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## EDUCATION

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| 2022– | <b>PhD, Jewish Thought</b> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem<br>Dissertation: the political theology of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Advisor: Prof. Benjamin Pollock. |
| 2020  | <b>MA, Jewish Philosophy</b> , Tel Aviv University<br>Thesis: Rabbi Shimon Gershon Rosenberg (Rav Shagar)’s appropriation of the theology of Franz Rosenzweig.        |
| 2017  | <b>BEd, Hebrew Bible and Jewish Philosophy</b> , Herzog Academic College                                                                                              |

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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| 2026–27 | <b>Doctoral Fellowship</b> , Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| 2022–   | <b>Kogod Research Fellowship</b> , Shalom Hartman Institute                                           |
| 2026    | <b>Award for Excellence</b> , Department of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem            |

## PUBLICATIONS

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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| Forth. | “Gratitude, Self-Governance, and Orthodoxy’s Democracy Problem.” <i>Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought</i> .                                                                                     |
| Forth. | “Outraging Justice.” With Shraga Bar-On. <i>AJS Review</i> .                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2026   | “Redemption and State Violence: Rav Shagar and the Political-Theological Capture of Religious Zionist Messianism.” <i>Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy</i> 34: 184–198. doi:10.1163/1477285X-12341383 |
| 2025   | “Modernity’s Demons: Joseph Soloveitchik’s Critique of Instrumental Reason.” <i>AJS Review</i> 49, no. 2: 401–422. doi:10.1353/ajs.2025.a974643                                                               |
| 2023   | “Factual or Fungible? The Self in <i>Halakhic Man</i> and <i>The Lonely Man of Faith</i> .” <i>Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought</i> 55, no. 2: 113–137.                                        |

### BOOK CHAPTERS

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| Forth. | “Murder/Killing: Avraham Yehuda Chein’s ‘Thou Shalt Not Kill.’” In <i>Again at a Crossroads: New Jewish Thought for a Better World</i> , edited by Jordan King-Lacroix. Ben Yehuda Press.            |
| 2023   | “Why Theology Should Always Be Fantasy: Imagination, Fantasy, and Science-Fictional Messianism in the Writings of Rabbi Shagar.” In <i>Fantasy, Theology, and the Imagination</i> . Lexington Books. |

- 2019** “‘Those Are the Ancestors You Hear’: Luke Cage and Franz Rosenzweig’s Theology of the Past.” In *Theology and the Marvel Universe*, 85–102. Lexington Books.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2023** “Omens Discourse in Modern Judaism.” With Shraga Bar-On. In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 23. De Gruyter.

#### BOOK-LENGTH TRANSLATIONS

- Forth.** Menachem Froman. *Hasidim Just Laugh*. Deuteronomy Press. From Hebrew.
- 2024** Shimon Gershon Rosenberg (Rav Shagar). *Living Time: Festival Discourse for the Present Age*. Jerusalem: Maggid Books. From Hebrew.

#### ARTICLE TRANSLATIONS

- Forth.** Avi Sagi. “Religious Zionist Halakhah and the Problem of Liberalism.” From Hebrew.

#### IN PREPARATION

- “Religious Zionism and Individualism: Neo-Hasidic Trends.” With Dov Schwartz. In Hebrew.

#### PUBLIC-FACING ESSAYS

- 2020** “Human Words: Rav Elhanan Nir’s ‘Intentions for Rosh Hashanah.’” *The Lehrhaus*, July 15.
- 2017** “God, Torah, Self: Accepting the Yoke of Heaven in the Writings of Rav Shagar.” *The Lehrhaus*, May 26.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025** “Lockean Legitimacy and Orthodox Theology: Joseph Soloveitchik as a Political Theologian.” 19th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- 2025** “Joseph Soloveitchik’s Imaginary Friends: Mesorah as Method in Torah Study and Teaching.” Annual Conference, Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center for the Study of German-Jewish History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2024** “Everyday Sacrifice: Piety and Polemics in Joseph Soloveitchik’s Political Theology.” Annual Conference, Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center for the Study of German-Jewish History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2024** “Joseph Soloveitchik’s Political Theology of the Diaspora Community.” Penn Jewish Studies Graduate Student Conference, *Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora*.
- 2023** “The Worship of the Dictator, the Spiritual Idea of the State: Joseph Soloveitchik’s Lost Political Theology of Fascism and Redemption.” Bikkurim Jewish Studies Graduate Conference.
- 2023** “Speaking with Buber, Shadowboxing with Schmitt: Joseph Soloveitchik’s Naturalistic Theopolitics.” Western Jewish Studies Association Conference.
- 2022** “Resisting Modernities: Joseph Soloveitchik’s Critique of Instrumental Reason.” Midwest Jewish Studies Association Conference.

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| <b>2020</b> | “Redemption Deferred: Rav Shagar’s Post-Kookian Political Theology of the Future.” Conference on the Thought of Rabbi Shimon Gershon Rosenberg, Bar-Ilan University.                                       |
| <b>2019</b> | “Better Redemption through Revelation: Reimagining the Modern State with Rosenzweig and Rav Shagar.” International Rosenzweig Society Conference, <i>Back to Redemption: Rosenzweig’s Star 1919–2019</i> . |

**TEACHING****ORAYTA, JERUSALEM · YEAR-LONG COURSES**

|                |                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2019–</b>   | Medieval Jewish Thought                               |
| <b>2026–</b>   | Faith and Philosophy: Rav Soloveitchik and Rav Shagar |
| <b>2023–26</b> | The Theology of Rav Shagar                            |
| <b>2022–23</b> | Foundations of a Critical Modern Orthodox Theology    |
| <b>2019–22</b> | The Theology of Rav Soloveitchik                      |

**DRISHA INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION · ONLINE**

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| <b>Fall 2026</b> | Orthodox Liberalism: Three Jewish Theologies of Democracy                                                                          |
| <b>Spr. 2026</b> | Medieval Solutions for Modern Problems                                                                                             |
| <b>Elul 2024</b> | Teshuvah and Modernity: Themes in Rav Soloveitchik’s Discussions of Teshuvah                                                       |
| <b>Spr. 2024</b> | The Man of Faith in the Age of “AI”: What R. Joseph Soloveitchik Can Teach Us about Society, Each Other, and Ourselves             |
| <b>Elul 2022</b> | Fear of God at the Nexus of Divine and Human Kingship                                                                              |
| <b>Spr. 2022</b> | Ki D’vash L’Matok: The Practice of Hebrew Translation from Tanakh until Today<br>Translation workshop, Kol u’Deyo Writers’ Program |

*Syllabi available upon request.*

**LANGUAGES**

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| <b>English</b> | Native  |
| <b>Hebrew</b>  | Fluent  |
| <b>Aramaic</b> | Reading |
| <b>German</b>  | Reading |
| <b>Yiddish</b> | Reading |