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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 – Present **Associate Professor of Jewish Studies**
Messianic Jewish Theological Institute, San Diego, CA
- Instructor of Jewish Studies (2016 – 2024)
- 2021 – Present **Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies,**
The King’s University, Southlake, TX
- 2021 – Present **Senior Rabbi,** Congregation Simchat Yisrael, West Haven, CT
- 2018 – 2021 **Senior Rabbi,** Beth Emunah, Agoura Hills, CA
- 2011 – 2018 **Senior Rabbi,** Ahavat Zion Synagogue, Santa Monica, CA
- 2010 – 2011 **Rabbi,** Chavurah Succat Shalom, Derwood, MD

EDUCATION

- 2024 DHL with distinction, *Jewish Studies (Rabbinics and Jewish Spirituality)*
Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Chicago, IL
Dissertation: *Theological Protest in Midrash Tehillim*
Committee: Vernon Kurtz (*Advisor*), Dov Weiss, and Gary Porton
- May ‘27 STM Student, *Jewish Studies / New Testament within Judaism*
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
Proposed Thesis: *The Use of Midrash in the Epistle of James*
Advisor: Ra’anan Boustan
- 2014 MA, *Jewish Studies (Rabbinic Writings)*
Messianic Jewish Theological Institute, San Diego, CA
Advisor: Carl Kinbar
- 2007 BA, *Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations (Jewish Studies and Biblical Studies)*
University of California, Los Angeles
Advisor: William Schniedewind

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS AND STUDY

- 2013 Rabbinic Ordination, Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council
- 2010 Rabbinic Ordination, Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations
- 2010-2011 Graduate coursework in Hebrew, Biblical Studies, Jewish Thought and
Mysticism, Towson University, Towson, MD
- 2005 Educator Accreditation, Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Los Angeles
- 2001-2002 Studies in Bible, Jewish texts, and Chassidut, Pesti Yeshiva, Budapest, Hungary

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rabbinic Literature (especially Midrash), Rabbinic Theology, Hebrew Bible, Biblical Interpretation, New Testament and Christian Origins (“Within Judaism”), Parting of the Ways, Ancient Judaism, Contemporary Judaism, Jewish Spirituality, Jewish-Christian Relations, Women in Rabbinic Roles/Women in Spiritual Leadership, Messianic Judaism, Messianic Jewish Theology.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Confronting God: Theological Protest in the Midrash on Psalms*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, forthcoming Fall 2027.
- *John’s Three Letters: On Hope, Love and Covenant Fidelity*. Clarksville: Lederer, 2019.
- *Jude: On Faith and the Destructive Influence of Heresy*. Clarksville: Lederer, 2014.

Chapters and Contributions in Edited Volumes

- “The Rise and Impact of the Modern Messianic Jewish Movement: Congregations, Federations, and Initiatives.” *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Christianity and Messianic Judaism*. Eds. Antoine Levy, Ephraim Radner, and David Rudolph. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming Fall 2026.
- Introductions, annotations, and callouts to Job, 1-3 John, and Jude. *NIV Messianic Study Bible*. Gen. Ed. Michael Brown. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, forthcoming 2026.
- “Remember Amalek.” *With One Voice*. Ed. Russ Resnik. Los Angeles: UMJC, 2018.
- “Sukkot: Messiah and the World to Come.” *The Jewish Concern for the Church*. Ed. Christine Graef. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2017.
- “The Role of Torah and Jewish Tradition in the Messianic Jewish Community.” *The Borough Park Papers: Symposium III*. Ed. Barry Rubin. Clarksville: Lederer, 2012.

Journal Articles

- “Faded Ink and Torn Parchment: What the Cairo Genizah Can Tell Us About Jewish Life Under Islam and Beyond During the Early Middle Ages.” *Kesher* 46 (2026): 61-71.
- “Theological Protest in Midrash Tehillim.” *The Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 28, 1 (2025): 33-51.
- “Called to Lead: Women as Spiritual Leaders in Messianic Judaism.” *Kesher* 44 (2024): 3-24.
- “Leviathan and Exegetical Imagination.” *Kesher* 43 (2023): 3-18.
- “Jews, Exile and the Murashu Archive of Nippur.” *A Festschrift in Honor of Elliot Klayman*. Ed. Russel Resnik. *Kesher* 39 (2021): 103-108.
- “Practical and Pastoral Concerns Regarding Intimacy, Sexuality & Parenting: A Response to Dauermann and Goldsmith.” *Kesher* 30 (2016): 43-48.
- “Complexity in Early Jewish Messianism.” *Kesher* 23 (2009): 70-74.
- “Messianic Jewish Outreach: Reaching Out or Reaching In?” *Kesher* 21 (2006): 93-100.

Book Reviews

- “Boyarin, Daniel. *Border Lines: The Partition of Judaeo-Christianity*.” *Kesher* 25 (2011): 53-57.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “Religious Zionism: Concord or Discord?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 24, 2025.
- “Reading James within Judaism: Contours of the Discussion.” Enoch Seminar, Reading the New Testament within Judaism – Part II. Online forum. September 15, 2025.
- Panelist, “Scripture, Hermeneutics, and the Middle East.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (IBR Session). San Diego, CA. November 22, 2024.
- “Wrestling with God: Theological Protest as a Significant Theme in Midrash Tehillim.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. December 19, 2023.
- “Theological Protest in Midrash Tehillim.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Midrash Section). Denver, CO. November 20, 2022.
- “Practical and Pastoral Concerns Regarding Intimacy, Sexuality & Parenting: A Response to Dauermann and Goldsmith.” Hashivenu Theological Forum. Enfield, CT. May 2016.
- “Helpful Points to Consider: The Role of Torah and Jewish Tradition in the Messianic Jewish Community.” Borough Park Symposium. New York, NY. October 2012.
- “The Nature of God and the New American Jew: A Response to Akiva Cohen and Jhan Moskowitz.” Borough Park Symposium. New York, NY. April 2010.
- “Living On the Margins: A Response to Russ Resnik’s Hesed and Hospitality.” Hashivenu Theological Forum. Pasadena, CA. January 2008.
- “Must Women Remain Silent?: Women Rabbis and the Need for Openness within Messianic Judaism.” Young Messianic Jewish Scholars Conference. Beverly Hills, CA. June 2007.
- “Making Strides: A Response to Dauermann, Rudolph, and Kaplan.” Hashivenu Theological Forum. Pasadena, CA. January 2007.

GUEST LECTURES AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Being a Light Amid Growing Antisemitism.” UMJC Winter Leadership Conference. Melbourne, FL. January 25, 2026.
- “Introduction to Midrash,” Dallas Theological Seminary, October 23, 2025.
- “Confrontations with God: Theological Protest in the Bible and Midrash.” UMJC Annual Conference. Boston, MA. July 17, 2025.
- “Confronting God: Protests Against Grief, Pain, and Injustice in the Bible and Rabbinic Literature.” MSI Visiting Scholar Symposium Weekend. Columbus, OH. June 6-8, 2025.
- “Called to Lead: Women as Spiritual Leaders in Messianic Judaism.” UMJC Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. July 20, 2023.
- “Majority Rules/Makhloket: Aknai’s Oven and the Shema,” RS702 – The Halakhic Process, Dr. Vered Hillel, MJTI, April 3, 2022 and April 15, 2018.
- “The Jewishness of Paul,” BIBL 403 - Prison Epistles, Dr. Sophia Magallanes, Life Pacific College, February 21, 2020.
- “The Disappearance and Reappearance of Messianic Judaism,” BIBH6306 - Messianic Judaism in Antiquity and the Modern Era, Dr. Jen Rosner, The King’s University, February 23, 2018.
- “Paul’s Jewish Identity in Philippians,” BIBL 403 - Prison Epistles, Dr. Sophia Magallanes, Life Pacific College, February 14, 2018.
- “Leviticus: Drawing Close to God,” Old Testament Survey, Dr. Sophia Magallanes, Life Pacific College, March 30, 2015.
- “Book of Jude,” History of Christianity, Dr. Judith Rood, BIOLA University, Sept. 16, 2014.

PODCAST INTERVIEWS

- Ryan Lambert and Joshua Brumbach, “Protesting God: Is it Kosher? A Conversation with Joshua Brumbach.” Presented and Produced by Ryan Lambert, *The Game Changers Forum*, December 10, 2024, MP3 audio and video (YouTube), 1:05.
- Michael Shawn and Joshua Brumbach, “Leviathan, True Myths, and Biblical Interpretation with Rabbi Joshua Brumbach (Jonah II).” Presented and Produced by Michael Shawn, *Unison Church Podcast*, May 28, 2024, MP3 audio, 1:07.
- Michael Shawn and Joshua Brumbach, “Discussing Messianic Judaism with Rabbi Joshua Brumbach.” Presented and Produced by Michael Shawn Carbaugh II, *Unison Church Podcast*, April 8, 2024, MP3 audio, 1:27.
- Miri Nadler and Joshua Brumbach, “Matthew 1.” Presented and Produced by Miri Nadler, *Jesus Curious*, November 1, 2022, MP3 audio, 1:13.
- Daniel Nessim and Joshua Brumbach, “Interview with Rabbi Joshua Brumbach on his Commentary on Jude.” Presented and Produced by Daniel Nessim, *On Messianic Judaism*, July 22, 2022, MP3 audio, 0:45:19.

COURSES TAUGHT

Doctoral Courses

- Messianic Jewish History, Theology and Practice

Graduate Courses

- Introduction to the Tanakh / Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Rabbinic Theology / Jewish Theology
- Jewish Spirituality
- Introduction to the Talmud
- Jewish Pastoral Care
- Congregational Growth and Development
- Apologetics
- Jewish Observance: Daily Rituals, Lifecycles and Holidays

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to Judaism
- Jewish Spirituality
- The Early Rabbis: Mishnah, Midrash and Mysticism
- Jewish Mysticism
- Apologetics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Society of Biblical Literature
- Member, Association for Jewish Studies
- Member, Enoch Seminar
- Member, Society for Post-Supersessionist Theology
- Member, Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council
 - President (2021-2025), Vice-President (2015-2021), Exec. Committee (2015 – Present)