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Research on the Economics of Religion

Books

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

The Economics of American Judaism. London: Routledge, 2008. 177 + xxii pages.

Jewish Society and Culture: An Economic Perspective (ed. with Tikva Lecker and Nava Kahana). Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University Press, 2007. 206 pages.

The Economics of Judaism and Jewish Observance (ed. with Tikva Lecker). Special Issue of *Contemporary Jewry*, Vol. 20 (1999), 242 pages.

Encyclopedia Entries

“United States: Economic Life”. In Judith Baskin (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*. New York: Cambridge, 2011, pp.626-627.

“Economics and Religion.” In R. Free (ed.), *21st Century Economics: A Reference Handbook*. New York: Sage, 2010, pp.777-783.

“The Economic Status of American Jews” (with Barry R. Chiswick). In Stephen H. Norwood and Eunice Pollack (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of American Jewish History*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008. Volume I, pp.62-66.

“Economic Transformation of American Jewry” (with Barry R. Chiswick). In Y. Yovel *et al.* (eds.), *New Jewish Time – Jewish Culture in a Secular Age – An Encyclopedic View*. Israel: Keter Publishing House, 2007. Volume D, pp.101-106. (Hebrew).

Research Articles

“Competition vs. Monopoly in the Religious Marketplace: Judaism in the United States and Israel” in R. M. Sauer (ed.), *The Economics of Religion*. World Scientific Publishing (forthcoming 2021).

“Why the Jews Flourished in America” (with B.R. Chiswick) in B.R. Chiswick (ed), *Jews at Work: Their Economic Progress in the American Labor Market*, Studies of Jews in Society 2, Springer 2020, pp.325-335.

“A Micro-Economist Enters the Debate.” In “Forum on Contemporary Jewry: Grounds for Optimism or Pessimism?”, [American Jewish Year Book 2018](#), Springer 2019.

“The Jewish State and State Judaism: An Economic Perspective” in S. DellaPergola & U. Rebhun (eds.), *Jewish Population and Identity*, Studies of Jews in Society 1, Springer 2018, pp.143-150.

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Research Articles (cont'd.)

- “Immigrants and Religion.” In Barry R. Chiswick & Paul W. Miller (eds.), *Handbook on the Economics of International Immigration, Volume IA*, Elsevier, 2015, pp.375-385. Also Downloadable as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 8092](#).
- “[Egalitarian Religion and Economics](#).” *The Lighthouse Economic Review 1:1*, June 2010. Also Downloadable as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 4904](#).
- “How Economics Helped Shape American Judaism.” In Aaron Levine (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Judaism and Economics*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010, pp.646-662.
- “Economic Influences on Judaism in America.” *AJS Perspectives*. Fall 2009, pp.34-36.
- “Economic Determinants of Ethnic Assimilation,” *Journal of Population Economics 22* (2009), pp.859-880.
- “Judaism in Israel and the United States: An Economic Perspective.” In *Jewish Society and Culture* (C. Chiswick et al., eds.). Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University Press, 2007. pp.131-154.
- “An Economic Perspective on Religious Education: Complements and Substitutes in a Human Capital Portfolio.” *Research in Labor Economics 24* (2006), pp.429-467.
- “The Economics of American Judaism.” Chapter 18 in Dana E. Kaplan, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to American Judaism*, Cambridge University Press, 2005, pp.317-327.
- “The Economics of Jewish Immigrants and Judaism in the United States.” *Papers in Jewish Demography 1997* (2001), pp.331-344.
- “The Cost of Living Jewishly and Jewish Continuity” (with B. Chiswick), *Contemporary Jewry 21* (2000), pp.78-90.
Reprinted in B.R. Chiswick (ed), *Jews at Work: Their Economic Progress in the American Labor Market*, Studies of Jews in Society 2, Springer 2020, pp. 267-277.
- “Introduction to The Economics of Judaism and Jewish Observance” (with Tikva Lecker), *Contemporary Jewry 20* (1999), pp.1-7.
- “The Economics of Jewish Continuity,” *Contemporary Jewry 20* (1999), pp.30-56.
- “The Economic Adjustment of Immigrants: Jewish Adaptations to the United States,” in Roberta R. Farber & Chaim Waxman (eds.), *Jews in America: A Contemporary Reader*, Brandeis Univ. Press, 1999, pp.16-27.
- “The Economics of Contemporary American Jewish Family Life,” *Studies in Contemporary Jewry 14* (1998), pp.65-80. (A symposium edited by Peter Y. Medding, *Coping with Life and Death: Jewish Families in the Twentieth Century*)
- “Israel and American Jewry in the Year 2020: An Economic Analysis” in Anat Gonen & Smadar Fogel (eds.), *Israel and the Jewish People*. (“*Israel 2020: Master Plan for Israel in the Twenty-first Century. The Macro Scenarios.*”) Haifa: Technion, 1996, pp.257-272. (Hebrew).
- “The Economics of American Judaism,” *Shofar 13:4* (Summer 1995), pp.1-19.
- “Determinants of Religious Inter-marriage: Are Jews Really Different?” *Papers in Jewish Demography 1993*, pp.247-257.
- “Religion as a Determinant of Marital Stability,” (with E. Lehrer), *Demography 30* (1993), pp.385-404.

Research Articles (cont'd.)

- “Religious Inter-marriage: An Economic Perspective” (with E. Lehrer), *Contemporary Jewry* 12 (1992), pp. 21-34. Reprinted in: Paul Ritterband (ed.), *Jewish Inter-marriage in its Social Context*, 1991, pp. 21-34.
- “Immigrant Impacts on Israel’s Labor Force: Implications for Economic Development,” *Papers in Jewish Demography* 1989, pp.253-257.

Book Reviews

- Diner, Hasia, *Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way*. (Yale University Press 2015). Reviewed for *Geographical Review* 108:1 (January 2018), pp. 177-180. DOI: 10.1111/gere.12191.
- Kobrin, Rebecca and Adam Teller, *Purchasing Power: The Economics of Modern Jewish History* (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press 2015). Reviewed for EH-Net, March 2016. URL: http://eh.net/book_reviews/purchasing-power-the-economics-of-modern-jewish-history/
- Botticini, Maristella and Zvi Eckstein, *The Chosen Few: How Education Shaped Jewish History, 70-1492* (Princeton University Press 2012). Reviewed for EH-Net, January 2013. URL: http://eh.net/book_reviews/chosen-few-how-education-shaped-jewish-history-70-1492.

Academic Presentations

- “The Economics of Religion.” (Lecture for the course *I Want to Believe*. University of the Underground, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 11, 2021).
- “Freakonomics and American Judaism: Economic Incentives That Help Shape American Jewish Traditions.” *The Dr. Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture*, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. New York, NY, November 6, 2019.
- “How Economic Choices Shape Religion: The Case of Judaism.” (Presented to the Jewish Studies Program, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, October 15, 2015.)
- “Economic Choices in Jewish Education.” (Presented to the Joint *Conference on Jewish Education*, NRJE/ASSJ (Network for Research In Jewish Education/Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry), New York, NY, June 9-11, 2015.)
- “Book Session: Judaism in Transition by Carmel U. Chiswick. (Presented to the *Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture* Annual Conference, Boston, March 20-21, 2015.)
- “How Parents Decide to Do Jewish, How Schools Can Respond to Their Choices, and How This Shapes the Community.” (Presented to the *North American Jewish Day School Conference*, Philadelphia, March 8-10, 2015.)
- “The Jewish State and State Judaism: An Economic Perspective.” (Presented to the *16th World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, Israel, July 28-August 1, 2013.)
- “Economics of Religion: Lessons Learned.” Keynote address (Presented to the *Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture* 12th Annual Conference, Washington, DC. April 11-14, 2013.)

Academic Presentations (cont'd.)

- “Competition vs. Monopoly in the Religious Marketplace: Judaism in the United States and Israel.” (Presented to the Conference on *Religion and Economic Liberty: A Match Made in Heaven?* Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, May 20-24, 2012.) Also downloadable as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 7188](#).
- “Synagogue Egalitarianism from an Economist’s Perspective.” (Presented to the Judaic Studies Program, George Washington University, September 2011.)
- “Egalitarianism and Economics: American Jewish Families” (Presented to the *World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2009; *Symposium on Jewish Women and Family Life*, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 2009; *Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture*, Tampa, Florida, November 2007.)
- “Occupation and Gender: American Jews at the Millenium.” (Presented to the *Seminar on Creating and Maintaining Jewish Families*, Steinhardt Social Research Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., March 2007.) Downloadable as an [ARDA Working Paper](#).
- “American Religious Adaptations: The Jewish Experience” (Presented to the *Conference on Immigration Issues and Policies*, Institute for Government and Public Affairs and Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 2007.)
- “Immigrant Religious Adjustment: An Economic Approach to Jewish Migrations.” Downloadable as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 863](#).
- “Who is a Jew? A Human Capital Approach” (Presented to the *Conference on Economics and Religion* at the Cukier-Goldstein-Goren Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba, Israel, January 2004.)
- The Economics of Judaism* (A series of lectures at Paideia, the European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, March 2003.)
- “Human Capital, Secularization and Assimilation” (Presented to the Center for the Study of the United States and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa, Israel, December 2002.)
- “The Economics of Immigrant Religion: American Jews and Other Ethnic Group Experiences” (Presented to the Department of Economics and Related Social Sciences, University of York, England, August 2002.)
- “Judaism, Economics, and the Economics of Judaism: A Personal Academic Experience” (Presented to a *Conversation on Jews Studying Jews and Judaism*, University of Haifa, Beit Oren, January 2002)
- “Where’s the Beef? Intermarriage and the Controversy over NJPS” (Presented at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, October 2001.)
- “The National Jewish Population Survey, 1990 and 2000” (Presented to the Religious Research Association, Boston, November 1999)
- “The Economics of Contemporary Judaism” (*Horizons of Knowledge* Lecture co-sponsored by Department of Economics, Jewish Studies Program, and Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington IN, October 1998.)

Academic Presentations (cont'd.)

- “The Economics of Ethnicity: A Model with Application to European Jewry” (Presented to the Session on *Ethno-National Divides and Economic Coexistence: Historical Perspectives*, Twelfth International Economic History Congress, Madrid, Spain, August 1998.)
- “Judaism in an American Context: An Economic Approach” (Presented to the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 1996 and to the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Chicago, October 1996.)
- “The Economics of Judaism in Israel and the Diaspora” (Presented to the Conference on *Culture and Politics of the Diaspora*, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, 1998)
- “Impact of the Six-Day War on American Jewry: An Economic Perspective” (Presented to the International Academic Conference on *The Six-Day War and Communal Dynamics in the Diaspora*, Jerusalem, Israel, December 1994.)

Other Activities and Accomplishments (selected)

Editorial Boards:

Journal of Economics & Management of Religion
Contemporary Jewry

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, *American Jewish Yearbook*, 2015-present.

Member, 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 Professor

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 UIC and Bar Ilan University

Other Activities and Accomplishments (cont'd.)

Conference Organizer:

Immigration, Minorities, and Social Exclusion: An International Conference in Memory of Professor Tikva Lecker (Bar Ilan University, June 2004)

International Conference on the Economics of Judaism and Jewish Human Capital (University of Illinois at Chicago, June 2000)

International Conference on the Economics of Judaism and Jewish Observance (Bar Ilan University, December 1999)

Faculty, Jewish Study Center (Washington, DC)

Faculty, Dawn Schuman Institute for Adult Jewish Education (Chicago, IL)

Associate Faculty, University of the Underground (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Conference Participant:

Migration-Borders-Identity: 3rd Global Forum of the National Library of Israel. Jerusalem, March 17-19, 2019.

“Religion, Economics and Culture in Jewish Communities: ASSJ/Jewish Data Bank Session in honor of Carmel and Barry Chiswick.” 12th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC), Washington, DC. April 11-14, 2013.

Religious Freedom, Economic Development, and Political Development. Religious Freedom Project, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. December 13, 2012.

The Chosen Few: How Education Shaped Jewish History, 70-1492. Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, December 2010.