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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History: The Graduate Center, City University of New York Sephardic Family Life in the Eighteenth-Century British West Indies Jane S. Gerber, Elisheva Carlebach, David Sorkin, Eli Faber, Herman Bennett	2013
M.Phil. History: The Graduate Center City University of New York	2010
M.A. Jewish History: Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies	2007
B.A. Yeshiva University	2005

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Associate Professor of History Harold and Jean Grossman Chair of Jewish Studies	2018–Present
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Humanities/ERC Research Project Post-Doctoral Research Fellow	2014–2018
Hunter College, City University of New York Department of History Adjunct Lecturer/Adjunct Assistant Professor	2010–2014
John Jay College, City University of New York Department of History Adjunct Lecturer	2012–2014

PUBLICATIONS

In-Process Book Project

The Atlantic Rabbinate: Enlightenment, Awakening, and Patriotism in a Hybrid World

Books

Stanley Mirvis, *The Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica: A Testamentary History of a Diaspora in Transition* (Yale University Press, 2020)

Federica Francesconi, Stanley Mirvis, and Brian Smollett, eds., *From Catalonia to the Caribbean: The Sephardic Orbit from Medieval to Modern Times: Essays in Honor of Jane S. Gerber* (Brill, 2018)

Wyatt Gallery (photography), Stanley Mirvis (essays), and Jonathan Sarna (forward), *Jewish Treasures of the Caribbean: The Legacy of Judaism in the New World* (Schiffer Publishing, 2016)

Journal Articles

“‘Our Race is Noble’: Pan-Africanism, Black Jews, and Rabbi Abraham E. Dobrin in Early Twentieth-Century Jamaica,” *Under Review* by *AJS Review*

“Shadarim in the Colonial Americas: Agents of Inter-Communal Connectivity and Rabbinic Authority,” *American Jewish History* 102, no. 2 (2018): 221–236

“Between Assembly and Crown: The Debate Over Jewish Taxation in Jamaica, 1693–1739” *Journal of Early American History* 6, nos. 2–3 (2016): 196–219

“The Alvares Family Patriarchs and the Place of Pre-1692 Port Royal in the Western Sephardic Diaspora” *American Jewish Archives Journal* 67, no. 2 (2015): 1–46

Book Chapters

“Jews and Free People of Color in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica: A Case Study in Experiential and Ethnic Entanglement,” in *Jewish Entanglements in the Atlantic World*, eds. Aviva Ben-Ur and Wim Klooster (*forthcoming*, publisher TBD)

“The Gabay Dynasty: Plantation Jews of the Colonial Atlantic World,” in *Religious Changes and Cultural Transformations in Early Modern Western Sephardi Communities*, ed. Yosef Kaplan (Brill, 2019), 565–580

“The Trial of Joshua Montefiore and The Limits of Atlantic Jewish Inclusion” in *The Sephardic Experience East and West*, eds. Federica Francesconi, Stanley Mirvis, and Brian Smollett (Brill, 2018), 243–254

“Ashkenazim and Sephardim in Colonial Jamaica (1692–1800)” in *A Sefardic Pepper-Pot in the Caribbean*, ed. Michael Studemund-Halévy (Tirocinio Press, 2016), 109–123

“Joshua Hezekiah Decordova and a Rabbinic Counter-Enlightenment from Colonial Jamaica” in *Reappraisals and New Studies of the Modern Jewish Experience*, eds. Christian Wiese and Brian Smollett (Brill, 2014), 104–122

“Sexuality and Sentiment: Concubinage and the Sephardi Family in Late Eighteenth-Century Jamaica” in *The Jews in the Caribbean*, ed. Jane S. Gerber (Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2014), 223–240

Magazine Articles, Blog Posts, and Encyclopedia Entries

[“The Caribbean Islands and the Guianas”](#) The Shalvi/Hyman Encyclopedia of Jewish Women (June 2021)

[“The Moment of Parallel Emancipations in Jamaica”](#) Yale University Press Blog (July 2020)

[“‘The Faithful Service’: Enslaved Domestic Labor in the Homes of West Indian Sephardim”](#) *AJS Perspectives*, Fall 2013, 12–13

Book Reviews

Andrew Porwancher, *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton* (Princeton University Press, 2021). *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (forthcoming)

Laura Arnold Leibman, *Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multi-Racial Jewish Family* (Oxford University Press, 2021). *Journal of Jewish Identities* (forthcoming).

Joanna Newman, *Nearly the New World: The British West Indies and the Flight from Nazism, 1933–1945* (Berghan Books, 2020). *The Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs* (forthcoming)

Aviva Ben-Ur, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society: Suriname in the Atlantic World, 1651–1825* (University of Pennsylvania Press), 2020. *AJS Review* 45, no. 2 (2021): 461–464

Jonathan Decter, *Dominion Built of Praise: Panegyric and Legitimacy Among Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018). *The Journal of Mediterranean Studies* 28, no. 1 (2019): 107–108

James Nelson Novoa, *Being the Nação in the Eternal City: New Christian Lives in Sixteenth-Century Rome* (Baywolf Press, 2014). *Printed Matter* (March 24, 2015)

Richard L. Kagan and Philip D. Morgan, eds., *Atlantic Diasporas: Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500–1800* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009). *H-Net Latin America* (October 2012)

Julia R. Lieberman, ed. *Sephardi Family Life in the Early Modern Diaspora* (Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2011). *AJS Review* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 170–173

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Presenter

“The Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica,” The Global Nação. The American Sephardi Federation. Zoom conference. May 21, 2020

"Itinerant Jewish Physicians in the Atlantic World: Medicine and Religious Authority," Jewish Healing Through the Ages: Theories and Practice. Judaism, Science, and Medicine Group Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, March 1, 2020

"The Limits of Jewish Inclusion in Twentieth-Century Jamaica," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, California, December 16, 2019

"The Contradiction of Atlantic Entanglement and the Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica" Jewish Entanglement in the Atlantic World, Clark University, Worcester, MA, April 10, 2019

"Jewish and Converso Martyrdom in the Early Modern World." American Academy of Religion, Western Regional Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, March 10, 2019

"Shadarim in the Colonial Americas: Agents of Inter-Communal Exchange and Authority." American Jewish Historical Society Scholars Conference, New York, NY, June 17, 2016

"The Jewish Tax in Jamaica and the Trans-Atlantic Jewish Lobby" The Political Dimensions of the Converso Phenomenon in Portugal and Beyond. The Van Lier Society, Jerusalem, Israel, May 27, 2015

"The Faithful Service: Enslaved Domestic Labor in the Homes of West Indian Sephardim" Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL December 16, 2012

"'With the Consent of Her Mother': Sephardic Marriage and Romance in the Eighteenth-Century British West Indies," American Jewish Historical Society Scholars Conference, New York, NY, June 12, 2012

"Sephardic Childhood in the Eighteenth-Century British West Indies," Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 20, 2011

"The Limits of Jewish Communal Belonging in Twentieth-Century Jamaica," Sponsored by the Jamaican Consulate and the American Jewish Committee, New York, NY, October 26, 2011

"Knowing the World: Geography and Jewish Expertise in Renaissance Italy," Expertise in the Early Modern World Graduate Conference, Princeton University, May 9, 2009.

Panel Respondent

"Sephardim and Crypto-Jews." Center for Latin American Studies 68th Annual Conference: Jews and the Americas. The University of Florida. Gainesville, FL, February 24–26, 2019.

“Jewish Troubles in the Sephardic Atlantic World.” Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies. Boston, MA, December 17, 2018.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING: CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES, ASU

“The Entanglement of Jews, Slaves, and Free People of Color in the Early Modern Atlantic World,” Crisis and Hope: YU Voices, Yeshiva University and the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, February 2, 2021

“The Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica,” New Works Wednesdays in American Sephardi Federation in partnership with Institute of Jewish Experience, and the Schneir Program for International Affairs of Yeshiva University, November 11, 2020

“The Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica,” The Sephardic World Meeting, sponsored by the Sephardic World Program (Amsterdam and London), August 16, 2020

“The Sephardic Caribbean: Plantations, Slavery, and Colony,” Conversation with Rabbi Shalom Morris, Bevis Marks, The Sephardi Community of London. Zoom Presentation. May 12, 2020

“The Early American Jewish Experience,” Adult Learning Program. Center for Jewish Studies, ASU, in partnership with Havurah Scottsdale (September 2020–December 2022)

“The Sephardic Experience” Adult Learning Program. Center for Jewish Studies, ASU, in Partnership with the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix. (October 31–November 21, 2019)

“The Jewish Treasures of the Caribbean” photography exhibit. Organizer and presenter. The Arizona Jewish Historical Society. January 12–March 26, 2020

“The Frisco Kid” film Screening. The Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center. January 8, 2020.

“The Origins and Legacies of Caribbean Jewry.” Temple Solel. Scottsdale, AZ, April 7, 2019.

“Jewish Slave Ownership in Historical Context.” Limmud AZ. The Memorial Union. Tempe, AZ, February 10, 2019.

“Jews in the Atlantic World: Being Jewish in the Early Modern Period.” Albert & Liese Eckstein Scholar-in-Residence. The Arizona Jewish Historical Society. Phoenix, AZ, January 28, 2019.

“Jews and Conversos in the Early Modern World: The State of the Field.” Albert & Liese Eckstein Scholar-in-Residence. Arizona State University. Tempe, AZ, January 28, 2019.

COURSES TAUGHT, ASU (2018–2020)

Jews, Christians, and Muslims in The Medieval World (HST/JST 302)

Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Early Modern World (HST/JST 302)

Jews and Judaism in America (HST/JST/REL 211)

Global History to 1500 (HST 100)

Comparative Atlantic Diasporas (JST 490/HST 495)