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LSA Collegiate Fellow  
Frankel Center for Judaic Studies  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- LSA Collegiate Fellow in Judaic Studies, University of Michigan **Fall 2019-2021**
- Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Humanities,  
University of Southern California **Fall 2017-August 2019**
- Research Fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, Seminar on “Israeli Histories, Cultures, and Societies: Comparative Perspectives,” University of Michigan **2016-17**

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Brandeis University** **2017**  
Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies  
Dissertation: “Hebrew Scholarship on Islam, 1894-1950”
- M.A. Brandeis University** **2014**  
Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
- M.A. Al-Azhar University (Cairo, Egypt)** **2009**  
Department of Hebrew Language and Literature; Languages and Translation School  
*summa cum laude*  
Thesis: “Islamic Concepts in Works of Contemporary Israeli Scholars of Islam”
- B.A. Al-Azhar University (Cairo, Egypt)** **2003**  
Department of Hebrew Language and Literature; Languages and Translation School  
*summa cum laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judeo-Islamic Studies; Israel/Palestine Studies; Jewish-Muslim Relations; Middle Eastern Studies; Arabic Studies; Islamic Studies

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“Intertwined Landscape: The Integration of Arabo-Islamic Culture in Pre-State Palestine,” *Israel Studies Review*, Vol 33, Issue 2, Autumn 2018: 51-65.

“Arabian Nights, Hebrew Nights: On the Influence of *Alf Laylah wa-Laylah* on the Jewish Culture in Palestine/Israel,” *The Journal of Levantine Studies*, Vol. 8, No.2, Winter 2018: 125-146.

“Scholarship on Islamic Archaeology between Zionism and Arab National Movements,” in *The Muslim Reception of European Orientalism*, ed. Susannah Heschel and Amr Ryad (Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY: Routledge, 2019)

“The Cultural Landscape of the Holy Land,” *The Frankel Institute Annual, Israeli Histories, Societies, and Cultures*, volume 2017, pp 26-29.

“The Integration of Arabo-Islamic Culture into the Emergent Hebrew Culture in Late Ottoman Palestine,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* Vol. 109, No. 3, Summer 2019, pp. 464-469.

“A Palimpsest: On Judeo-Islamic and Israel-Palestine Studies,” in *AJS Perspectives: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies*, (fall 2018), 22-24

## NON-SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“Arabic World Hebrew,” *Mikan Ve'eylakh*, II, 2017, 49-52. (Hebrew)

## MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

*Islam and Jewish Culture in Palestine, 1881-1948* (Under contract with Princeton University Press)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship	2016-17
Fellow at Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University	2011-16
Fulbright Commission on Islamic Studies Program	2011-14

## AWARDS

Nahum and Anne Glatzer Endowed Prize in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis, for the best doctoral dissertation. May 2018.

Crown Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Travel Grant, Brandeis University, Summer 2016

Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship March 2016

Frieda Libby (Levinsky) Prize awarded by Brandeis University for outstanding paper on medieval Jewish and Islamic philosophy titled: "A Glimpse on the Averroesean Impact on Maimonides' Treatise *'The Guide of the Perplexed'*," May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:**

- "A Jerusalemite Jewish Exegete: A Commentary on the first Chapter of the Qur'an" The Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA Dec 15-17, 2019
- "Cosmopolitan and non-Cosmopolitan Jews in Contemporary Arabic Literature in Egypt" in the workshop "Refiguring Loss: Arab/Amazigh Jews in Literature and Film," Williams College, MA April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- "Planting a Culture: Islam and Jews in Pre-state Palestine" in Conversations Across the Humanities, University of Southern California Society of Fellows, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- "Islam and the Creation of a Jewish Culture in Palestine/Israel" The California Working Group on Jews in the Maghrib and the Middle East, USC, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- "Drinking from an Islamicate Well: The Creation of Culture in Jewish Palestine," Luskin Center for History and Policy, UCLA, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- "Hasan, Marcus, and Cohen: Redefining Literary Representations of Jews in Contemporary Egypt," Association for Middle Eastern Studies, Washington DC, December 2017.
- "Intertwined Landscape: On the Integration of Islamicate Culture in the Construction of Jewish Landscape in Palestine/Israel," Association for Israel Studies, Boston, June 2017.
- "David Yellin's Encounter with Arabo-Islamic Culture and the Study of the Land of Palestine," Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, February 11, 2016
- "Abraham Shalom Yehuda and the Integration of Arabic Islamic Culture into the Hebrew Yishuv in Late Ottoman Palestine," for panel "Across the Divides: The Life and Work of Abraham S. Yahuda," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, December 13-15, 2015
- "Leo Mayer's Encounter with Islamic Art and Archaeology in the Holy Land," for conference on "The Reception of European Orientalism in the East: Scholarly Encounters in India and the *Mashriq* during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Dartmouth College, NH, November 14-15, 2015
- "Israel Studies in the Arab World between Two Dictums: 'Whosoever Learns People's Language Avoids Their Plot' and 'Know Your Enemy' for panel "Israel Studies in the Arab World," Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 22-25, 2014

### **PUBLIC LECTURES:**

“The Jewish Perception of the Qur’an and the Prophet Muhammad in the Holy Land,” Casden Institute and the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Southern California, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Islam and Jews in the Holy Land,” The Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, University of California Los Angeles, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

“Reviving the Past: Rethinking the Abrahamic Faiths in the Arabian Nights,” The School of Religion, University of Southern California, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

“The Representation of Jews in the Arabian Nights,” Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

“The Golden Age in Jewish History: Jewish Intellectual, Social, and Literary Achievements from 850 to 1250,” Temple Shalom, Medford, Massachusetts, March 23, 2014

“Undertaking Interfaith Dialogue: Hopes and Challenges,” at the second annual Baptist-Muslim Summit organized by the Islamic Society in North America (ISNA), and the Andover Newton Theological School (ANTS) at the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, MA, December 1, 2012

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS:**

Under the supervision of Jonathan Decter (Brandeis) for a project investigating Judeo-Arabic literature and a project investigating the religious and the cultural relationships between Judaism and Islam as depicted in Islamic heresiographical literature. 2013- 2014

Under the supervision of Ilan Troen (Brandeis) for a project investigating the concept of “land” in medieval and modern Islamic thought and the implication for modern day Palestine/Israel, Fall 2013

Under the supervision of Jonathan Decter (Brandeis) for projects investigating Islamic and Judaic polemic literature and aspects of the culture of Jews in the medieval Islamic world, 2012

### **TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP**

#### *Courses Taught as Primary Instructor*

JUDAIC 318      “Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor      **Winter 2020**

REL 137          “Introduction to Islam,” University of Southern California.      **Summer 2019**

GESM120	“Jews and Arabs in Israel/Palestine,” University of Southern California	<b>Spring 2019</b>
REL 402	Cultural Heritage, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East,” University of Southern California	<b>Spring 2019</b>
REL 114	“The Mediterranean: A Religious History,” University of Southern California	<b>Spring 2018</b>
NELC 2161	“Modern Middle Eastern and Arabic Literature,” Boston College, Department of Slavic and Eastern Languages and Literatures, Boston College	<b>Spring 2016</b>
ARBC 103b	Middle Advanced Arabic: Contemporary Arab Media,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	<b>Spring 2016</b>
ARBC 106a	Advanced Arabic I: Contemporary Arabic Literature,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	<b>Fall 2015</b>
ARBC 103a	Lower Advanced Arabic,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	<b>Fall 2015</b>
ARBC 20b	Beginning Arabic II, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	<b>Spring 2015</b>
ARBC 10a	Beginning Arabic I, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	<b>Fall 2014</b>
Adv. Hebrew	Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	<b>Spring 2010</b>
Adv. Hebrew	Hebrew-Arabic Translation, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	<b>Fall 2010</b>
Lower Adv. Hebrew	Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature	<b>Spring 2009</b>
Beg. Hebrew	Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	<b>Fall 2009</b>

*Guest Lectures*

Lecture on “Jewish-Arab Encounter in Late Ottoman Palestine,” in “GE Seminar 120: Jews and Muslims,” USC September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Lecture on “A Land without a People for a People without a Land,” in “JS370: Digs and Disputes: Politics and Archaeology of Digging in Israel,” USC, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Lecture on various forms of Jewish interaction with Islamic civilization, in “The Jewish Views of Islam,” Dartmouth College, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Lecture on Jewish Orientalization in “The Jewish View of Islam,” Dartmouth College, Fall 2015.

Lecture on the genesis of the Palestinian refugee problem, in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Lecture on the making of Israeli militarism before and after the declaration of the State of Israel, in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Lecture on origins of the Israeli polity in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### *Teaching Assistantships*

“Under Crescent and Cross: The History of the Jews in the Middle Ages,” instructor Jonathan Decter, Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Fall 2013

“Introduction to the Qur’ān,” instructor: Joseph Lumbard, Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Spring 2012

Lecturer Assistant, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Languages and Translation College at Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Languages and Translation College at Al-Azhar University, Cairo. 2006-March, 2009

#### *Community Teaching*

Islamic Studies Lecturer at “The Development of Egyptian Life,” a non-profit organization specializing in promoting Arabic and Islamic Studies in Egyptian society in creative ways outside the academy, Giza, Egypt, 2003-2011

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

#### **Association for Jewish Studies**

Panel Organizer, “Levantinism in Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine,” San Diego, 2019

#### **Association for Middle Eastern Studies**

Panel Organizer, “Representations of Jews in the Twenty-First Arabic Literary Works,”  
Washington DC, 2017

**Association for Israel Studies**

Panel Organizer, “Land, Nature, and the Palestinian/Arab Other in Jewish Culture,” Boston,  
2017.

**MEDIA**

“SEEDS OF PARTNERSHIP: THE SARDARI AND MORADY STORY” A FILM I  
PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE SUPPORT OF NEW GROUND: A MUSLIM-JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR CHANGE,  
LOS ANGELES, MAY 2019. HERE IS A LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/mjnewground/videos/460068024536632/>