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EDUCATION

Degrees and Extended Study

- 2008 The Academy for Jewish Religion, Riverdale, NY.
- 2008 Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem.
- 2005-2006 Graduate. School for Shamashim, Rabbinical Assembly of Ontario, Toronto.
- 2005-2007 Clinical Pastoral Education (5 units American Society of Clinical Pastoral Education), Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY.
- 1981 Ph.D. Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Topic: Quantification in Thai. Dissertation Advisors: Emmon Bach, Barbara H. Partee and Edmund Gettier.
- 1976 B.A. Mathematics, Carleton College.

Short Courses

- 2019 The Book of Acts: Reflections on Discipleship, Racial Identity, and Community. Vancouver School of Theology, July 8-12.
- 2019 Ibadi Islam: A Critical Examination of Sources. Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, June 24-28.
- 2016 The Talmudic Apocalypse and Christology. Vancouver School of Theology, July 4-8.
- 2011 Development vs. Transmission in Religious Systems: the Case of Islam. Vancouver School of Theology, Nov. 10.
- 2011 Faith and Modernity: Islam in a Secular Age. Vancouver School of Theology, July 11-15.
- 2010 Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures. Certificate Program. Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Simon Fraser University and Aga Khan University, SFU, Vancouver, July 19 – 30.

FAITH-BASED WORK

- 2012- Research Associate, Vancouver School of Theology
Examining complexities of interaction and dialogue between Jews and Christians.
- 2009 Spiritual Director, Temple Beth El, Troy, NY

Responsible for all aspects of synagogue life: leading services, delivering twice weekly *Dvar Torah* (sermon), weekly study group, *Bikkur Cholim* (visiting the sick), and so on.

- 2007-2009 Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Attended to the pastoral needs of patients and their families, regardless of affiliation. Treated others as *B'tselem Hashem*, in the image of God. Served as part of the Care Team at hospital, working with nurses, support staff, doctors, psychiatry staff, and prison wardens. Upon request, facilitated contact with clergy in the various faith communities. As part of Care Team, adhered to regulatory requirements, including documentation standards and HIPAA privacy guidelines.
- 2007-2009 Representative of the Capital District Board of Rabbis to Albany Medical Center. Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Attended to pastoral needs of Jewish patients. Within the clinical environment served as the primary point of contact for information and guidance on Judaism to professional caregivers, including nursing and support staff, and non-Jewish chaplains. This work included basic training in matters of *Kashruth*, as well as Jewish religious and cultural practices. It also included detailed work with non-Jewish chaplains on Jewish attitudes toward death and dying, and public expression of faith. Worked with local synagogues and Rabbis to meet needs of patients.
- 2006-2007 Pastoral Care Resident (and interim representative of the Capital District Board of Rabbis). Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Assumed primary responsibility for patients and families in the Oncology and Cardiac Care Units.
- 2005-2006 Pastoral Care Intern. Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY

ACADEMIC WORK

- 1987-1988 Visiting Professor, Department of Linguistics State University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York
- 1987-1988 Adjunct Professor, Department of Language, Literature and Communication. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
- 1983-1986 Assistant Professor, Department of Communications, Robert Morris College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1982-1983 Visiting Professor, Department of English and Linguistics, Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 1980-1982 Lecturer, Department of English Linguistics, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1976-1980 Teaching Assistant, Teaching Associate, Department of English and Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

TECHNICAL COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

- 1996-2006 Principal, Common Noun Consulting
“Uncommonly clear writing for a terribly technical world.” Work in technical documentation, online systems, curriculum development, and product and interface design. Mediated between producers and consumers of highly technical information products, managing the dynamics of interaction between software development, sales and marketing, and end user communities to aid in the design, development and marketing of new technologies.

- 1988-93 Senior Technical Writer and Supervisor, Software Development Services, BRS Software Products
Responsible for a wide range of information products. Initial responsibilities included the preparation of training materials and documentation in hardcopy and online formats for end-user, system administrator and technical audiences. Subsequent assignments added managerial responsibilities, preparation of collateral materials and active participation in the software design process and standards maintenance
- 1983-1984 Supervisor, Writer, Communications Design Center, Carnegie Mellon University
Acted as facilitator, and conducted market research, interviews and user protocol analysis of book users. Supervised writers in the revision of The Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel - the "Bible" of the steel-making industry, and wrote technical chapter on Ladle Metallurgy.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING

- 2008-09 Albany Medical Center
Prepared documents for Five Year Accreditation Review in CPE Training. Presented to the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.
- 1987 New York State Public Service Training Program, Albany, New York
Conducted training session on "Forms and Office Procedures Design" for New York State employees concerned with readability criteria, forms analysis and design, and using writing to get things done.
- 1986 Westinghouse Corporation and Language and Culture Institute of the University of Pittsburgh
Conducted training session on "Intercultural Communications and Thai Business Practices" for employees about to go overseas.
- 1984 Robert Morris College, Pittsburgh, PA.
Prepared report on the role of international students in the college's mission.

PUBLICATIONS

- Review of Marc H. Ellis, "Encountering the Jewish Future: With Wiesel, Buber, Heschel, Arendt and Levinas" Anglican Theological Review 95:1, 2013.
- "An Exhibit of Vital Heroism. Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II," The Jewish Independent, July 2, 2010.
- "A bedside presence that transcends religion," The Evangelist: The Official Publication of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, May 21, 2009.
- "The Healthy Inadequacy of Contextual Definition" in T. Huckin et al (ed.), Second Language Reading and Vocabulary Learning, in Thematic Studies in Second Language Acquisition and Learning, Ablex, 1993.
- "Database Writing and the Technical Communicator's Repertoire," Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference, Society for Technical Communication, Washington, DC, 1993.

“Writing Simultaneously for Hardcopy and Softcopy,” Proceedings of the 37th International Technical Communication Conference, Society for Technical Communication, Washington, DC, 1991.

Mark J. Stein and Christine Sheridan, “Hypertext and the Identity Link,” Online Review 14.3, June 1990.

“Cost It Out,” College Composition and Communication 39, December, 1988.

Review of Axel Huebler, Understatement and Hedges in English, Journal of Pragmatics, 1987.

“Aspects of High Technology Transfer to the Pizza Industry,” Journal of Irreproducible Results, Vol. 32.5, July/August 1987.

Mark J. Stein, Thomas M. Duffy and Kenneth Dye, “Audience Analyses for The Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel: A Pilot Study,” CDC Technical Report No. 10, 1984. [reprinted ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 261 391]

Mark J. Stein (with summaries and translation by Archara Pengpanich), Introduction to Meaning, Ramkhamhaeng University Press, Bangkok, 1983. [in-house publication]

Quantification in Thai, Ph.D. dissertation, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1981. [Available through GLSA, Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003]

“Something Else,” Cahiers linguistiques d’Ottawa, Vol. 19, ed. John T. Jensen, Ottawa, 1980.

“Mass/Count Distinctions in Thai Nominals,” in E. Engdahl and M. Stein, Papers Presented to Emmon Bach on his 50th Birthday, 1979.

Mark J. Stein and Elisabet Engdahl (Eds.), Papers Presented to Emmon Bach on his 50th Birthday, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1979.

Mark J. Stein (Ed.) Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 1978.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Numerous *Divrei Torah*, words of Torah, sermons at Congregation Beth Israel (Conservative) and Temple Sholom (Reform) in Vancouver, BC, 2009-present.

“That ‘Brown, Palestinian Jew, Jesus’ and the Obviousness of Anti-Semitic Discourse,” Religion and Violence Inter-Religious Studies Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, May 28, 2019.

“Stillborn Baptism Amid Inter-religious Dialogue,” Perspectives on Death and Dying Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, May 23, 2018.

“How Might Christians Hear “Hear O Israel” in the Gospel of Mark Jewishly?” Research Associates Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, April 26, 2018.

“Outtake: Joseph, yes that Joseph, recites morning prayers during seduction scene,” Limmud Vancouver 2018, Vancouver, BC April 14, 2018.

“A Prayer: The Angels in Unison” presented to An Interfaith Celebration: Acceptance and Respect for all Faiths, United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week, Surrey City Centre Library, Surrey, BC, Dec. 7, 2015.

“Being of Use to An Other Faith Community,” Research Colloquium, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, Jan. 28, 2015.

“Needing Another: Christians Needing Jews and other Improbabilities,” Research Colloquium, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, March 26, 2014.

“One Short Jewish Prayer,” St. Faith’s Anglican Church, Vancouver, BC, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, 2014.

“As if in a Dream: Confronting the Nightmare of the Shoah,” St. Faith’s Anglican Church, Vancouver, BC, April 7 and April 21, 2013.

“Dust,” First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, NY, Feb. 27 and March 6, 2013. Woodstock Reformed Church, Woodstock, NY, Feb. 28 and March 7, 2013.

“A Q&A on Judaism,” Education for Ministry, Deanery of North Vancouver, BC, June 6, 2012.

“Telling Our Stories: Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, and First Nation community members reflect on cultural and religious traditions,” Crescent United Church, Surrey, BC, Nov. 16 and Nov. 23, 2011.

“The Ethics of Memory Boxes,” Religion and Bioethics: Values, Culture and Faith Traditions in Health Care and the Human Sciences,” a joint conference of the University of Victoria, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, and the Simon Fraser University Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Victoria, BC, February 25, 2011.

“Remembering the Sabbath: Mindfulness and the Liturgical Pattern of Time,” (with Rev. Dr. Sharon Betcher), Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, Feb. 16, 2011.

Numerous presentations at Albany Medical Center on matters of faith. Topics included “Ethical Wills,” “Meaning as a Parameter of Spiritual Assessment,” “Jewish Prayers of Healing,” and “(7 Remarkable) Things Jews Do Surrounding Death.”

Planned and helped lead yearly Christian/Muslim/Jewish Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in Sycaway, New York.

Officiated at funerals.

“The Charge to the Minister.” Offered at the Pastoral Installation of Reverend Joshua Bode As Minister of Word and Sacrament, The Woodstock Reformed Church, January 13, 2008.

“Honor the Shabbat,” First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Bethlehem, New York. October, 2007.

“The Passover Seder” (with Rev. David Adams), United Methodist Church, Chestertown, NY, March 21, 2006.

“The Embedding of Theory in Off-the-Shelf Word Processors.” Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition, State College, PA. July 10, 1993.

“Information Structures for Multiple Formats,” (with Diane M. Julien) 40th Technical Writers’ Institute, RPI, Troy, NY, June 2, 1992.

“Document Structure: How Much Structure is Enough Structure?” IBM Communications Seminar, Poughkeepsie, New York, May 19, 1992.

“Education, Hypertext and Hypermedia,” Connecting with the Future: Interactive Technologies in Education, Albany, New York, April 23, 1988.

“Borrowing Language,” Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta, March 19, 1987. [Eric Document No. ED 297 370]

“New Technologies, Asking Questions, and the Clarification of Educational Goals,” Second International Conference on Open Higher Education, Bangkok, Thailand, March 24-28, 1987.

“Teaching Plagiarism,” Conference on College Composition and Communication. New Orleans. March 15, 1986. [ERIC Document No. ED 298 482]

“The Semantics of Predication in Thai,” Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Dec. 30, 1985.