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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor
August 2026-

Israel Institute Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the
Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science &
History Dept., **Michigan State University**

Lecturer Israel & the Middle East and Jewish Studies
Aug. 2023-May 2026

Liberal Arts Program, **Ringling College for Art and Design**
Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee

Chief Education and Public Affairs Officer
August 2023-July 2026

Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee
Director, Jewish Community Relations & Public Affairs
Committee
Chief Education and Strategy Officer, Chaifetz Holocaust
Memorial & Education Center
Media Relations
Community Events Supervisor
Public Speaker
Board Member of Sarasota Ministerial Association

Teaching Assistant Professor, Israel Institute Fellow
Aug. 2019-Aug. 2023

The Program in Jewish Culture and Society & the
Department of History, **University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign**
Central Illinois Jewish Communities Archive, Founding
Member and Academic Advisor
EU Center Affiliate
Member of Accreditation Committee
Teaching Across Divisions in the Heterogenous
Classroom Methodology Owner

Lecturer and Community Engagement and Education Director
Jan. 2021-Dec. 2023

Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati and National HUC

Post-Doctoral Researcher
Aug. 2018-June 2019

Department of History, **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Jewish Communities in the Mid-West: American Jewish History Beyond the Coastal Metropolises

Teaching Fellow
Oct. 2009-Aug. 2018

Middle East Studies Department,
University of the Negev, Sapir College, Achva College, Kibbutzim College, David Yalin Teachers Seminar, Seminar Kibbutzim College of Education, Israel

Co-Director
2005-2010

Kehilla Nonprofit Social change, Beit-Shemesh, Israel
Co-Director, Organizational Advancement
Director of Jewish Education & Programming

EDUCATION

2018

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Department of Middle East Studies, Ph.D.
The Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: Family History and Modernity
Iris Agmon (Advisor BGU), Henriette Dahan Kalev (Advisor BGU)

2012

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Department of Middle East Studies, M.A. (Summa cum Laude)
Women, Family and Lived Experiences in the Jewish Communities of Cairo and Alexandria, 1930-1956
The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Graduate Program in Gender and Jewish Studies

2003

Haifa University, Excelling Students Honorary program and History of the Middle East. B.A. (Summa cum Laude), Middle Eastern Studies and Religions Majors.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

"Class performativity, modernity and the Ashkenazi-Mizrahi divide the Jewish urban middle classes of Egypt in Israel 1948-1967", *Looking for Work in Israeli Culture* Special Issue, Journal of Israeli History, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13531042.2022.2149125>, December 2022

"Habitus, Socio-Cultural Practice and the Construction of Modernity: The Jews of Cairo and Alexandria during the First Half of the 20th Century", *Jama'a Bilingual Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Middle East*, First Prize Winner of the Jama'a Journal Young Researchers' Papers Award, May 2019.

Book Reviews

Marglin, Jessica. *Across Legal Lines Jews and Muslims in Modern Morocco*, (Yale University Press, 2016), Review of Middle Eastern Studies Journal, June 2019.

Motzafi-Haller, Pnina. *Concrete Boxes: Mizrahi Women on Israel's Periphery* (Wayne State University Press, 2018), *The Journal of Jewish Identities*, January 2020.

Miccoli, Dario. *A Sephardi Sea: Jewish Memories across the Modern Mediterranean* (Indiana UP, 2022), [Forthcoming in the *Journal of Jewish Identities*]

Solicited Book Review

Ohana, David. *Jacqueline Kahanoff A Levantine Woman* (Indiana Press University, 2023) for *Nashim Journal*.

Miccoli, Dario. *A Sephardi Sea Jewish Memories across the Modern Mediterranean*, (Indiana University Press, 2022) for *Past and Present Journal of Historical Studies*

Forthcoming

Monograph, *Family and Society in a Period of Transition: the Jewish Egyptian Community between the First and Second World Wars* [Hebrew] (tentative name, under contract with Resling Academic Press, albeit significantly delayed on my end).

Work in Progress

“About Jewish History: Lived Experiences in Mid-Western Jewish Communities; Comparative Research”

“Beyond the Coastal Metropolises: What Mid-Western Jewish Communities Teach Us About Ourselves”

TEACHING COMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

2020-2021	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
2017-2018	Letter of Commendation from the Head of the Humanities Department and Dean of Kibbutzim College for Education, Technology and the Arts' Faculty of Humanities for pedagogic, educational and academic excellence.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	<i>The Baron New Voices in Jewish Studies Award</i> , A joint award presented by the program in Jewish Studies at Columbia and Fordham Universities
2018	Research Grant, The Ben Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East
2017	The Jama'a Bilingual Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Middle East's Annual Papers Competition for Young Scholars Award
2015	Excelling Ph.D. Research Award, Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy
2014	Award for Doctoral Thesis Proposals, The Joseph and Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt , Haifa University

2013-2017 Scholarship in memory of Nathan Rotenstreich for
excelling Ph.D. students, **The Israeli Council for Higher
Education**

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Self-Designed Courses:

Spring 2026	ISS225 Minority Identities & Social Performance in Modern Egypt
Fall 2026	ISS 330B Jewish-Muslim-Christian Relations: Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations: Lived experience, historical continuity, and changing social contracts.
Fall 2025	Issues in Middle Eastern Studies through Television and Cinema (Ringling College for Art and Design)
Spring 2025	The Arab Israeli Conflict (Ringling College for Art and Design)
Fall 2024	Middle Eastern Television and Cinema: Culture and Society (Ringling College for Art and Design)
Spring 2024	The Arab Israeli Conflict (Ringling College for Art and Design)
Fall 2023	Issues in Middle East Studies through Television and Cinema (Ringling College for Art and Design)
Spring 2023	Advanced Hebrew 2; Local Histories in Central Illinois; Israeli Television and Cinema (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Fall 2022	The Arab-Israeli Conflict; & The Modern Middle East Since WW1; Intermediate Hebrew 1; Advanced Hebrew 1 (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Summer 2022	Gender, Jewish Identity and Israeli Identity on the Screen, (Hebrew Union College)
Spring 2022	Intro to Historic Interpretation: Difference and co- existence in the Middle East in the 19th and 20th centuries; & Local Histories: Jewish Life in Small Central Illinois Communities (under-grads and grad students), (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign; The Jews of the Modern Middle East (Hebrew Union College)
Fall 2021	The Arab-Israeli Conflict; & The Modern Middle East Since WW1 (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Summer 2021	Israeli Television and Cinema, Hebrew Union College (national)
Spring 2021	The Arab-Israeli Conflict; Modern Jewish History since the 1700s; Jewish Life in Small Communities in Central Illinois: Archives, Microhistory and Oral History (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Fall 2020	The Israeli Palestinian Conflict; The History of Egypt since WW1 (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Spring 2020	Israeli TV and Cinema section 2, Graduate and Under- Graduate, (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign) The Middle East after WW1 - Politics, Cultures, Societies, Under-Graduate, (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)

Fall 2019	Israeli TV and Cinema , Graduate and Under-Graduate, (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)
Spring 2018	Jews in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: Gender, Family and Middle Eastern Modernities (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Fall 2017	Middle Eastern History 101 (Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts, Tel Aviv Israel)
Summer 2017	Millets and Minorities in the Middle East during the 19th-20th Centuries (Achva Academic College, Achva, Israel)
Summer 2017	History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture , Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College, Sderot, Israel)
Spring 2017	The Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt: A Modern Middle Eastern Society (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Fall 2016 & spring 2017	History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture (Sapir Academic College Special Program for Bedouin Students, Sderot, Israel)
Summer 2015	The Jews in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: Gender, Family, Hierarchy (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Summer 2014	Questions of Family, Gender, and Social Relations in Contemporary Middle-Eastern Societies (David Yellin Academic College of Education, Jerusalem, Israel)
Spring 2014	Egyptian Modernity: Questions of Bourgeoisie, Migration and gendered relations (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Co-Designed Courses:	
Fall 2016 & Spring 2017	History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture , Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College, Sderot, Israel)
Fall 2016	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University, Be'er Sheba, Israel)
Fall 2015 & Spring 2016	History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture , Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College, Sderot, Israel)
Fall 2015	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University, Be'er Sheba, Israel)
Spring 2014	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Fall 2014 & Spring 2015	History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture , Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College, Sderot, Israel)
Fall 2014	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University, Be'er Sheba, Israel)
Spring 2013	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Achva Academic College, Achva Israel)
Fall 2013	Methodology and Academic Skills Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University, Be'er Sheba, Israel)
Language Instruction:	

Fall 2021 & spring 2022	Hebrew for English Speakers , University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign (beginners, intermediate and advanced)
Summer 2013	Hebrew as a Second Language , Special Program for the Advancement of Bedouin Students (Achva Pre-Academic Program)
2000-2005	English as a Second Language , Or Bialik High School, Wall Street School of English (adults) and private tutoring
1996	Arabic as a Second Language , IDF

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023	European Social Sciences History Conference, The International Institute of Social History (IISH) , Gothenburg, Sweden, - biannual conference- <i>Modernity, Migration and the Family Ego-Documents and the 'Aliya from Egypt to Israel</i> , April 12-15, 2023, submitted as part of a panel.
2022	Association for Israel Studies , Ramat Gan, Israel, - Annual Conference- Conflicts and Mobility in a Diverse Society, <i>Local and Foreign: Immigration and the Modern History of Egyptian Jews</i> , June 27-29, accepted
2022	American Jewish Historic Association , Tulane, New Orleans - Biannual Scholars Conference, Building Bridges in the Americas - <i>Small but Big: The Contributions and Challenges of the Central Illinois Jewish Communities' Archives</i> , May 15-17
2021	American Jewish Studies , Chicago IL - Annual Conference- <i>Family and the Traditional-Modern Dichotomy: Changing the Paradigm through Jewish Middle Eastern Experiences</i> , December 19-21 American Jewish Studies , Chicago IL - Annual Conference- <i>מסביב יהודים 1943: A Transformative Year?</i> December 19-21
2021	Association for Israel Studies , Urbana Champaign, IL- Annual Conference- <i>Class in Transition: Between MENA Jews and Mizrahim in Israel, Class in Transition: The Emergence of Middle Class Identity among the Jews of Cairo and Alexandria in the First Half of the Twentieth Century, and Its' Role in their Integration into Israeli Society after 1948</i> , June 7-9
2020	American Jewish Studies , San Diego CA- Annual Conference- <i>Exodus or Expulsion Reconstructing the past of Jews of Egypt in the 20th Century</i> , presented by a colleague in my absence due to illness. Dec. 14-17,
2019	American Jewish Studies , San Diego CA- Annual Conference- <i>Exodus or Expulsion Reconstructing the past of Jews of Egypt in the 20th Century</i> , presented by a colleague in my absence due to illness.
2018	Bath Spa University & Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative , Bath, England- International Conference; <i>Disrupted Histories, Recovered Pasts (Les Passés dans le Présent): A Cross-Disciplinary Analysis and Cross-Case Synthesis of Oral Histories and History in Post-Conflict and Postcolonial Contexts- Changing Representations of Egypt and its' Departure: Memories and Life Stories of Former Members of the Jewish Community in Modern Egypt</i>

- 2017 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ) with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel- Annual International Conference; Ways of Remembering, Ways of Forgetting: Diasporas In and Out of Israel- *Interfaith Marriage, the Appropriation of Modernity and Migration: A Changing Narrative*
- 2017 **Israel Institute for Advanced Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel- International Workshop; Jewish Women's Cultural Capital under Islam- *Life Experiences of Women of the Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century*
- 2017 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- Jaqueline Kahanoff: 100 Years since Her Birth- *Living on the Nile: History of the Modern Jewish Community in Egypt*
- 2017 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- Academia, Hegemony, Subversion- *Oral History, Gender and Subversion*
- 2016 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ) & Ben Zvi Institute**, Jerusalem, Israel- Egyptian Jews: Memory, History and Public Transmission of Heritage- *Memories of a Shared Habitus of the Jewish Egyptian Bourgeoisie between the Great Wars: Social Hierarchies and Gendered Arenas*
- 2016 **The Institute for Historical Research**, London, England- International Conference; Global Cities: Past and Present- *Class, Gender and Oral History: Life Stories of Egyptian Jews*
- 2015 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- International Workshop: Middle Class in the Middle East and Beyond- *Gender, Class and Oral History: Things We Can Learn from Life Stories of Egyptian Jews*
- 2013 **Gender Studies Program, Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva- Ph.D. Students' Conference on Gender & Sexuality; *"I Was Walking in High Heels but Could Not Go Out without My Brothers": Perceptions of Femininity and Modern Female Identity among the Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century*
- 2013 **The Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel- Annual Meeting; *Family as a Social Platform under the Colonial Presence and Influence: Jewish-Egyptian Case Study*
- 2013 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- The Department of Middle East Studies Annual Workshop for Research Students; The History of the Middle East from a Trans-Regional Trans-National Perspective- *Immigration, Jewish Bourgeoisie and the Development of Egyptian Modernity*
- 2012 **The Fifth Israeli Conference for Qualitative Research at Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- *Life Stories, Microhistory and the Widening Framework for Thinking about the Modern History of Women*

Workshops, Conferences and Panels Organized:

- 2026 **Chaifetz Holocaust Memorial & Education Center Teachers' Summer Institute**, Sarasota Florida - When Memory Meets the Machine - Teaching the Holocaust in an Age of Antisemitism and AI, three days summer intensive for teachers

- 2022 **American Jewish Historic Association**, Tulane, New Orleans - Biannual Scholars Conference, *Bridging the Lacuna of Local Jewish Histories Jewish Lives in Small(er) Communities in the United States*, round table organizer, May 15-17, accepted
- 2021 postponed to 2022 **American Jewish Studies**, Chicago IL - Annual Conference- *Family, Modernity and Transition in the Twentieth Century: A Cross-Regional Perspective*, Round table Organizer, Dec. 19-21, accepted
- 2021 **American Israel Studies**, Urbana Champaign, IL- Annual Conference- **Class in Transition: Between MENA Jews and Mizrahim in Israel**, Committee Member, June 7-9
- 2019 **American Jewish Studies**, San Diego CA- Annual Conference- *The Struggle over the Memory of Middle Eastern Jewish Lives A Revived Narrative of Persecution and Expulsion*, Panel Organizer
- 2017 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ) with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel- Annual International Conference- *Ways of Remembering, Ways of Forgetting: Diasporas In and Out of Israel*, Co-Organizer.
- 2013 **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Department of Middle East Studies, the Annual Research Workshop for Advanced Degrees Students; *History of the Middle East from a Trans-Regional Trans-National Perspective*, Co-Organizer.

INVITED SPEAKER

- June 2026 **Memory Sites and the Classroom: Developing Scaffolded Curricula for Tangible History and Impactful Onsite Visits**, Chaifetz Holocaust Education Center Teachers' Summer, Sarasota Florida, June 3.
- May 2026 *Songs of Hope & Peace Concert*, Abrahamic Reunion, Panel Speaker, May 5
- 2026 **Iran After Tatami: People, Power, Revolution**, Temple Emanu-El of Woodcliff, NJ, March 15
- 2023-present As part of my position with the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee, I was invited as a speaker and facilitator of multiple events locally, regionally and at national conferences on issues affecting the Jewish community in the United States to include the methodology I developed for teaching divisive topics in classroom settings and among faculty and in the community; conflict resolution; the rise in Antisemitism and combatting it; Jewish-Christian relations; interfaith relations; Israel; Exploring and Documenting Jewish Life in Small(er) Jewish Communities in the U.S. and many more.
- 2023 Speaker on an emergency panel following the Oct 7 Hamas Attack at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, Oct 9.
- 2022 **Challenging Myths and Stereotypes: Jewish Middle Eastern History since the 1700s**, Case Western University, March 3, 10, 24, 31
- 2022 **Israel and Israelis on the Screen**, Case Western University, Jan. 5
- 2021 New York State Working Group on Jewish Women and Gender in Global Perspective, Final Symposium 2020-21, **New Explorations: History of the Bodies and Embodiments of the Self**, "The Female Body and Modern Performativity in Egypt's Jewish Community in the First Half of the Twentieth Century", June 11

2021	Brown Bag The University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, Brown Bag Lecture, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, "Urban Middle Class Identity and the Israeli Melting Pot the Case Study of the Immigration and Integration of the Jewish Egyptian Community, 1948-1967", April 27
2019	The University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, Jewish Studies Program Seminar, "Exodus or Expulsion: The Dissolution of the Egyptian Jewry in the 20 th Century", Dec. 9
2019	The University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, Brown Bag Lecture, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, "Socio-Cultural Practices and the Construction of Modernity: The Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt"
2018	Columbia and Fordham Universities in New York, Honorarium, Jewish Studies Department, "A Modern Middle Eastern Jewish Family: Challenging Stereotypes"; Modernity, Socio-Cultural Practices and Oral Testimonials"
2017	Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Gender Studies Program, "Family and Gender: The Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt"
2014	The Joseph & Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt, Awardee's Lecture, Award for Doctoral Thesis Proposals, Haifa University

EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aug. 2026	Educational materials development for the Chaifetz Holocaust Education Center
Aug. 2026	Teachers' Professional Learning Course
June, 2026	<i>When Hate Became Law: the Making of a Catastrophe</i> , Inaugural educational trip for school district senior administrators and teachers to Munich and Nuremberg, Germany, in partnership with ASHER (American Society for Holocaust Education & Remembrance)
June 2026	Teachers' Summer Institute, in partnership with ASHER
May 2026	Educational kit on Antisemitism for middle and high school educators
2025-2026	Organizer of Teachers' Professional Development Courses on Jewish History and the Holocaust for the Sarasota Manatee School Districts
Oct 2025	Educational kit on Krystal Nacht and Collective Memory for public middle and high school teachers and non-Jewish parochial schools educators

SELECT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY COURSES, & PUBLIC SPEAKING

June 5, 2026	Comparing Notes: Holocaust Education in Germany, in Conversation with Christofer Burger, German Consul General, Miami, FL
June 4, 2026	Nuremberg on Trial: Justice after the Holocaust A Conversation with Dr. Rabbi Michael Berenbaum, Chaifetz Holocaust Education Center, Sarasota, FL
Apr-May 2026	Current Affairs (6 sessions open to the community)
March 2026	The Jews of Anatevka – Conversation with the Asolo cast of Fiddler on the Roof

Jan-Mar 2026	Jewish History in the Middle East; Modern Jewish History in North America
Nov-Dec 2025 2023 - 2025	Israeli Society through Cinema Judaism 101, Teachers' Professional Development, Sarasota and Manatee Counties
2022-2023	The Cincinnati Meyerson JCC, Echoes of Myths in the Bible , in conversation with Dr. Yael Avrahami and Shachar Inbar, Ossim Tanach, Nov 2022-May 2023
2022	The Cincinnati Meyerson JCC, <i>Interview with Actor Adam Gabay: Controversy on the Screen</i> , April 13.
2022	CU Hillel and CUJF, "Israeli Drama and Israeli Society", Feb. 20
2022	The Jewish Federation of Champaign Urbana, <i>the Architecture of Community</i> , January 23
2021	The Cincinnati Meyerson JCC and HUC, Israel through Television and Cinema: Our Boys Series , Nov. 2021-May 2022
2021-2022	The Cincinnati Meyerson JCC, Strong Women of the Bible series , July 2021-May 2022 and a second series the following year (hosting a different speaker every session to include Dr. Rabbi Andrea Weiss z"l, Dr. Caryn Rosnau-Tamber, and others)
2021	Festival of Faiths Cincinnati, "Mystical Philosophy in Islam and Judaism", August 26
2021	Northern Hills Synagogue, Cincinnati, "El Nora Alila - Middle Eastern Jewish Yom Kippur Traditions", August 24
2021	Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati and Meyerson JCC, Interfaith Dialogue Class , July 14
2021	The Meyerson JCC, Cincinnati, Summer 2021, Islam 101 for the Jewish Community of Cincinnati , June 23, 30, July 7
2022	The Architecture of Community: Divides & Dialogue , Urbana-Champaign Jewish Federation, Jan 23, 2022
2021	Meyerson JCC, Cincinnati, <i>Righteous Rebels: Reading Love Stories and Women in the House of David</i> , July 25
2021	Meyerson JCC, Cincinnati, <i>Islam 101 and Current Events</i> , June 23, 30, July 6
2021	The Dayan Family and Israeli Politics Jewish Federation of Champaign Urbana Film Festival, June 6
2021	Anshe Emet, IL, <i>Islam 101</i> , April 23, 30
2020	Jewish Federation of Champaign Urbana, <i>Conversation about Israeli Culture, Food and Social Life</i>
2020	Congregation Beth Shalom <i>Israel on the Silver Scree</i>
2020	Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. <i>Chaos and Current Israeli Society: Between Fauda, Shtisel and Our Boys</i>
2020	Jewish Federation of Champaign Urbana Chai Book Club, <i>On Gender, Religion and Unorthodox (Netflix Series)</i>
2020	The Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation in partnership with the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, <i>The History of Israel in 60 minutes or less</i>
2019	Anshe Emmet Synagogue, Chicago. <i>Between Fauda and Shtisel: Israeli Representations of the Screen</i>
2019	Illini Hillel, Urbana Champaign. <i>The Red Sea Diving Resort:</i>

2018 *Modern Israeli Imageries on the Big Screen*
The Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem. *The Jewish Bourgeoisie and Jewish Family in 20th Century Egypt*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jan 2026	Curator and Event Organizer, Early Jewish History in the Americas: the Kaplan Judaica Collection
Jan. 2025 - present	Israel Advocacy and Jewish Communities Days, Tallahassee, Task Force Team Member
Jan. 2025 - July 2026	Herald Tribune Community Advisory Board (since its foundation)
Sept. 2024 - July 2026	Sarasota Manatee Diversity Council
Sept 2023 - July 2026	Central Florida Jewish Community Relations Committees' Regional Coalition, Founding Member
Sept. 2023 - July 2026	Sarasota Ministerial Association Board Member
Oct 2023 - May 2024	Invited member on the Jewish Studies Chair Search Committee at New College of Florida
2015 - 2017	Neighborhood Co-Op Project
2009 - 2012	Women's Empowerment Project and Beit Midrash, Beit Shemesh
2010 - 2012	Communal Cinema House and Project, Beit Shemesh
Aug. 1997 - Aug. 1998	Shlichah (Emissary), <i>Jewish Community of St. John's, NFLD, Canada, Jewish Agency</i>

FACILITATOR & CONVERSATIONALIST - SELECT EVENTS

Jan 23, 2026	The Kaplan Collection at UPenn: Early Jewish history w. Arnold Kaplan
June 5, 2026	In conversation w. Germany's Consul General to Miami, Christof Burger
Mar 11, 2026	In conversation with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin on "Why the Jews"
Oct 29, 2025	Israel's Legal Front Lines: Shurat HaDin Senior Attr. Rachel May Weiser
June 19, 2025	In conversation with Dr. Rabbi Michael Berenbaum
May 4, 2025	Building Bridges with Anila Ali
Mar 10, 2025	In conversation with Sarah Weiss Maudi, Israel's Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security
Dec 19, 2024	The Money Kings: History and Present with Daniel Schuldman
Dec 11, 2024	In conversation with Rachel Fish, <i>Boundless</i>
Nov 17, 2024	In Conversation with Marcus Sheff @ Jewish Congregation of Venice
Nov 6, 2024	The Public Opinion War: Israel & Antisemitism
Sept 8, 2024	In conversation with Etgar Keret
Nov 5, 2021	Yossi Klein Halevi and Mohammad Darawshe on Israel and Palestine

COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

Monthly articles in the Sarasota Manatee Jewish Newspaper <https://jfedsrq.org/media-central/jewish-news/>:

Blogs on the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee page - <https://jfedsrq.org/blogs/>
Recent blogs

The Lingering Scars of War <https://jfedsrq.org/lingering-scars-of-war-the-current-war-with-iran-hits-home/>

Beyond Allyships: Building a Center That Holds <https://jfedsrq.org/lingering-scars-of-war-the-current-war-with-iran-hits-home/>

Bringing the Pale of Settlement to the Asolo Stage <https://jfedsrq.org/tradition-and-truth-bringing-the-pale-of-settlement-to-the-asolo-stage/>

Quiet Work Continues in Loud Unsettling Times <https://jfedsrq.org/quiet-work-continues-in-loud-unsettling-times/>

October 7: Together in Strength, Memory, & Hope <https://jfedsrq.org/together-in-strength-memory-hope/>

Navigating College in a Time of Rising Antisemitism <https://jfedsrq.org/navigating-college-in-a-time-of-rising-antisemitism/>

PODCASTS

Ladies and Gents: The Jewish Bourgeoisie in Interwar Egypt, January 22 2018, Tel Aviv Review TLV1, <https://tlv1.fm/the-tel-aviv-review/2018/01/22/ladies-and-gents-the-jewish-bourgeoisie-in-interwar-egypt/>

LANGUAGES

Hebrew Native Fluency
German Beginner

English Fluent
Persian Basic

Arabic Advanced
French Basic