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DATE OF BIRTH: October 3, 1946

PLACE OF BIRTH: Stuttgart, Germany

EDUCATION:

B.A. (cum laude) Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 1966
M.Sc. London School of Economics, 1968
Ph.D. Princeton University, 1976

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

1972 to present: Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

- 2002- Charles Northam Professor of History, Trinity College
- Directed Jewish Studies Program 2011-2013
 - Chair, History Department 2004-2006
 - Developed Guided Studies Program in the Humanities
 - Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2016-2018 Visiting Professor, Dartmouth College

January-May 2016 Irene Kronhill Visiting Scholar, YIVO Institute, New York

June 2015 Visiting Lecturer, International Yiddish Research Seminar, Tel Aviv University

May, June 2013. Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Spring Semester 2013. Joseph Shier Distinguished Visiting Professor,
University of Toronto

Spring Semester 2009 Leon E. Mirell Visiting Professor, Harvard
University

Summer 2004 Visiting Lecturer, International Yiddish Research
Seminar. Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University

Spring Semester 2002 Visiting Professor of History, Princeton
University

Spring Semester 1998 Visiting Professor of History, Jewish Theological
Seminary

1993, 1995, 2002 Project Judaica Visiting Professor of Jewish History
Moscow Humanities University, Moscow, Russia

1990, 1995, 2002 Visiting Professor of History, University
of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

1990 Lady Davis Visiting Professor of History, Hebrew
University, Jerusalem, Israel

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Students, Professors, and the State in Tsarist Russia: 1884-1917,
University of California Press, 1989

Between Tsar and People: the Search for a Public Identity in Tsarist Russia,
Edith Clowes, Samuel Kassow, James West eds. Princeton University Press, 1991

The Distinctive Life of East European Jewry YIVO, 2004

Who will Write our History: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive Indiana
University Press, 2007 Reissued by Random House in 2009. Winner of Orbis Prize of American
Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies. Finalist for 2008 National Jewish Book Award .
Has appeared in German, French, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Swedish, Hebrew, Polish. With
support from the NEH Roberta Grossman and Nancy Spielberg made a movie, WHO WILL
WRITE OUR HISTORY, which was released in 2019.

Listen and Believe: The Ghetto Reportage of Peretz Opoczynski and Jozeph Zelkowicz Samuel Kassow ed. (Yale University Press 2015)

The Posen Anthology of Modern Jewish Culture, Volume Nine, Samuel Kassow and David Roskies eds. (Yale University Press: 2020)

In Progress

Chapters One and Two of Havi Dreyfuss, Samuel Kassow, David Silberklang, Jan Grabowski, Barbara Engelking History of the Holocaust in Poland to be published by Yad Vashem, Jerusalem in 2023

"Culture in the Holocaust", Marion Kaplan and Natalia Aleksun eds. The Cambridge History of the Holocaust

Rachel Auerbach, Warsaw Testimonies. I am translating and annotating these Warsaw Ghetto memoirs from the Yiddish and writing an introduction. This will be published by the National Yiddish Book Center in 2022.

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS:

"The Mother-City of Jewish Public life: "Zalmen Reyzen's Image of Interwar Vilna", David Roskies and Gitana Vanagaite eds. Reading Vilna in Jewish Writing and Urban History, Vilnius 2022

"Like Trees Marked for Cutting: the Jewish Struggle for Survival in Nazi Occupied Poland", Yad Vashem Studies, Volume 48:1, 2020

"A Tale of Three Ghettos", Shofar, Volume 36, No. 1, 2018

"The Interwar Gallery", Antony Polonsky, Hanna Wegrzynek and Andrzej Zbikowski eds. New Directions in the History of Jews in the Polish Lands, Boston 2018

"The Nineteenth Century Gallery", Antony Polonsky, Hanna Wegrzynek and Andrzej Zbikowski eds. New Directions in the History of Jews in the Polish Lands, Boston 2018

"The Holocaust", Cambridge History of Modern Judaism, Cambridge University Press, 2017

"Comments in Honor of Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett's Marshall Sklare Award". Studies in Contemporary Jewry, Volume 36, No. 1, 2016

"The Historiography of the Bund". Polin. Volume 28. 2016.

"On the Jewish Street: 1918-1939" in Barbara Kirschenblatt-Gimblett and Antony Polonsky eds. Polin: 1000 Year History of Polish Jews, Warsaw 2015

"The Warsaw Ghetto in the Writings of Rachel Auerbach". Glen Dynner and Francois Guesnet eds. Warsaw, the Jewish Metropolis: Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of Antony Polonsky. Brill, 2015.

"Documenting Catastrophe: The Ringelblum Archive and the Warsaw Ghetto" in Norman Goda ed. Jewish Histories of the Holocaust: New Transnational Approaches. Berghahn. 2014.

"It was a pleasant and sunny day". Yad Vashem Studies, Volume 41:1, 2013

"Introduction" to The Chronicle of the Kovno Ghetto Police, Indiana University Press and United States Memorial Holocaust Museum, 2014

"Emanuel Ringelblum et le projet Oneg Shabes" in Christian Jacob ed. Lieux de Savoir: les mains de l'Intellect, Paris, Albin Michel, 2011

"Introduction" to Mordecai Lensky, A Physician Inside the Warsaw Ghetto, Yad Vashem, 2009

"Introduction" in Robert Shapiro and Tadeusz Epsztein eds. The Warsaw Ghetto: Oneg Shabes Ringelblum Archive Catalogue and Guide, Indiana University Press, 2010

"New Questions about the Last Ghetto: the Case of Lodz" Yad Vashem Studies, Volume 35, 2008

"The Jewish Landkentenish Society in Interwar Poland" in Anna Lipphardt, Alexandra Nocke and Julia Brauch eds. Jewish Topographies: Traditions of Place, Visions of Space, Ashgate, 2008

"Shtetl" and "Jewish Historiography in Eastern Europe" Two master articles in Encyclopedia of East European Jewry, Yale University Press(2008)

Articles on "Emanuel Ringelblum"; "Rachel Auerbach"; "Adam Czerniakow"; "Mordecai Anielewicz", "Left Poalei Tsiyon" in Encyclopedia of East European Jewry, Yale University Press(2008)

"Introduction" in Steven Katz. ed. The Shtetl and Jewish Culture(New York University Press, 2007)

"The Interwar Shtetl in Poland" in Steven Katz. ed. The Shtetl and Jewish Culture(New York University Press, 2007)

"Emanuel Ringelblum and Jewish Society", Michael, Institute of Diaspora Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2004

"The Uniqueness of Jewish Vilna", in Larisa Lempertiene ed. Vilniaus Zydu intelektualinis gyvenimas(Vilnius, 2004)

"W Sluzbie Historii: Przypadek Emanuela Ringelbluma" in Eleonora Bergman and Olga Zienkiewicz eds. Zydzi Warszawy, (Warsaw, 2003)

"A Stone under History's Wheel", Pakentrager, Winter, 2003

"Polish-Jewish relations in the writings of Emanuel Ringelblum", in Joshua Zimmerman ed. Contested Memories: Polish-Jewish relations during the Second World War, Rutgers University Press, 2003

"The Genius of Place: Remembering Dina Abramowicz", Pakentrager, Spring 2002

"Rachel Auerbach" in Lillian Kremer ed. Encyclopedia of Holocaust Literature Routledge, 2002

"Der Bund", Oyfn Shvel, January, 2000

"The Left Poalei Tsiyon and Yiddish Culture in Interwar Poland", in Michael Krutikov and Gennadi Estrakh eds. Yiddish and the Left, Oxford Studies in Yiddish, 2001

"Emanuel Ringelblum y los archivos 'Oneg Shabes'", Reflexiones sobre el significado del Holocausto: Acta Sociologica, 1999, Nos. 26-27

"The Left Poalei Tsiyon in Interwar Poland" in Zvi Gitelman ed. Bundism and Zionism Between the Two Wars, (Pittsburgh University Press, 2003)

"Two Ghetto Diaries: Emanuel Ringelblum and Herman Kruk" in Robert Shapiro ed. Individualizing the Holocaust, Ktav, 1999

"The Russian Professor: Scholar or Civil Servant?" in Harley Balzer ed. Professions in Tsarist Russia. M.E. Sharpe, 1995

"The Russian University Statute of 1863" in John Bushnell and Ben Eklof eds. Russia's Great Reforms, Indiana University Press, 1994 pp. 247-263

"Di gezelschaftlikhe tetigkayt fun Zalmen Reyzen" Yivo Bleter, Volume 2, 1994, pp. 67-97

"Universitetskii Ustav 1863ogo Goda: Novaia Tochka Zreniia" in Larissa G. Zakharova ed. Velikie Reformy v Rossii 1856-1871 Moscow University Press, 1992, pp. 317-334

"Jewish Communal Politics in Transition: the Vilna Kehile, 1919-1920" Yivo Annual, Northwestern University Press 1991, pp. 61-91

"The Problem of the Middle in Late Imperial Russian Society" and "Russia's Unrealized Civil Society" in Between Tsar and People, Princeton University Press, 1991, pp. 3-14, 367-371

"Di politishe tetigkayt fun der ershter demokratischer yidisher kehile in Vilne: 1919-1920", Oyfn Shvel, Winter, 1990

"The Shtetl in Transition", Stephen M. Cohen and Deborah Dash Moore eds. Jewish Settlement and Community in the Modern Western World Susquehanna University Press, 1990, pp. 56-92

"Community and Identity in the Interwar Shtetl" in Yisrael Gutman, Khone Shmeruk, Ezra Mendelsohn and Jehuda Reinharz eds. The Jews of Poland Between the Two Wars New England University Press, 1989, pp. 198-220

"Soviet Jewry and American Aid"
Conservative Judaism, Summer 1980, pp. 79-84

"Trotsky and the Bulletin of the Opposition: a Study of the Left in the 1930's"
Studies in Comparative Communism, Summer 1977, pp. 184-197

"State and University in Tsarist Russia: 1907-1914"
Slavic and European Education Review, Fall, 1977

REVIEWS:

Review of Nancy Sinkoff, *From Left to Right: Lucy Dawidowicz, the New York Intellectuals and the Politics of Jewish History* to appear in the Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs

Review of Lukasz Krzyzanowski, Ghost Citizens: Jewish Return to a Postwar City, to appear in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Winter, 2021

Reviews of Ido Bassok, Tehiyat ha-neurim: mishpakha ve-hinukh be yahadut Polin bein milhamot ha-olam(Revival of Youth: Family and Education among interwar Polish Jewry);

Kamil Kijek, Dzieci modernizmu: Świadomość, kultura i socjalizacja młodzieży żydowskiej w II Rzeczypospolitej(Children of Modernism: The Consciousness Culture and Political Socialization of Jewish Youth in the Second Polish Republic), Studies in Contemporary Jewry: An Annual, XXXI, 2020

Review of Douglas Irvin-Erickson, Raphael Lemkin and the Concept of Genocide, The Polish Review, 2020, Volume 65, No. 2

Review of Sam Sokol, Putin's Hybrid War Against the Jews: Antisemitism, Propaganda and the Displacement of Ukrainian Jewry, The Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, 2019, Volume 13, No. 3

Review of David Fishman, The Book Smugglers: Partisans, Poets and the Race to Save Jewish Treasures from the Nazis, American Historical Review, October 2019

Review of Omer Bartov, Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz. Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Winter, 2019

Review of David Silberklang, Gates of Tears: the Holocaust in the Lublin District. Richard Coehn ed. Place in Modern Jewish Culture and Society, Studies in Contemporary Jewry, Volume 30, 2018

Review of Masha Gessen, Where the Jews Aren't: the Sad and Absurd Story of Birobidzhan, Russia's Jewish Autonomous Region. Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs. 2017, Vol. 11, No. 2

Review of Rachel Feldhay Brenner, The Ethics of Witnessing: The Holocaust in Polish Writers' Diaries from Warsaw 1939-1945. Slavic Review. Summer 2016.

Review of Laura Jokusch, Collect and Record! Jewish Holocaust Documentation in Early Postwar Europe. American Historical Review, 2014, No. 1

Review of David Slucki, The International Jewish Labor Bund After 1945, Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, 2013, Volume 7, No. 1

Review of Alan Rosen, The Wonder of Their Voices: the 1946 Holocaust Interviews of David Boder, Biography, 2012, No. 2

Review of Daniel Blatman, The Death Marches: the Final Phase of Nazi Genocide, War and History, July 2012

Review of John Klier, Russians, Jews and the Pogroms of 1881-1882 Slavic Review, Summer, 2012

Review of *The Yad Vashem Encyclopedia of the Ghettos during the Holocaust*, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Summer 2012

Review of Brian Horwitz, Jewish Philanthropy and Enlightenment in Late Imperial Russia, Slavic Review, Spring 2011

Review of Jack Jacobs, Bundist Counterculture in Interwar Poland, East European Jewish Affairs, August 2010

"A Tale of Two Cities" (Review Article on Lodz Ghetto), The New Republic, May 6, 2009

Review of Ela Bauer, Between Poles and Jews: the Development of Nahum Sokolov's Political Thought, Slavic Review Summer, 2007

Review of Sean Martin, Jewish Life in Cracow 1918:1939, Association for Jewish Studies Review, 2008

Review of Joshua Zimmerman, Poles, Jews, and the Politics of Nationality, American Historical Review, February 2005.

Review of Stephen Paulsson, The Hidden Jews of Warsaw, Journal of Modern History, June, 2005

Review of Herman Kruk, The Last Days of Jerusalem of Lithuania to appear in Polin, Volume 17, 2005

Review of Peter Konecny Builders and Deserters: Students State and Community in Leningrad, 1917-1941 Journal of Social History, Winter, 2003

Review of Larry Holmes Stalin's School: Moscow School No.25, Slavic Review, Spring 2002

Review of David Wartenweiler, Civil Society and Academic Debate in Russia., American Historical Review Spring 2001

Review of Michael David Fox, Revolution of the Mind: Higher Learning among the Bolsheviks 1918-1929, Slavic Review, Winter, 1999

Review of James West and Iurii Petrov eds. Merchant Moscow: Images of Russia's Vanished Bourgeoisie, Russian Review, Spring, 2000

Review of Regina Renz, Spolecznosci Malomiasteczkowe w Wojewodztwie Kieleckim 1918-1939 in Polin, 1998

Review of Krzysztof Urbanski, Kieleccy Zydzi, in Polin , 1998

Review of Adina Cimet, Ashkenazy Jews in Mexico: Ideologies in the Structuring of a Community, Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos, December 1996

Review of Christine Ruane,
Gender, Class and the Professionalization of Russian City Teachers 1860-1914
in American Historical Review, October, 1996

Review of Yaacov Roi ed. Jews and Jewish Life in Russia and the Soviet Union in Slavic Review, October, 1996

Review of Shimon Redlich, Tekhiya al Tnai in Studies in Contemporary Jewry, 1995

Review of YIVO ANNUAL: VOLUME 21 in Slavic Review, Winter 1994

Review of Timothy Wiles ed. Poland Between the Wars: 1918-39 in Slavic Review, Spring 1993

Review of Stephen Corrsin, Warsaw Before the First World War in Slavic Review, Spring 1993

Review of Daniella Neumann,
Studentinnen aus dem Russischen Reich in der Schweiz(1867- 1914)
in Canadian-American Slavic Studies, No. 2, 1993

Review of R.G. Eimontova, Russkie Universitety na grani dvukh epokh
in Jahrbuecher fuer Geschichte Osteuropas, 1992, Vol. 3

Review of James Flynn, The University Reform of Tsar Alexander I, 1802-1835
in History of Education Quarterly, September, 1990

Review of Ezra Mendelsohn, The Jews of East Central Europe between the Two Wars

in Russian Review, Winter, 1986

Review of Silke Spieler, Autonomie oder Reglementierung in Russian Review, Spring 1983

JOURNALISM: (Selected List)

"A Tale of Two Cities", The New Republic, March 9, 2009

"Killers in White Gowns", Forward, October 17, 2003

"The Genius of Place", The Pakentrager, Summer 2001

"Emanuel Ringelblum, der kodosh un historiker", Tsukunft, Summer, 2001

"When Neighbors' Indifference Gave Way to Massacre", Forward, April 20, 2001

"Jewish Life in Vilna", Merian, 1992

"Should Soviet Jews Leave?"
Tikkun, September, 1990

"Can we count on Perestroika?"
Tikkun, November 1988

"After the Crisis"
The Nation, March 8, 1980

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

Thomas Brownell Teaching Prize, Trinity College, 2013
Fellow of American Academy of Jewish Research, 2010-
Trustee Medal for Faculty Excellence, Trinity College, 2005
Summer Research Fellow, US Memorial Holocaust Museum 2004
IREX Travel Grant to Poland 2000
ACLS Grant 1986
IREX Fellowship to Warsaw University 1985
IREX Fellowship to Moscow State University 1978
IREX Fellowship to Leningrad State University 1971-72
Danforth Fellowship 1966
Woodrow Wilson Fellowship 1966
Fulbright Scholarship to UK 1966

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

2015 to present: Academic Advisory Board, Fortunoff Video Archive, Yale University

2010 to 2014 -head of Holocaust Section, Association of Jewish Studies

2009 to present-Academic Advisory Board, Center for Jewish History

2006 to present-co-editor(with David Roskies) of Volume IX of Posen Library of Modern Jewish Civilization

2005 to present-Lead Scholar for Two Galleries, Museum of the History of Polish Jews

2003-2007-Consulting editor, YIVO Encyclopedia of East European Jewry

2002- YIVO EPYC Program for the teaching of East European Jewish History

1993, 1995 Lecturer, Nahum Goldmann Leadership Seminars in Jewish Studies, Zvenigorod, Russia

1989-1991 Chief Consultant, University of Connecticut Polish-Jewish Archives Project

1989, 1990 Academic Leader, Smithsonian Institution Study Tour of Poland

TEACHING AREAS:

Modern Jewish history
Russian and Soviet history
Holocaust
Modern German history
Modern European history
Modern European Intellectual history

LANGUAGES: English, Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Polish, German, French

SCHOLARLY TALKS:(selected list since 2000)

Keynote speaker at "Rokhl Oyerbakh: the Bridge between Wartime and Postwar testimony".
Conference at Yale University, November 3, 4, 2019

"Dos Amolike Yidishe Varshe". Three lectures delivered in Yiddish, Center for Jewish History, New York, New York, July 2016

"Jewish Wartime Writing". Master Seminar. University of Florida Gainesville. May 2016.

"The Train Leaves the Station: the challenges of modernity in museum space" ;

"The Interwar Gallery: Stories of Hopes and Disappointments"; talks at International Conference to mark the Opening of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, May 2015

"Polish Jewish History and Museum Space". Annual Taube Lecture. Stanford University. March 2015

"Warsaw as a Jewish Metropolis". University of California, Berkeley. March 2015

"Collect Everything: the Secret Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto" Paper for conference on "The Heritage of the Holocaust in Jewish Archives", Simon Wiesenthal Center, Vienna, June 2013

"Rachel Auerbach and the Memory of the Holocaust", Paper for conference on History before Memory, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, June 2013

"Warsaw in Modern Jewish History", Schier Lecture, University of Toronto, March 2013

"Yiddish Jewish, Polish Jewish: Language Anxiety in Interwar Poland", Talk presented at Biennial Meeting of American Academy of Jewish Research, Berkeley, California, May 2012

"Visibility and Invisibility in Modern Jewish Studies", Paper given at Annual Meeting of Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC, December 2011

"Simon Dubnow as a Public Intellectual" Paper given in Leipzig for Simon Dubnow Institute November 2010 Conference on "Between People and Nation: On History and Political Thinking in Simon Dubnow's Oeuvre" .

"The Warsaw Ghetto in the Writings of Rachel Auerbach" , paper given at University College London Conference on "Warsaw as a Jewish Metropolis, June 2010"

"Jewish Historiography and Yiddish", Fifth Annual Berkeley Conference on Yiddish, University of California, Berkeley, May, 2007

"Emanuel Ringelblum", Davis Center Seminar on Russian and East European Jewish Studies, Harvard University, February, 2007

"The Warsaw Ghetto in the Writings of Rachel Auerbach", Annual Conference of Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC, December, 2005

Four Lectures given in Third International Yiddish Research Seminar, Tel Aviv University, June 2005

"Problems and Issues in Jewish Politics in Interwar Poland", Jewish Studies Lecture, Yale University, October 2004

Pell Lectures in Holocaust Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, April 2004

"Polish-Jewish Relations in Emanuel Ringelblum's Writings", Conference on Emanuel Ringelblum: the Man and the Historian, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel, March 2004

"The Place of Emanuel Ringelblum in Polish-Jewish Historiography", Colloquium on East European Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2003

"Vilna as a Jewish Civil Society", Conference on Jewish Urban History, Princeton University, April 2002

"Documenting the Holocaust: the Oneg Shabes Archive", New Perspectives on the Holocaust, Princeton University, March 2002

"The Shtetl in Interwar Poland", International Conference on the Shtetl in Jewish History, Boston University, November 2001

"The Left Poalei Tsiyon and Yiddish Culture", Conference on Yiddish Culture in the Modern World, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, October 2001

"The Left Poalei Tsiyon and Yiddish" Oxford Jewish Studies Conference on Yiddish and the Left, All Souls College Oxford, England, July 2000

"Polish-Jewish Relations in the Writings of Emanuel Ringelblum", Conference on Polish-Jewish Relations during the Holocaust and After: New Perspectives, Conference held at Yeshiva University, April, 2000

PUBLIC TALKS: (selected list since 2000)

Jacob Lichter Lecture, University of Cincinnati, November 2010

Esther Cohen Memorial lecture, United States Memorial Holocaust Museum, January 2010

Frederick Schweitzer Lecture, Manhattan College, November 2009

Clara Sumpf Yiddish Lecture, Stanford University, February 2009

Eberhard Faber Memorial Lecture, Princeton University, November 2008

Four Lectures at annual Limmud-Oz Forum, Melbourne Australia, June 2006

"From under the Rubble" Annual Melissa Rosenblatt Memorial Lecture at National Yiddish Book Center, Amherst Massachusetts, May 2003

"Jewish Politics in Interwar Poland"(in Yiddish), Jewish Public Library, Montreal Canada, September 2001