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EMPLOYMENT

- 2012 - Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia (Department Chair 2003 - 2007).
1992 - 2011 Tenure track lecturer, assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia
(1999-2000) Scholar-in Residence, International Research Institute on Jewish Women and Visiting
Professor, Near Eastern Jewish Studies, Brandeis University
1990 - 1992 Lecturer, full-time, limited term appointment, Department of Religion, Concordia
1974 - 1990 Lecturer, part-time, Department of Religion, Concordia
1987 - 1990 Scholar-in-Residence, Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal
1981 Visiting professor, SUNY Albany (winter term)
1978 - 1980 Adult education program coordinators, part-time, YM-YWHA of Montreal: Snowdon
1974 - 1979 Lecturer on women in Judaism, Sadie Bronfman Centre

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 1995 Ph.D. (Religion), Concordia University
Dissertation: "Separate Spheres: Women in the Responsa of Rabbi Moses Feinstein"
1968 - 1973 Doctoral studies (ABD), Anthropology City University of NY
1966 - 1968 M.A. (equivalence), City University of NY
1966 B.A. (Anthropology), Brooklyn College

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Leo Wasserman Prize for best article published in American Jewish History in 1995, awarded by the
American Jewish Historical Society for "Jewish Education for Women: Rabbi Moshe Feinstein's Map
of America."
Dissertation nominated for Governor General's Gold Medal Award for Excellence, 1995.
SSHRC Graduate Fellowship (1985-1987)
Concordia Graduate Award (1982-1984)
FCAR Quebec Graduate Scholarship (1982-1984)
Concordia University Graduate Fellowship (1982-1984)
National Science Foundation, full scholarship, (1967-1971)
Brooklyn College, sophomore of the Year Award (1963-1964)
Brooklyn College, Dean's List, cum laude, 1964 through 1966

LANGUAGES

- English: Hebrew fluent
French reading only

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS (refereed publications are marked R)

Edited volumes

- (2002) Guest editor. Special edition of *Nashim*, “Feeding an Identity: Gender, Food, and Survival.” “Introduction,” Vol. 5, summer. R

Chapters in books, encyclopedia articles, journal articles

- (2020) “Women’s Rights and Religion: Jewish style” in *Explorations in Women, Rights and Religions*, Edited by Morny Joy, Sheffield: Equinox Publishing LTD. 138-154.
- (2017) “I”beet: Situating Iraqi Jewish Identity through Food.” McGill-Queens University Press, *Everyday Sacred: religious Lives and Landscapes in Quebec*. Editor, Hillary Kael.
- (2017) “Food, Gift, Women Gift-Givers: A Taste of Jewishness.” *Women, Religion and the Gift: An Abundance of Riches*. Ed. Morny Joy. Volume 17, Sophia Studies in Cross-cultural Philosophy of Traditions and Cultures. (Springer) pp. 129-138.
- (2016) “Cookbooks are our Texts: reading an immigrant community through their cookbooks.” Ann Vallely, editor. *Religious Studies and Theology* 35.2 (December 2016). Pp.195-206.
- (2013) “Embodied Religion, Embodied Teaching: Team Teaching “Food and Religion.”” *Religious Studies News, AAR*. Editor, Sarah Levine. Available on-line [Norma Baumel Joseph and Leslie C. Orr]
- (2011) “From Baghdad to Montreal: Food, Gender & Identity.” *Migration, Communication & Home: Jewish Tradition, Change & Gender in a Global World*. Ed. Tanya Reyton-Marinchesshka. Sofia: LIK Publishing House. 92–104.
- (2011) “Civil Jurisdiction and Religious Accord: *Brucker v. Marcovitz* in the Supreme Court of Canada.” *Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses*. Guest editor, Ira Robinson. 40.3: 318–336. (Available online). R
- (2011) ““Those Self-Assured Women”: A Close Reading of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein’s Responsum.” *Nashim*. 21 (spring). Guest editor, David Golinkin: 67–87. R
- (2009) “Food for the Body and Soul: Women’s Blessings.” *Blessings*. Ed. Loren Lerner. Canadian Jewish Studies Chapbook Series, No. 5. Montreal: Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies. 53–58.
- (2007) “Women in Orthodoxy: Conventional and Contentious.” *Women Remaking American Judaism*. Ed. Riv-Ellen Prell. Detroit: Wayne State University Press. 181–209. R
- (2007) Entries in *Encyclopedia Judaica*. 2nd ed:
“Bat Mitzvah” (sub-section of “Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah”)
“Goldstein, Elyse”
“Roback, Lea”
- (2006) “Feinstein, Rabbi Moses.” *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*. Published by Jewish Women’s Archive. On Line. R
- (2005) “Jewish Law and Gender.” *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*. Eds. Rosemary Keller and Rosemary Radford Reuther. Vol. 2. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. 576–588. R
- (2003) “*Shema B’Kolab*: On Listening to Women’s Voices in Prayer.” *Women of the Wall*. Eds. Rivka Haut and Phylis Chessler. Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing. 288–309 (notes 401–405). R
- (2002) “Introduction: Feeding an Identity: Gender, Food, and Survival,” *Nashim*, special edition *Gender, Food, and Survival*. Vol. 5. Fall. R
- (2002) “Ritual Law and Praxis: Bat Mitsva Celebrations.” *Modern Judaism*. 22.3: 234–260. R

- (2001) "Jewish Women in Canada: An Evolving Role." *From Immigration to Integration, the Canadian Jewish Experience: A Millennium Edition*. Eds. Ruth Klein and Frank Dimant. Toronto: Institute for International Affairs B'nai Brith Canada. 182–195 (notes 295–298). R
- (2001) "Orthodoxy and Feminism." *The Edah Journal*. 1.2. On line. R
- (2001) "Orthodoxy, Modernity and the Future." *Sb'ma*. 31.579: 4–5.
- (2000) Entries in *Reader's Guide to Judaism*. Ed. Michael Terry. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn. R
 "Agunah"
 "Feinstein, Moses"
- (2000) "Canadian, Jewish and Female." *Jewish Women 2000: Conference Papers from the HRIJW International Scholarly Exchanges 1997–1998*. Ed. Helen Epstein. Waltham, MA: Hadassah Research Institute on Jewish Women, Brandeis University. 123–128. R
- (1999) "Feinstein, Moses." *American National Biography*. Eds. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes. Vol. 7. New York: Oxford University Press. 794–795. R
- (1999) "Anticipating the Future: A Jewish Feminist Scenario." *Creating the Jewish Future*. Eds. Michael Brown and Bernard Lightman. Walnut Creek: AltaMira Press. 199–210. R
- (1998) "Zakhor: Memory, Ritual and Gender." *From Memory to Transformation*. Eds. Sarah Silberstein Swartz and Margie Wolfe. Toronto: Second Story Press. 177–187.
- (1998) "Hair Distractions: Women and Worship in the Responsa of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein." *Jewish Legal Writings by Women*. Eds. Micah Halperin and Hannah Safrai. Jerusalem: Urim Press. 9–22. R
- (1997) "You Don't Know Me Because You Can Label Me: Self-Identity of an Orthodox Feminist." *Celebrating the Lives of Jewish Women: Patterns in a Feminist Sampler*. Eds. Rachel Siegel and Ellen Cole. New York: Haworth Press. 139–145.
- (1998) "Searching for a Woman's Voice in Responsa Literature." *Sbofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*. Special editor, Rochelle Millen. 16.4: 40–50. R
- (1996) "Zakhor: Memory, Ritual and Gender." *Canadian Woman Studies*. 16.4: 28–32. R
- (1995) "The Feminist Challenge to Judaism: Critique and Transformation." *Gender, Genre and Religion: Feminist Reflections*. Eds. Morny Joy and Eva K. Neumaier-Dargyay. Waterloo: Wilfred Laurier University Press. 47–70. R
- (1995) "Jewish Education for Women: Rabbi Moshe Feinstein's Map of America." *American Jewish History*. Special editor, Pamela Nadell. 83.2: 205–222. R
- (1993) "The Jew as Other in Feminist Discourse." *A Reader in Feminist Ethics*. Ed. Debra Shogun. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press. 217–222. (Reprint) R
- (1992) "Mehitzqa: Halakhic Decisions and Political Consequences." *Daughters of the King: Women and the Synagogue*. Eds. S. Grossman and R. Haut. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society. 117–134. R
- (1992) "Response 4." *Mutual Upholding: Fashioning Jewish Philosophy through Letters*. Michael Oppenheim. New York: Peter Lang. 113–116. R
- (1992) "Response 6." *Mutual Upholding: Fashioning Jewish Philosophy through Letters*. Michael Oppenheim. New York: Peter Lang. 167–171. R New York: Peter Lang. R
- (1987) "The Traditional Denial of Change: Women's Place in the World of Rabbi Moses Feinstein." *Journal of Religion and Culture*. 2.1: 190–201.
- (1981) "Personal Reflections on Jewish Feminism." *The Canadian Jewish Mosaic*. Eds. M. Weinfeld, B. Shafir and I. Cotler. Toronto: John Wiley & Sons. 205–219. R

JWA Editorial Board and working editor: Revising online Encyclopedia of Jewish Women—content on Canadian Jewish Women.

Documentary presentations (film and DVD)

- (2012) *Asbtideq!* A film collage of interviews of Iraqi Jewish families and their food practices. SSHRC research product (Norma Joseph primary researcher and interviewer).
- (2001-2003) Discussant. *Reinventing Ritual*. Ron Grimes Consultant. Dir. Sonya Jampolsky. Prod. Johanne Eliot. *Reinventing Ritual* is a three-hour, three-part documentary series produced for Vision TV (first aired Oct. 2003). I was interviewed in Halifax on various women's rituals in diverse religions.
- (1997) Co-author with Evelyn Bekor Brook, Marilyn Bicher; co-producer; and participant. *Untying the Bonds...Jewish Divorce*. (This film is accompanied by a guidebook of the same title). Dir. Francine Zuckerman. Montreal: Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get.
- (1989) Consultant and participant, *Half the Kingdom*. Dirs. Francine Zuckerman and Roushell Goldstein. National Film Board of Canada. *Half the Kingdom* won the Red Ribbon Award (Category: Philosophy and Religion, Individuals and Communities), 33rd American Film and Video Festival, Philadelphia, 1991. It remains one of the classics of Jewish documentaries and is one of the very few focused on feminism. It is used in many courses across North America and has been recommended by the National Jewish Film Institute and by the Jewish Theological Seminary's series for a library collection of the classics in Jewish representation. The film is accompanied by a guidebook of the same title, which I co-authored with Francine Zuckerman and Roushell Goldstein.

Reviews

- (2009) Review of *Be Fruitful and Multiply*, director/producer Shosh Shlam. DVD (First Run Icarus Films, 2005). *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*. 38.1: 212–214. R
- (2001) Review of *Voices of the Matriarchs: Listening to the Prayers of Early Modern Jewish Women*, by Chava Weissler. *Polin Yearbook 14*. Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization. 385–387.
- (1998) Review of *Found Treasures: Stories by Yiddish Women Writers*, eds. Freida Foreman, Ethel Raicus, Sarah Silberstein Swartz and Margie Wolf. *Canadian Jewish Studies*. 6:103–105
- (1993) Review of *Religion and Culture in Canadian Family Law*, by John Syrtash. *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*. 22.3: 392.
- (1986) Review of *Canadian Jewish Women of Today: Who's Who of Canadian Jewish Women*, ed. Edmond Y. Lipsitz. *Religious Studies Review*. 12.2: 177.

Work in progress

“The Silenced Diaspora: the Iraqi Jews of Montreal.”

“Sambusak: Memory and Nostalgia performing minority identity.”

“Hair Covering and Head Coverings: Gender practices in Judaism.” In preparation for Jewish Law Association.

From Baghdad to Montreal: A journey in gender, identity and foodways. This ethnographic monograph of the Iraqi Jewish immigration to Montreal will describe what happens to a small group of families in the course of its migration from a place of terror to one of safety. As the community re-established itself along some traditional and some new lines, its adjustments to a new life included a valued heritage, strong social bonds, and a sense of pride in an age-old identity. The transitions that take place are viewed through the foods shared and celebrated, as the community pride is sustained and transformed. This study is based on my years of research funded by Concordia's Chair in Canadian Jewish Studies as well as several SSHRC research grants.

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS

- (2018) Keynote, AGIC, Concordia University
- (2018) “The minefield of Caregiving,” Keynote, Caregivers Conference. Cummings Centre.
- (2018) Memory Narrative and Oral History, Panel Discussion at Dawson College, Peace Week.
- (2017) “A Woman’s Place: Faith-Based Changemakers”, Presenter. PBS and Dorshei Emet.
- (2017) Witnessing Women: Holocaust, Genocide and Memory, Chair, Azrieli Foundation and Concordia University.
- (2017) Presentation of: *A Slim Peace*, Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies.
- (2017) Jewish Law and the Modern State: Divorce in Canada. Yale Jewish Law Student’s conference.
- (2016) Women, Rights and Religion, Calgary. SSHRC supported. Morny Joy.
- (2016) AIS, Jerusalem. “Teaching Israel Studies: tools and methods: Gender, War and Film.”
- (2015) AJS Conference, Boston, “Sambusak Sundays: Iraqi Jews reinvent Baghdadi Life.”
- (2015) “Hair Coverings: A Sign of Marriage or Humility?” University of Toronto: Conference of Jewish Law Association.
- (2015) “Silenced and Awakened: Iraqi Jews of Montreal,” Sephardic North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Communities in North America. Dahan Centre, Bar Ilan University @ Concordia.
- (2014) “The Silencing of Iraqi Jews: Migration to Montreal,” MIGRATIONS JUIVES CONTEMPORAINES, CIRCULATIONS ET ANCRAGES, UQAM.
- (2013) “Balancing Act/ Orthodoxy & Feminism: an Activist and Scholar Speaks” and “Food and Identity: Searching for Sephardic patterns” keynote addresses at The Foundation for Jewish Studies conference, Washington DC.
- (2013) “And Hannah Cried: Women, Prayer and Creating Community” keynote address at the Global Day of Jewish Learning.
- (2011) “Finding Our Way: Immigration and cultural continuity through foodways.” SSHRC funded Symposium on History Memory and Jewish Identity. Concordia University, May 11.
- (2010) “Reflexivity, Ambiguity and Everyday Ritual Actions: Reflections on Canadian fieldwork experiences and findings.” Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. May 30–31.
- (2010) “Reflexivity in the Classroom: The practices of self-location in teaching and learning.” Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. May 30–31.
- (2010) “Hair Covering and Head Coverings: Gender practices in Judaism.” Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. May 30–31.
- (2009) “From Baghdad to Montreal: Disruptions in food patterns.” American Academy of Religion. Montreal, November 5–10.
- (2009) “The Silence of a Diaspora Community: The Iraqi Jews of Montreal.” Community-University Research Alliance, Concordia University, conference. Montreal, November 5.
- (2008) “Jewish Attitudes towards Children.” Children in World Religions conference. Morocco.
- (2008) “Civil Solutions to Religious Problems.” Hadassah Brandeis Institute Conference: Gender, Culture Religion and Law. Untying the Knots. April 15.
- (2006) “Rabbi Judah Henkin: Gender and modernity in responsa.” Association of Jewish Studies. San Diego, Dec. 19.
- (2006) “From Baghdad to Montreal: Food, gender and ethnic identity.” Hurst Seminar on Jewish Immigration in the 20th Century. Ben Gurion University. Ber Sheva, Israel, May 23–25.
- (2006) “Jewish Orthodox Feminism: Agunah challenges.” Gender, Religion, and Society. Bar Ilan University. Tel Aviv, Israel, May 21-22.
- (2006) “Feeding an Identity: Food, Gender and Ethnic Identity.” Canadian Anthropology Society conference. May 9.
- (2005) “Jewish Women’s Prayer Groups and Rabbinical Politics.” Canadian Society for the Study of Religion conference. May.
- (2005) “Divorce in Judaism: The case for a feminist Judaism.” Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance. Brandeis University, March 14.

- (2004) "Food Gifts- Female Gift Givers: A taste of Jewishness." American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November.
- (2004) "Elyse Goldstein: Outspoken Canadian rabbi." Conference on Sermons, Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies. Fall.
- (2002) "Sephardic Rabbinic Decisions and Modernity." Association for Jewish Studies. California.
- (2002) "Jewish Divorce in Canada." American Academy of Religion. Toronto, November.
- (2001) "Women's Prayer Groups: Resistance or Accommodation." American Academy of Religion. November.
- (2000) "The Agunah Controversy." 4th International Scholarly Exchange: Studying Jewish Women in the UK. Brandeis University, December 10.
- (2000) "Jewish Orthodoxy, Tradition and Art." Barnard College, March 30.
- (2000) "Constructing Women's Voices in Contemporary Jewish Texts." National Women's Studies Association, June.
- (2000) "Facing the Agony of the Agunah." Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women, Brandeis University. April 10.
- (2000) "Mainstreaming Gender Issues into University Jewish Studies Courses." Gender Issues and Adult Jewish Education conference, Brandeis University. March.
- (2000) "Disruption in the Food Chain: Iraqi Jewish women recapture Baghdad." Association for Jewish Studies. December.
- (1999) "Jewish Survival: Education's dominion in the twentieth century." At the Cutting Edge of Jewish Studies Conference, McGill University. Montreal, May.
- (1999) "Gender and Modernity as Interpreted in Responsa." Herut: Jewish Women and Freedom conference. Yale University. April 16–18.
- (1998) "Disruptions in the Food Chain: Iraqi Jewish identity." European Jewish Studies Association. Toledo, Spain, July (and AJS December).
- (1998) "Iraqi Jewish Mothers and Daughters." A Heritage in Transition, York University, Centre for Jewish Studies. June.
- (1998) "Ritual Law and Praxis: Bat Mitzva celebrations." Religious Lives of American Jewish Women Conference, Temple University. Philadelphia, April.
- (1998) "Hair Distractions in Responsa." Judaism and Islam Conference. Denver, March.
- (1998) "Women in the Orthodox Synagogue." Judaism and Islam Conference. Denver, March.
- (1997) "Jewish Women of Canada." International Research Institute on Jewish Women, Scholarly exchange. December 17–19.
- (1997) "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Radical change in responsa." Association of Jewish Studies. Boston, December.
- (1997) "Gender Equality and Responsa literature." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November.
- (1997) "Disruptions in the Food Chain." Mothers and Daughters conference. York University, Centre for Feminist Research. September 28.
- (1996) "Searching for a Women's Voice in Responsa Literature." Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. Boston, December.
- (1996) "Tradition, Modernity and Ritual Law: Bat Mitzva." Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Learned Societies. Brockton, May.
- (1996) "Gender and Modernity: Rabbi Moses Feinstein's separatist agenda." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. New Orleans.
- (1995) "Those (Over) Confident Women: Heretical insiders in Rabbi Moshe Feinstein's responsa." Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference. December 17.
- (1995) "Pedagogy, Praxis and Process: On teaching gender and religion," panel coordinator and presenter. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Learned Societies. June 1.
- (1994) "The Jewish Community and Canadian Law." Chair in Quebec and Canadian Jewish Studies conference. May.

- (1994) Respondent, “Women and Ritual” three workshops. American Academy of Religion, International Eastern Region. April.
- (1993) “Centrality and Marginality: Women in the covenant.” Jewish Women’s Voices, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education conference. Toronto.
- (1993) “Feminism Transforming Religious Life.” Jewish Women’s Voices. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education conference. Toronto.

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCE PANEL PARTICIPANT

- (2019) Library and Archives Canada panel celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Bomberg Talmud

- (2016) JOFA, Panel: Canadian approaches to Jewish Divorce. Panel Discussion, OWOW, NYC.
- (2015) University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, Lecture:
 “Contemporary Cultural Practices of Jews.”
- (2015) Keynote, Atlantic Council Film Festival, “The Shame of Jewish Divorce.”
- (2014) Demonic to Divine: The Double Life of Shulamis Yelin”, Gilah Yelin Hirsch, Nancy Marrelli, Norma Joseph and Laurence Kirmayer, M.D.
- (2013) “Keynote Address,” Brave New World, Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, Concordia.
- (2012) “The Issues between Religion and Civil Law that Arise in a Modern Democracy.”
 McGill University international course on Religious Minorities and Human Rights.
 Montreal, July and again in 2013.
- (2007) “Staying and Becoming Jewish.” Carlton University, December 13.
- (2006) Keynote Address, “Food Gender and Religious Authority.” International Women’s week, Nipissing University, March 6.
- (2006) “Women in Judaism.” Dialogue, Montreal, January 19.
- (2005) “Orthodox and Feminist.” Jewish Women Changing America, Barnard Center for Research on Women, October 22.
- (2005) “Eating Jewish: Are we what we eat?” Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, September.
- (2005) “Jewish History: Women as the Missing Picture.” Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, March.
- (2004) “Anti-Semitism on the University Campus.” American University, March 17–18.
- (2004) “A Daughter’s Kaddish.” The Scholar’s Program, Hebrew College, Boston February.
- (2004) “Women Studying Responsa.” The Scholar’s Program, Hebrew College, Boston February.
- (2003) “Women in Orthodoxy.” Conference on the Changing Role of Women in the American Jewish Religious Life, Wayne State University, May.
- (2003) “Rupture and Recapture: Immigration and Identity in the Iraqi Community.” Colloque International identités sépharades et modernité, May.
- (2003) “Otherness in Rabbi Ovadia Yosef’s Responsa.” Association of Jewish Studies, Boston.
- (2003) “Is Jewish Divorce Practice Abusive.” Jewish Women International First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community, Baltimore, July.
- (2003) “Reading Responsa with a Feminist Lens.” Transformations: Jewish Women Scholars, Hebrew College, Boston, February.
- (2002) “Abortion and Birth Control in Jewish Law.” Harvard, February.

- (2002) "Telling the Story with Women in It: A Canadian challenge." UBC, February.
- (2002) "Food Gender and Cultural Identity." UBC, February.
- (2000) "Transformations from Within." Arizona State University, Nov.
- (2000) "Modern Orthodoxy Challenged." Arizona State University, Nov.
- (2000) "When is Change Not Change," Feminism and Orthodoxy, Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance conference.
- (1998) "Responsa of Rabbi Moses Feinstein; III," third of a three seminar series for MA'AYAN Institute, Boston (Fall 1996, Spring 1997 and Fall 1998).
- (1998) "Jewish Women and the Law." Conference on Jewish Women's Response, Boston University, April.
- (1997) "Divorce Abuse." National Conference on Domestic Violence in the Jewish Family, Brandeis University, Boston, April.
- (1997) "Gender and Holocaust Studies." Kleinman Foundation and Montreal Holocaust Centre, John Abbot College, April.
- (1997) "Responsa of Rabbi Moses Feinstein; II," second of a three seminar series for MA'AYAN Institute, Boston (Fall 1996, Spring 1997 and Fall 1998).
- (1997) "Gender Issues in Israel." Boston University, February.
- (1996) "A Jewish Feminist Scenario." Creating the Jewish Future, York University. October.
- (1996) "Responsa of Rabbi Moses Feinstein; I," first of a three seminar series for MA'AYAN Institute, Boston (Fall 1996, Spring 1997 and Fall 1998).
- (1995) "Women Reading Biblical Women." Craigie Memorial Lecture, Calgary University, October 23.
- (1995) "You Don't Know Me by My Title: Self Identities and Modern Jewish Feminism." Irving and Regina Rosen Lecture, Queens University, November 7.
- (1995) "Modern Judaism." Kerem Institute, Hebrew College, Boston.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2017-2020 SSHRC: Collaborator on grant to study Jewish divorce in Canada with researchers at Carlton University. Title of grant, "Troubling Orthopraxies: A Study of Jewish Divorce in Canada."
- 2015-18 FAS, Research funding for "From Baghdad to Montreal: Iraqi Jews in Montreal."
- 2012 Grant proposal with Tristan Landry (primary investigator). Grant application to FQRSC, for "Patrimoine gastronomique et altérites alimentaires." This is intended to be an investigation into how national cuisine adapts and accommodates individual ethnic cuisine, particularly in Quebec. (Not accepted)
- 2008 - 2011 Community-University Research Alliance (CURA), Principal investigator Steven High, "Life Stories of Montrealers displaced by war genocide and other human rights violations"; co-investigator, Norma Joseph, "Iraqi Jews and their traumatic experiences," \$7,900; over-all grant was for \$1,000,000.
- 2007 - 2008 UNICEF and Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), "Children in World Religions," Principal investigator, Patrice Brodeur (Université de Montreal); co-investigator, Norma Joseph "Children in Judaism." Grant for travel to Morocco and accommodations.
- 2003 - 2007 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada standard grant #2 for project "From Baghdad to Montreal: Food Gender and Ethnic Identity." 3 years with a one year deferral; \$67,057
- 2000 - 2003 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada standard grant for project "From Baghdad to Montreal: Food Gender and Ethnic Identity." 3 years; \$70,070.
- 2000 - 2003 FCAR (Quebec) grant for "As Tradition Meets Modernity: Jewish Legal Texts and Gender," 3years, \$43,735.

- 2000 FCAR (Quebec) equipment grant, for as Tradition., for the purchase of computers \$11,300
- 2000 (May) Concordia University General research funds grant to travel to Israel for research on the project "From Baghdad to Montreal: Food Gender and Ethnic Identity"; \$2,958
- 1999 - 2000 Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women, Brandeis University, Scholar-in-Residence; \$15,000(USD)
- 1997 Co-applicant with Marilyn Bicher and Evelyn Brook; Multiculturalism Canadian Heritage and Status of Women plus private donations, "Untying the Bonds... Jewish Divorce," a Documentary film and study guide; \$45,000
- 1995 Concordia University, "Audio Visual Resources for the Teaching of Religion; Phase II," Leslie Orr (principal investigator), Norma Joseph (co-investigator), one year; \$2,300.
- 1993 Heritage Canada/Chair in Quebec and Canadian Jewish Studies, "From Baghdad to Montreal: The adaptation and integration of Iraqi Jewish Women," one year; \$15,000.
- 1992 Released June 1995; Faculty Research Development Program (FRDP), Start-up Research Grant, "As Tradition Meets Modernity: Jewish Legal Texts and Gender"; one year; \$16,044
- 1992 (Sept.) FRDP equipment grant, "As Tradition Meets Modernity: Jewish Legal Texts and Gender"; \$2,600

University-wide curriculum and pedagogic development

Women in Religion specialization

Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies. Founder and active in the realization of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies. This a multi-disciplinary research institute bringing together researchers and students from different department of the Faculty of Arts and Science in a dynamic and stimulating environment. Our members and affiliated faculty will be eligible for funding, for seminar series to promote their research and interactions and to support their student initiatives. Co-Director with Csaba Nikolenyi of Political Science 2011–.

Food Studies Minor. Since 2008 I and Rhona Richman Keneally of the Department of Design and Computation Arts have been working on developing this minor, which is not yet in place. There is a multi-disciplinary food studies core at Concordia. Students (at all levels of study) ready to focus on food studies now have access to numerous faculty from diverse disciplines doing research in the area.

Institute of Canadian Jewish Studies. I was active in forwarding the establishment of this body since it was first proposed and I was charged with convening the Institute until we could hire a Chair (1994-1997). Focus on the Canadian Jewish experience has led to new courses that engage many of us who teach modern Jewish history.

Outreach, bringing the university into the non-academic community:

a selection of some of the chapters, articles, invited lectures & papers, and lecture series I have offered to the public

(2010) "Bat Mitzvah: Historical and Halakhic Aspects." Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance Journal. 9.1: 4–5, 49.

(2009) "Why Do I Need a Jewish Divorce?" Document prepared in collaboration with the Jewish Women International of Canada.

(2003) "God's Redemption: Memory and Gender on Passover." The Women's Passover Companion: Women's Reflections on the Festival of Freedom. Ed. Sharon Cohn Ainsfeld, Tara Mohr, Catherine Spector. Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishing. 32–37.

SERVICE TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

- 2011– Founder and Co-director of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies. Instigated the concept and sought funding for the establishment of an institute dedicated to promote research on the study of Israel, its culture, languages and history at Concordia.
- 2008– Food Studies minor, in development (together with Rhona Richman Keneally of the Department of Design and Computation Arts). Available to students of all levels, this multi-disciplinary core of interest brings together Concordia faculty from such diverse disciplines as General Studies, Engineering; Anthropology; Religion; Design & Computation; Marketing.

Editorial activities

- 1997 Women in Judaism, peer-reviewed electronic journal, editorial board
- 1995– Journal of Religion and Culture, Concordia Religion Department Graduate journal, faculty advisory
- 2002 Article reviewer for *Nashim*
- 2009- Cuizine: The Journal of Canadian Food Cultures. Editorial Advisory Board
- 2016- Studies in Judaism, Humanities and the Social Sciences

Media, culture

- 2004– Columnist, Canadian Jewish News

Outreach, bringing the university into the non-academic community

My own success in academic work has led me to become a specialist in the Jewish community too. Known as a scholar, I am asked to lecture and volunteer frequently. Together with colleagues, I have founded community organizations and furthered the goals of others. I have taught and challenged, advocated and tutored. I also write a column for the national Canadian Jewish News. In all these venues I am known as a Concordia professor.

Social action

Founder Montreal Women's Tefilah Group

Founder Women of the Wall and Original Women of the Wall

Founder, consultant and VP: Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get

- 2006-2008 Board of advisors, Kol Isha: A Feminist House of Study
- 2005-2008 Consultant, Auberge Shalom, Shelter for Jewish women
- 2008 Member, Jewish Community task force, Jewish identity
- 2006 National board member, Canadian Jewish Congress
- 2005– Trustee, Canadian Jewish Congress Charities
- 1997-2004 Board member, Edah (a modern Orthodox funding and programming organization)
- 1996– Board member Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance
- 1992-2000 Founder and President, International Committee for Agunah Rights (ICAR)
- 1989-2009 Director, International Committee for Women at the Kotel
- 1987– Founding member and on-going Vice President, Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get
- 1982 Founder of Montreal Women's Prayer Group