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## FELLOWSHIPS

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- Tikvah Fellow, Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization, New York University Law School, 2011-2012.
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"Ramban on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil," International Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August, 1989.

"Maimonides and the Zohar on Human Perfection," Third International Conference on Jewish Mysticism, Feb., 1988, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

"The Heavenly Jerusalem: Non-Zionist Views on the Land of Israel in the Modern Era," Willi Horowitz Memorial Lecture, Central Queen's Y, April, 1987.

"Fishke der Krumer and the Education of Mendele Moykher Sforim," Annual Conference, Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December, 1986.

"Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook and the Jewish Philosophical Tradition," Conference on Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Graduate Center, City University of New York, May, 1986.

"Maimonides on Political Activity as an Educational Task," Conference on Maimonides as an Educator, Hofstra University, December, 1985.

"Krochmal, Rosenzweig and Hutner on Cyclical and Linear Time," Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December, 1985.

"Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook on the Unity of Purity and Religious Passion," Conference on the Thought of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Yeshiva University, New York City, July, 1985.

"Maimonides' Critique of Popular Religion," Faculty Seminar, Jewish Studies Program, McGill University, February, 1985

"Maimonides' Doctrine of Creation: What was It?" Jewish Philosophy Interest Group, Annual Conference, Association of Jewish Studies, December, 1984.

"On the Boundary Between Old and New: The Correspondence Between Moses Mendelssohn and R. Jacob Emden," Jewish Thought in the Eighteenth Century, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, April-May, 1984.

"The Study of Torah in Contemporary Orthodoxy," Jewish Sociology Interest Group, Annual Conference, Association of Jewish Studies, December, 1983.

"The Non-Zionist Religious Nationalism of Isaac Breuer," Conference on the Thought of Isaac Breuer, Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies, Yeshiva University, December, 1983.

"The Conception of Repentance in the Thought of R. Joseph Soloveitchik," Bar-Ilan University, April, 1983.

"Two Models of the Ideal Religious Personality in the Thought of R. Joseph Soloveitchik" (in Hebrew), Symposium on the Thought of R. Joseph Soloveitchik, sponsored by the Jewish Publication Society, March, 1983, Jerusalem.

"Imitatio Dei as the Foundation for Religious Morality in Jewish Thought," Israeli Universities' Annual Conference on Jewish Thought, February, 1983, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

"The Immanence of Jewish History in the Thought of R. Nahman Krochmal," Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies, Summer, 1981. (Department of Rabbinics, Jewish Philosophy, and Mysticism)

"The Viability of the Autonomous Jewish Self," Conference on Jewish Theology, University of Denver, May, 1981.

"Text and Interpretation in Jewish Studies," Conference on Jewish Studies and the Humanities, Bar-Ilan University, April, 1981.

"Response to Raphael Patai: 'The Hebrew Goddess'," Series on Power, Patriarchy and Religion, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, January, 1981.



"Esoterism, Rationalism, and Messianism in Maimonides and Krochmal," Conference of the Institute of Jewish Studies, Learned Societies Conference, April, 1980.

"R. Mordekai Jaffe and the Evolution of Jewish Culture in the Sixteenth Century," Conference on Jewish Thought in the Sixteenth Century, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University January, 1980.

"Response to Joseph Dan," Regional Meeting of Association of Jewish Studies, April, 1978.

"Rabbi Mordekai Jaffe's Levush Pinat Yikrat," Annual Conference, Association of Jewish Studies, December, 1973.

### COURSES TAUGHT

Rabbinics (Literature, History, and Law)

Introduction to Rabbinic Literature  
Readings in Rabbinic Literature  
Jewish Studies: Talmudic Period  
Jewish Studies: Medieval Period  
Social and Ethical Issues in Jewish Law  
Jewish Medical Ethics (offered in conjunction with McGill Medical School)  
Introduction to Jewish Law  
Talmud (Various Tractates in Differing Years)  
Liturgy  
Maimonides' Legal Theory

Jewish Interpretation of the Bible

Book of the Bible: Koheleth, Judges, Numbers, Amos  
The Book of Job in the Jewish Tradition  
Abraham and Moses in Jewish Biblical Interpretation  
Allegorical Interpretation of the Bible in Antiquity  
Leviticus Rabbah  
Sifre  
Quest for Peshat in Medieval Biblical Interpretation  
Biblical Interpretation in the Writings of Maimonides  
Biblical Interpretation in the Writings of Nahmanides  
Modern Jewish Biblical Scholarship  
Biblical Interpretation in Twentieth Century Jewish Thought (Cohen, Rosenzweig, Buber,

Heschel, and Soloveitchik)

## Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism

Medieval Jewish Philosophy

Maimonidean and Aristotelian Ethics

Rationalism in Islamic and Jewish Philosophy: Al-Farabi and Maimonides (co-taught with Carlos Fraenkel)

Maimonides and Spinoza

Kuzari

Zohar

Reason and Revelation: Jewish Perspectives in Dialogue with Christianity and Islam

Medieval Jewish Political Philosophy

Modern Jewish Political Philosophy

Jewish Political Tradition

Law and Ethics in Modern Jewish Philosophy

Modern Jewish Thought

The Jewish People in Modern Jewish Thought

Revelation and Law in Modern Jewish Thought

Moses Mendelssohn (co-taught with Carlos Fraenkel)

Franz Rosenzweig

Martin Buber

Levinas and Soloveitchik

Rabbis A.I. Kook and J.B. Soloveitchik

Joseph Soloveitchik

History of Jewish Thought from the Bible to Spinoza

The Image of Moses in Twentieth Century Jewish Thought