

**B.A. Comparative Religion**

Areas of Concentration: Far-Eastern Studies

Minor: Music, Performing Arts

YESHIVOT

*Kollel Da'at Poskim, Jerusalem* **1999-2000**

*Kollel Pischei Tshuva, Jerusalem* **1993-1996**

❖ Received Rabbinical Ordination from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg, member of Jerusalem Beit Din.

*Kollel Boston, Jerusalem* **1988-1989**

*Kollel Torat Hanachal, Jerusalem* **1987-1988**

*Yeshivat Ahavat Torah, Jerusalem* **1986-1987**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem* **2007-2011**

**Courses taught:**

Judaism and Environmentalism

Hasidism: From Mystical Fraternity to Reactionary Movement

Contemporary Spirituality in America and Israel

Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Towards a Genealogy of the Esoteric

*Bar-Ilan University, One-Year Program* **2006-2010**

Issues in Jewish Philosophy

Introduction to Hasidic Thought

Film and Philosophy – Religious themes in contemporary cinema

*Michlala Jerusalem* **2006-2009**

Hasidic Models of Spirituality in Jewish Education

Introduction to the Thought of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Introduction to the thought of R. Zaddok HaKohen of Lublin

Language and Mystical Experience

*David Cardozo Academy (Lectures and Mini-Courses)* **2007-2009**

Judaism and Feminism

Judaism and Buddhism

Jewish Thinkers of the Modern Period

Judaism: Inclusivism and Exclusivism

The Baal Teshuvah and the Orthodox Community

Introduction to the Thought of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov  
Interiority in Jewish Learning

*Lander College, Jerusalem*

**2007**

Language and Mystical Experience in the teachings of R. Nachman of Breslov

*Torat Chaim Seminary, Jerusalem*

**2002-2003**

Major Issues in Jewish Thought

*Yeshivat Bat Ayin, Gush Etzion*

**1996 - 2000**

Talmud, Midrash, Bible, Jewish philosophy and Hasidism.  
Worked as *Mashgiach Ruchani* (spiritual advisor)

*Kollel Sinai, Jerusalem*

**1996-1997**

Contemporary Issues in Jewish Law

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#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

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*Orthodox Union, New York*

**1998-2001**

**Editor, Pardes Project**

Researched, translated and edited highly popular, Torah-based group study.  
Involved in project development.

*Ahavat Shalom Publications, Jerusalem*

**1993-2000**

**Chief Editor**

Developed English language division of large, scholarly press.  
Oversaw book layout and graphic design. Raised funds for publication.

*New York, Jerusalem*

**1991-2000**

**Editor, Bas Ayin Journal of Jewish Spirituality**

Edited and published English language journal of contemporary spiritual thought,  
original essays, poetry, stories, and translations.

*Kollel Torat NaNachal, Jerusalem*

**1998**

**Director, English Language Division**

Taught and arranged classes in Hasidism.  
Wrote and edited *Lev Bassar*, yeshiva newsletter

*Yeshivat Ahavat Torah*

**1987**

**Editor**

Wrote and edited yeshiva journal, *Torah Ohr*.

*Sha'arei Orah Institute, New York*

**1983-1987**

**Assistant Director**

Taught and arranged classes on topics of Kabbalah and Hasidism.  
Oversaw advertising and publicity. Wrote and edited *Merkava: Journal of Jewish spirituality*.

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#### PUBLICATIONS

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##### Articles:

"Night-Table Dreams" in *Sh'ma* 39/652 (Sept., 2008).

"Sin and New Beginnings: R. Nachman of Breslov," in *Sh'ma* 39/652 (Sept., 2008).

"You Shall Set them on your Heart: Hasidic Insights into Spiritual Education," in *Ohr Chadash: Cardozo Academy Faculty Anthology on Jewish Thought and Text*, 2011.

"An Author's Challenge." *Parabola* (New York) 28, 1 (Winter, 2003): 81-85.

"At the Center." *Ibid.* 22, 1 (Spring, 1997): 59-61.

"Dweller on the Plain." *Ibid.* 20, 2 (Summer 1995): 13-16.

"Raising the Eyes." *Ibid.* 23, 3 (Fall, 1998): 16-21.

"Solomon's Request." *Ibid.* 26, 4 (Winter, 2001): 56-59.  
 "Standing Under the Mountain." *Ibid.* 29, 1 (Spring, 2004): pp. 19-23.  
 "The Age of Tikkun." *Ibid.* 23, 1 (Spring, 1998): 32-35.  
 "The Heart of Ritual." *Ibid.* 19, 4 (Winter, 1994): 18-21.  
 "The Milk of Miracles." *Ibid.* 22, 4 (Winter, 1997): 16-19.  
 "The Soul of the Community." *Ibid.* 17, 1 (Winter, 1992): 18-21.  
 "The Temple of Amount." *Ibid.* 24, 3 (Fall, 1999): 13-17.  
 "The Tree at the Heart of the Garden." *Ibid.* 14, 3 (Summer, 1989): 38-43.  
 "Through a Dark Passage." *Ibid.* 21, 2 (Summer, 1996): 57-61.

#### **Stories:**

"The Untouched Oil," in *Chosen Tales: Stories Told by Jewish Storytellers*, ed. Peninnah Schram. Aronson. 1995  
 "A Single Glance," in *Best Spiritual Writing 1999*, ed. Philip Zaleski. HarperOne. 1999

#### **Book Reviews:**

"Going Away and Coming Back." Review of *The Jew in the Lotus*, by Roger Kamenetz. In *Parabola* (New York) 20, 1 (Spring, 1995): 94-96.  
 "Holy Community." Review of *Holy Days*, by Liz Harris. In *Ibid.* 11, 2 (Summer, 1986): 104-110.  
 "Living by Stories." Review of *Rabbinic Fantasies: Imaginative Narratives from Classical Hebrew Literature*, by eds. David Stern and Mark Mirsky. In *Ibid.* 17,4 (Winter, 1992): 106-112.

#### **Reprints:**

"The Soul of the Community." In *Changing Community*. Annual Ten. The Graywolf Annual, Scott Walker. 3-7. St. Paul, Minn: Graywolf Press, 1993.  
 "The Temple of Amount." In *Best Jewish Writing 2003*, ed. Arthur Kurzweil. 211-216. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2003; Jossey-Bass, 2003.

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#### Articles and Books in Progress

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- **Avatar and the Transcendence of Nature:** Hidden anthropocentrism in James Cameron's blockbuster.
- **Letters of Longing and Desire:** Language, Eros and the Mystical Experience in the Writings of R. Nachma of Bratzlav (the reworking of my dissertation into a book).
- **Taking Down the Tent:** On the Nature of Self, Enlightenment, and a Critique of Robert Forman's Definition of a PCE (Pure Consciousness Event).
- **Language and Rebellion in Early Hasidism:** On the Use and Deconstruction of the Word as a Tool of Social Change in Hasidic Teachings.
- **Taharat ha-Torah:** On the Requirement for Purity in Torah Study (and other prerequisites). Toward an Epistemology of *Limud Torah*.
- **Like Sparks in a Stone:** On the Theoretical Existence of the World and the Sefirot within G-d before Creation. (כביכול)
- **Hasidic Mindfulness as a Meditative Technique**

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#### AREAS OF INTEREST

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Spiritual Counseling, Meditation, Comparative Religion, Creative Writing, Storytelling, Public Speaking