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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2024–

Assistant Professor of Law and Horn Family Distinguished Research Scholar in Law and Religion

Courses: Civil Procedure, First Amendment Religion Clauses, Antisemitism and the Law

University of Chicago Law School, 2022–2024

Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law

Course: Legal Research and Writing

Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2018

Postdoctoral Researcher

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

JD, *magna cum laude*, May 2018

New York University

PhD, Religion & Jewish Studies, January 2016

Yeshiva University

MA, Jewish Philosophy, May 2010

Binghamton University

BA, Jewish Studies & History, May 2008

Ariel Institute Rabbinical School of Jerusalem

Rabbinic Ordination, August 2006

PUBLICATIONS

The Right to Exit Religion, GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL (2025) (forthcoming)

The Impossibility of Religious Equality, COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW (2025) (forthcoming)

Free Exercise Partisanship, 107 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 1067 (2022)

- Discussed in Adam Liptak, *An Extraordinary Winning Streak for Religion*, NEW YORK TIMES (April 5, 2021); Linda Greenhouse, *Justice Amy Coney Barrett's Choice*, NEW YORK TIMES (Dec. 3, 2020)
- Reviewed in JOTWELL by Professor Mae Kuykendall
- Discussed in Michael W. McConnell et al., RELIGION AND THE CONSTITUTION (5th ed., 2022)

Individualized Exemptions, Vaccine Mandates, and the New Free Exercise Clause, 131 YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 1106 (2022) (solicited)

- Discussed in Linda Greenhouse, *An Unhealthy Definition of Rights*, NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS (Dec. 21, 2023); Jeannie Suk Gersen, *The Supreme Court's Conservatives Have Asserted Their Power*, THE NEW YORKER (July 3, 2022)
- Cited in *Campbell v. Bowser*, No. CV 22-3422, 2023 WL 3646934 (D.D.C. May 25, 2023)

Sovereignty, Reason, and Will: Carl Schmitt and Hasidic Legal Thought, 37 JOURNAL OF LAW & RELIGION 319 (2022) (peer reviewed)

- Selected for Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Stanford Law School

Free Exercise's Outer Boundary: The Case of Hasidic Education, 119 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW FORUM (2019)

- Cited in Martha Minow, *Remarks Before the Commission on Unalienable Rights, United States Department of State* (Feb. 21, 2020), in 2020-003 CARR CTR. DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES 7

SHORTER WORK & CHAPTERS

Fulton's Missing Question: Religious Adoption Agencies and the Establishment Clause, 100 TEXAS LAW REVIEW ONLINE 32 (2021)

Free Exercise's Lingering Ambiguity, 11 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW ONLINE 282 (2020)

Free Exercise in a Pandemic, 87 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE (June 2020)

- Discussed in Geoffrey R. Stone et al., CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (9th ed., 2023)

American Judicial Blindness: The Myth of Objectivity in Cruzan and Heller, THE DARK SIDES OF THE LAW: PERSPECTIVES ON LAW, LITERATURE, AND JUSTICE IN COMMON LAW COUNTRIES, Geraldine Gadbin-George et al., eds. (Houdiard, 2019)

Hasidic Legal Theory, JEWISH LEGAL THEORIES: WRITINGS ON STATE, RELIGION, AND MORALITY, Leora Batnitzky et al., eds. (Brandeis University Press, 2017) (commentary and annotations)

Culturally Competent Adaptations of CBT for Psychosis: Cases of Orthodox Jewish Patients with Messianic Delusions, 17 MENTAL HEALTH, RELIGION & CULTURE (2014) (with Daniel Rosen) (peer reviewed)

OP-EDS

This Passover, Have Room in Your Hearts for Israelis and Palestinians, LOS ANGELES TIMES (April 22, 2024)

'Religious Equality' is Transforming American Law, THE ATLANTIC (Oct. 29, 2020)

Judges' Politics Absolutely Sway How They Decide Cases, THE GUARDIAN (Oct. 12, 2020)

BOOK REVIEWS

Nomi Stolzenberg & David Myers, *American Shtetl: The Making of Kiryas Joel, A Hasidic Village in Upstate New York* (Princeton University Press, 2021), LOS ANGELES REVIEW OF BOOKS (Feb. 2022)

Yoram Bilu, *With Us More Than Ever: Making The Absent Rebbe Present in Messianic Chabad* (Stanford University Press, 2020), JEWISH REVIEW OF BOOKS (Summer 2021)

Moshe Halbertal, *The Birth of Doubt: Confounding Uncertainty in Early Rabbinic Literature* (Brown University Press, 2020), MARGINALIA REVIEW (Oct. 23, 2020)

Samuel Heilman, *Who Will Lead Us?: The Story of Five Hasidic Dynasties in America* (University of California Press, 2017), JEWISH REVIEW OF BOOKS (Winter 2018)

William Kolbrener, *The Last Rabbi: Joseph Soloveitchik and Talmudic Tradition* (Indiana University Press, 2016), TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (Nov. 10, 2016)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Stanford Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School, 2018–
Nonresident Fellow, 2018–2023; *Affiliate*, 2024–

London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, 2024–
Research Fellow

Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion, and Ethics, Pepperdine School of Law, 2022–
Nootbaar Fellow

Center for Comparative Constitutional Law and Religion, University of Lucerne, 2022–
Nonresident Fellow

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 2018–2019; 2020–2022
Litigation Associate. Co-drafted merits briefs in U.S. Supreme Court. Successfully argued Fourth Amendment appeal, securing reversals of all convictions. Wrote several family law and constitutional law amicus briefs. Received “Shout Out” for “Litigator of the Week” from the *American Lawyer*.

The Honorable Jane R. Roth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2019–2020
Law Clerk

U.S. Department of Justice, National Courts Section, Summer 2016
Law Clerk

OTHER TEACHING

ISGAP-Oxford Institute for Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, Summer 2024
Faculty. Antisemitism and American Antidiscrimination Law

New York University School of Law, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Adjunct Professor of Law. The First Amendment’s Religion Clauses (with John Sexton)

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Spring 2020
Adjunct Professor of Law. Children and the Law

PRESENTATIONS

“Free Exercise’s False Binary: Lessons from Jewish Law,” University of Lucerne, May 21, 2025

“Antisemitism and the Promise of Antidiscrimination Law,” NYU School of Law, February 14, 2025

“The Right to Exit Religion”

Faculty Workshop, Brigham Young University Law School, January 30, 2025

Religion, Politics, and Culture Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center, October 31, 2024

Faculty Workshop, University of Sydney Law School, June 18, 2024

Faculty Workshop, University of Melbourne Law School, June 13, 2024

Faculty Workshop, University of Queensland Law School, June 5, 2024

Faculty Workshop, Osaka University Law School, May 30, 2024

“The Impossibility of Religious Equality”

Faculty Workshop, University of Zurich, December 10, 2024

Yale Law Free Exercise Speaker Series, Yale Law School, April 5, 2024

Annual Law and Religion Roundtable, University of Virginia Law School, June 22–23, 2023

Freedom, Equality, Religion Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 1–2, 2023

“Carl Schmitt and the Constitutional Rights,” Waseda University Law School, May 28, 2024

“Religious Communities and a Child’s Right to Education,”

Keynote, Right to a Future, Rights of a Child Conference, University of Lucerne, March 13, 2024

Regulation of Family, Sex & Gender Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, May 10, 2023

Role of Law in Diverse Societies Junior Scholar Workshop, Hebrew University, June 15, 2022

Cambridge-Harvard Right to Science Study Group, April 26, 2022

Faculty Workshop, Michigan State University College of Law, March 23, 2022

“Clergy Child Sex Abuse and Church Autonomy”

Religion and Sexual Abuse Project, University of California, Riverside, March 5, 2022

Invited lecture, Trinity College Dublin School of Law, February 26, 2020

“Religious Corporations”

Guest lecture, Corporations (Prof. Rick Brooks), NYU School of Law, March 20, 2023

Guest lecture, Religion & Public Life (Prof. Clemence Boulouque), Columbia, February 24, 2022

“Sovereignty, Reason, and Will: Carl Schmitt and Hasidic Legal Thought”

Political Theologies Seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School, February 13, 2023

Law, Theology & Culture Seminar, Lund University Faculty of Law, October 11, 2022

“*Fulton’s* Missing Question: Religious Adoption Agencies and the Establishment Clause,” New Directions in Law and Society Junior Scholar Workshop, UMass Amherst, October 9, 2021

“Free Exercise Partisanship”

Faculty Workshop, Penn State School of Law University Park, July 8, 2021

Public Law Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, November 10, 2020

“Who Owns Children?: The Right to Parental Control,” Invited lecture, University of Paris II, December 21, 2017

AWARDS

Harold Berman Award for Excellence in Scholarship, AALS Section on Law and Religion, 2023
On the Rise—Top 40 Young Lawyer, American Bar Association, 2022

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow, University of Queensland School of Law, May 2024
Visiting Fellow, Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism, University of Bergen, August 2022
Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, June 2022
Visiting Fellow, University of Glasgow School of Law, May 2022
Faculty Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute, New York, 2017–2020
Visiting Fellow, University of Lucerne, Summer 2018
Fellow, Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law, Harvard Law School, 2016–2017
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2015–16
Fellow, Center for Jewish Law & Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo School of Law, 2013–15
Tikvah Scholar, Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization, NYU School of Law, 2013–14

SERVICE

Committee, Adjunct Professors, Cardozo School of Law, 2024–2025
Editor, *Marginalia Review* (law and religion), 2020–
Advisory Board Member, Jewish Law Institute, 2021–2024
Advisor, NYU Law Moot Court, 2022
Peer Reviewer: *Yale Law Journal*, *Journal of Law and Religion*, *Journal of Church and State*