

## Curriculum Vitae

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### DEGREES EARNED

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#### Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York

Ph.D., Sociology 2002

Doctoral Thesis: *Almost Pilgrims: Authenticity, Identity and the Extra-Ordinary on a Jewish Tour of Israel*

Chair: Charles Kadushin. Committee: Paul Attewell, Samuel Heilman, Philip Kasinitz, Julia Wrigley

M. Phil., Sociology 2000

#### The George Washington University

BA with Special Honors, Political Communication 1992

BA, Judaic Studies

*summa cum laude*

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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#### Vanderbilt University

Associate Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies 2012 – present

Director, Program in Jewish Studies 2012 – 2015

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies 2005 – 2012

#### Brandeis University

Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies

Senior Research Associate 2003-2005

Research Associate 1999-2002

Project Director 1998-1999

### VISITING POSITIONS

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#### University of Michigan

Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies Spring 2016

#### Tel Aviv University

Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology and Anthropology AY 2008-2009

#### The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies Spring 2004

## SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award, Vanderbilt University College of Arts & Science For creating safe, productive, and engaging in-person learning environments	2021
Faculty Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, "Telling Stories: Modes, Media, and Meanings"	2017-18
Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Michigan	2016
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend	2015
Mary Douglas Book Prize for Best Book, Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association Culture Section	2011
Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, Association for Jewish Studies	2010
Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, Center for Teaching	2010
Research Scholar Fellowship, Vanderbilt University	2008
Venture Fund Grant for Creativity in Curricular and Pedagogical Approaches Vanderbilt University, College of Arts and Science Dean's Office	2006
Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2004
Wexner Graduate Fellowship (Jewish Studies)	1995-1999

## RESEARCH

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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Solidarity Days: Culture and Tactics in the Cold War Struggle to Free Soviet Jews.* Under Contract. New York: NYU Press.

*Jewish Americans: A Sociology.* Under Contract. London: Polity Press.

### BOOKS

Kelner, Shaul. 2010. *Tours That Bind: Diaspora, Pilgrimage and Israeli Birthright Tourism.* New York: New York University Press.

- Winner, 2010 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in the category of Social Science, Anthropology and Folklore, Association for Jewish Studies
- Honorable Mention, 2011 Mary Douglas Prize for Best Book, Culture Section of the American Sociological Association

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021    Commentary on William Korey's "the 'Right to Leave' for Soviet Jews: Legal and Moral Aspects", *East European Jewish Affairs*, 50:3, 284-286.
- 2020    "Foreign Tourists, Domestic Encounters: Human Rights Travel to Soviet Jewish Homes," in Sune Bechmann Pedersen and Christian Noack, eds. *Tourism and Travel during the Cold War: Negotiating Tourist Experiences across the Iron Curtain*, London: Routledge.
- 2020    "People-to-People: Cleveland's Jewish Community and the Exodus of Soviet Jews," in John Grabowski and Sean Martin, eds., *The Jews of Cleveland: Tradition and Temptation in the Urban Midwest*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. Pp. 203-222.
- 2019    "Where is the Next Soviet Jewry Movement? How Identity Education Forgot the Lessons that Jewish Activism Taught," in Jon Levisohn and Ari Y. Kelman, eds., *Beyond Jewish Identity*. Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press. Pp. 193-215.

- 2019 “À la rencontre des juifs de l'autre côté du rideau de fer : récits de voyage de juifs américains et représentation du judaïsme en Union soviétique” [“Encountering Jews on the other Side of the Iron Curtain: American Jewish Travel Writing and the Representation of Judaism in the Soviet Union”], in Andreas Nijenhuis-Bescher, Susanne Berthier-Foglar, Gilles Bertrand and Frédéric Meyer, eds., *Frontières et altérité religieuse : La religion dans le récit de voyage [Boundaries and Religious Otherness : Religion in Travel Writing]*. Rennes, France: Presses Universitaires De Rennes. Pp. 253-273.
2019. “Boomers, Millennials—Gen Xers!—and Post-nostalgic American Judaism: A Response to Arnold Eisen’s Sklare Address.” *Contemporary Jewry* 39(2), 351-357.
- 2019 “The Unit of Analysis Problem in Communal Forecasting.” in “Forum on Contemporary American Jewry: Grounds for Optimism or Pessimism?” *American Jewish Year Book 2018*, Arnold Dashefsky and Ira Sheskin, editors. Springer. Pp. 35-38.
- 2018 “The American Soviet Jewry Movement’s ‘Uneventful’ 1968: Cold War Liberalism, Human Interest and the Politics of the Long Haul.” *American Jewish History* 102(1), 5-35.
- 2016 “Veneration and Critique: Israel, the Sociology of American Judaism and the Problematics of Sovereignty.” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 23, 194–221.
2015. “Choice and Obligation in Post-normative Jewish Families: Response to [Sylvia Barack Fishman’s] Sklare Lecture.” *Contemporary Jewry* 35(2): 147-52.
- 2014 “American Jewish Sociology.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*. Ed. David Biale. New York: Oxford University Press.  
[<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199840731/obo-9780199840731-0073.xml>]
- 2013 “Historical Perspectives on Diaspora Homeland Tourism: ‘Israel Experience’ Education in the 1950s and 1960s.” *Diaspora, Indigenous and Minority Education* 7(2): 99–113.
- 2013 “Religious Ambivalence in Jewish American Philanthropy.” Chapter 2 in Thomas J. Davis, ed., *Family, Friend, Foe? The Relationship of Religion and Philanthropy in Religious Philanthropic Organizations*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. Pp. 28-49.
2012. “Cultural Transmission Without Essentialism: A Response to Riv-Ellen Prell[‘s Marshall Sklare Award Address].” *Contemporary Jewry* 32(2): 205-8.
2012. “Response to Steven M. Cohen’s Marshall Sklare Award Address.” *Contemporary Jewry* 32(1): 95-8.
- 2011 "The Bureaucratization of Ritual Innovation: The Festive Cycle of the American Soviet Jewry Movement." *Revisioning Ritual: Jewish Traditions in Transition*. Ed. Bronner, Simon. Jewish Cultural Studies 3. Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization. Pp. 360-91.
- 2011 “In Its Own Image: Independent Philanthropy and the Cultivation of Young Jewish Leadership,” Chapter 7 in Jack Wertheimer, ed., *The New Jewish Leaders: Reshaping the American Jewish Landscape*. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England. Pp. 261-321.
- 2011 “Constructing Jewish Belonging through Mass Tourism: Self-Narration in Israel Experience Programs.” Chapter 9 in Harvey E. Goldberg, Steven M. Cohen and Ezra Kopelowitz, eds. *Dynamic Belonging: Contemporary Jewish Collective Identities*. New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 171-187.

- 2009 Kelner, Shaul, and George Sanders. "Beyond the Field Trip: Teaching Tourism through Tours." *Teaching Sociology* 37(2):136-150.
- 2008 "Ritualized Protest and Redemptive Politics: Cultural Consequences of the American Mobilization to Free Soviet Jewry," *Jewish Social Studies* 14(3): 1-37.  
  
Reprinted in Levine, Eric and Simcha Fishbane, eds. 2015. *Contention, Controversy, and Change: Evolutions and Revolutions in the Jewish Experience*. Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press. Pp. 144-182.
- 2008 Sasson, Theodore, and Shaul Kelner. "From Shrine to Forum: Masada and the Politics of Jewish Extremism," *Israel Studies* 13(2): 146-63.
- 2007 "Who is Being Taught? Jewish Early Childhood Education's Adult-Centered Approach." Chapter 3 in Jack Wertheimer, ed., *Family Matters: Jewish Education in an Age of Choice*. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England. Pp. 59-79.
- 2007 Kelner, Shaul, and Steven M. Cohen. "Toward the Study of Community Effects on Jewish Engagement: The Case of Educational Enrollment." Chapter 9 in Jack Wertheimer, ed., *Family Matters: Jewish Education in an Age of Choice*. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England. Pp. 257-74.
- 2007 Cohen, Steven M. and Shaul Kelner. "Why Jewish Parents Send Their Children to Day Schools." in Jack Wertheimer, ed., *Family Matters: Jewish Education in an Age of Choice*. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England. Pp. 80-100.
- 2006 Phillips, Benjamin, and Shaul Kelner. "Reconceptualizing Religious Change: Ethno-Apostasy and Change in Religion among American Jews." *Sociology of Religion* 67(4): 507-24.
- 2003-4 "The Impact of Israel Experience Programs on Israel's Symbolic Meaning." *Contemporary Jewry* 24: 124-154.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

- 2022 "The Past is Not a Foreign Country, *AJS Perspectives: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Spring, 90-91, <https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/publications-research/ajs-perspectives/the-travel-issue/the-past-is-not-a-foreign-country>
- 2019 "Refuseniks." Art Installation. *Telling Stories/ Stories That Tell*. In Collaboration with Britt Stadig. Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. <http://tellingstoriesstoriesthattell.com/shaul-kelner/>
2016. "Jews in the United States." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Eds. John Stone, Xiaoshuo Hou, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, and Anthony Smith. Malden, MA and Oxford, UK: John Wiley & Sons Ltd. 4 pp. (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118663202.wberen606/pdf>).
2014. "Ethnographers and History." *American Jewish History* 98(1):17-22. DOI: 10.1353/ajh.2014.0012
- 2014 Introduction to "Before Pew: Debating the Future of US Jews in Earlier Times." Berman Jewish Policy Archive Readers Guide. New York: Berman Jewish Policy Archive, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, NYU. <http://bjpa.org/Publications/downloadFile.cfm?FileID=18654>
- 2011 "Let My People Go," *Contexts* (American Sociological Association) 10:3. Pp. 72-3.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- Dr. Linda Mack Schloff Research Award, Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest, "Soviet Jewry Movement Activism in Minnesota and the Dakotas, 1964-1991," 2020.
- Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, "American Travel to Meet Soviet Jews: Gendered Encounters, Gendered Representations," Principal Investigator, 2017.
- Brandeis Genesis Institute for Russian Jewry, Brandeis University, "The Representation of Soviet Jewish Refuseniks in American Jewish Travel Writing," Principal Investigator, 2016.
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, "Jewish Americans and the Movement to Free Soviet Jews: Cold War Culture, Identity Politics and Social Movement Mobilization," 2015.
- AVI CHAI Foundation, "Young Leadership Development Initiatives in the Jewish Communal Sector," Principal Investigator, 2009-2010.
- AVI CHAI Foundation, "Jewish Families and Jewish Education: Decisions, Impact and the Community Context," Co-Principal Investigator, Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, 2004-2004.
- Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Foundation; William M. Davidson; Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation; Jewish Life Network / Steinhardt Foundation; "Professionals in Jewish Communal Organizations," Co-Principal Investigator, Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, 2002-2004.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Trends and Controversies of American Jewry" February 3, 2021  
 • Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies  
 Case Western Reserve University
- "American Jews and Israel: Moving in Opposite Directions?" (Panelist) April 24, 2018  
 • Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies  
 University of Maryland
- "How American Jews Mobilized to Free Soviet Jewry: Lessons for Activism Today" November 28, 2017  
 • Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture  
 Bennett Center for Judaic Studies  
 Fairfield University
- "Forgotten Lessons of Jewish Activism: How American Jews Mobilized to Fight for Human Rights in the USSR (and Saved American Jewry in the Process)" October 24, 2017  
 • Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies  
 Youngstown State University
- "The Timeless and the Timely: Sacralizing Politics in the American Campaign for Soviet Jewry" February 25, 2016  
 • Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies  
 University of Michigan

- “The Soviet Jewry Movement and Jewish Identity: Implications for British Jewry Today” July 10, 2015
- Community Futures Initiative  
Institute for Jewish Policy Research, London
- “American Judaism’s Post-1948 Encounter with National Sovereignty, State Sovereignty, and Popular Sovereignty” June 29, 2015
- Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism  
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University, UK
- “Israel Experience and Israel Education” April 19, 2015
- Conference on “American Jews and Israel: A Relationship in Transition”  
New York University, Taub Center for Israel Studies
- “Meanwhile in Russia: Mobilizing for Soviet Jews in 1968 America.” February 15, 2015
- Conference on “The Jewish 1968 and its Legacies”  
Stanford University, Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Department of History and other sponsors
- “Pilgrimage in a Tourist Age: The Case of Birthright Israel” November 17, 2014
- Colby College
- “Pilgrimage in a Tourist Age: The Case of Birthright Israel and the Shaping of Jewish Identity” October 27, 2014
- University of Kentucky, Lexington
- “Shaping Jewish Identity Through Mass Tourism: How Do (or Don't) ‘Birthright Israel’ Trips Actually Work?” October 23, 2014
- 2014 Lillian and Marvin Goldblatt Lecture in Jewish Studies  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- “Soviet Jewry Activists and Civic Engagement” March 6, 2014
- Murray Friedman Memorial Lecture  
Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University  
National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia
- “Space and Place in Diaspora Tourism” March 10, 2013
- Conference on "The Spatial Turn in Jewish Studies"  
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York
- “The Narrated and the Ineffable in American Jewish Tours of Israel” April 21, 2012
- Workshop on Homeland Tourism, State Narratives, and the Production of Diasporic Identities  
University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs
- “Israeli Birthright Tourism & American Jewish Identity.” March 23, 2012
- Emory University  
Co-sponsored by the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and the Department of Sociology
- “Rituals, Calendars and Religious Frames in the Movement to Free Soviet Jews.” February 13, 2012
- Washington University in St. Louis  
American Culture Studies Workshop

- “Diaspora Pilgrimage: Israeli Birthright Tours and American Jewish Identity” May 2, 2011
- UCLA, International Institute, Nazarian Center for Israel Studies
- “Israeli Birthright Tourism & American Jewish Identity: A Sociological Perspective” March 7, 2011
- Univ. of Washington, Seattle  
Jackson School of International Studies, Stroum Jewish Studies Program
- “Philanthropy, Religion & the American Jewish Public Square: The Federation System during the Soviet Jewry Movement” October 8, 2010
- Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis  
Symposium: Family, Friend, Foe? The Relationship of Religion & Philanthropy in Religious Philanthropic Organizations
- “Examining Self-Transformation in Diaspora Jewish ‘Israel Experience’ Tourism: Identity Narrations as Medium and Method” May 14, 2009
- Tel Aviv University, Israel  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- “Trends and Controversies in the Sociology of American Jewry” June 17, 2008
- Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion  
Keynote address to biennial four-campus (NY, LA, Cincinnati, Jerusalem) faculty assembly, Chicago.
- “Tocqueville, Jews and the Jazz Ethic: A Sociological Overview of the North American Jewish Community” September 2007
- Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and the Wexner Foundation  
Wexner Israel Fellowship Program
- “Estimating The American Jewish Population: The National Challenge” November 2005
- Brandeis University  
Steinhardt Social Research Institute Inaugural Conference, “By the Numbers: Understanding American Jewry”
- “Preachers and Outreachers: Addressing Interfaith Marriage on Israel Experience Programs” June 2005
- Bar Ilan University, Israel  
Rappaport Center for Assimilation Research and Strengthening Jewish Vitality  
Conference, “Contemporary Responses to Inter-marriage”
- “Somebody Else's Business: The Attempt to Influence Individual Belonging through Israel Experience Programs” June 2004
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Institute for Advanced Studies  
Conference, “Dynamic Belonging: Shifting Jewish Identities and Collective Involvements in Comparative Perspective”

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: PAPERS AND PANELS

- “From Traveler to Travel Agent: American Orthodox Rabbinic Visits to the Soviet Union” 2022
- CONTACT: Meetings and Movements of Jewish People and Artifacts across Cold-War Boundaries  
Symposium, Youngstown State University and Perdue University, Youngstown, OH
- “Reflecting on the Pew Study and Beyond: A New Research Agenda?” Discussant, Online Roundtable 2021
- Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry, and Association for Jewish Studies

- “Mobilizing Schoolchildren in the American Movement for Soviet Jewry” 2021
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago  
Regular session paper, “Jewish Political Values and Activism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”
- Roundtable Participant. Book Discussion: “Tourism and Travel during the Cold War: Negotiating Tourist Experiences across the Iron Curtain,” Edited by Sune Bechmann Pedersen and Christian Noack. 2019
- Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- “Gender and Strategy in American Soviet Jewry Movement Travel to the USSR” (with Andrea Becker) 2018
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.  
Regular session paper
- “Foreign Tourists, Domestic Encounters: Human Rights Travel and Western Visits to Soviet Jewish Homes” Dec. 2017
- Center for European Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden  
Conference, “Mobility and Leisure Travel in the Cold War”
- “Foreign Tourists, Domestic Encounters: Human Rights Travel and Western Visits to Soviet Jewish Homes” April 2017
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Conference, “Crossing the Iron Curtain: Tourism and Travelling in the Cold War”
- “The Representation of Soviet Jews in Travelogues of American Jewish Visitors to the USSR, 1957-1991” 2016
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA  
Regular session paper, “Cold War Jews”
- Panelist, “Orthodoxy and Beyond: Summoning and Being Summoned into Action and Belonging” 2016
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- “Religious Encounters Across the Iron Curtain: Western Travel Writing, Soviet Jews and the Cold War” 2016
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc & Université Grenoble-Alpes, Chambéry and Grenoble, France  
Conference, “Frontières et altérité religieuse : la religion dans le récit de voyage, XVIe-XXe siècle (Borders/Boundaries and Religious Otherness: Religion in Travel Writings)”
- “Sub-Cultural Diversity in American Cold War Culture: The Case of the Soviet Jewry Movement” 2015
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
Regular session paper, “New Social Science Questions About Jewish Life”
- “Empathetic Listening in Jewish Tourist Encounters with Palestinians” 2014
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD  
Regular session paper, “Crossing Boundaries”
- “Tinker, Tourist, Soldier, Spy: American Visits to Soviet Jewish Refuseniks, 1972-1988” 2013
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
Regular session paper, “Traveling the Jewish World: American Encounters with Global Jewry during and after WWII”
- Panelist, “Ethnographers and History: A Roundtable” 2012
- “Beyond Boundaries: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Studying American Jews”  
American Jewish Historical Society Scholar's Conference on American Jewish History, New York
- “Israel, America, and the Soviet Jewry Campaign” 2012
- “Exploring the Meanings of Jewish Sovereignty—An International Conference”



Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles

- “What Does It Mean to be Green? Debating the Boundaries of Green Politics in an Environmentalist Party in Israel” 2011
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
  - Regular session paper, “Jewish Political Behavior in Israel and the United States”
- Panelist, “Charles Silberman’s *A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today* A 25th Anniversary Retrospective,” Roundtable. 2011
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- “Contestations over Religious Framing in the American Movement to Free Soviet Jews” 2010
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston
  - Regular session paper, “Perspectives on the American Movement to Free Soviet Jews”
- “Philanthropic Privatization and the Restructuring of Non-Profit Professional Training: Neo-Liberal Transformations in Jewish American Organizations” 2010
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta
  - Roundtable paper, Section on Economic Sociology.
- “Understanding Experiential Education: Exploring Conceptual Frameworks” 2010
- Network for Research in Jewish Education Annual Meeting, New York
  - Spotlight session paper
- “On the Relative Autonomy of Culture in Social Movement Repertoires: Internal Logics of Tactical Innovation” 2010
- Eastern Sociological Society, Boston
  - Regular session paper, Culture and Social Movements
- “Spatial Practice and Diasporic Imaginings: The Structural Dynamics of Israel Experience Tourism” 2009
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
  - Regular session paper, “Space and Place in Jewish Studies”
- Panelist, “Young Adults, Leadership, and Twenty-First-Century American Jewish Cultural Change” 2009
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
- “Ritualized Protest in the American-Jewish Mobilization for Soviet Jewry” 2007
- Session paper for the conference, “The Jewish National Movement in the USSR: Awakening and Struggle – 1967-1989,” sponsored by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s Leonid Nevzlin Research Center for Russian and East European Jewry, the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, and Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel.
- “Beyond the Field Trip: On Tourism as a Pedagogical Practice” (with George Sanders) 2007
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
  - Session paper, Section on Teaching & Learning, “Integrating Spatial Thinking into the Soc. Curriculum”

## MEDIA

*Selected Essays And Op-Eds*

2022. "Russia's Threats to Shut Down Jewish Agency Raise Alarm Bells for Those Who Remember the Past," *The Conversation*.
2019. "How To Reinvigorate Activism For A Unified Cause," New York Jewish Week, August 6.  
[http://bit.ly/SJK\\_NYJW082019](http://bit.ly/SJK_NYJW082019)
2016. "Marginalizing minorities in the military nothing new," *Tennessean*, August 7. <http://bit.ly/SJKTenn2016>
2012. "Start Composing." *Sb'ma* (43:695, December):3-4.
2011. "A Mitzvah of Egalitarianism," *eJewishPhilanthropy.com*, September 8.
2010. "Serious Fun." *Jerusalem Post*, June 27.
2010. "So Near, So Far: Birthright Israel and the complicated—and contradictory—business of building Jewish identity." *New York Jewish Week*, May 14.
2010. "A Lexicon in Flux." *Sb'ma* (40:666, February):12.
2007. "The Place of Cultural Production." *Sb'ma* (37:642, June):1-2.
2007. "Tales of Two Jewries Don't Tell Much Anymore." *Forward*, March 2.
2004. "A Global People." *Sb'ma* (35:616, December):8.

*Podcasts*

2016. "The Soviet Jewry Movement." *Frankely Speaking*. Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan (March 7). <http://bit.ly/UMichKelnerSJM>

## SELECTED RESEARCH REPORTS AND PUBLISHED WORKING PAPERS

*Sole Author*

- Kelner, Shaul. 1999. "A Charismatic Community: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun." (Jewish Leadership Case Series, No. 1.) New York: Wexner Heritage Foundation.

*First Author*

- Kelner, Shaul, Michael Rabkin, Leonard Saxe, Carl Sheingold. 2005. "The Jewish Sector's Workforce: Report of a Six-Community Study." Professional Leaders Project Report No. 2. Los Angeles, CA and Waltham, MA: Professional Leaders Project and Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Fisher-Bernstein Institute for Jewish Philanthropy and Leadership.
- Kelner, Shaul, Michael Rabkin, Leonard Saxe, Carl Sheingold. 2003. "Recruiting and Retaining a Professional Work Force for the Jewish Community: A Review of the Literature." Professional Leaders Project Report No. 1. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Fisher-Bernstein Institute for Leadership Development in Jewish Philanthropy.
- Kelner, Shaul, Leonard Saxe, Charles Kadushin, Rachel Canar, Matthew Lindholm, Hal Ossman, Jennifer Perloff, Benjamin Phillips, Rishona Teres, Minna Wolf, and Meredith Woocher. 2000. "Making Meaning: Participants' Experience of Birthright Israel." (Birthright Israel Research Report, No. 2.) Waltham, MA: Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

*Co-Author*

- Cohen, Steven M., Shifra Bronznick, Didi Goldenhar, Sherry Israel and Shaul Kelner. 2004. "Creating Gender Equity and

Organizational Effectiveness in the Jewish Federation System: A Research-and-Action Project.” New York: Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community and United Jewish Communities.

Saxe, Leonard, Charles Kadushin, Shaul Kelner, Mark Rosen, and Erez Yereslove. 2001. “A Mega-Experiment in Jewish Education: The Impact of Birthright Israel.” Waltham, MA: Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Saxe, Leonard, Shaul Kelner, Mark Rosen, and Charles Kadushin. 2001. “Integrating New Families into Jewish Day Schools: The Experience of Avi Chai Voucher Recipients.” Waltham, MA: Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Kadushin, Charles, Shaul Kelner, Leonard Saxe. 2000. “Being a Jewish Teenager in America: Trying to Make It.” Waltham, MA: Brandeis University, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Horowitz, Bethamie, Pearl Beck, Charles Kadushin, with Dina Pinsky and Shaul Kelner. 1997. “Power and Parity: The Roles of Women and Men on the Boards of Major American Jewish Organizations.” New York: The Center for Social Research and the Center for Jewish Studies, The Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York.

## TEACHING-RELATED ACTIVITY

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### CONTRIBUTOR TO SYLLABUS GUIDES

Burstein, Paul, ed. 2007. *The Sociology of Jewry: Syllabi and Instructional Materials*. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association

### NEW COURSES INTRODUCED

JS 1111.13 First Year Writing Seminar: The Cold War Struggle to Free Soviet Jews (introduced Fall 2020)

JS 2400 (155): American Jewish Life (introduced Fall 2005 as Sociology of Contemporary Jewish Life)

JS 2450 (158): The Jewish Diaspora (introduced Spring 2010)

JS 2560 (252): Social Movements in Modern Jewish Life (introduced Spring 2006)

SOC 1001: Eurovision (introduced Spring 2022)

SOC 3203 (218): Tourism, Culture & Place (introduced Spring 2007)

### OTHER COURSES TAUGHT

JS 1010W (180W): Introduction to Jewish Studies

JS 245: Major Themes in Jewish Studies

SOC 1010 & 1010W (101): Introduction to Sociology

SOC 3002 (211): Introduction to Social Research

SOC 212: Research Practicum

SOC 7400 (323): Graduate Teaching Workshop

SOC 8333: Graduate Seminar in Cultural Sociology

### DISSERTATION AND THESIS ADVISOR

*Ph.D., Dissertation Committee Chair*

Barna, Elizabeth. 2020. “Between Plantation, President, and Public: Institutionalized Polysemy and the Representation of Slavery, Genocide, and Democracy at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage.” VU Dept. of Sociology.

Rush, Carly. 2015. “Outsiders Within: The Deaf Community’s Fight Against the Threat of Cochlear Implants and Oralism.” VU Dept. of Sociology.

Bernsen, Charles. 2011. "Lashon Hara (The Evil Tongue) and the Problem of Jewish Unity." VU Graduate Department of Religion.

## SERVICE

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### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

#### *Association for Jewish Studies*

Chair, Nominating Committee	2020-2021
Member, AJS Board of Directors	2011-2017
Executive Director Search Committee	2017
Lecturer, AJS Distinguished Lectureship Program ( <a href="http://www.ajslectures.org">http://www.ajslectures.org</a> )	2016-2022
Chair, Award Committee, Berman Foundation Early Career Fellowships in Support of Research in the Social Scientific Study of the Contemporary American Jewish Community	2014, 2015
Chair, Award Committee, Jordan Schnitzer Book Award for Social Science, Anthropology and Folklore	2013, 2016
Award Committee, Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in Support of Research in the Social Scientific Study of the Contemporary American Jewish Community	2012 (chair), 2011
Program Committee	2008 - 2013
Nominating Committee	2008 - 2009
Graduate Student Travel Grant Award Selection Committee	2009
Division Coordinator: Social Sciences, Folklore and Anthropology Section	2003 - 2007

#### *American Sociological Association*

Panelist, "Professional Development Workshop. Pro-Active Survival Strategies for Pre-Tenure Professors" ASA Annual Meeting, New York	2013
Chair, Award Committee, Best Student Paper, Culture Section	2012
Award Committee, Best Student Paper, Religion Section	2011
Organizer, Culture Section Regular Session on "Political Deployments of Culture," 106 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	2011
Organizer and Chair, Regular Session on "Travel and Tourism," 104 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	2009

#### *Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry*

Nominating Committee	2010
Vice President	2005 - 2008
Executive Board Member	2002 - 2005

#### *Other*

Wexner Foundation, Wexner Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, Chair	2012-2021
Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Academic Advisory Committee	2017-present
"Chronicling COVID-19 and the Jewish Community," Coordinating Committee (sponsored by Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah & the Jim Joseph Foundation)	2020
Orthodox Union, Center for Communal Research, Academic Advisory Board	2019-present

#### *Reviewer*

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