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Education

- 2008–2013 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
Title: “Hume-Inspired Metaphysics”
Directors: Peter van Inwagen and Alvin Plantinga
- 2008–2011 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
- 2005–2008 Advanced Talmudic Studies, Yeshivat Har Etzion, Kollel Gavoah
Rabbinical Ordination from Chief Rabbinate of Israel
- 2002–2005 B.A. in Mathematics and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Yeshiva University

Employment

- 2022– Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
John and Golda Chair in Jewish Philosophy
- 2021– Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Guggenheim Michael and Bella Lectureship in the Teaching of Jewish Morals and Ethics
- 2016–2021 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2013–2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University

Interests

- Research: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Jewish Philosophy
- Teaching: Epistemology, Logic

Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2022– Member of the Israel Young Academy
- 2022 Honorable Mention for 2021 Alvin Plantinga Prize (\$5,000), American Philosophical Association
- 2021–2024 Research Grant (\$100,000), ISF, “Systematic Metaphysics: Promises and Challenges”
- 2020–2021 Faculty Collaboration Grant (7500 CAD), Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, “Systematic Metaphysics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives” (with Nicholas Stang)
- 2018–2020 Project Director (\$234,575), JTF, “Worship: A Jewish Philosophical Investigation” (with Sam Lebens)
- 2017–2020 Alon Fellowship for Outstanding Young Researchers, The Council for Higher Education of Israel
- 2016–2019 Research Grant (\$73,600), ISF, “Modality, Laws, and Dispositions: Humeanism in Contemporary Metaphysics”
- Research Fellow, Models of Providence: An Abrahamic Inquiry
- 2014 Research Grant (\$34,500), Immortality Project at UC-Riverside, Title: “Why Live Forever?”
- 2012 Finalist for 2012 Oxford Younger Scholars Prize in Metaphysics, Ammonius Foundation

Publications

BOOKS AUTHORED

1. *Do We Have a Soul?*, Eric Olson and Aaron Segal (New York: Routledge, 2023)

BOOKS EDITED

2. *Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed: A Critical Guide*, eds. Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021)
3. *Jewish Philosophy in an Analytic Age*, eds. Samuel Lebens, Dani Rabinowitz, and Aaron Segal (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019)
4. *Jewish Philosophy Past and Present: Contemporary Responses to Classical Sources*, eds. Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal (New York: Routledge, 2017)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

5. "Do We Look Material? Human Ontology and Perceptual Evidence," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming. doi:10.1017/can.2023.38
6. "Systematicity and Skepticism," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming
7. "Crescas, Hard Determinism, and the Need for a Torah," *Faith & Philosophy*, forthcoming
8. "Humeanism: Metaphysical and Epistemological," *Synthese*, 199 (2021), 905–925
9. "A Halakhic Limitation on Philosophical Inquiry: Is it Possible?" (Hebrew) *Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly*, 69 (2021), 119–129
10. "Dependence, Transcendence, and Creaturely Freedom: On the Incompatibility of Three Theistic Doctrines," *Mind*, 130: 520 (2021), 1099–1127
 - Honorable Mention for 2021 APA Alvin Plantinga Prize
11. "Essence and Explanation: A Logical Mismatch" (with Noga Gratvol), *Inquiry*, 64:10 (2021), 1038–1050
12. "Lost at Sea: A New Route to Metaphysical Skepticism," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 101:2 (2020), 256–75
13. "Radical Pluralism," *Noûs*, 54:1 (2020), 24–53
14. "Pythagoreanism: A Number of Theories," *Philosophers' Imprint*, 19:26 (2019), 1–19
15. "Why Live Forever? What Metaphysics Can Contribute," *Erkenntnis* 83(2) (2017), 185–204
16. "A Puzzle about Points," *Philosophical Perspectives* 30 (2016), 349–365
17. "Half-Hearted Humeanism," *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 9 (2015), 262–305
 - Finalist for 2012 Oxford Younger Scholars Prize in Metaphysics
18. "Causal Essentialism and Mereological Monism," *Philosophical Studies* 169:2 (2014), 227–255
19. "Sceptical Theism and Divine Truths," *Religious Studies* 47 (2011), 85–95
20. "Response to Churchland" (with Alvin Plantinga), *Philo* 13 (2010), 201–07

BOOK CHAPTERS

21. "God, Humanity, and Meaning in the Book of Jonah," in *Knowledge Through Narrative: Biblical Narratives and Human Flourishing*, eds. Eleonore Stump and Judith Wolfe (New York: Routledge), forthcoming
22. "Body and Soul," in *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Daniel Rynhold and Tyron Goldschmidt (New York: Routledge), forthcoming
23. "Revelation of the Torah: What For?," in *Global Dialogues in Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Yujin Nagasawa and Mohammed Saleh Zarepour (Oxford: Oxford University Press), forthcoming
24. "'Those Who Taste It Merit Life': On the Superfluity of an Everlasting Afterlife," in *Norton Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Lara Buchak and Dean Zimmerman (New York: W.W. Norton and Company), forthcoming
25. "Something Out of Nothing: What Zeno Could Have Taught Parmenides," in *Non-Being: New Essays on the Metaphysics of Non-Existence*, eds. Sara Bernstein and Tyron Goldschmidt (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021), 165–186
26. "His Existence is Essentiality: Maimonides as Metaphysician," in *Cambridge Critical Guide to Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed*, eds. Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 102–121
27. "Metaphysics Out of the Sources of the *Halakha* or a *Halakhic* Metaphysic?," in *Jewish Philosophy in an Analytic Age*, eds. Samuel Lebens, Dani Rabinowitz, and Aaron Segal (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 34–59
28. "The A Priori," in *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy*, eds. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. and Graham Oppy (Farmington Hills, MI: Gale, 2019), 301–12
29. "The Necessity of Idealism," (with Tyron Goldschmidt) in *Idealism: New Essays in Metaphysics*, eds. Kenneth Pearce and Tyron Goldschmidt (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 34–49
30. "The Afterlife in Judaism," (with Tyron Goldschmidt) in *The Palgrave Handbook on the Afterlife*, eds. Benjamin Matheson and Yujin Nagasawa, (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 107–27
31. "Immortality: Two Models," in *Jewish Philosophy Past and Present: Contemporary Responses to Classical Sources*, eds. Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal (New York: Routledge, 2017), 151–60

BOOK REVIEWS

32. Review of *Perfect Goodness and the God of the Jews: A Contemporary Jewish Theology*, Jerome Yehuda Gellman, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, forthcoming,
33. Review of *David Shatz: Torah, Philosophy, and Culture*, Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan and Aaron W. Hughes (eds.), *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 58:3 (2018), 347-50
34. Review of *What God Cannot Do*, Israel Netanel Rubin, *Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly*, 66 (2017), 288-291
35. Review of *Reason, Metaphysics, and Mind: New Essays on the Philosophy of Alvin Plantinga*, Kelly James Clark and Michael Rea (eds.), *Faith & Philosophy*, 32:1 (2015), 97-106
36. Review of Joshua Golding's *The Conversation: A Novel*, *Religious Studies*, 50:1 (2014), 133-138

REVIEW ESSAYS

37. "Doubting God, Doubting Ourselves," *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, forthcoming
38. "'The Source of Faith' Examined," *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, 47:4 (2015), 192-210
39. "A Religiously Sensitive Jewish Philosophical Theology," *Torah u-Madda Journal* 16 (2013), 186-202

Talks

- 2022
- "Do You See Me? Human Ontology and Perceptual Evidence"
 - Personal Identity Workshop, Rutgers University
 - "Am I a Vague Object?"
 - A Conference in Honor of Peter van Inwagen's 80th Birthday, Rutgers University
 - "Maimonides on the Perils, Promises, and Propriety of Metaphysical Inquiry"
 - World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
 - "Those Who Taste It Merit Life: On the Superfluity of an Everlasting Afterlife"
 - Global Philosophy of Religion Conference, University of Birmingham, UK
 - "Bottom-Up Monism"
 - Workshop on Metaphysical Explanation, Tel-Aviv University
 - "God, Man, and Meaning in the Book of Jonah"
 - Workshop on Philosophy, Theology, and Biblical Narrative
 - "Crescas and Hard Determinism"
 - APA Central Division Meeting
- 2021
- "Monism and Monotheism"
 - Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Joint Colloquium
 - Workshop on Systematicity
 - University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy (which Nicholas Stang)
 - University of Notre Dame, Metaphysics Colloquium Series
 - "Maimonides on the Perils, Promises, and Propriety of Metaphysical Inquiry"
 - The Christian West and Islamic East Lecture Series
 - "An Analytic Vindication of Idealism"
 - University of Toronto, LEMM Group
- 2020
- "An Analytic Vindication of Idealism"
 - Systematic Metaphysics: Prospects and Problems, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - David Lewis and His Place in the History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Manchester [talk cancelled due to birth of child]
- 2019
- "Dependence, Transcendence, and Freedom: On the Incompatibility of Three Theistic Doctrines"
 - Providence and Randomness Concluding Workshop, Casablanca

- 2018 “Humeanism and neo-Humeanism: Metaphysics and Epistemology”
- 2nd Bucharest-Budapest Workshop in Philosophy: Humeanisms
- “Pythagoreanism: A Number of Theories”
- Society for Metaphysics of Science 4th Annual Conference, University of Milan
 - Ben-Gurion University Philosophy Department Colloquium
 - Haifa University Philosophy Department Colloquium
- “Lost at Sea: A Novel Case for Metaphysical Skepticism”
- Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference, University of Haifa
 - Annual Joint Meeting of NCPS/SCPS, Winthrop University
 - Prize Winner in Untenured Faculty Category
- 2017 “Radical Pluralism”
- Tel Hai College Philosophy Department Colloquium
- 2016 “The Modality of Mental Metaphysics” (with Tyron Goldschmidt)
- 2nd International Conference on Philosophy of Mind, University of Minho
- “Humeanism: Metaphysical and Epistemological”
- Hebrew University/UNC-Chapel Hill Joint Philosophy Workshop
- 2015 “Why Live Forever? What Metaphysics Can Contribute”
- Hebrew University Philosophy Department Colloquium
 - Fordham University Mind and Metaphysics Workshop
 - UC-Riverside Immortality Project Capstone Conference
- “Measure is Puzzling”
- APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC
- 2012 “On What Temporally Extended Experience Can Teach Humeans”
- Experience, Action, and the Metaphysics of Time, Durham University, UK
- “Half-Hearted Humeanism is Inconsistent”
- Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Haifa University
- 2011 “Metaphysics Out of the Sources of the Halakha or a Halakhic Metaphysic?”
- Philosophical Investigation of the Hebrew Scriptures, Talmud, and Midrash, Shalem Center
- 2010 “Identity Variance”
- APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA

Service

JOURNAL REFEREE

Analysis, American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Faith & Philosophy, Mind, Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Shnaton Ha-Misphat Ha-Ivri, Ratio, Religious Studies, Synthese

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- 2021–
present *Journal of Analytic Theology*, editorial board member
Encyclopedia of Scepticism and Jewish Tradition, editorial board member (Associate Editor)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2021	2nd Summer Workshop of “Worship: A Jewish Philosophical Investigation”
2020	Jerusalem Philosophical Encounter, “Systematic Metaphysics: Prospects and Problems”
2019	1st Summer Workshop of “Worship: A Jewish Philosophical Investigation”
2014	2nd Conference of the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, APA Central Division
2012	1st Conference of the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, APA Eastern Division

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

2022-	Co-Director of the Advanced Summer School for Graduate Students in Jewish Studies
2011–2021	Co-Founder and Executive Council Member, Association for the Philosophy of Judaism

Thesis Advising

- M.A. Thesis
 - Israel Cohen, “Normative Uncertainty in Halakha” (completed, 2018)
 - Ben Kinreich, “Regress Arguments” (completed, 2019)
 - Noam Oren, “Non-Cognitivism, Fictionalism, and Modern Jewish Philosophy” (completed 2020, co-directed with Moshe Halbertal)
 - Stav Slovin, “Epistemology of Modality” (completed, 2022)
 - Yosef Miller, “Maimonides on Evil” (in progress)
 - Daniel Binenboym, “Phenomenology and Composition” (in progress)
 - Netanel Ron, “A Compatibilist Free Will Defense” (in progress)
- Ph.D. Dissertation
 - Israel Cohen, “Agglomeration of Obligations: A Meta-Normative Investigation” (co-directed with David Enoch)
 - Noam Oren, “Prayer: A Philosophical Inquiry” (co-directed with Moshe Halbertal)