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Jewish Media and Community Events

Book Talks

Judaism in Transition: How Economic Choices Shape Religious Tradition. Stanford University Press, 2014. 234 pages.

- **Book Presentations**

Sisterhood, Temple Emanu-El, Reno, Nevada, May 15 2016

Book Hill Talks, Georgetown Neighborhood Library, Washington DC, October 28, 2015

Men's Club, Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah, Wilmette, IL, April 12, 2015

Book Club, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Potomac, MD, January 25, 2015

Book Chat, Congregation Adas Israel, Washington, DC, January 11, 2015

Bagels and a Book Chat, Washington, DC, November 9, 2014

[St. Louis Jewish Book Festival](#), St. Louis, Missouri, November 7, 2014

[Greater Columbus JCC Book Fair and The Melton School at the University of Ohio](#), Columbus, Ohio, September 21, 2014

- **Interviews relating to *Judaism in Transition***

Authors Luncheon, *Jubilee Conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries*, Silver Spring MD
June 22, 2015

Podcast: *Research on Religion*, April 12, 2015. [The Economics of Being Jewish in America](#)

The Social Economics of Judaism Today. [The Too Jewish Radio Show](#), February 22, 2015

[IZA Interview, YouTube](#), November 19, 2014

Interview on [TJCTV](#) – The Jewish Channel, Fall 2014

The Judaism in Transition exchange, [Rosner's Domain](#) (a 3-part blog item)

Other Scholar Programs and Adult Education

- **Synagogue Presentations**

Adas Israel, Washington DC, April 2021, “Israel’s Changing Collective Identity” (with Prof. Fred Lazin)

Congregation Shirat HaNefesh, Kensington, MD, January 2020. “Economics of American Judaism” (presented at *The Rabbi's Table*)

Adas Israel, Washington DC, July 2012, “Economics of American Judaism”

Congregation Ahavas Israel, Grand Rapids MI, May 2011, “Economics of American Judaism”

Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah, Wilmette IL, January-February 2009, “Judaism in a Time-Scarce Environment” (with Barry R. Chiswick)

Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah, Wilmette IL, January 2009, “The Buck Starts Here: What's Ahead for Business & the Economy in the U.S. and Israel” (with Joseph Weber)

- **Synagogue Presentations (cont'd.)**

Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah, Wilmette IL, June 2005. "Identifying Jewish Inter-marriages: A Statistician's Approach."

Beth Hillel Congregation (Family Retreat), Camp Chi, Wisconsin, May 2004. "Choices We Make as American Jews: An Economist's Perspective."

West Suburban Temple Har Zion (Wolke Lecture), River Forest IL, March 2003. "Choices We Make as American Jews: An Economist's Perspective."

Congregation Kol Emeth, Skokie, IL, February 2003. "Counting Jews: The Controversy over the National Jewish Population Survey 2000."

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (scholar-in-residence), Deerfield, IL, November 1993. "Economics and the American Jewish Community"

- **Jewish Study Center (adult education), Washington DC**

The Policy and Politics of Immigration (with Barry R. Chiswick), May 25-June 1, 2016

Judaism in Transition: How Economic Choices Shape Religious Tradition. April-May 2014 (3 sessions)

Time, Money and Religion: Judaism in a Time-Scarce Environment. October-November 2012 (4 sessions)

The Economics of American Judaism. May 2012

- **Dawn Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning (adult education), Chicago IL**

Changing Patterns of Contemporary Jewish Life in the New Millennium. Congregation Kol Emeth, Skokie IL, Spring, 2000

The Price of Being Jewish: American Judaism from an Economic Perspective Congregation Ezras Israel, Fall 1998

Dollars and Sense: An Economist's Guide to Jewish Practice in America. Beth Hillel Congregation, Spring 1997

- **Other Adult Education Programs**

Foundation for Jewish Studies and Adas Israel Sisterhood, *Jewish Learning on Wheels: American Jewish History*. Washington DC, April 2013

Research on Religion, Podcast May 16, 2011. [*The Economics of American Judaism*](#)

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Midwest Region Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI, December 2008. "Focus on American Jewry." *The Buck Starts Here: Economic Issues Impacting our Country and Our Men's Clubs* (with Joseph Weber)

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (*Nishma: A Day of Learning on Judaism and Social Justice*), Chicago IL, November 2004. *Jews as an American Immigrant Group — or Not*

Paideia (The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden), March 2003 *The Economics of Judaism*

Madison Lehrhaus, Madison, WI, Oct. 1997. *An Economist's Perspective on Modern Jewish Identity and Behavior*

Presentations to Jewish Organizations

- **Jewish Communal Institutions**

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. New York, NY. *The Dr. Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture*, November 6, 2019. “Freakonomics and American Judaism: Economic Incentives That Help Shape American Jewish Traditions.”

North American Jewish Day School Conference, Philadelphia, March 8-10, 2015. “How Parents Decide to Do Jewish, How Schools Can Respond to Their Choices, and How This Shapes the Community”

Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies, Jerusalem, Israel. Conference on *Religion and Economic Liberty*, May 20-24, 2012. “Capitalism, Religious Pluralism, and Freedom”

Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, May 13, 2010. “Economics and Religion”

Chicago Region of the Rabbinic Assembly, Wilmette, IL, February 4, 2010. “Work, Leisure, and American Judaism”

The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, August 5, 2009. “Economics of American Judaism” (with Barry R. Chiswick)

Midwestern Hillels Lay Leadership Institute 2005, Evanston, IL March 6, 2005. “The Changing Demographics of Jewish College Students”

Solomon Schechter Day School, Northbrook, IL, January 2001, 2003, and 2005.
“American Jewry After 350 Years – A Socioeconomic Stocktaking” (*Torathon '05*)
“The 2000-2001 Survey of American Jewry” (*Torathon '03*).
“The Economics of American Judaism” (*Torathon '00*)

The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, December 29, 2004.
“Economics, Religion, and the Market for Ideas: Innovation and Tradition in Judaism”

American Jewish Committee, Midwest Region, February 2003, Winter 1999, and November 1998. “Issues Related to NJPS 2000-2001”

United Jewish Communities General Assembly 2000, Chicago, November 2000. “Israel and American Jewry...An Economic Perspective”

American Jewish Committee, Chicago, Jan-May 1999. Lecture/Workshop series *Scarce Assets/Urgent Needs* (with Barry R. Chiswick), including “The Next Jewish Population Survey: What Now?”

WZO Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education (Israeli representatives to American Jewish communities) May 1996. “Economics of American Judaism”

- **Meetings of Jewish Organizations**

North Shore Hadassah Youth Aliyah Luncheon, October 2000. “Economics of Judaism”

Na’amat/Ilana Chapter, Skokie IL:

“An Economic View of Changing Zionism” March 1997.

“The Jewish Census” April 2000

Labor Zionist Alliance/Tavor Chapter, Skokie IL, December 1999. “Stand Up and Be Counted...What the *Forward* Won’t Tell You About the National Jewish Population Survey.”

Labor Zionist Alliance Midwest Seminar, Lincolnwood IL, October 1999. “Labor Zionism in a Developed Israeli Economy” (with Barry R. Chiswick)

National Council of Jewish Women, S. Cook Chapter, February 1999. “Judaism in America and Israel: An Economist’s Perspective”

Congregation Beth Hillel *Chavurah*, April 1999. “Judaism in America and Israel: An Economist’s Perspective”

Amit Women “Mother in Israel” luncheon, February 1993. “Economics of Jewish Life Styles: Men, Women, and the Community”

- **Other Speaking Engagements**

University of the Underground, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 11, 2021. “The Economics of Religion” lecture for the course *I Want to Believe*.

Religion Research lunchtime group, Institute for International Economic Policy, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 10, 2021. “Religion and Economics”

Kvutza Yovel, Migdal HaEmek, Israel, August 2003. “Counting Diaspora Jewry: Recent Survey Issues”

Kvutza Yovel, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2001. “Economics of Judaism in Israel and the United States”

Women’s Rosh Chodesh Group, UIC Hillel, November 2002. “Women and the Economics of Judaism: The Choices We Make.”

UIC Hillel, February 2003. “Israel: Ordinary Life in Extraordinary Times”

Interview on *Morning Edition*, National Public Radio, October 10, 2001. “Religious Fundamentalists”

Judges Lunch Group, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Chicago IL, September 2000. “Economics of Religion”

UIC Campus Forum, January 2001. “Religious Studies in a Secular University”

Women and Religion panel discussion, UIC Campus Programs, October 1998. “Women and Judaism”

UIC Hillel (3rd Tuesday Faculty Lunches), September 1998. “Jewish Marriage and Continuity: An Economist’s Perspective”

Expanding Horizons, Bernard Horowich JCC, Chicago, August 1998. “The Jewish Immigrant Experience: An Economist’s View”

Other Activities and Accomplishments (selected)

- Editorial Boards:
 - Journal of Economics & Management of Religion
 - Contemporary Jewry
- Advisory Committee Memberships
 - Academic Advisory Committee, *American Jewish Yearbook*, 2015-present.
 - National Technical Advisory Committee to the *National Jewish Population Survey* (NJPS 2000/01)
- Treasurer, *Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry* (2000-2009).
- Guest Editor, *Contemporary Jewry* (Volume 20), *Research in Labor Economics* (Volume 24)
- Jewish Studies Program, UIC
 - Interim Director (2000-01)
 - Member (emerita), Jewish Studies Faculty
 - Designed and taught course on *Introduction to Judaism: Social Science*
- Associate Member, The Chicago Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago
- Visiting Professorships
 - *Paideia* (The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, March 2003)
 - Bar Ilan University (December 1997)
 - Hebrew University (1992)
- UIC Coordinator, *Agreement of Cooperation* between the University of Illinois at Chicago and Bar Ilan University.