

CURRICULUM VITAE

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	M.A.	Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, 1974
	B.A.	<i>summa cum laude</i> in English, Harvard College, 1971

Areas of Specialization:

Theological traditions in ancient Israel (biblical and rabbinic periods)
Literary Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible
Midrash
History of Jewish biblical interpretation
Modern Jewish theology
Jewish-Christian relations

Foreign Study:

One year of research in Jerusalem, Israel, on a full-salary grant from Wellesley College, 1980-81

Modern Hebrew language and culture at Ulpan Akiva, Netanya, Israel, summer, 1971. Granted certificate from the Ministry of Education and Culture

Italian language and art at the Centro di Cultura per Stranieri, University of Florence, Italy, summer, 1968

Prizes and Commendations: Biblical Archaeology Society Publication Award in the category of Best Book Relating to the Hebrew Bible published in 2005 or 2006 (for *Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel*), awarded in August 2007

Doctorate in Divinity, *honoris causa*, from St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, awarded May 10, 2007

National Jewish Book Award (for *Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel*), 2006, awarded in March 2007

Henry R. Luce III Senior Fellowship in Theology, 1999-2000

Certificate of Recognition "for dedicated service to the Wellesley College community," awarded by Acting President Carol Johns, May 1, 1980

Phi Beta Kappa, 1971, Harvard College

LeBaron Russell Briggs Prize Essay in English, Harvard College, 1971

First prize, Dante Society of America Essay Contest, 1970

Detur Prize for Academic Excellence, 1970

Harvard College Honorary Scholarship, 1969-70

Teaching:

Albert A. List Professor of Jewish Studies, The Divinity School, Harvard University, 1988-

Affiliate Member, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, 1988-

Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Divinity School and in the Committee on General Studies in the Humanities, the University of Chicago, 1988

Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Divinity School and in the Committee on General Studies in the Humanities, the University of Chicago, 1986-88

Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Divinity School, the University of Chicago, 1982-86

Assistant Professor of Religion and Biblical Studies, Wellesley College, 1975-82

Teaching Fellow in Old Testament, Harvard Divinity School, 1973-74

Drillmaster in Biblical Hebrew, Harvard University Summer School, 1972

Professional
Societies:

American Academy of Jewish Research

Association for Jewish Studies

Catholic Biblical Association

Society of Biblical Literature

Offices in Professional
Societies and Editorial
Boards:

Co-Editor, *Harvard Theological Review*, 2010-

Editorial Board, *Jewish Review of Books*, 2009-

Interim Editor, *Harvard Theological Review*, July 1, 2002—September 1, 2003

President, Society of Biblical Literature, New England Region, 1991-92

Vice-President, Society of Biblical Literature, New England Region, 1990-91

Acting Editor, *Harvard Theological Review*, January-March, 1990

Associate Editor, *Harvard Theological Review*, 1989-2010

Member, Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies, 1987-89

Member, Board of Consultants, *Journal of Religion*, 1988-03

Member, Editorial Committee, *Journal of Religion*, 1986-88

Member, Editorial Board of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1981-85

Member, Committee on Honorary Membership, Society of
Biblical Literature, 1979-82; Chairman, 1981-82

Consulting:

Consultant on Jewish History, Literature and Religion, for “Culture and
Continuity: Journeys through Judaism,” a permanent exhibition of the
Sydney (Australia) Jewish Museum, 2008

Associate, National Jewish Resource Center, 1979-83

Publications:

Books and Monographs:

Resurrection: The Power of God for Christians and Jews (with Kevin J. Madigan). New Haven: Yale
University Press, 2008). xviii + 284. Paperback edition, 2009.

Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel: The Ultimate Victory of the God of Life. New Haven: Yale
University Press, 2006. xxii + 274.

Esther. Old Testament Library. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997. xvi + 142 pp.

*The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Transformation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and
Christianity*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993. Paperback, 1995. xiv + 257 pp.

The Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible, and Historical Criticism: Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies.
Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1993. Collection of six revised essays. 192 pp.

Harper's Bible Commentary. Associate Editor responsible for Genesis-Esther (according to the
Protestant ordering). San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988.

Creation and the Persistence of Evil: The Jewish Drama of Divine Omnipotence. San Francisco: Harper
and Row, 1988. xvi + 182 pp. 2nd edition, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.

Sinai and Zion: An Entry into the Jewish Bible. Minneapolis: Winston Seabury, 1985. Paperback, San
Francisco: Harper and Row, 1987. xi + 227 pp.

Traditions in Transformation: Turning Points in Biblical Faith. Edited with Baruch Halpern. Winona
Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1981. xiv + 446 pp.

Theology of the Program of Restoration of Ezekiel 40-48. Harvard Semitic Monograph Series 10.
Missoula: Scholars Press, 1976. x + 176 pp.

The Book of Job in its Time and in the Twentieth Century. LeBaron Russell Briggs Prize Essay in
English. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1972. 80 pp.

A review essay that covers many of these books has been published by Marvin A. Sweeney, "Why Jews Are Interested in Biblical Theology: A Retrospective on the Work of Jon D. Levenson," *Jewish Book Annual* 55-56 (1997-99/5758-59): 135-68.

Articles:

"Monotheism and Chosenness: The Abrahamic Foundation of Judaism and Roman Catholicism—The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Jerusalem Lecture, March 26, 2009," a booklet issued by the American Jewish Committee (Chicago office), the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, 2010. 27 pp.

"The Idea of Abrahamic Religions: A Qualified Dissent," *Jewish Review of Books* 1:1 (Spring, 2010): 40-42, 44.

"Chosenness and its Enemies," *Commentary* 126:5 (December 2008): 25-31, with a reply to correspondents in *Commentary* 127:3 (March 2009): 7-8; reprinted in *The Best Spiritual Writing 2010* (ed. Philip Zaleski; New York: Penguin, 2010), pp. 132-48.

"The Logic of Lament," *The Jerusalem Report* 19:9 (August 18, 2008): 44

"Sacrifice as a Basis of Worship: An Overlooked Commonality of Judaism and Roman Catholicism," forthcoming in *Explorations in Jewish-Catholic Dialogue* (ed. Elena Procario-Foley), 7,009 words.

"Teaching the Texts in Contexts," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 35:4 (Autumn 2007): 19-21.

"Response: The Theology of Pain and Suffering in the Jewish Tradition," in *Pain and its Transformations: The Interface of Biology and Culture* (ed. Sarah Coakley and Kay Kaufman Shelemay; Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007), pp.126-32.

"Reasons for Redemption," *The Jerusalem Report* 17:26 (April 16, 2007/ 28 Nisan, 5767): 43.

"Can Roman Catholicism Validate Jewish Biblical Interpretation?" *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 1:1/19 (2005-6): 170-85. URL: <http://escholarship.bc.edu/scjr/vol1/iss1/19>

"The Birthday of the New Adam," *The Jerusalem Report* 17:12 (October 3, 2006/11 Tishrei, 5767): 39.

"Judaism Addresses Christianity," in *Religious Foundations of Western Civilization: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (ed. Jacob Neusner; Nashville: Abingdon, 2006), pp.581-608. Revised and expanded version of the item below.

"The Agenda of *Dabru Emet*," *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* VII (2004): 1-26.

"Do Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God?" *The Christian Century*. 121:8 (April 20, 2004): 32-33.

Introduction to and annotations of “Genesis” in the *Oxford Jewish Study Bible* (ed. Adele Berlin and Marc Z. Brettler; New York: Oxford University Press, 2004): 8-101.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” in *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel* (ed. Hindy Najman and Judith H. Newman; Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2004): 3-40.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Midrash,” in *Jews and Christians: People of God* (ed. Carl E. Braaten and Robert Jenson; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003): 148-70.

“The Fact of Death and the Promise of Life in Israelite Religion,” in *The Papers of the Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology*, Vol. VI (ed. Christopher I. Wilkins; Pittsburgh: Association of Theological Schools, 2003): 139-54.

“Resurrection in the Torah? A Reconsideration,” *CTI (Center of Theological Inquiry) Reflections* 6 (2002): 2-29.

“Response: Natural and Supernatural Justice,” in *Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word* (ed. Hava Tirosh-Samuels; Cambridge, Mass.: Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, 2002): 177-185.

“The Resurrection of the Dead and the Construction of Personal Identity in Ancient Israel,” in *Congress Volume Basel 2001* (ed. A. Lemaire; Supplements to *Vetus Testamentum*; Leiden: Brill, 2002): 305-22.

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“The Perils of Engaged Scholarship: A Rejoinder to Jorge Pixley,” in *Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*. (ed. Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000): 239-46.

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- “The Exodus and Biblical Theology: A Rejoinder to John J. Collins,” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 26:1 (Spring, 1996): 4-10, reprinted, in *Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*. (ed. Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000): 247-61.
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- Participation in a symposium, “Interpreting the Bible: Three Views,” *First Things* 45 (August/September, 1994): 42-44.
- “The Bible: Unexamined Commitments of Criticism,” *First Things* 30 (1992): 24-33.
- “Theological Liberalism Aborting Itself,” *The Christian Century* 109:5 (February 5-12, 1992): 139, 141, 143, 145-147, 149, reprinted in *The Politics of Prayer: Feminist Language and the Worship of God* (ed. Helen Hull Hitchcock; San Francisco: Ignatius, 1992): 37-44.
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- “Exodus and Liberation,” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 13 (1991): 134-174.

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- “Liberation Theology and the Exodus,” *Reflections* 86:1 (winter-spring, 1991): 2-12. (Same as 46, except that it includes notes), reprinted in *Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures* (ed. Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000): 215-30.
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- “Covenant and Consent: Biblical Reflections on the Occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the United States Constitution,” in *The Judeo-Christian Tradition and the U.S. Constitution: Proceedings of a Conference at Annenberg Research Institute, November 16-17, 1987* (ed. David M. Goldenberg; Philadelphia: Annenberg Research Institute, 1989): 71-82.
- “A Response to Professor Greenstein,” in *The State of Jewish Studies* (ed. Shaye Cohen and Edward Greenstein; Detroit: Wayne State University, 1990): 47-54.
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- “The Sources of Torah: Psalm 119 and the Modes of Revelation in Second Temple Judaism,” in *Ancient Israelite Religion* (ed. Patrick D. Miller, et al.; Philadelphia: Fortress, 1987): 559-574.
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“The Temple and the World,” *Journal of Religion* 64 (1984): 275-298.

“Some Unnoticed Connotations in Jer 20:9,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 46 (1984): 223-225.

“The Last Four Verses in Kings,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 103 (1984): 353-361.

“Covenant and Commandment,” *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought* 21 (1983): 42-51.

“Yehezkel Kaufmann and Mythology,” *Conservative Judaism* 36:2 (1982): 36-43.

“The Paronomasia of Solomon’s Seventh Petition,” *Hebrew Annual Review* 6 (1982): 131-135.

“From Temple to Synagogue: 1 Kings 8,” in *Traditions in Transformation*. (ed. B. Halpern and J. D. Levenson; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1981): 142-166.

“The Theologies of Commandment in Biblical Israel,” *Harvard Theological Review* 77 (1980): 17-33 (Special issue in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Society of Biblical Literature).

“The Political Import of David’s Marriages,” (with Baruch Halpern) *Journal of Biblical Literature* 99 (1980): 507-518.

“The Davidic Covenant and Its Modern Interpreters,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 41 (1979): 205-219.

“1 Samuel 25 as Literature and as History.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 40

(1978): 11-28; revised version published as "1 Samuel 25 as Literature and History," in *Literary Interpretation of Biblical Narratives*; ed. Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis; Nashville: Abingdon, 1982): II, 220-242.

"On the Promise to the Rechabites," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 38 (1976): 508-514.

"The Scroll of Esther in Ecumenical Perspective," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 13 (1976): 440-452.

"Who Inserted the Book of the Torah?" 2 parts, *Harvard Theological Review* 68 (1975): 203-233.

"Poverty and the State in Biblical Thought," *Judaism* 25 (1976): 230-241.

"Textual and Semantic Notes on Nah. 1:7-8," *Vetus Testamentum* 25 (1975): 792-794.

"Life with Jews is Not Yet Jewish Life," *Sh'ma* 3 (1973): 110-112.

"The Spindle-Whorl Inscription from Chatal Hüyük: A Forgery," *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 209 (1973): 37-40.

"The Grundworte of Pier delle Vigne," *Forum Italicum* 5 (1971): 499-513.

Reviews:

Scott W. Hahn, *Kinship by Covenant: A Canonical Approach to the Fulfillment of God's Saving Promises*, in *Journal of Religion* 90 (2010): 240-241.

Marvin A. Sweeney, *Reading the Hebrew Bible After the Shoah*, in *Review of Biblical Literature*, May 2009 (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6700_7261.pdf).

Nathan MacDonald, *Deuteronomy and the Meaning of "Monotheism,"* in *Scottish Journal of Theology* 58 (2005): 237-40.

Sherwin B. Nuland, *Maimonides*, and Robert Pinsky, *The Life of David*, in *Commentary* 120:3 (October, 2005): 65-69.

Alan F. Segal, *Life after Death: A History of the Afterlife in Western Religion*, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (February, 2005), 2,566 words.

Irving Greenberg, *For the Sake of Heaven and Earth: The New Encounter of Judaism and Christianity*, in *Commonweal* CXXXI: 19 (November 5, 2004): 49-53; "Continuing the Conversation" (response to Greenberg), *Commonweal* CXXXII: 2 (January 28, 2005): 13.

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- Carol A. Newsom, *The Book of Job: A Contest of Moral Imaginations*, in *Journal of Religion* 84 (2004): 271-72.
- Hillel Halkin, *Across the Sabbath River: In Search of a Lost Tribe of Israel*, in *Commentary* 114:2 (September, 2002): 63-64, 66.
- William P. Brown, *The Ethos of the Cosmos: The Genesis of Moral Imagination in the Bible*, in *Jewish Quarterly Review* XCI (July-October, 2001): 222-27.
- Jonathan Rosen, *The Talmud and the Internet: A Journey between Worlds*, in *Commentary* 110:5 (December, 2000): 69-70.
- James Barr, *The Concept of Biblical Theology*, in *First Things* 100 (February, 2000): 59-63.
- Thomas Cahill, *Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The World before and after Jesus*, and Paula Fredriksen, *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: A Jewish Life and the Emergence of Christianity*, *National Review* 51:24 (December 20, 1999): 60-63.
- S. David Sperling, *The Original Torah: The Political Intent of the Bible's Writers*, in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000): 547-49.
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- Anita Diamant, *Saying Kaddish* and Leon Wieseltier, *Kaddish*, in *Commentary*, 106:6 (December, 1998): 74, 76, 78.
- Rolf P. Knierim, *The Task of Old Testament Theology: Substance, Method, and Cases*, review essay, *Religious Studies Review* 24:1 (January, 1998): 39-42.
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Academic Presentations and Participations:

“Akeda Conference: ‘The Binding of Isaac,’” Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, April 13-15, 2010:
Keynote address: “The Aqedah in Four Traditions”
Response to a paper of Professor Terence Fretheim
Panel Discussion

“Jews and Christians as Abrahamic Communities,” the Hay of Seaton Lecture at the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK, February 16, 2010, and (in accordance with the terms of the endowment) again under the auspices of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, London, England, UK, February 17, 2010.

Three Presentations as a Stewart Fellow in Religion under the Auspices of the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, January 19-21, 2010:

“Tensions in the Literary Interpretation of Biblical Narrative: A Test Case,” workshop for faculty and graduate students in the Department of Religion, January 19, 2010.

“The Idea of Abrahamic Religions: A Qualified Dissent,” Stewart Lecture in Religion, January 20, 2010.

“How and Why My Field Has Changed in Forty Years,” a talk to graduate students in the Department of Religion, January 21, 2010.

“Reflections on *Resurrection: The Power of God for Christians and Jews*,” a talk in the series “An Author Encounter: The Community of Learning Initiative,” Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, January 17, 2010.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Jesus,” the Twenty-Third Annual Weinstein-Rosenthal Lecture, the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, November 9, 2009.

“Resurrection in Judaism, Christianity and Islam” and “Re-Examining Monotheisms: Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” the Ryterband Lectures, sponsored by United Theological Seminaries, the University of Dayton, and Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, October 26, 2009.

Chair, session on “Literary Criticism and the Hebrew Bible” at the Annual Meeting of the New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Schools of Oriental Research, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, April 24, 2009.

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Lecture and participation in a panel discussion on the theme “Abraham’s Sacrifice of Isaac,” in the Sixteenth Annual Nostra Aetate Dialogue, Fordham University, New York, NY, October 29, 2008.

“What is Genesis One All About?” a lecture followed by participation in a panel on “Understanding Genesis,” both of them events in the series “Faith, Reason and Evolution: A Public Colloquium,” sponsored by the departments of biology, history, and philosophy of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, October 23, 2008.

“Why Did God Test Abraham? Some Answers from Midrash,” a talk to students at Smith College, Northampton, MA, September 26, 2008.

“How Monotheism Unites—and Divides—Jews, Christians, and Muslims,” lecture at Smith College, Northampton, MA, September 25, 2008.

“Teaching the Binding of Isaac: Balancing Bible and Midrash,” presentation to the faculty of the Augustine and Culture Seminar, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, September 8, 2008.

“Can There Be More than One Abrahamic Religion? The Problematic of a Cliché,” lecture sponsored by the Department of Theology and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 8, 2008.

“One Patriarch, Three Traditions: Abraham as a Source of Religious Unity—and Division,” President’s Distinguished Lecture Series, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 4, 2008.

“Can Catholicism Validate Jewish Biblical Interpretation?” presentation at a colloquium of the Society for Comparative Theology held at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 16, 2007.

“Possible Meanings and Fuller Meanings,” keynote address in “Fuller Meanings: Christian and Jewish Readings of the Bible, a Symposium to Explore the Pontifical Biblical Commission’s *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*,” sponsored by the Boston College Theology Department, the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College, and Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Chestnut Hill, MA, April 24, 2006.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” lecture sponsored by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Religious Studies Program, and Judaic Studies Program, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, March 28, 2006.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” lecture sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and the Hillel Foundation, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA, March 22, 2006.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” the Taubman Symposium in Jewish Studies, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and the Walter Capps Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, January 25, 2006.

“Isaac, Jesus, and Passover,” lecture on the Sinaiko Fund for Jewish Studies, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, September 29, 2005.

“Imagining the Imageless Deity,” lecture in a conference on “Organizing the Divine: A Problem of Scripture, Exegesis, and Theology,” Boston College Theology Department, Chestnut Hill, MA, April 27, 2005.

“Are All Religions Equally Valid? The Aim of Interreligious Dialogue,” Finkelstein Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY, April 4, 2005.

“Is There Resurrection of the Dead in the Hebrew Bible?” Danforth Foundation Lecture, Hope College, Holland, MI, March 29, 2005.

Panel Presentation on John Goldingay, *Old Testament Theology*, Vol. 1: *Israel’s Gospel*, Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section, annual conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2004.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” three-part presentation to the Tri-State Forum for Continuing Theological Education, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, November 4, 2004.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Sonia Sands Memorial Lecture, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, October 25, 2004.

“Jewish Reflections on Evil, Cosmic and Moral,” address at the 35th National Conference of the Trinity Institute (co-sponsored by the Chautauqua Institution), New York, NY, May 3, 2004.

“Resurrection and Immortality in Early Judaism,” William Foxwell Albright Lecture, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 19, 2004.

“Covenant Violated, Covenant Restored: The Ecclesial Implications of the Prophetic Marriage Metaphor,” Lonergan Institute, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, April 3, 2003.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, NY, April 1, 2003.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” George Washington University, Washington, DC, March 27, 2003.

“Sacrifice as the Basis of Worship: An Unnoticed Commonality of Judaism and Catholicism,” The Fourth Annual Driscoll Lecture in Jewish-Catholic Studies, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, March 11, 2003.

“Mourning and Rejoicing with Jerusalem,” lecture at a conference on “Mourning and Memory: Jewish and Christian Perspectives,” St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, November 4, 2002.

“What Biblical Monotheism Is and Is Not,” presentation and panel discussion at “Who Knows One? Re-Examining Biblical Monotheism,” Eighteenth Annual Colloquium of the Kieval Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, Siena College, Loudonville, NY, November 3-4, 2002.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity,” presentation to the annual Pastor-Theologian Conference, Center of Theological Inquiry, Tucson, AZ, June 13, 2002.

Response to Bernard F. Batto, “The Image of God and the Role of Creator in Genesis 1-11,” plenary session of the New England and Maritimes Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, and Catholic Biblical Association, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, April 12, 2002.

“Were Rahner and the Rabbis Wrong?” presentation to the seminar of fellows of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, March 22, 2002.

“Resurrection in the Torah? A Second Look,” 2002 Palmer Lecture, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, March 21, 2002.

“Abraham’s Conversion to Judaism and Christianity,” Rockwell Foundation Colloquium address, Rice University, Houston, TX, March 18, 2002.

“Abraham, Our Common Father?” Kahn Liberal Arts Institute Lecture, Smith College, Northampton, MA, March 4, 2002.

“D’Costa versus Hicks on Pluralism,” presentation to the Kahn Liberal Arts Institute seminar on tolerance, Smith College, Northampton, MA, March 4, 2002.

“Does Gary Anderson Believe in a Hierarchy of Interpretations?” response at a symposium on Gary A. Anderson, *The Genesis of Perfection: Adam and Eve in the Jewish and Christian Imagination*, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, February 6, 2002.

“The Eminently Reparable Sin of Adam: The Peril and Promise of Comparative Midrash,” lecture at conference on “Jews and Christians, People of God,” sponsored by the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology and held at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, June 11, 2001.

“The Conversion of Abraham: The Common Roots of Judaism and Christianity,” the Shusterman Distinguished Scholar Lecture, Gratz College, Philadelphia, PA, May 22, 2001.

“Is Syncretism Compatible with Diversity?” keynote address at a conference on “Religious Diversity in America” at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, April 17, 2001.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Religion,” the Rabbi Joseph Klein Memorial Lecture at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 14, 2001.

Response to a paper by Francis X. Clooney, S.J., entitled “Sita and the Future of Comparative Theology,” as part of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 22, 2001.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Religion,” the Tanker Lecture at Pennsylvania State University, January 15, 2001.

“Evil,” lecture for the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, at Anshei Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, and Temple Moriah, Deerfield, IL, December, 2000.

“The Fact of Death and the Promise of Life in Israelite Religion,” research presentation to the Luce Fellows Conference, Princeton, NJ, November, 2000.

Response at a session entitled “Beyond ‘Coping’: Religious Practices of Transformation” at “Pain and Its Transformations: The Interface of Biology and Culture,” a conference of the Houghton Mind/Brain/Behavior Colloquium at Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2000.

“Creation and the Persistence of Evil: The Jewish Drama of Divine Omnipotence,” study session for a group of rabbis under the sponsorship of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis and Hebrew College, Newton, Massachusetts, May 2000.

“Commenting on Esther as an Interfaith Problem,” keynote address at “Esther 2000” a conference, sponsored by Creighton University and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, April, 2000.

Response to Carol Newsom “Job’s Body: Violence and the Religious Imagination,” plenary session of the New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, MA, April, 1999.

“Where is God in the Book of Esther?,” lecture at Program in Jewish Studies, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, February, 1999.

Three Lectures on Abraham in the context of Jewish-Christian dialogue and disputation at alumni conference of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, January, 1999.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Jesus,” and “The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity,” Snuggs Lectures, University of Tulsa, October, 1998.

“Was Heschel a Biblical Theologian?,” Henry N. Rapaport Memorial Conference, “From Piety to Polity: The Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel,” Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY, March, 1998.

“Response to the Papers of Stephen Geller, David Novak, and Neil Gillman,” Conference on Judaism and the Natural World, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February, 1998.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity” and “Abraham among Jews, Christians, and Muslims,” Birks Lectures, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, February, 1998.

“Did the Prophets Eradicate Child Sacrifice?” and “Isaac, Jesus, and the Lamb,” Fischer Lectures, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, January, 1998.

“The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son,” Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, May, 1997.

“Did God Forgive Adam? And other Lectures on Sin, Death, and Redemption in Judaism and Christianity,” Shapira Lectures at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, February, 1997.

“The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son,” inaugural lecture at the Samuel Rosenthal Center for Jewish Studies, Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, October, 1996.

“Our Father Abraham,” lecture in a Jewish-Christian-Muslim triologue series at Boston College, Newton, MA, October, 1996.

“The (New) Sacrifice of the Beloved Son,” the Quint Lecture in Jewish Studies at Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, April, 1995.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Midrash,” Alexander Thompson Lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary, March, 1995.

“Passover and Easter: The Hidden Connection to Child Sacrifice,” public lecture at Smith College, February, 1995.

Two public lectures at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, "Sabbath, Creation and Exodus": What is the Connection?" and "God and His Enemies: Creation and Anti-Creation," November, 1994.

"Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Religion," public lecture at Loyola College in Baltimore, October, 1994.

A faculty seminar on *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son* at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April, 1994.

"Jews and Christians in the Discourse of Biblical Studies," public lecture at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April, 1994.

A faculty seminar on *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son*, theology department of Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, February, 1994.

"Sabbath, Creation, and Exodus: What is the Connection?," public lecture at Loyola College in Maryland, February, 1994.

"The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Sublimation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity," four Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, January, 1993.

"Historical Criticism and the Fate of the Enlightenment Project," Presidential address at the annual meeting of the New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, April, 1992.

"Joseph and His Dreams: the Servant as Ruler, the Ruler as Servant," Blumenthal Lecture, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, March, 1992.

"Did God Forgive Adam?," a seminar presentation in the graduate program in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March, 1992.

"Joseph the Interpreter of Dreams: Reflections on the Poetics of Biblical Narrative," sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March, 1992.

Response to a set of three lectures on "Faith in a Pluralistic Age," by Peter L. Berger, the William Belden Noble Lecturer, Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December, 1991.

"A Response to Gavin D'Costa, 'Christ in a Religiously Pluralist World,'" Jerome Hall Dialogue, Harvard Divinity School, November, 1989.

"Liberation Theology and the Exodus," plenary address at the annual conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Syracuse, NY, August, 1989.

“Theological Consensus or Historicist Evasion? Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies,” paper at a conference on “Hebrew Bible or Old Testament?” Center for the Study of Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April, 1989.

“Theological Consensus or Historicist Evasion? Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies,” a lecture in a conference on “Texts and Contexts,” Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, March, 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” the sixth annual Bonnie Podrotti Kittel Memorial Lecture, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, February, 1989.

“Reflections on *Creation and the Persistence of Evil*,” a presentation to the Consultation on Biblical and Contemporary Theologies at the annual national conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, November, 1988.

“Exodus and Liberation,” the Aaron Kriwitsky Memorial Young Scholar lecture at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford, CT, April, 1988.

“Covenant and Consent: Biblical Reflections on the Occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the United States Constitution,” panel presentation at a colloquium on “The Judeo-Christian Heritage and the U.S. Constitution,” at the Annenberg Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA, November, 1987.

“Covenant and Consent: Biblical Reflections on the Occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the United States Constitution,” the Annadora Gregory Lecture, Doane College, Crete, NE, November, 1987.

“Creation and the Persistence of Evil: The Vitality of Myth in Ancient Israel,” lecture for the colloquium on Jewish History and Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October, 1987.

“A Response to Edward Greenstein, “The State of Biblical Studies, or Biblical Studies in a State,” Conference on the State of Jewish Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY, May, 1987.

“The Spiritual Politics of Biblical Monotheism,” lecture at Harvard University, sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Cambridge, MA, December, 1986.

“The Binding of Isaac in Bible and Midrash,” lecture sponsored by the Department of Religion and the Humanities, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, May, 1985.

“The Idea of Covenant in Biblical Theology,” lecture to faculty seminar at the University of Scranton, PA, sponsored by the National Jewish Resource Center, January, 1985.

“The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism,” paper invited for the third Conversation in Biblical Studies, Judaic Studies Program, University of California, San Diego, CA, April, 1984.

“Is There a Counterpart in the Hebrew Bible to New Testament Anti-Semitism?”, paper presented to Chicago Chevra, a discussion group of rabbis, December, 1983.

“The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism,” paper presented to the Old Testament Professors Group of the Hyde Park Cluster of Theological Schools, Chicago, IL, November, 1983.

“The Current State of Jewish Biblical Scholarship,” lecture to a faculty seminar at the University of Scranton, PA, sponsored by the National Jewish Resource Center, November, 1983.

“Literary Evidence of the Microcosmic Conception of the Temple in Judah,” paper read at the Mid-Western regional conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, February, 1983.

“The Temple and the World,” guest lecture for the Colloquium for Biblical Research, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, August, 1982.

“Reflections on the Scroll of Esther,” Center for the Study of Israel and Judaism, Columbia University, February, 1980.

“Prophecy as the Prophet Sees It,” paper delivered at a seminar entitled “Ancient Texts, Modern Meaning,” sponsored by the Faculties of Education and of the Humanities of York University, and the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Toronto, Canada, November, 1978.

“The Davidic Covenant and Its Modern Interpreters,” paper read at the national conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December, 1977.

“Biblical Ideas of *Ta’amê Hammiswôt*,” paper read at the annual conference of the New England region of the Society of Biblical Literature, April, 1977.

“On the Promise to the Rechabites,” paper read to the New England regional conference of the American Academy of Religion, April, 1976.

Other Presentations:

“The Aqedah in Four Traditions,” a presentation at the Hebrew Bible Workshop, Harvard University, April 19, 2010.

“Psalm 137: The Anguish of Exile and the Joy of Jerusalem,” a lecture in the Gordon College Convocation Series, “Exploring the Psalms with the Rabbis,” Gordon College, Wenham, MA, September 18, 2009.

A presentation on “Covenant” and a response to a presentation by Professor Abraham Socher on “Written and Oral Torah,” at “Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions,” a seminar for college and graduate students sponsored by the Tikva Fund and the Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, NJ, August 10-11, 2009.

Response to Professor George Marsden, panel on “How Should Our Personal Faith Influence Our Public Scholarship?” sponsored by the Harvard Divinity School Christian Fellowship, April 30, 2009.

“Will There Be Less or More BS after Harvard? A 220-Pound Professor Takes on Seven 800-Pound Gorillas,” talk to the Hebrew Bible Workshop, Harvard University, April 20, 2009.

“Is Passover Really about Freedom?” lecture at Temple Emeth, Brookline, MA, March 29, 2009.

“Three Lectures on the Aqedah (Binding of Isaac),” Summer Scholar at the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program, Tustin and Irvine, CA, July 7-9, 2008.

“The Meaning of the Mishkan,” Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, March 1, 2008.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Jesus,” the Norman Asher Memorial Lecture, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, June 12, 2007.

“The Righteousness of the Faithful Abraham: The Tale of a *Pasuaq*,” lecture at the annual conference of the Rabbinical Assembly, Cambridge, MA, May 1, 2007.

“The Plagues: Structure, Problems, and Theological Message,” a talk at Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, January 27, 2007.

“Hannah and Her Seven Sons,” lecture at Congregation Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton, Massachusetts, December 23, 2006.

“What is Good about Suffering?” lecture to the staff of Harvard Divinity School, October 26, 2006.

“Passover and the Binding of Isaac,” eighth annual Rabbi Pesach Sobel Memorial Lecture, South Area Solomon Schechter Day School, Stoughton, MA, March 23, 2006.

“America and the Modernization of the Jews,” classroom presentation at the Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Bronx, NY, March 7, 2006.

“Passover and the Aqedah,” the Ellen M. Eggers Memorial Lecture, Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center, Highland Park, NJ, March 6, 2006.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” the Lucy Dawidowicz Memorial Lecture, Congregation Or Zarua, New York NY, January 30, 2006.

“Our Father Abraham between Torah and Gospel,” keynote lecture at the annual Rabbinic Action Committee Study Institute of the Jewish United Fund (Chicago), Wilmette, IL, November 3, 2005.

“What was Biblical Monotheism?” and “The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Orenstein Scholar Lectures, Congregation Beth-Tzedec, Toronto, Canada, May 30-31, 2005.

“The Achievement of Frank Moore Cross,” remarks at the presentation of the Jewish Cultural Achievement Award, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, New York, NY, June 6, 2004.

“Is Death in Accordance with God’s Design?”, Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, May 26, 2004.

“The Creativity of Nachmanides/Ramban as Biblical Commentator,” Congregation Kehilath Israel, Brookline, MA, January 7, 2004.

“Genesis: In the Workshop of a Biblical Annotator,” presentation at an event celebrating the appearance of the *Jewish Study Bible*, sponsored by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Newton, MA, December 1, 2003.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Congregational Church of Topsfield, MA, November 2, 2003.

“The Original Meanings of Biblical Monotheism,” dinner lecture and discussion sponsored by the Jewish Community Day School, held in Newton, MA, November 1, 2003.

“Thoughts on ‘Life’ and ‘Death’ in the Tanakh,” session for instructors in the Me’ah Institute, Hebrew College, Newton, MA, June 11, 2003.

“Sinai as the Remarriage of God and Israel,” lecture at Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, June 5, 2003.

“What Could Be Better than the Study of Torah?” graduation lecture at the Me’ah Institute, Hebrew College, Newton, MA, June 1, 2003.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Jesus,” Rabbi Ronald Weiss Interfaith Program, Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA, April 9, 2003.

“The Good Friday-Passover Connection,” Frank Schick Memorial Lecture, The Foundation for Jewish Studies, Chevy Chase, MD, March 27, 2003.

“How Observant Was Abraham?” lecture at Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, May 17, 2002.

“Abraham’s Conversion to Judaism and Christianity,” presentation to the Peabody Clerical and Ministerial Association, Eastern Point Gonzaga Retreat House, Gloucester, MA, May 9, 2002.

“Where is God in the Book of Esther?” lecture at Harvard Hillel, Cambridge, MA, February 21, 2002.

“The Literary Genius of Esther,” three classes at Hebrew College, Newton, MA, February 6, 13, and 20, 2002.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity,” lecture at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, January 28, 2002.

“Isaac and Jesus,” lecture for Christian ministers, sponsored by Temple Judea Reform and the Jewish Federation of Durham and Chapel Hill, at Judea Reform Temple, Durham, NC, January 28, 2002.

“Reflections on the Current State of Studies in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament,” presentation to graduate students in the Religion Department and the Divinity School, Duke University, January 27, 2002

“The Death and Life of the Beloved Son,” two sessions at the 17th Jewish-Christian Seminar, Luther College, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 14, 2002.

“Problematicizing Pluralism: On the Inevitability of Exclusivism,” lunchtime lecture at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 28, 2001.

“The Jew in the Christmas Tree: Is Syncretism Compatible with Diversity?” public talk sponsored by the Harvard Divinity School Jewish Students, Cambridge, MA, November 15, 2001.

“Sinai and the Restoration of Israel,” lecture at Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, May 27, 2001.

“Sinai and the Restoration of Israel,” lecture at Me’ah (an adult education program), Hebrew College, Brookline, MA, May 6, 2001.

“Does Judaism Believe in the Resurrection?” lecture at Congregation Kehillat Israel, Brookline, MA, January 10, 2001.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity,” study session for the Chicago Board of Rabbis, at the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, December 2000.

“The Hebrew Bible and Freedom,” lecture for the Templeton Freedom Seminar of the Core Humanities Program, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, September 2000.

“Did God Forgive Adam?” Temple Bnei Moshe, Brighton, MA, September 2000.

“Midrash: How the Rabbis Read the Bible” lecture series for the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs, Camp Tel Noar, Hampstead, New Hampshire, June 2000.

“The Book of Ruth and Shavu`ot,” a study session at Temple Emanuel in Newton, Massachusetts, June 2000.

“Did God Forgive Adam?” lecture for the benefit of the Andover-Harvard Library, Cambridge, MA, May 2000.

“Midrash: How the Ancient Rabbis Read the Bible,” lecture series at Temple Emunah, Lexington, Massachusetts, April and May 2000.

“Is *Cherut* Freedom? The Exodus and Contemporary Values,” lecture at Congregation Beth El-Atereth Israel, Newton, Massachusetts, April 2000.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion of Jesus,” lecture at Emanuel Church, Boston, April 2000.

“Does the Hebrew Bible Advocate Freedom?” lecture to the Templeton Freedom Seminary of the Core Humanities Program, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, September 1999.

“Judaism and Christianity on Sin: Where We Part Company,” pre-Selichot talk at Temple Mishkan Tefila, Newton, May, September 1999.

“Is the Torah Accepted or Imposed?” Shavu`ot learning session at Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA, May, 1999.

“Is the Torah Accepted or Imposed?” and “*Halakhah ve-'eyn morim ken*: Jewish Laws that are not to be Practiced,” two talks as scholar in residence at Congregation Kehillath Israel, Brookline, MA, May 1999.

“The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity,” scholar in residence at the annual conference of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, Framingham, MA, May 1999.

“Humor in the Book of Esther: Levenson with Slivovitz,” lecture at Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation, Cambridge, MA, February 1999.

“Is God Fair? Divine Justice and the Book of Job,” lecture for Temple B'nai Emunah and All Souls' Unitarian Church, at All Souls' Unitarian Church, Tulsa, OK, October 1998.

“Sacrifice,” discussion (with Prof. Kimberley C. Patton) on “The Connection, with Christopher Lydon,” WBUR, Boston University public radio, Boston, MA, April 1998.

“Pesach and the Aqedah,” Temple Beth El, Quincy, MA, April 1998.

“The Sabbath and Economic Life,” Religion, Values, and Economy Forum, The Center for the Study of Values in Public Life, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 1998.

“Elements of Humor in the Book of Esther,” Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation, Cambridge, MA, March 1998.

“The Enemy Within: Our Struggle with the Evil Impulse--and God's,” Congregation Kehillath Israel, Brookline, MA, February 1998.

“Creation and Shabbat,” and “The Transformation of Child Sacrifice,” two talks for the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, Providence, RI, May 1997.

“Where is God in the Book of Esther?” and “Pesach and the Aqedah,” two learning sessions at the annual conference of the Rabbinial Assembly, Cambridge, MA, April 1997.

“Abraham in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” lecture at the First Baptist Church in Newton, Newton, MA, January 1997.

“The Binding of Isaac” and “Unorthodox Reflections on Passover and Easter,” lectures at Hamline University continuing ministerial education program, St. Paul, MN, November, 1996.

“Abraham Among Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Lecture delivered at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH, May 1996.

Chaired a panel on “The Art of Bible Translation” and presented a talk on “The Challenges Translators Face” at Hebrew College in Brookline, MA, March 1996.

“Abraham in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Traditions,” the Rabbi Abraham Kazis Memorial lecture delivered at Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester, MA, October 1995.

Led a discussion of his book, *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son*, at an organizational conference of a group of Jewish scholars meeting under the auspices of the Institute of Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore, Maryland, September 1995.

“What Could Be Better Than Learning?” an address at the Haverford School’s Cum Laude Society induction ceremony in Haverford, PA, May 1995.

Featured speaker at a conference on Jewish-Christian Relations sponsored by Christian Theological Seminary and the Jewish Community Relations Council in Indianapolis, and lectured on “Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Midrash” and “Unorthodox Reflections on Passover and Easter,” March 1995.

“Abraham Among Jewish, Christians and Muslims,” public lecture at Temple Beth El Zedek in Indianapolis, March 1995.

“Creation and Anti-Creation: God and His Enemies,” public lecture at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester, February 1995.

Served as scholar-in-residence and delivered four lectures on the theme of forgiveness and death at the annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Reform Rabbis held in Virginia Beach from January 29-31, 1995.

Five talks (a public lecture on “The Survival of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity” and three classes and a fourth seminar) as Coleman-Lyman Scholar at Lafayette College, Easton, PA, in conjunction with the Berman Center for Jewish Studies, March 1993.

“Pesach and the Aqedah,” a lecture at a college shabbaton at congregation Shaarei Tefillah, Newton, MA, March 1993.

“The Averted Sacrifice of the Beloved Son,” public lecture at Harvard Divinity School, March 1993.

“The Redemptive Death of the Beloved Son in Judaism and Christianity,” a lecture to the Boston area Catholic-Jewish dialogue committee, Newton, MA, May 1992.

“The Sacrifice of the Beloved Son in Judaism and Christianity,” the Rabbi Wall Lecture, St. Michael’s College, Winooski, VT, April 1992.

“Joseph’s Dreams: The Ruler as Servant,” the Dr. I.J. and Rachel Fellner Memorial Lecture, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, MD, March 1992.

“Biblical Perspectives on Government and the State,” a set of six lectures delivered at the Foundation for Biblical Research, Charlestown, New Hampshire, October 1991.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Religion,” a lecture at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, February 1991.

“Did God Forgive Adam? An Exercise in Comparative Religion,” a lecture at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, November 1990.

“Pluralism and Diversity at Harvard Divinity School Today,” panel presentation on Harvard Divinity School Alumni Day, Cambridge, MA, June 1990.

“The Exodus: Whose Story Is It?”, the annual Dawn Schuman Lecture, sponsored by the Dawn Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning, Deerfield, IL, November 1989.

“Creation, Covenant, and Wisdom: A Biblical Perspective,” a Judaic Studies summer Seminar at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, July 1989.

Visiting Scholar at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, March 1989. Delivered one public lecture, “Exodus and Liberation,” and spoke in five classes on:

1. “Rhetorical Criticism of Biblical Narrative”
2. “The Binding of Isaac in Midrash”
3. “The Philosophical Underpinnings of Spinoza’s Biblical Criticism”
4. “The Religious Thinker between Observation and Participation: Martin Buber’s Controversies with Franz Rosenzweig and Gershom Scholem”
5. “The Spectrum of Modern Judaism”

“Exodus and Liberation,” presentation at a colloquium of black and Jewish seminarians at the Center for Development in Ministry of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL, March 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” lecture at the Center for Jewish-Christian Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, March 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” Louis C. Pitchford Lecture, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, March 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” a lecture at Florida Institute of Technology, March 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” a lecture at Congregation Adas Israel, Washington, DC, January 1989.

“Exodus and Liberation,” keynote address at a professional day for the teachers at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Maryland, January 1989.

“Four Lectures on Covenant,” Temple Bethel, Sudbury, MA, January 1989.

“The Biblical Idea of Covenant,” Morris Gutstein Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored by the Dawn R. Schuman Institute and Congregation Shaarey Tikvah, Chicago, IL, November 1987.

“The Binding of Isaac in Bible and Midrash,” two-part series for the Dawn R. Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning, Glenview, IL, September-October 1987.

“The Message of Genesis 1,” lecture for the Dawn R. Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning, Glenview, IL, February 1987.

“What Is the Miracle of Hanukkah?,” lecture at the Bureau of Jewish Education, Rochester, NY, December 1986.

“Ezra in Rabbinic Literature,” guest lecture and discussion session at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, December 1986.

“Shabbat, Creation, Exodus: Why the Connection?” study session at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Chicago, IL, November 1986.

“The Ambivalence of God: Is Judaism Monotheistic?” and “People and Jews: A Midrashic Argument,” talks at University of Chicago Hillel Foundation, November 1986.

“The Basic Idea of Israelite Religion,” talk to faculty lunch, DePaul University Hillel Foundation, November 1985.

“God’s Demands,” three-part lecture series at Temple Shalom, Chicago, IL, October-November 1985.

“The Ambivalence of God,” talk at Congregation Am Yisrael, Northfield, IL, September 1985.

“Is the Torah Imposed or Accepted?,” talk at Congregation B’nai Emunah, Skokie, IL, May 1985.

“Judaism and Christianity: 1985 Years of Encounter,” moderated the series and delivered a lecture, “In the Season of Passover and Easter,” Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, Chicago, IL, March-April 1985.

“The Temple and the Creation of the World,” lecture to teachers sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, October 1984.

“Judaism and Christianity on Sin: Where We Part Company,” public lecture at the Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, Chicago, IL, September 1984.

“Elisha ben Abuya” and “The Qaraites,” lectures at Congregation Ezra-Habonim, Chicago, IL, September 1984.

“The Second Commandment,” talk at Temple B’nai Emunah, Skokie, IL, June 1984.

“The Justice of God - Past, Present, or Future?” and “Jerusalem and the World,” talks to the annual study session of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, May 1984.

“What is Torah?,” talk at Congregation Rodfei Zedek, Chicago, IL, March 1984.

“Why It Is Easier Than Ever Before To Be a Fake in Academia,” talk at the Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, January 1984.

“Judaism and Tragedy,” set of talks at a Shabbaton at Congregation B’nai Emunah, Skokie, IL, November 1983.

“Religion and Politics in Jeremiah,” seminar for teachers sponsored by the Chicago Board of Jewish Education, August 1983.

“The Book of Ruth,” talk at Temple B’nai Emunah, Skokie, IL, May 1983.

“The Center Versus the Periphery: Who is Normative?” lecture at the Mid-Western Hillel Directors Conference, University of Chicago Hillel, March 1983.

“The Vitality of Myth in Ancient Israel,” talk for the Chicago Conference on Ministry, University of Chicago Divinity School, February 1983.

“Jesus - A Jewish Perspective,” talk for the Episcopal student group at the University of Chicago, February 1983.

“The Hebrew Bible, The Old Testament, and the History of Religions,” and “The Sabbath - A Palace in Time,” two talks for the citywide Shabbaton of the Hillel Foundation, University of Chicago Hillel, January 1983.

“The Hebrew Bible, The Old Testament, and the History of Religions,” talk for the Visiting Committee of the University of Chicago Divinity School, November 1982.

Three lectures at the Mississippi Institute of Judaism (B’nai B’rith), Salado, TX, July 1982.

“The Idea of Covenant in the Bible,” five lectures for the Academy of Jewish Studies Without Walls of the American Jewish Community, Skidmore College, July 1982.

“Is God Fair?: The Book of Job,” Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA, May 1982.

“Covenant,” Women’s Study Group, New York Jewish Federation, February 1980.

“Central Themes of the Bible in Modern Focus,” eleven classes at the combined B’nai B’rith Institute and Elderhostel, New England College, Henniker, NH, August 1979.

“The Priestly Model of Leadership,” and “The Prophetic Model of Leadership,” two lectures at the conference of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, Lake Como, PA, May 1979.

“The Covenant as a Model for Contemporary Jewish Theology,” study session at the Consultation and Training Seminar on Jewish Leadership Education, sponsored by the National Jewish Conference Center, Pawling, NY, January 1979.

“Divine Sovereignty and Human Government in Biblical Thought,” public lecture at Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation, November 1976.

“Covenant: The Theopolitics of Ancient Israel,” five lectures before the Pastor’s Assembly of the United Methodist Church at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, August-September, 1976.

1. “Israelite Covenant in its Ancient Near Eastern Context”
2. “Whose is the Kingdom or, the Problem of Divided Allegiance”
3. “The Davidic Covenant and the Origins of Messianism”
4. “Israelite Theology as Theocratic Anarchism”
5. “Reflections on the Role of Covenants in Judaism”

“Jewish Studies at Wellesley: Their Nature and Purpose,” sponsored by Wellesley Jewish students at the dedication of the kosher kitchen, March 1976.

“Origins of the Messianic Hope,” a talk given before the Board of Trustees and Religion Department faculty of Wellesley College, December 1975.

“The Kingship of God and the Commandments of the Torah,” talk for Wellesley Jewish students (Hillel), October 1975.

“The Book of Ruth,” public talk at Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation, May 1975.

“The Welfare State and the Bible,” public lecture at Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation, November 1974.

“The Origins of the Messianic Hope,” public lecture at Case-Western Reserve University Hillel Foundation, September 1973.

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