

## ZALMAN ROTHSCHILD

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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's Religion Clauses, Law and Antisemitism,  
Antidiscrimination Law Colloquium

University of Chicago Law School, 2022–2024

*Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law*

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

*Postdoctoral Researcher*

### EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018

New York University, Ph.D., Religion & Jewish Studies, 2016

Yeshiva University, M.A., Jewish Philosophy, 2010

Binghamton University, B.A., Jewish Studies & History, 2008

Ariel Institute Rabbinical School of Jerusalem, Rabbinic Ordination, 2006

### PUBLICATIONS

*Parental Religious Rights*, MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW (2027) (forthcoming)

*The Causation Conundrum in Hostile Environment Doctrine: Anti-Zionism as a Case Study*, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND EQUALITY (2026) (peer reviewed) (forthcoming)

*Vaccines, Religious Liberty, and the GVR as Doctrinal Signal*, HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM (2026) (forthcoming)

- Featured in Adam Liptak, *What I'm Reading*, NEW YORK TIMES (March 12, 2026)

*The Right to Exit Religion*, 113 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1459 (2025)

*The Impossibility of Religious Equality*, 125 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 453 (2025)

- Harold Berman Award for Excellence in Scholarship, AALS Law and Religion, 2026
- Reviewed in JOTWELL by Ezra Young

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

- Harold Berman Award for Excellence in Scholarship, AALS Law and Religion, 2023
- Discussed in Linda Greenhouse, *Should Reporters Identify Judges by the President Who Nominated Them?*, NEW YORK TIMES (May 12, 2025); 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); Eric Posner, *Legal Assaults on Coronavirus Shutdowns*, WASHINGTON POST (Oct. 14, 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)

- Accepted for Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Stanford Law School (peer reviewed)

*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

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, Antidiscrimination*

*Freedom of Religion's False Binary: Lessons from Jewish Law*

*Indoctrination: A Constitutional Analysis*

*Definitions and Discrimination*

## SHORTER PIECES & 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) (co-authored) (peer reviewed)

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Religious Minority Status Upended: The Tale of a Hasidic Town*, LOS ANGELES REVIEW OF BOOKS (February 17, 2022) (reviewing Nomi Stolzenberg & David Myers, *American Shtetl: The Making of Kiryas Joel, A Hasidic Village in Upstate New York* (2021))

*Foundation Stone*, JEWISH REVIEW OF BOOKS (Summer 2021) (reviewing Yoram Bilu, *With Us More Than Ever: Making the Absent Rebbe Present in Messianic Chabad* (2020))

*The Deep Humanity of Jewish Law*, MARGINALIA REVIEW (October 23, 2020) (reviewing Moshe Halbertal, *The Birth of Doubt: Confounding Uncertainty in Early Rabbinic Literature* (2020))

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

*Book Review*, TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (November 10, 2016) (reviewing *The Last Rabbi: Joseph Soloveitchik and Talmudic Tradition* (2016))

## OPINION PIECES

*A Disturbing Dissent Lies Beneath a New Ruling on Childhood Vaccine*, WASHINGTON POST (April 15, 2026)

*Remembering a Rabbi*, NEW YORK TIMES (BELIEVING) (December 21, 2025)

*My Murdered Friend Eli*, THE ATLANTIC (December 15, 2025)

*The Jewish High Holidays Teach This Lost Democratic Virtue*, WASHINGTON POST (September 21, 2025)

*My Religious Education was Unparalleled—and That's the Problem*, WASHINGTON POST (March 13, 2025)

*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 (October 29, 2020)

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

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 2018–2019; 2020–2022  
*Litigation Associate*

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  
*Summer Law Clerk*

## SELECTED OTHER TEACHING

Reichman University Law School, Summer 2026  
*Visiting Professor*. Antidiscrimination Law and Antisemitism

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

Jewish Theological Seminary/Columbia University, Fall 2014  
*Adjunct Professor*. Medieval Jewish Thought

## AWARDS & HONORS

Harold Berman Award for Excellence in Scholarship, AALS Section on Law and Religion, 2026  
Krivosha Endowed Lecture, University of Nebraska, September 2026  
Fishman Family Endowed Lecture, Vassar College, April 2026  
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

## TESTIMONY

U.S. House Committee on Education and Workforce, 119th Cong. (2026), Hearing on “Defending Faith and Families Against Government Overreach: *Mahmoud v. Taylor*,” February 10, 2026 ([statement](#))

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Free Exercise's False Binary: Lessons from Jewish Law*

Hebrew University-Yale Law School, International Conference on Jewish Law, June 2026  
New York University (Tel Aviv), Religious Law and Power Workshop, May 2025  
University of Lucerne, Faculty of Theology, May 2025 (invited lecture)

*Antizionism, Antisemitism, Antidiscrimination*

University of Hamburg, Faculty of Law, May 2026 (invited lecture)  
American University of Paris, Center for Critical Democracy Studies, December 2025  
University of Vienna, Combating Antisemitism Seminar, June 2025  
Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Faculty Workshop, May 2025  
New York University School of Law, Anti-Zionism and Law Workshop, February 2025

*Revisionist Religious Liberty*

University of Chicago Law School, Regulation of Family, Sex & Gender Workshop, March 2026  
Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, Nootbaar Institute Workshop, March 2026

*Indoctrination: A Constitutional Analysis*

University of Arizona Law, National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, March 2026  
Florida State University College of Law, Junior Scholar Constitutional Workshop, March 2026

University of Bergen, Department of Government, June 2025 (invited lecture)

*The Right to Exit Religion*

Brigham Young University Law School, Faculty Workshop, January 2025  
Stanford Humanities Center, Religion, Politics, and Culture Workshop, October 2024  
University of Sydney Law School, Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence Workshop, June 2024  
University of Melbourne Law School, Comparative Constitutional Studies Workshop, June 2024  
University of Queensland Law School, Faculty Workshop, June 2024  
University of Osaka Law School, Faculty Workshop, May 2024  
University of Chicago Law School, Regulation of Family, Sex & Gender Workshop, May 2023

*The Impossibility of Religious Equality*

University of Zurich Law School, Equality Seminar, December 2024  
Yale Law School, Free Exercise Speaker Series, April 2024  
University of Virginia Law School, Law and Religion Roundtable, June 2023  
University of Oxford Nuffield College, Freedom, Equality, Religion Workshop, June 2023

*Sovereignty, Reason, and Will: Carl Schmitt and Hasidic Legal Thought*

Waseda University School of Law, Constitutional Law Seminar, May 2024  
University of Chicago Divinity School, Political Theologies Seminar, February 2023  
Lund University Faculty of Law, Law, Theology & Culture Seminar, October 2022

*Religious Communities and a Child's Right to Education*

University of Lucerne, Right to a Future, Rights of a Child Conference, March 2024 (keynote)  
Hebrew University, Role of Law in Diverse Societies Junior Scholar Workshop, June 2022  
University of Cambridge-Harvard Medical School, Right to Science Workshop, April 2022  
Michigan State University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, March 2022

*Religious Corporations*

New York University School of Law, Corporations (Prof. Rick Brooks), March 2023 (guest)  
Columbia University, Religion & Public Life Seminar (Prof. Boulouque), February 2022 (guest)

*Clergy Child Sex Abuse and Church Autonomy*

University of California, Riverside, Religion and Sexual Abuse Project, March 2022  
Trinity College Dublin School of Law, February 2020 (invited lecture)

*Fulton's Missing Question: Religious Adoption Agencies and the Establishment Clause*

UMass Amherst, New Directions in Law and Society Junior Scholar Workshop, October 2021

*Free Exercise Partisanship*

Penn State School of Law University Park, Faculty Workshop, July 2021  
University of Chicago Law School, Public Law Workshop, November 2020

*Who Owns Children?: The Right to Parental Control*

Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II), December 2017 (invited lecture)

**SELECTED PANELS**

*Panelist*, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law, Gruss Workshop on Jewish Law, April 2026

*Panelist*, New York Historical, "Defining Antisemitism," March 10, 2026

*Respondent*, Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy Symposium, “Affirmative Action and the First Amendment,” February 2026

*Panelist*, Stanford Constitutional Law Center, “*Pierce*: The 100th Anniversary” Conference, May 2025

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Stanford Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School, 2024–  
*Affiliate*

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

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS**

*Early-Career Fellow*, Education Law Association, 2025–2026

*Visiting Fellow*, University of Geneva Faculty of Law, May 2026

*Nonresident Fellow*, University of Lucerne Faculty of Theology, 2022–2025

*Visiting Fellow*, University of Queensland Law School, May 2024

*Visiting Fellow*, University of Bergen, Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism, August 2022

*Visiting Fellow*, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt, June 2022

*Visiting Fellow*, University of Glasgow School of Law, May 2022

*Faculty Fellow*, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, New York, 2017–2020

*Fellow*, Harvard Law School, Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law, 2016–2017

*Dissertation Completion Fellowship*, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2015–16

*Fellow*, Cardozo School of Law, Center for Jewish Law & Contemporary Civilization, 2013–15

## **SERVICE**

*Editor*: Marginalia Review (law and religion), 2020–

*Organizer*: “*Skremetti* and the Future of Trans Rights,” Cardozo School of Law, February 2026; Jewish Law Roundtable, Cardozo School of Law, December 2025; International Conference on “Right to a Future, Rights of a Child,” University of Lucerne, March 2024

*Committees* (Cardozo School of Law): Clerkships, 2025–2026; Law and Antisemitism Conference, 2025–2026; Adjunct Appointments, 2024–2025

*Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer*: Yale Law Journal; Journal of Law and Religion; Journal of Church and State; European Educational Research Journal; Journal of Textual Reasoning