

**Kenneth Hart Green**  
***Curriculum Vitae (FAS Format)***  
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***A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION***

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***1. Personal***

*University Address:*

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***2. Degrees***

B.A. 1977 Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto.

M.A. 1982 Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University.

Ph.D. 1989 Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University.  
*Thesis Title:* The Return to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss.  
*Thesis Supervisor:* Marvin Fox.

***3. Employment***

Division of Humanities, York University

*Rank:* Lecturer (1986-87)

Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto

*Rank:* Assistant Professor (1987-1995)

Associate Professor (1995-2014)

Full Professor (as of July 1, 2015)

*Date of Appointment to Graduate School:* 1991

*Date of Tenure Award:* 1995

Academic Cross-Appointments:

*Faculty Associate,* Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto

*Faculty Associate,* Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto

#### **4. Honours**

- 1993 *Dean's Excellence Award*, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto
- 1997 *Dean's Excellence Award*, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto
- 2012 *25-Year Long Service Award*, University of Toronto
- 2013 *Dean's Excellence Award*, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto
- 2014 *Dean's Excellence Award*, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto

#### **5. Professional Affiliations and Activities**

- American Academy of Religion
- Association for Jewish Studies

### ***B. ACADEMIC HISTORY***

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#### **6. A. Research Endeavours**

Modern Judaism; History of Judaism; Jewish Thought & Philosophy;  
Philosophy of Religion; History of Religion; Political Philosophy

#### ***B. Research Awards (Past Ten Years)***

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 2003-06 (Three-years)  
Standard Research Grant (\$18,000.).
- Tikvah Fund 2011-12 (One-year)  
Subvention Grant in Support of Publication Project (\$5,000.).

### ***C. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK***

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#### **7. Refereed Publications**

##### ***A.(i) Articles in Journals***

- 1986 "Leo Strauss's 'Exoteric Teaching.'" In *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 14 (1986): pp. 51-59. [= 9 pp.]

- 1987 “The Notion of Truth in Franz Rosenzweig’s *The Star of Redemption*: A Philosophical Enquiry.” In *Modern Judaism* Vol. 7 (1987): 297-323. [= 27 pp.]
- 1992 “Moses Mendelssohn’s Opposition to the *hērem*: The First Step Toward Denominationalism?” In *Modern Judaism* Vol. 12 (1992): 39-60. [= 22 pp.]
- 1993 “Religion, Philosophy, and Morality: How Leo Strauss Read Judah Halevi’s *Kuzari*.” In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* Vol. 61 (1993): pp. 225-73. [= 48 pp.]
- 1997 “Response to Three Comments on *Jew and Philosopher*.” In *Jewish Political Studies Review* Vol. 9 (1997): pp. 99-130. [= 32 pp.]
- 2009 “El desafío de Leo Strauss a Emil L. Fackenheim: Heidegger, el historicismo radical y el mal diabólico.” In *La Torre del Virrey: Revista de Estudios Culturales* Vol. 7 (2009): pp. 81-93. [= 12 pp.]
- 2013 “Emil L. Fackenheim on Leo Strauss, the ‘New Thinking,’ and *To Mend the Word* (1984).” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*. Contains: (i) Fackenheim’s taped-recorded letter, which I transcribed, edited, and annotated; (ii) an Introduction which I wrote specifically for it. Vol. 21, no. 2 (Fall, 2013): 187-200. [= 14 pp.]
- 2013 “Emil L. Fackenheim’s Response to a Letter: Reflections by the Author on *To Mend the World* (1983).” *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*. Contains: (i) Fackenheim’s taped-recorded letter, which I transcribed, edited, and annotated; (ii) an Introduction which I wrote specifically for it; (iii) the original 1983 letter which I originally wrote to Fackenheim. Vol. 12, no. 3 (December, 2013): 436-58. [= 23 pp.]
- 2016 “Maimónides.” Chapter Seven of *Leo Strauss and the Rediscovery of Maimonides* (“The Maimonidean Revolution: Western Tradition as Reason and Revelation”) has been revised, re-edited, and translated into Spanish. It has appeared in a special monographic issue of the journal *Apeiron: Estudios de Filosofía* (Madrid). The guest editor is Antonio Lastra, and the issue focuses on Leo Strauss and philosophy. Its title is “Leo Strauss and Other Companions of Plato” (“Leo Strauss y otros compañeros de Platón”). My contribution appears on pp. 85-126.

- 2021 Alexander Altmann, “The Encounter of Faith and Reason in the Western Tradition and Its Significance Today” [containing also an Introduction to the Original Lecture by Leo Strauss], an October 1961 University of Chicago Lecture Discovered, Transcribed, Edited, Annotated, and Introduced by K.H. Green, in *Journal of Religion* Vol. 101, no. 3 (July, 2021): 326-50.

**B.(i) Books**

- 1993 *Jew and Philosopher: The Return to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1993. [294 pp.]
- 1997 Leo Strauss, *Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought*. Edited with an Introduction by Kenneth Hart Green. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997. [522 pp.] {sole editor}
- 2013 *Leo Strauss and the Rediscovery of Maimonides*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013. [203 pp.]
- 2013 *Leo Strauss on Maimonides: The Complete Writings*. Edited with an Introduction by Kenneth Hart Green. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013. [689 pp.] {sole editor}
- 2020 *The Philosophy of Emil Fackenheim: From Revelation to the Holocaust*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. [395 pp.]
- 2021 *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and Its Philosophic Sources*, edited with Martin D. Yaffe. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021. [305 pp.]

**B. (ii) Chapters in Books**

- 1991 “‘In the Grip of the Theological-Political Predicament’: The Turn to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss.” In Alan Udoff, ed., *Leo Strauss’s Thought: Toward a Critical Engagement*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1991. Pp. 41-74 [= 34 pp.]
- 1997 “Leo Strauss.” In Daniel H. Frank and Oliver Leaman, eds., *The Routledge History of Jewish Philosophy*. London-New York: Routledge, 1997. Pp. 820-53 [= 34 pp.]

- 2008 “Leo Strauss’s Challenge to Emil Fackenheim: Heidegger, Radical Historicism, and Diabolical Evil.” In Sharon Portnoff, James A. Diamond, and Martin D. Yaffe, eds., *Emil L. Fackenheim: Philosopher, Theologian, Jew*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2008. Pp. 125-60 [= 36 pp.]
- 2012 “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern Statesmanship.” In Alan Udoff, Sharon Portnoff, and Martin D. Yaffe, eds., *The Companionship of Books: Essays in Honor of Laurence Berns*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012. Pp. 187-201 [= 15 pp.]
- 2012 “What S.Y. Agnon Taught Gershom Scholem about Jewish History.” In James A. Diamond and Aaron W. Hughes, eds., *Encountering the Medieval in Modern Jewish Thought*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2012. Pp. 153-75 [= 23 pp.]
- 2015 “Is It Possible to Reconcile Reason and Revelation? Their Mutual Relations in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” In Andrea Radasanu, ed. *In Search of Humanity: Essays in Honor of Clifford Orwin* (Lexington Books: Lanham, MD, 2015). Pp. 381-401 [= 21 pp.]
- 2021 “Emil Fackenheim’s Way from Presence to History: Its Grounding in a Critique of Rosenzweig on Revelation.” In *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and Its Philosophic Sources*, coedited with Martin D. Yaffe (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021). Pp. 159-83 [= 25 pp.]
- 2021 “Editors’ Introduction.” In *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and Its Philosophic Sources*, coedited with Martin D. Yaffe (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021). Pp. 3-18 [= 16 pp.]
- 2024 “Leo Strauss on Religion: Some Introductory Considerations.” In Svetozar Minkov and Rasoul Namazi, ed. *Leo Strauss on Religion: Writings and Interpretations* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2024). Pp. xi-xx [= 10 pp.]

***B. (iii) Online Academic/Intellectual Exchanges***

- 2013 “Why Maimonides Matters: Answers to Questions on My Two New Books on Leo Strauss and Maimonides.” Posted on the academic blog: *The Book of Doctrines and Opinions: Notes on Jewish Theology and Spirituality*, edited by Professor Alan Brill (Seton Hall University):

(i) Part 1 (18 July 2013): <http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/why-maimonides-matters-kenneth-hart-green-part-i/>

(ii) Part 2 (22 July 2013): <http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/22/why-maimonides-matters-kenneth-hart-green-part-ii/>

(iii) Comments in Reply to Responses by Six Readers to Part 1, and  
Comments in Reply to Responses by Seven Readers to Part 2:  
<http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/23/responses-to-comments-on-my-post-kenneth-hart-green>

## 8. *Non-Refereed Publications*

### *(i) Academic Book Reviews, Review-Essays, & Contributions to Symposia*

- 1997        “Review of *Franz Rosenzweig and Jehuda Halevi: Translating, Translations, and Translators*,” in *Studies in Religion* Vol. 26 (1997): pp. 127-29. [= 3 pp.]
- 1998        “Religion in the Twenty-First Century.” *Books in Canada: The Canadian Review of Books* Vol. 27 (1998): pp. 11-12. [= 2 pp.]
- 1999        “Review-Essay on *Shylock and the Jewish Question*,” in *Modern Judaism* Vol. 19 (1999): pp. 311-17. [= 8 pp.]
- 2007        “Answers to Three Questions about Contemporary Jewish Philosophy.” In *Notebook: A Discussion of Contemporary Jewish Issues*. Vol. 1, no. 4 (2007): pp. 61-62. [= 2 pp.]

### *(ii) Popular Publications*

- 2000-04     *The Green Line: Perspectives on Israel and the Middle East*.  
A Subscribed Online Blog of News and Commentary,  
Authored and Edited, October 2000-April 2004.
- 2003        “The West’s future depends on us now.”  
*National Review Online* 21 March 2003.  
(<http://www.nationalreview.com/comment/comment-green032103.asp>)
- 2003        “A Great Loss for the Jewish People:  
On the Death of Emil L. Fackenheim, Jewish Philosopher.”  
*Canadian Jewish News* 25 September 2003, p. 54. [op-ed]

- 2009 “On Emil Fackenheim’s *Quest for Past and Future*.”  
Invited to contribute to an exhibition at Robarts Library,  
“Books That Inspire Faculty,” October-December, 2009.  
My statement appears on p. 20 of the published catalogue.
- 2023 “Straussian Atheism: A Response to Daniel F. Burns,  
‘How to Be a Straussian,’” in *First Things* (February 2023).  
March 2023, in *First Things*.
- 2024 “Don’t be Deceived by Campus Protests.”  
*National Post* 18 June 2024, p. 1. [front page]
- 2024 “Reject DEI to Save Our Universities.”  
*National Post* 18 August 2024, p. A8. [op-ed page]

**9. Manuscripts in Preparation**

**(i) Book Manuscripts Currently in Preparation**

- 2015 *Thinking Through Moses: Maimonidean Meditations on the Hebrew Bible*  
Manuscript of approx. 250 pp. already completed.
- 2016 *Jewish Thought and Modern Individualism*.  
Composed of four papers from American Academy of Religion (2014)  
conference session, supplemented by call for other papers to be submitted  
and considered by editor, and to be published as a collection of essays on the  
theme of the title. Editor of manuscript of approx. 400 pp.
- 2021 *The Hidden Significance of the ‘Ma’aseh Merkavah’ in Maimonides’*  
*“The Guide of the Perplexed.”*  
A new interpretation of what Maimonides considered the most secret  
teaching of the Torah, put in the middle of his *Guide*. It offers a political-  
psychological-pedagogical explication of the text, in which the production of  
“prophets” is the most significant and most urgent function of the Torah.
- 2024 *“Gershom Scholem as a Jewish Thinker.”*  
With all the new books on Scholem which have recently appeared, none of  
them have addressed directly Scholem’s Jewish thought, also putting him in  
the context of modern Jewish thought, which is what I propose to do and  
what I have started to research and to write.

**(iii) Article Manuscripts in Preparation**

- In progress “‘The Problem of Religious Love’ in Hermann Cohen’s *Religion of Reason*.”
- In progress “Jean Bodin and *The Colloquium of the Seven Sages*:  
What Defines Modern Religious Thought?”
- In progress “Recovering the Contradictions: Modern Approaches to Maimonides’ *Guide*.”
- In progress “Maimonides on Divine Perfection:  
A Solution to the Problem of Negative Attributes.”
- In progress “Leone Ebreo’s *Dialogues on Love*: Jewish Philosophic Thought  
and the Move from the Medieval to the Modern.”

**10. Papers Presented at Meetings, Conferences, and Symposia**

- 1994 “Leo Strauss and Religion.”  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.  
New York, New York.
- 1995 “Judaism, Philosophy, and the Art of Writing.”  
*American Academy of Religion (Southwest Religion) Annual Conference*.  
Dallas, Texas.
- 1996 “A Contribution to the Discussion of Religion and Constitutionalism in  
Medieval Islam.” *Liberty Fund Conference*. Prout’s Neck, Maine.  
(November 7-10)
- 1998 “Venetian Pastoral, or, The Shakespeare Question.”  
*American Academy of Religion (Southwest Religion) Annual Conference*.  
Dallas, Texas.
- 1998 “Morality and Its Sources: Rational Moralism versus the Ten Commandments:  
Response to Robert P. George.” International Conference on: ‘*Law and  
Religion*.’ University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1999 “Leo Strauss and the Question of Reason and Revelation.”  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.  
Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1999 “Leo Strauss on Religion, Philosophy, and Modernity.”  
*Leo Strauss Centennial Symposium*. Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.



- 2003 “Leo Strauss on Maimonides.”  
*Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.*  
Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2003 “Leo Strauss and Maimonides.”  
International Conference on: *Reticence and Declaration: Interrelations Between Leo Strauss and George Grant on Religion and the Modern Era.*  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2004 “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible in the *Theologico- Political Treatise*.”  
International Conference on: ‘*Political Hebraism*.’  
Shalem Center, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2004 “Emil L. Fackenheim and the 614<sup>th</sup> Commandment.”  
Conference in Honour of the First Anniversary of his Death.  
*Community Memorial Gathering, Sha’arei Shomayim Congregation.*  
Toronto, Ontario (September 26)
- 2004 “Did Maimonides Hide What He Really Thought about Judaism?”  
Conference on: *Rambam and the Transformation of Judaism: Reflections on the 800<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of Maimonides.*  
Torah-in-Motion Conference. Toronto, Ontario. (December 5)
- 2007 “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern Statesmanship.”  
*Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.*  
Toronto, Ontario.
- 2009 “Fackenheim and the Political Theology of Diabolical Evil.”  
*Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.*  
Los Angeles, California.
- 2010 “What S.Y. Agnon Taught Gershom Scholem about Jewish History.”  
International Conference on: ‘*Literature and History: Middle Eastern Perspectives*.’  
Ben-Gurion University, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
- 2011 “Response to Paul Nahme, ‘Critique of Prophetic Reason: Hermann Cohen’s Return to Maimonides via Kant.’ ”  
Department for the Study of Religion,  
*Annual Colloquium Series for 2011-12,*  
October 27, 2011.

- 2012 “What Moses Saw: Maimonidean Meditations, or, On the Speculative Teaching of the Torah.” International Conference on: ‘*Philosophical Interpretations of the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, and the Midrash.*’ Shalem Center, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2013 “Why Maimonides Matters.” *Talk for the Launch of My Two New Books on Leo Strauss and Maimonides*, Beit Avraham Yosef Synagogue of Toronto, with a Response by Rabbi Daniel Korobkin (June 27).
- 2013 “Comments on Michael L. Morgan’s *Emil Fackenheim’s Jewish Philosophy: An Introduction.*” *Prepared Remarks for Panel on a New Book* (other panel members: Rebecca Comay and Robert Gibbs), *Followed by a Reply by the Author.* Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto Humanities Centre (October 21)
- 2014 “Emil Fackenheim on Heroic Individualism and the Collective Future: Particular-Historical Duties with Universal-Moral Implications.” Special panel on: ‘*Jewish Thought and Modern Individualism,*’ American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. San Diego, California.
- 2015 “Emil Fackenheim and the Political Theology of Diabolical Evil.” International Conference on: ‘*The Jewish Thought of Emil Fackenheim,*’ Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Toronto, Ontario (October 25).
- 2015 “Why Maimonides Was Controversial.” International Conference on: ‘*The Impact of Maimonides.*’ Institute of Jewish Thought and Heritage, University of Buffalo (November 19)
- 2015 “Divine Perfection: An Antiquated Notion or a Still Relevant Conception?” Paper Accepted for Academic Conference at the Herzl Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.  
International Conference on: ‘*The Question of God’s Perfection.*’  
Scheduled Date: 20-23 December 2015.  
(Sponsored by the Templeton Foundation, USA)
- 2016 “Emil Fackenheim’s Way from Presence to History: Its Grounding in a Critique of Franz Rosenzweig on Revelation.” Paper presented as part of a panel at the annual conference of the Association for Jewish Studies,  
San Diego, California.  
Panel on: ‘*Constructing a Genealogy for the Thought of Emil Fackenheim.*’  
December 19, 2016.

- 2019 “Emil Fackenheim’s New Categorical Imperative.”  
Conference in Honor of the Work of David Novak on:  
Religious Particularity and Moral Universality: Faith, Reason, and Natural Law.  
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey (July 15, 2019)
- 2021 “Response to Three Considerations of My Book, *The Philosophy of Emil Fackenheim: From Revelation to the Holocaust* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2020), by Sharon Portnoff (Connecticut College), Jeffrey A. Bernstein (College of the Holy Cross), and Paul Wilford (Boston College).”  
Centre for Jewish Studies, and Department for the Study of Religion,  
University of Toronto.  
Monday, November 29, 2021.
- 2024 “Leo Strauss on Maimonides on Philosophy.”  
Special Session on Leo Strauss and Philosophy.  
The 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy Across Philosophy,  
Sapienza University, Rome.  
Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
- 2025 “How Maimonides Changed the Face of Judaism.”  
*Maimonides Symposium: Rambam for a Confused World. Held in Honour of the 820<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Death*, Consortium of Synagogues,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
Saturday, January 18, 2025.
- 2025 “How Leo Strauss Revolutionized the Study of Maimonides in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.”  
Conference on the Theme of: *Translations and Receptions of Maimonides*.  
Professor Salo W. Baron Conference in Jewish Studies, New York University.  
Monday, June 16, 2025.

## 11. Invited Lectures

- 1994 “Leo Strauss’s Contribution to the Study of Medieval Philosophy.”  
*Boston Seminar on Medieval Philosophy*: Boston College,  
Boston University, and Harvard University. Boston, Massachusetts.  
(April 21)
- 1998 “Leo Strauss on Religion, Politics, and Modernity: Recovering the Central Questions.” *Special Colloquium of the Centre for the Study of Religion*,  
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. (March 20)

- 2000 “An Introduction to the Thought of Leo Strauss.”  
*University of Chicago Law School*, University of Chicago.  
Chicago, Illinois. (May 11)
- 2002 “Is It Possible to Reconcile Reason and Revelation? Their Mutual Relations  
in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” *Department of Philosophy*, Tufts University.  
Medford, Massachusetts. (February 20)
- 2002 “‘Why We Remain Jews,’ by Leo Strauss: 40 Years Later.”  
Boston College. Newton, Massachusetts (February 20)
- 2003 “Emil L. Fackenheim as a Jewish Philosopher.” *University Memorial  
Meeting*. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario (October 23)
- 2005 “Reason and Revelation in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” *The Third Rose  
Maguire Memorial Lecture in Religion, The College of the Humanities*.  
Carleton University. Ottawa, Ontario (March 23)
- 2008 “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern Statesmanship.”  
*Department of Jewish Thought*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem, Israel. (January 2)
- 2009 “Leo Strauss on the Maimonidean Dialogue-Debate between Reason and  
Revelation.” London School of Jewish Studies. London, England (July 7)
- 2010 “Leo Strauss’s Maimonidean Approach to Reason and Revelation.”  
*Department of Political Science, and Tam Institute for Jewish Studies*.  
Emory University. Atlanta, Georgia. (October 25)
- 2012 “The Achievement of Leo Strauss in Rediscovering Maimonides:  
The Significance of *The Complete Writings*.” *Center for Jewish Studies, and  
Hebrew Bible Workshop*. University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. (May 14)
- 2013 “Farabi: The Impact of a Medieval Muslim Philosopher on Medieval Jewish  
and Christian Philosophy (and Why It Remains Relatively Unappreciated).”  
Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. (November 12)
- 2013 “The Achievement of Leo Strauss in Rediscovering Maimonides:  
The Significance of *The Complete Writings*.” Colgate University,  
Hamilton, New York. (November 12)
- 2014 “Why Maimonides Was Controversial: Fourteen Reasons.”  
Lecture at Beit Avraham Yosef Synagogue of Toronto (November 14)

- 2016 “Did the Holocaust Reveal Something New About Man?  
The Post-Holocaust Thought of Emil Fackenheim.”  
*Hay of Seaton Memorial Lecture*,  
University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland (March 28),  
and British Academy, London, England (March 30).

***D. LIST OF COURSES***

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***13. List of Courses (during preceding five years only)***

***A. Undergraduate Courses Taught***

- 1/The Jewish Religious Tradition
- 2/Judaism in the Modern Age
- 3/Dreaming of Zion: Exile and Return in Jewish Thought
- 4/Kabbala: A History of Mystical Thought in Judaism
- 5/Modern Jewish Thought: Crisis of Modernity in Selected Post-1945 Jewish Thinkers
- 6/Maimonides and His Modern Interpreters
- 7/The Thought of Emil Fackenheim

***B. Graduate Courses Taught***

- 1/Modern Jewish Thought: : Crisis of Modernity in Selected Post-1945 Jewish Thinkers
- 2/Maimonides and His Modern Interpreters
- 3/The Thought of Emil Fackenheim

***C. Theses Supervised***

***Doctoral Student Supervision (Primary Supervisor):***

Jessica Radin. "Excavating the Imagination: The Arabic Afterlife of Aristotle's *Phantasia*."  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.  
Completed: July, 2018

***Doctoral Student Supervision (Secondary Supervisor):***

Greg Beiles, "The Parent-Child Relationship as a Paradigm for Teaching and Learning in Franz Rosenzweig and Emmanuel Levinas"  
David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2018.

David Belfon. "Causes of Disaffiliation and Apostasy among Contemporary Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Canada and the United States."  
Simon Coleman (primary supervisor)  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2021.

Vincent Calabrese. "Michael Wyschogrod and Jewish Existentialism."  
David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2023.

***Masters Students:***

Henry Owh, "Spinoza and Religion."  
1999-2000

Megan Jull, "'One Fold Under One Shepherd':  
Rethinking the Conversion of the Jews in Christian Theory and Practice."  
2004-05

Kelly Lee, "Limitations of Theology as Dissonance Reduction after the Shoah,  
and the Duty of Response."  
2012-13

Joel West, "Modern Jewish Identities: Religion and Postmodernity."  
2019-20

**D. [i] Other Teaching: Secondary Supervision of Doctoral Dissertations**

Hugh Miller, "*Hegel and Levinas on the Philosophy of Religion.*"

Graeme Nicholson (primary supervisor),  
Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 1993.

Timothy Burns, "*Piety and Politics: A Study of Thucydides.*"

Clifford Orwin (primary supervisor),  
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 1994.

Michael Kigel, "*To Bind the Chains of the Pleiades:*

*Three Philosophical Comforters of Job.*"  
Graeme Nicholson (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1996.

Ronald Polster, "*Evil and the Biblical Discourse of Lament.*"

Paul Gooch (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1998.

James A. Diamond, "*Prooftext as Pretext: The Stratagem of Scripture and Midrash  
in Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed and Mishneh Torah.*"

David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1999.

Peter Gilbert, "*The Problem of Antisemitism in the Theological, Historical,  
and Sociological Criticism of James Parkes.*"

Alan Davies (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2003.

Mark Leuchter, "*Jeremiah: The First Jew.*"

Brian Peckham (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2003.

Matthew LaGrone, "*Between Fire and Ice: Studies in Jewish and Christian Centrism.*"

David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2008.

Jonathan Crane, "*Rhetoric of Modern Jewish Ethics.*"

David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2009.

Alan C. Wiseman, "*Kal v-Chomer: A Contemporary Examination of the  
A Fortiori Argument Involving Jewish Traditions.*"

James A. Diamond (primary supervisor),  
Department of Religion, Waterloo University, 2010.

Paul Nahme, “*From Critical to Prophetic Idealism: Ethics, Law, and Religion in the Philosophy of Hermann Cohen.*”  
David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2013.

Merom Kalie. “*Ethics and Solidarity in the Thought of Martin Buber and Albert Camus.*”  
Clifford Orwin (primary supervisor),  
Department of Political Science & Centre for Jewish Studies,  
University of Toronto, 2015.

Greg Beiles, “The Parent-Child Relationship as a Paradigm for Teaching and Learning in Franz Rosenzweig and Emmanuel Levinas”  
David Novak (primary supervisor),  
Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2018.

**D. [ii] Other Teaching: Centre for Jewish Studies**

***Special Lecture for Centre for Jewish Studies, 400-level Seminar on Three Themes:***

- (1) How to start and develop a major scholarly research project;
- (2) The current state & direction of Jewish philosophy;
- (3) How the thought of Fackenheim, Strauss, and Heidegger are related to one another.  
[February, 2010]

***Three Special Lectures Delivered for CJS 200H1F:***

***Introduction to Jewish Thought, Section III, The Jewish Quest for Past and Future:***

- (1) “Leo Strauss on Why We Remain Jews” [2010 and 2011];
- (2) “Gershom Scholem’s Dialectic of Jewish History” [2010 and 2011];
- (3) “Emil Fackenheim on Holocaust & Diabolical Evil” [2010 and 2011].

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

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**14. A. Recent Positions Held and Service on Committees within the University:**

**(i) Department for the Study of Religion**

**[1] Hebrew Language Examinations**, set and graded in the area of Medieval and Modern Jewish Philosophy and Thought: 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13.

**[2] Teaching Evaluation Committee Report** (with Arti Dhand)  
for John Marshall, re promotion to associate professor/tenure, 2009-10.



- [3] **Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee**, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14.
- [4] **Teaching Evaluation Committee Report** (with Marsha Hewitt) for James Dicenso, re promotion to full professor, 2010-11.
- [5] **Graduate Curriculum Committee**, 2011-12.
- [6] **Teaching Evaluation Committee Report** (with Judith Newman) for Srilata Raman, re promotion to associate professor/tenure, 2012-13.
- [7] **PTR Committee**, 2013-14.
- [8] **Full Professor Promotion Committee**, Kevin O'Neill, 2015-16.
- [9] **Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee**, 2015-16.
- [10] **Promotions Committee**, 2019-23.

**(ii) University College**

- [1] **Scholarship and Awards Committee**, 2010-12, 2011-12, 2017-20, 2023-25
- [2] **Travel Award Committee**, 2017-21, 2023-25
- [3] **University College Council**, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13
- [4] **University College Representative**,  
**Faculty of Arts and Science Council**, 2012-14 and 2017-21

**(iii) University of Toronto**

- [1] **Executive Committee, Centre for Jewish Studies**, 2013-14
- [2] **Helping to Organize an Academic Visit**  
By the Israeli poet, Hava Pinhas-Cohen, along with the Centre for Jewish Studies, for May, 2016, in honour of the publication of the first translated volume of her Hebrew poems into English.

**B. Positions Held and Service on Committees and Organizations outside the University of Scholarly and Academic Significance:**

- [1] **Organizational Committee for International Conference**  
“The Jewish Thought of Emil L. Fackenheim.”  
International conference held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Toronto and to be held at the University of Toronto, May/June, 2015.

**[2] Consulted with Professor Walter Dorn, Canadian Forces College (2013-14):**

At the request of Professor Dorn, I provided him with a detailed list of sources to help him pursue his research on “Jewish Attitudes to War, Violence, and the Use of Force,” as an aspect of his project on the attitudes of the different religions to the same topic. (Research submitted: January 4, 2014).

**[3] Consulted with Dr. Geoffrey Clarfield, Anthropologist and Musicologist (2013-14):**

Advised Dr. Clarfield on his proposal to partner with the World Encounter Institute, in his development of a travel-study program, offering Canadian university students a fuller view of world affairs and foreign cultures, as well as help them consider the possible relations between Western tradition and modern liberal democracy.

**[4] Consulting with Dr. Jack Rutner, Senior Financial Analyst, U.S. Department of the Treasury, & Independent Scholar, Washington, D.C. (2013-15):**

Continue to advise and assist Dr. Rutner in his work on the first English translation of a modern Hebrew classic, Nachman Krochmal, *The Guide of the Perplexed of the Time* [also known as *Sha'arei Emunah Tzurufah*], ed. Leopold Zunz (1851), and Simon Rawidowicz (1961)

**[5] Participant in a Tikvah Advanced Institute, New York City, 8-18 June 2015:**

Participated in a ten-day advanced seminar, with nineteen other academics, (selected out of several hundred applicants), on “Freedom and Tradition: Philosophy, Theology, Literature.” To be conducted by: Professor Ruth Wisse (Harvard University); Professor J.J. Schacter (Yeshiva University); and Dr. Yuval Levin (Center for Ethics and Public Policy).

See <https://tikvahfund.org/advanced-institutes/tradition-and-freedom/>

**[6] Helped to Organize an International Conference on “The Jewish Thought of Emil L. Fackenheim,” to Mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Birth:**

With Professor Frederick Krantz (Concordia University), the conference was held at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Toronto, October, 2015.

**[7] Helping to Organize a Visit by Israeli Poet, Hava Pinhas-Cohen, May 2016.**

In honour of the first volume of her Hebrew poems translated into English: *Bridging the Divide: Selected Poems in English and Hebrew*, Translated and Edited with an Introduction by Sharon Hart-Green (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2015).

## ***E. EXTERNAL ACADEMIC WORK***

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***Work as Series Editor: SUNY Series in the Thought and Legacy of Leo Strauss***

***(1) Books which have been published under my supervision as Series Editor at SUNY Press:***

- [i] Leo Strauss, *Philosophy and Law: Contributions to the Understanding of Maimonides and His Predecessors*. SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss. Translated from the German and Edited with an Introduction by Eve Adler. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995.
- [ii] Leo Strauss, *Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought*. Edited with an Introduction by Kenneth Hart Green. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997. [Publication managed by SUNY Press supervisory senior editor.]
- [iii] Leo Strauss, *The Early Writings, 1921-32*. SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss. Translated from the German and Edited and with an Introduction by Michael Zank. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002.
- [iv] David Janssens, *Between Athens and Jerusalem: Philosophy, Prophecy, and Politics in Leo Strauss's Early Thought*. Translated from the Dutch by the author. SUNY Series in the Thought and Legacy of Leo Strauss. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008.
- [v] Leo Strauss, *On Moses Mendelssohn: Introductions to Ten Philosophical Writings*. Translated from the German and Edited and with an Interpretive Essay by Martin D. Yaffe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [Originally prepared under my editorship as part of the SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss, 2012.]
- [vi] Aryeh Tepper, *Progressive Minds, Conservative Politics: Leo Strauss's Later Writings on Maimonides*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2013.
- [vii] Corine Pelluchon, *Leo Strauss and the Crisis of Rationalism: Another Reason, Another Enlightenment*. Translated from the French by Robert Howse. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014.
- [viii] Keith Landy, *After Leo Strauss: New Directions in Platonic Political Philosophy*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014.
- [ix] Jeffrey A. Bernstein, *Leo Strauss on the Borders of Judaism, Philosophy, and History*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2015.
- [x] *Principles and Prudence in Western Political Thought*, ed. Christopher Lynch and Jonathan Marks. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2016.
- [xi] *Leo Strauss, Philosopher: European Vistas*, ed. Antonio Lastra and Josep Monserrat Molas. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2016.
- [xii] *Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: The Debate between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève Reconsidered*, ed. Timothy W. Burns and Bryan-Paul Frost. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2016.

[xiii] Svetozar Minkov, *Leo Strauss on Modern Science: Thoughts on the Relation between Natural Science and Political Philosophy*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017.

[xiv] Philipp von Wussow, *Leo Strauss and the Theopolitics of Culture*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020.

[xv] *Leo Strauss and Contemporary Thought: Reading Strauss Outside the Lines*, ed. Jeffrey A. Bernstein and Jade Larissa Schiff. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2021.

[xvi] Timothy W. Burns, *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2021.

[xvii] Carlo Altini, *Philosophy as Stranger Wisdom: A Leo Strauss Intellectual Biography*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2022.

[xviii] Alberto Ghibellini, *Leo Strauss and the Recovery of 'Natural philosophizing.'* Albany: State University of New York Press, 2024.

[xix] Georges Tamer, *Islamic Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Leo Strauss's Relationship with al-Farabi, Avicenna, and Averroes*, trans. from the German by Ezra Tzfadya. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2024.

[xx] Christopher Bruell, *Collected Essays*, ed. Devin Stauffer and Eric Buzzetti. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2025.

**(2) Manuscripts which have been reviewed by me in the course of my work as  
Series Editor, which have been accepted for publication, and which are  
forthcoming in my series at SUNY Press:**

[i] "Leo Strauss-Hans Jonas Correspondence and Other Writings," ed. Emmanuel Patard.

[ii] "Leo Strauss-Raymond Aron Correspondence," ed. José Colen.

[iii] Chiara Adorisio, "Leo Strauss lettore di Hermann Cohen: Dalla filosofia moderna al ritorno agli antichi."

[iv] Marco Andreacchio, "Socrates and 'The Three Rings': How to Begin Reasoning about Divine Revelation in the Wake of Leo Strauss."

[v] Clemens Kauffmann, "Leo Strauss: An Introduction," trans. from the German by Samuel Zeitlin and Eva Odzuck.

[vi] Joshua Parens, “Leo Strauss and Seth Benardete in Critical Engagement with Heidegger.”

[vii] Jeffrey Bernstein, “Theodor Adorno, Leo Strauss, and Antifascist Philosophy.”