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**Professional History:**

**White House:**

**Speechwriter Adviser, Office of the White House Speechwriters (2010-17)**

Provided ideas and sources for Presidential speeches dealing with Israel, the Peace Process, and Jewish topics.

**Conflict Resolution:**

**Policy Advisor, Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace,  
U.S. Department of State (2013-17)**

Provided analysis and ideas for negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

**Administrative:**

**Bennington College (2013-16)**

**Director of Community Standards, Chairperson of Judicial Committee**

The position of Director of Community Standards was created to help the students and the college community deal with the existential and philosophical challenges of freedom and self-restraint. Much of the work was done with hundreds of individual meetings with students during the academic year. Besides a decrease in the number of violations

another outcome was the establishment of an A.A. group on campus. In addition to chairing Judicial Committee hearings, Judicial procedures were revamped making them more transparent and closer to a Restorative Justice model.

### **Opinion writer, Jerusalem Post**

1996 - present

### **Weekly Torah Commentator, Jerusalem Post**

October 2022 - October 2023

### **NGO Work:**

**Friends of the Arava Institute, Manchester Center, Vermont (since 2000)** Various positions including first Executive Director, Director of Special Projects, Director of Strategic Partnerships, to the present Director of Community Relations. Tasks of fundraising, PR, and student recruitment. Liaison to the U.S. Government. Raised funds including six figure gifts. Author of numerous articles on the Institute published in the Middle East and the United States. Has worked closely with the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) since the Alliance was founded in 2003.

### **The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (1996-97; 2000-01; 2004-07; 2009; 2016-17; 2018-19; 2021-22)**

Founding faculty member in 1996 when on sabbatical from Israel Congregation. In addition to teaching duties, as discussed in the Teaching section of CV, plays an important role in Student Life for activities in a student body made up of Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, and international students. Has directed the Peacebuilding and Environmental Leadership Seminar (PELS) where the Arab-Israeli Conflict is addressed directly through the lens of the Dual Narrative. Liaison to U.S. Embassy and Israeli Foreign Ministry, as well as Institute's Center for Applied Environmental Diplomacy. Media duties and connections with the Institute's alumni.

### **Teaching:**

### **Bennington College (since 2012)**

Conflict Resolution Theory and Practice; A Dual Narrative Approach to the Arab-Israeli Conflict; Community Transformation: A Multi-Party Negotiation over Trans-boundary Water Resources in the Indus Basin between Pakistan and Afghanistan; The Jewish Annotated New Testament; The Bible & Conflict Resolution; Environmental Conflict and Mitigation: The Book of Genesis; The Book of Deuteronomy and the Advancement of Society; The Bible and the Environment; Practicing Peacebuilding: An Experiential Course; Multi-Party and Full Track Diplomacy; [Creating the CAPA Forum for Full Track Diplomacy](#); Reading the Headlines through the CR Lens; *If only there were a mediator between us* - The Book of Job; Speaking of Earth - Environmental Speeches that Moved the World; Religious Literacy; Tutorials: World War I and the Contemporary Middle East; Hebrew; Early Childhood Education in Judaism; Jewish Texts, Different Lenses; Bennington Incarceration Task Force; The Haggadah of Passover; The Book of Jonah & the Book of Deuteronomy.

### **The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Kibbutz Ketura (1996-97; 2000-01; 2004-2007; 2009; 2016-2017; 2018-19; 2021-22; 2023-24)**

Founding faculty member. Courses taught: Judaism and the Environment; The Prayer Book as Environmental Text; Moses as Model of Environmental Leadership; The Bible as Key to Environmental Thought.

### **Keren Kolot Education Center, Kibbutz Ketura (1996-97; 2000-01; 2004-07; 2009; 2016-2017; 2018-19; 2021-22; 2023-24)**

Variety of informal education workshops for American high school and college students studying in Israel. Workshops in the classroom and the local desert included Bible studies, Judaism, Judaism & the Environment, Kibbutz Values, Zionism and Religious Pluralism.

### **Green Mountain College (1999-2000)**

Classes on the Bible and the Environment.

**Congregational work:**

**High Holiday Rabbi, Beth El Congregation, Bennington, Vermont (2022)**

**Interim Rabbi, Beth El Congregation, Bennington, Vermont (2022-23)**

**High Holiday Rabbi, Beth El Congregation, Bennington, Vermont (2021)**

**High Holiday Rabbi, Temple Har Zion, Mt. Holly, New Jersey (2019)**

**High Holiday Rabbi, Beth El Congregation, Bennington, Vermont (2015)**

**High Holiday Rabbi, University of Vermont Hillel (2010, 2011)**

**Rabbi, Israel Congregation, Manchester Center, Vermont (1990-2000)**

First full time rabbi in history of the then 70 year old congregation. Led services, taught classes, life cycle events, counseling. Expanded membership, the synagogue school, and service attendance. Reinvigorated the Interfaith Council of Manchester Center. Since 2000 he has been the congregation's **Rabbi Emeritus**.

**Student Rabbi, Rabbi, Israel Congregation, Manchester Center, Vermont (1989-90)**

Led services and taught classes.

**Administrator, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, Wyncote, PA (1987-90)**

Oversaw numerous tasks needed for the association ranging from convention organization, the creation of the rabbinical association's list service, and new materials for contemporary rabbis.

**Student Rabbi, Beth Jacobs Synagogue, Montpelier, Vermont (1985-86)**

Led services and taught classes.

**Business:**

**Arava Power Company, Kibbutz Ketura (since 2007)**

Co-Founded the Arava Power Company (APC), the first commercial electric solar company in Israel.

**Education:**

1976	Ewing High School, Ewing, New Jersey
1981	University of Vermont- History B.A. with Honors
1990 (RRC),	Ordination, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College  and Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters (MHL)
June 2015	Doctor of Divinity Degree, RRC

Semester, year or summer courses:

1975-Trenton State College in Paris, France and Florence, Italy; 1978- Ithaca College in London\*; 1978-79 Hebrew Union College on Kibbutz Ma'ale HaChamisha\*;1982-Tochnit Tabak, Kibbutz Tirat Tzvi; 1983-Hebrew University; 1985- Ulpan Etzion; 1986-87- Yeshiva Machon Meir and Hebrew University.

\*part of a two year solo journey around the world.

**Honors and Awards:**

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, Manchester Center Rotary Club, June 2016

Sustainable Honor Award, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, November 2008

Semi-Finalist, Eliav Sartawi Awards for Middle East Journalism, Fall 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Photo Contest, Ayn Avrona, Israel, February 2005

Rabbi Emeritus, Israel Congregation, August 2000 - present

Commencement Speaker, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, June 1996,

"Bob Dylan, Baseball, and Blessings: A View Of A Contemporary American Rabbi"

Unsung Hero Award, Manchester Chamber of Commerce, 1993

Sokolov Hebrew Award, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1990

Marva, Hanich Miztayan, 1984

Paul Evans History Award, University of Vermont, 1981

Honors Paper, University of Vermont, 1981, "Lenin's Theory of Self- Determination and the Muslims of the Soviet Union."

Boys State, New Jersey, 1976

Worthington Civic Award, 1976, for Establishing First Recycling Center, Ewing, New Jersey

### **Professional and Voluntary Services:**

Board of Directors, The Mordecai Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood, since May 2022

Advisory Board, Partnership for Peace Fund, (MEPPA) USAID, since August 2021

Engagement Committee, Heart of a Nation, since August, 2021

Advisory Board, The Green Sabbath Project, since 2019

Board, International Association for Senior Debate, 2017-20

Member, Israel Task Force, Reconstructionist movement, 2015-20

Advisory Council, Shomrei Breishit: Rabbis and Cantors for the Earth, since 2014

Advisory Board, Jerusalem Peacebuilders, since 2014

Board Member, KaTO Architecture, INC., since 2014

Member, Interim Board, Jewish Communities of Vermont, 2013-15

Member, Board, Mt. Equinox Preservation Trust, since 2013

Member, Steering Committee, Manchester Library Expansion, 2011-14

Member, Steering Committee, Vermont Jewish Justice Initiative, 2009-12

Member, Energy Committee, Town Manchester, 2008-10

Delegate, 35<sup>th</sup> World Zionist Congress, 2006

Delegate, 34<sup>th</sup> World Zionist Congress, 2002

Co-Founder, Green Zionist Alliance, 2002

Board of Trustees, Burr & Burton Academy, Manchester, Vt., 1999- 2004; since 2006

Selection Committee, Athena Award, 1999-2000

Vice-President, Manchester Arts & Entertainment, 1999-2000

Board Member, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, 1999-2000

Tree Commission, Town of Manchester, 1998-2008

Co-Founder, Isle LaMotte Coral Reef Preservation, 1998-2000

President, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, 1995-97

Faculty, Green Mountain Academy of Lifelong Learning, 1996-2000

Member, Ethics Committee, Bennington Hospital, 1995-96

Board Member, Manchester Food Cupboard, 1994-96

Member, State of Vermont, Department of Education,  
A.I.D.S Curriculum Review Committee, 1993-95

Chairperson, Pastoral Care, Bennington Hospital, 1993-95

Executive Committee, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, 1991-99

Member, Manchester Human Service Committee, 1990-96

Member, Manchester Interfaith Committee, 1990-2000

Sherut La'am, Jerusalem, Israel, 1985

## **Books:**

*Einstein's Rabbi: A Tale of Science and the Soul* (Shires Press, 2008)

## **Publications:**

### **Middle East Peace Process**

"Should Israel accept Jordan's olive branch during the war?," JPost, October 23, 2024

"How can Israelis and Palestinians start anew post-Gaza war?," JPost, February 4, 2024

"Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a mess, needs to be closely observed," JPost, January 8, 2024

"The Problem of Painting Hamas as a Revolutionary Force," International Policy Digest, December 26, 2023

"Israel-Hamas war: Lines drawn, crossed between Israelis, Palestinians," JPost, November 25, 2023

"Where conflict is news, stories of Israeli-Palestinian cooperation go missing," Jewish Telegraphic Agency, August 10, 2023

"Shifting political tectonic plates in the Middle East," Arab News, August 7, 2023

"Investing in a better peace for Israelis and Palestinians," JPost, April 4, 2023

"Biden missed the opportunity for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Fund," JPost, July 17, 2022



“Israelis and Palestinians must acknowledge each other's identity,” JPost, July 3, 2022

“The Middle East Earthquake no one noticed,” JPost, April 9, 2022

“A BDS approach for the Burlington City Council,” VTDigger, October 10, 2021

“Nature Knows No Boundaries: The Arava Institute and Environmental Diplomacy,”  
Heart of a Nation, August, 9, 2021

“The Sheikh Jarrah dispute through the lens of Jewish values,” JPost, May 13, 2021

“Toldot Yitzhak Rabin,” The Times of Israel, October 29, 2020

“Dates from time of Maccabees & Jesus are revived, bring Jewish, Arab unity,” JPost,  
September 14, 2020

“Time for a Paradigm Shift: Neither Pro-Israel nor Pro-Palestine,” JPost, May 20, 2019

“Lessons from history: Untying an intractable knot, JPost, March 21, 2019

“The dogs of war make headlines, the lions of peace make ... peace,”

Times of Israel, December 6, 2018.

“RFK's finest moment,” JPost, June 5, 2018

“Fences, barriers, and walls: A personal rabbinic reflection,” JPost, June 4, 2018

“Breakthrough in Canada,” JPost, April 17, 2018

“How to Commemorate Resolution 242 and the Balfour Declaration,” IPD, Nov. 27, 2017

“The Balfour Declaration & Resolution 242,” JPost Magazine, October 28, 2017

“A Speech Kerry could have delivered in Paris,” JPost January 22, 2017

“Rabbi in the Desert” Blogs for Arava Institute September 2016 - 2017:

“Reconnecting with the Arava”

“Encountering Religious Diversity”

“A reminder of what can be”

“Ancient wisdom in modern world”

“Repairing the text, repairing our lives”

“On using the word ‘occupation,’” . Jerusalem Post, July 20, 2016

“A qualitative difference for the Democratic Platform on Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,”  
Jerusalem Post, June 22, 2016

“An intractable conflict with no solution?,” Jerusalem Post, February 6, 2016

“Untying the Israeli Palestinian Knot,” IPD, December 22, 2015

“Israelis and Palestinians: Arab Lives Matter, Jewish Lives Matter,” International Policy Digest, October 29, 2015

“Two States: A Solution,” International Policy Digest July 14, 2015

“Bibi, Moses, and Churchill,” Huffington Post, February 19, 2015

“What would RFK say about the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” JPost Blog, January 23, 2015

“Arava Institute as Oasis of Peace,” Jewish News (London), January 19, 2015

“Maps,” JPost Blog, January 6, 2015

“Jacob and Esau today” JPost Blog, December 31, 2014

“Why a Palestinian State is Essential,” J Post, Oct 26, 2014

“Israelis and Palestinians Fight: Don't Forget Jordan,” Huff Post, July 11, 2014

“Kerry’s Reality Check-Time; Questions that should be ask,” JPost, April 18, 2014

“Negotiating in all the wrong places,” Saudi Gazette, April 17, 2014

“Water As A Challenge, And Answer,” Jewish Week, March 19, 2014

“Another missed opportunity for Israelis and Palestinians,”Saudi Gazette Dec.15, 2013

“A statement for the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams,” JPost, Nov 29, 2013

“Obama’s Peace Assets in the Middle East,” Jerusalem Post, July 17, 2013

“NGOs and the Peace Process,” Jewish Currents, February, 2013

“The Demolition of homes in the Palestinian village of Sussiya,” J Post, August 21, 2012

“US and Israel haven't learned their history lessons: Palestinians and Abbas have,”

Christian Science Monitor, November 16, 2011

“Can Netanyahu Become a Leader Like the Biblical Joshua?,” Huff Post, July 27, 2011

“Nature Without Borders,” Huffington Post, June 8, 2011

“U.S. Middle East Foreign Aid: Investing in Quiet, not Peace,” Arab News, March 20, 2011

“How Israel Should Respond to the Arab Revolutions,” Foreign Policy in Focus, March 3, 2011

“Why Israel Must Seize the Day,” Arab News, February 16, 2011

“Mideast peace: Where things went wrong,” Arab News, December 16, 2010

“Nature Knows No Borders,” Present Tense, November 7, 2010

“The latest round of peace talks: Why failure is not an option,” Arab News, September 25, 2010 “Einstein, Obama, and Bibi Netanyahu,” The Jerusalem Post, April 25, 2010

“All we are saying is give peace a chance,” Arab News, Oct. 13, 2009

“The Desert as Meeting Place: Where Students from the Middle East and Around the World

Come Together” IIE Networker, Spring 2009

“Establishing an IFFIPP,” Search for Common Ground News, March 19, 2009

“Grassroots Power,” The Washington Times, Dec. 12, 2008

“Building Bridges to the Middle East,” Rutland Herald, Oct. 26, 2008

“Arava Institute,” Manchester Journal, May 30, 2008

“Zionism & Power,” The Jordan Times, May 19, 2008

“One Land, Dual Narratives,” Rutland Herald, Jan. 20, 2008

“Salvaging Peace with Syria,” with Salem Ali, Policy Innovations, Nov. 20, 2007

“Palestinian Permits and NGOs,” The Palestine Times, Dec. 5, 2006

“The Paralysis of the Victim,” Ha'aretz, Oct. 30, 2006

“AIES: Nature Knows No Borders,” Palestine-Israel Journal, Spring 2006

"Land above politics," The Jerusalem Post, Mar. 21, 2006

"Zionism Today: A Reconstructionist Reflection," The Reconstructionist, Fall 2005

"The Land Can Bring Us Together," [www.israel21c.org](http://www.israel21c.org), Dec. 11, 2005

"Small Gestures Point the Way," Rutland Herald, Dec. 16, 2004

"Feeding the Enemy," theglimpse.com (English), Jun. 2001

"Feeding the Enemy," Al-Quds newspaper (Arabic), May, 27 2001

"Jerusalem, D.C.," Al-Quds newspaper (Arabic), Sept. 12, 2000

"The Diameter of a Bomb", The Jerusalem Post, April 1996

## **Israel**

"Passover and the opportunity of Zionism," JPost, April 8, 2023

"Letter from the Holy Land," Manchester Journal, December 24, 2021

"Arava," The View, Winter 2020

"Arava: Leading from the Ground Up," Contact, Summer 2017

"The value of voting for Aytzim," JPost, April 14, 2015

"Israel and her minorities," Huffington Post, March 23, 2015

"The Green Zionist Alliance: The Acorn That acted like a Tree," Tikkun, May, 2008

"Zionism Looks Forward," Biyachad, JNF, May, 2008

"Time for a Green Chief for the JNF," Ha'aretz, March 26, 2006

"The Green Zionist Alliance: Making Tu B'Shvat Real," JTA, Feb. 2006

"In the Land of Green Zionism," Reconstructionism Today, Winter 2002-03

"The Greening of Zionism," Jerusalem Post, Feb. 22, 2002

" We Haven't Yet Addressed Our Hate," Bennington Banner, May, 1991

" A Vermonter Defends Israel," The Vanguard Press, Nov. 28, 1982

## **United States**

“From a postmodern to a Post-Kafka world,” JPost December 20, 2021

“The Bates Seven, gentleman’s agreement - discrimination in sports - opinion,” JPost, November 3, 2021

“A footnote from World War II - analysis,” JPost, October 10, 2021

“September 11: twenty years later,” JPost, September 2, 2021

“Why did Ben & Jerry’s decide now to not sell in the West Bank?” JPost, July 25, 2021

“Lawns: An American relationship harming the environment,” JPost, July 20, 2021

“COVID-19, maple trees: Robert Frost’s message is still relevant,” JPost, April 7, 2021

“Ben Shahn, the Rockefellers, and a town called Roosevelt, New Jersey,” JPost, March 4, 2021

“Will Biden make America’s story one of tragedy or of redemption?” JPost, Jan 21, 2021

“How do we go forward,” Manchester Journal, November 4, 2020

“Learning to live with uncertainty (Editorial),” Manchester Journal, July 22, 2020

“Counting from July 4th,” Jerusalem Post, July 5, 2020

“Letter from America: Lessons for today from the spring of 1945,” JPost, April 29, 2020

“Can We Talk, Bridging the Political Divide,” Rutland Herald, July 29, 2017

“Time to nurture democracy,” JPost, December 19, 2016

“Bernie Should Run as a Republican,” Rutland Herald, March 8, 2015

“10 Years Later, We Must Do Better,” Huffington Post, September 8, 2011

“Genesis of Civility,” Rutland Herald, February 2, 2011

“Governor Shumlin Invocation,” Manchester Journal, January 16, 2011

“After Arizona shooting, how can Congress heal the division? Break bread together,”

Christian Science Monitor, January 11, 2011

"Dear Mr. President-elect," Rutland Herald, Jan. 18, 2009

"Reflections on the inauguration," Rutland Herald, Jan. 29, 2009

"IM or I am," Rutland Herald, Nov. 22, 2007

"Some news that's fit to print," Rutland Herald, March 4, 2004

"Passing September 11<sup>th</sup>," Manchester Journal, Sept. 20, 2002

"A more encompassing truth," Rutland Herald, Aug. 7, 2002

"Thinking September 11," Chicago Jewish News, Jan. 18, 2002

"From 9.11 to the Season of Lights," WAMC radio, Dec. 2001

"Holy Speech, Holy Words," The Reconstructionist, Spring 2001

"The Times They Are A' Changin'," Brattleboro Reformer, Feb. 2000

"A False and Dangerous Inference," Vermont Cynic, Feb. 12, 1981

"on the death of john lennon," Vermont Cynic, Dec. 11, 1980

## **Religion**

"Annus horribilis: How can we celebrate and rejoice on Sukkot in 2024?," JPost October 16, 2024

"Passover: Universal Lessons from the environment," JPost, April 24, 2024

"Parashat Vezot habracha: The blessing of the Torah," Jpost, October 6, 2023

"Sukkot: A versatile verse," JPost October 2, 2023

"Parashat Ha'azinu: The power of 'tzur'/flint," JPost, September 23, 2023

"Rosh Hashanah: Expanding who we are," JPost, September 15, 2023

"Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech: Finite, yet far-reaching," JPost, September 8, 2023

"Parashat Ki Tavo: A verse flowing with many meanings," JPost, September 1, 2023

“Parashat Ki Tetze: Listening to and learning from nature,” JPost, August 25, 2023

“Parashat Shoftim: Our home is on loan,” JPost, August 18, 2023

“Parashat Re’ah: Nachshon was pushed!,” JPost, August 11, 2023

“Parashat Ekev: True to the text, true to thyself,” JPost, August 4, 2023

“Parashat Va’ethanan: Swimming to our dreams,” JPost, July 28, 2023

“Parashat Devarim: How we approach the land and the other,” JPost, July 21, 2023

“Parashat Matot-Masei: The power of daily learning,” JPost, July 14, 2023

“Parashat Pinchas: God’s and our redemption,” JPost, July 7, 2023

“Parashat Balak: Does God perform supernatural acts?,” JPost, June 30, 2023

“Parashat Hukat: Erecting memories,” JPost, June 23, 2023

“Parashat Korah: His children did not die,” JPost, June 16, 2023

“Parashat Shelach: The many braids of challah,” JPost, June 9, 2023

“Parashat Beha’lotecha: ‘Yedid Nefesh’: Unpacking one verse,” JPost, June 2, 2023

“Parashat Naso: The Priestly Blessing’s many layers,” JPost, May 25, 2023

“Parashat Bamidbar: Prayer sources,” JPost, May 19, 2023

“Parashat Behar-Behukotai: Higher and higher,” JPost, May 12, 2023

“Parashat Emor: ‘Ner Tamid’ Many meanings,” JPost, May 5, 2023

“Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim: Why holiness matters to society,” JPost, April 28, 2023

“Parashat Tazri’a Metzorah: The value of eight,” JPost, April 21, 2023

“Parashat Shmini: Our most important partnership with God,” JPost, April 14, 2023

“Passover: The freedom of many names,” JPost, April 7, 2023

“Parashat Tzav: Reclaiming the mitzvot,” JPost, March 31, 2023

“Parashat Vayikra: Please pass the salt,” JPost, March 24, 2023

“Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei: A lesson in democracy,” JPost, March 17, 2023

“Parashat Ki Tisa: The choreography of mercy,” JPost, March 10, 2023

“Parashat Tetzaveh: Remember and follow,” JPost, March 3, 2023

“Parashat Truma: Time travel in the biblical text,” JPost, February 24, 2023

“Parashat Mishpatim: Holy medicine,” JPost, February 17, 2023

“Parashat Yitro: The different audiences of the 10 Commandments,” JPost, Feb 10, 2023

“Parashat Beshalach: More than just manna,” JPost, February 3, 2023

“Parashat Bo: The balancing of Genesis 1 & Exodus 12,” JPost, January 27, 2023

“Parashat Va’era: From weakness to strength,” JPost, January 20, 2023

“Parashat Shemot: Attitudes about us,” JPost, January 13, 2023

“Parashat Vayehi: Continuum of endings and beginnings,” JPost January 6, 2023

“Parashat Vayigash: The Power of words,” JPost, December 30, 2022

“Parashat Miketz: Why is a minyan 10?,” JPost, December 23, 2022

“Parashat Vayeshev: Tamar: A mother of the messiah,” JPost, December 16, 2022

“Parshat Vayishlach: What’s in a women’s name,” JPost, December 9, 2022

“Parashat Vayetze: Giving thanks,” JPost, December 2, 2022

“Parashat Toldot: A cautionary tale,” JPost November 25, 2022

“Parashat Hayei Sarah: Ketura, the figure, and the kibbutz,” JPost, November 18, 2022

“Parashat Vayehi: Interpreting the ‘akeida’,” JPost, November 11, 2022

“Parashat Lech Lecha: Say our name,” JPost, Nov 4, 2022

“Parashat Noah: Babel & Eden,” Jpost, October 28, 2022

“Parashat Beresheet: Harmony & conflict in Genesis,” October 21, 2022

“Yom Kippur and the book of Deuteronomy,” JPost, October 4, 2022



“Strength & Numbers,” JPost, July 27, 2022

“Parasha Picture: Covenant, circumcision, and the future,” JPost, March 30, 2022

“Parshat Vayakhel: The importance of what we create and build,” Jpost, February 25, 2022

“Parashat Terumah: The magnificent acacia tree,” JPost, February 3, 2022

“Parashat Va’erah: Naming the Name,” JPost, January 2, 2022

“Parashat Vayeshev: Tamar, foremother of the Messiah,” JPost November 28, 2021

“Parashat Vayera: The real test of the Akeida,” JPost October 21, 2021

“Sukkot and the lesson of reaching out to help others,” JPost, September 22, 2021

“Nitzavim and Returnings,” JPost, September 2, 2021

“Parshat Hashavua: Grounding ourselves,” JPost, July 29, 2021

“Humility and Humanity in Torah and Israel,” JPost June 24, 2021

“Holiness: An Explanation,” JPost, may 28, 2021

“Shavuot: The voice of God in the revelation on Sinai,” JPost May 13, 2021

“How to fulfill the Commandment to ‘Love Your Neighbor’” JPost, April 22, 2021

“Parashat Vayikra: New understandings of ancient practices,” JPost, March 18, 2021

“Mishpatim: A continuum of doing and listening,” JPost, February 11, 2021

“Moses, a diplomatic negotiator ahead of his time,” JPost, January 8, 2021

“Trees and Life,” JPost, December 4, 2020

“The Oneness of Us All in our Current Age,” Deep Understanding for Divisive Times issue, Journal of Interreligious Studies, November, 2020

“‘Lech lecha’ and prayer,” JPost, November 5, 2020

“The echoes of Yom Kippur,” JPost, September 27, 2020

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"We Are All Egyptians: Passover, Climate Change, & the Caronavirus," JPost, April 14, 2020

"Passover and the Coronavirus: Lessons for Today," Vermont News Guide, March 30, 2020

"Shavuot and the echo of the desert," JPost June 7, 2019

"Passover, Full Moon and Fulfillment," JPost April 12, 2019

"A Birthright program for the American Jewish Home," eJewishPhilanthropy, February 14, 2019

"A Birthright program for the American Jewish Home," JPost, February 8, 2019

"Guideposts for interpreting the values of Torah," Jpost, September 30, 2018

"A Marvelous Way to Begin: Finding True Joy in Simchat Torah," JPost Oct. 8, 2017

"The Second Passover: a minor holiday with a major message," May 3, 2015

"Defuse the Religion Bomb," JPost Blog, January 15, 2105

"Telling the Story of Israel's Trees," Forward, Feb 4, 2014

"A Jewish Question: To pray for snow or not to pray for snow," JPost, Jan. 29, 2014

"Freedom of Religion," VPR, Nov 27, 2013

"Einstein's rabbi goes looking for a publisher," Jerusalem Post, March 7, 2013

"Thanksgiving & Hanukkah," Jerusalem Post, November 21, 2012

"Lessons of the Holocaust Museum," Jerusalem Post, October 3, 2012

"And God Commanded," reprint of Huff Post piece, Sacred Journal, vol 63. No 3, 2012 "Opening our Lives to the Holy," Huffington Post, April 20, 2012

"This Tu B'Shvat – A Nobel Environment Prize," Jerusalem Post, February 6, 2012

"God is One: A Kabbalistic Explanation," Huffington Post, November 29, 2011

"Beginning the Jewish Year in the Aftermath of Hurricane Irene," Huff Post, October 6, 2011

"And God Commanded, Not Use the Computer One Day a Week," HuffPost, Sept 24, 2011

"[Religious interpretation and the Arab-Israeli conflict](#)," SFCG, December 23, 2010

"Sharing the Holy Sites," Search for Common Ground, August 10, 2010

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"Tu B'Shvat: Where Rashi and Buber Meet," Jerusalem Report, Jan. 21, 2008  
"Calendars," VPR, Jan. 1, 2008

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"Reconstructing The Synagogue," CLAL, Fall 1999

"Hearing The Inner Voice," Jewish Bible Quarterly, Oct-Dec. 1999

"The Jewish New Year," Bennington Banner, Sept. 11, 1999

"The Blessings of Yitzhak & Ishmael," Living Text, Summer 1999

"Bread," Bennington Banner, May 22, 1999

"After Columbine:A Theological Response," Manchester Journal, April 30, 1999

"Nachshon:A Midrash on a Midrash," Kerem, Spring 1999

"Finding The Desert: Finding Ourselves," Bennington Banner, Jan. 16, 1999

"Dedicating The Memory of a Friend," The Forward, Dec. 11, 1998

"Sukkot: Yom Kippur's Counterbalance," The Forward, Sept. 1998

"On Being A Paradox Jew," Reconstructionist Divrei Torah, July 1998

"Summer Countings," Bennington Banner, July 27, 1998

"Reclaiming Our Reconstructionist Zionist Roots," Reconstructionism Today, Spring 1998

"Holy Space:Holy World," Bennington Banner, Feb 14, 1998

"Pluralism Within Judaism," Ha'artz (Hebrew), May 1997

"On Being Commanded," The Reconstructionist, Spring 1995

" Being an American and a Jew," Sh'ma 24/474, May 13, 1994

" Hespded for Rabbi Daniel I. Kamesar," Raayanot, Spring 1991

" Fair Trade," K'fari, Feb. 1989

" Two Nations Under God," The Reconstructionist, Sept. 1988

" Perpetuating the Memory of Hershel Jonah Matt," Raaynot, Spring 1988

"Yom HaAtzmaut: A Rebirth," The Student Zionist, April 1983

" Israel's Humanitarian Work with the Third World", Focus, Feb. 1983

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