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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

**Director, Professional Career Review
Central Conference of American Rabbis**

1976-Present

- *Conducted Career Review seminars with groups of rabbis all over the country and for individuals in my office for CCAR, helping rabbis evaluate themselves, their dreams, and current reality and considering how they can continue successfully and strongly in the rabbinate. This program has been noted as one of the finest the CCAR offers to its members.*

**Rabbinical Training Institutes of
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America**

1988-2005

- *Proposed in my dissertation: "The Rabbi as Symbolic Exemplar," Columbia University, 1972, and in a speech to The Rabbinical Assembly in 1987, the creation of retreats such as the Rabbinic Training Institute as a means of replenishing rabbinic vigor.*
- *Served on the faculty, assisted in leading and directing almost all of the 13 five-day Institutes.*
- *Taught both **Professional Skills**, such as: Communication skills for the rabbi; Extricating oneself from difficult rabbinic situations; Using language to heal; Naming – creating new entities with language; Using language and rabbinic presence to bless others; And conducted **Personal Growth Workshops** including: Dealing with inner conflicts; Accessing Personal Resources; Dealing with Loneliness, and many others.*

**Minimester for Future Rabbis
Jewish Theological Seminary of America**

1996

- *Taught four-day course for rabbinical students about what it is to be a Rabbi and skills that will be required.*

**Senior Seminar
Jewish Theological Seminary of America**

Annually

- *Conducted annual seminar with senior students about transition in self and others when they become ordained.*

Consultations with individual Rabbis

1976 to present

- *Provided individual consultations and coaching in office and by phone with Rabbis. This included following up on Career Review attendees; those members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis who were having difficulties in their careers.*
- *Regularly have had rabbis of all movements without any central authorization come to Fairfield, CT for consultations both vocational and personal. Some have come from as far as Florida and Georgia, others from closer driving 4-5 hours. Others in local area are seen regularly for coaching and personal work.*

**Psychological Consultant
The Cantors Assembly of America**

1970's & 80's

- *Spoke on a variety of issues at conventions and provided psychological consultation as needed*

**Rabbi
Congregation Beth El, Fairfield, CT**

1959-1969

- *Built from ground zero in a small startup congregation of 160 families, a four year, six hours per week Hebrew High School of 60 students. Sent over forty-five children to Ramah yearly. Set standards for future.*

National Association of Jewish Chaplains

1996-1997

- *Delivered two keynote addresses on various strategies for assisting healing .*

**Director
Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics**

1964-1965

- *Organized and directed two nationwide conferences on "The Role of the Rabbi*
- *Conducted a "Skills for the Clergy" group for Protestant clergy in Fairfield, CT for three years*

**Chairman
Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Bridgeport**

1980-1993

- *Created "Merkaz," a two hundred student strong Community High School*

HONOR CONFERRED

At the Academic Convocation of The Jewish Theological Seminary, on March 14, 2001 was awarded an Honorary D.D. The text read;

Your unique understanding as both a rabbi and a clinical psychologist has made invaluable contributions to the Jewish community and its spiritual leaders.

Ordained in 1959, you began your career by cultivating a small, newly organized community in Fairfield, Connecticut. Ten years later, it was a firmly established congregation with an active religious high school and strong Ramah involvement by its children.

For over twenty-five years, it has been your position as clinical psychologist that has made you a vital source of support for your rabbinic associates in the Reform and Conservative movements. Currently director of the Psychotherapy Center in Fairfield, you have worked with colleagues and students in rabbinic training institutes at JTS. You are currently the director of the Professional career review seminars of the CCAR, a program you created to assist rabbis in shaping their future. You have provided advice and guidance for individual rabbis who have sought your help from all over the country and from all movements. You have published extensively on the experience of being a rabbi.

Your love and respect for the work of your colleagues has made you the quintessential rabbi for rabbis

BOOKS

The Rabbi as Symbolic Exemplar: By the Power Vested in Me
The Haworth Press Inc., Binghamton, NY

Jewish Relational Care A-Z: We Are Our Other's Keeper; Editor
The Haworth Press Inc., Binghamton, NY

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"Is Prayerbook Revision Enough?" *The Reconstructionist* Vol. XXVIII No.11, Oct. 5, 1962.

"Journey to Understanding," *Conservative Judaism*, Vol. XIX #4, Summer 1965.

"The Eulogy as a Tool in Grief Work," *Pastoral Psychology*, Dec. 1970.

- “Who Become Clergymen?” *The Journal of Religion & Health*, vol. 10 #1, Jan. 1971.
- “Stability and Variability of Seat Preference in a Therapy Group: Their Relationship to Patient Behavior,” *Psychiatry*, vol. 35 #1, Feb. 1972.
- “The Set Apart People, The Pulpit Clergyman as Symbolic Exemplar,” *Columbia U.* 1972.
- “The Rabbi's Family,” *CCAR Yearbook*, vol. Lxxxvi, 1976.
- “Inner Dynamics of the Rabbinate,” *Proceedings, The Rabbinical Assembly*, 1980.
- “The Future of the Conservative Rabbi,” *Proceedings, The Rabbinical Assembly* 1987.
- “The Special Tensions of Being ‘The Rabbi,’” *Sh'ma*, 20/386, Jan. 19, 1990.
- “Reminiscences/ Camp Massad,” *Avar ve Atid* Vol. 1 no. 1 Sept 1994.
- “Tribute to Rabbi Joseph Glaser,” *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*, Fall 1994.
- “Psychotherapy and Judaism Today,” *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*, Summer/Fall 1995.
- “Haazinu, The Little Things that Count,” *Learn Torah with....*, ed. Grishaver J. and Kelman S. (Los Angeles, CA: *Torah Aura*, 1996).
- “By the Power Vested in Me; Symbolic Exemplarhood and the Pulpit Rabbi,” *Conservative Judaism*, vol. L #4, Summer 1998.
- “Reflections on the Silenced Modim: *Modim de-Rabanan*,” *Conservative Judaism*; vol. 52, #1 Fall 1999.
- “Amalek and Us,” *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*, Spring 2001.
- “Invisible Blessings,” *Reform Judaism*: Summer 2001.
- “Being Blessed Is Not Enough: Things our Father Yaaqov Could Not Teach Us,” *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*, Winter 2003.
- “We Are All of Each of Us,” *Connecticut Psychologist: Newsletter of the Connecticut Psychological Association*, Volume 58 Number 2, Summer 2004.
- Witnessing, Naming, and Blessing: Self-Relations in the Life of a Rabbi,” *Walking in Two Worlds: The Relational Self in Theory, Practice and Community*,” ed. Gilligan, S. and Simon, D. (Phoenix, AZ: Zeig, Tucker and Thiesen, Inc., 2004).

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T'shuvah For Our Time: When Sexual Violations Have Taken Place," CCAR
Journal.A Reform Jewish Quarterly Fall 2005

Transforming Synagogues; Two New Guides-A Review *Sh'ma; Jewish Family & Life; January 2007*

Recovery in Relationship Reform Judaism : Union of Reform Judaism: Fall 2007

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Psychological Association
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Connecticut Psychological Association
Rabbinical Assembly of America
National Association of Jewish Chaplains
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist
Columbia University - New York, NY 1967-1972

Pastoral Counselor/Master of Sacred Theology
Post Graduate Center for Mental Health & New York Theological Seminary 1965-1966

Rabbi/Master of Hebrew Literature
Jewish Theological Seminary of America - New York, NY 1954-1959

Bachelor of Hebrew Literature
Seminary College of Jewish Studies - New York, NY 1950-1954

Bachelor of Arts
Columbia College, New York, NY 1950-1954

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

The Psychotherapy Center 1972-Present

LICENSURE

State of Connecticut - Psychologist