

RICHARD HIDARY

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2000–2007 **New York University** New York, NY
- Doctorate in Hebrew & Judaic Studies
- 1999-2000 **Hebrew University** Jerusalem, Israel
- Coursework in Bible and Talmud
- 1998-2000 **Shehebar Sephardic Center** Jerusalem, Israel
- Rabbinic Ordination from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel
- 1993-94, 1997-98 **Yeshivat Har Etzion** Alon Shevut, Israel
- Teaching Degree from Herzog Teachers College
- 1994-1997 **Yeshiva University** New York, NY
- BA in Computer Science
 - Coursework at Revel and Azrieli graduate schools

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011-2012 **The Tikvah Center at NYU** New York, NY
- Affiliate Scholar
- 2007-2010 **Cardozo Law School** New York, NY
- Graduate Fellow in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2000-2004 **New York University** New York, NY
- McCracken Fellowship

TEACHING

- Fall 2008-present **Yeshiva University** New York, NY
Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies
- Courses in Bible
 - Talmud and Midrash
 - Second Temple Jewish History and Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Jewish Ethics
- 2003-2008 **Brooklyn College** Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Lecturer, Judaic Studies

- Contemporary Issues in Jewish Law
- Maimonides: Philosopher, Legalist, Physician
- Introduction to Talmud; Introduction to Midrash
- Deuteronomy; Psalms; Job and the Problem of Evil

2002-present **Sephardic Synagogue** Brooklyn, New York

- Adult Education

2002–2006 **New York University** New York, NY

Instructor & Teaching Assistant

- Ancient Israel; Muslim Spain
- The Historical Jesus; Early Christianity
- Jewish Ethics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Dispute for the Sake of Heaven: Legal Pluralism in the Talmud, Brown University: Providence, RI, 2010.

“The Agonistic Bavli: Greco-Roman Rhetoric in Sasanian Persia” in *Festschrift for Yaakov Elman*, forthcoming.

“קריאה רטורית בסוגיות בבליות כפולמוסים נגד הירושלמי: בענין פלורליזם הלכתי ומחלוקת “בית שמאי ובית הלל,” forthcoming.

“Sephardic Approaches to Conversion,” forthcoming in Orthodox Forum proceedings.

“Classical Rhetorical Arrangement and Reasoning in the Talmud: The Case of Yerushalmi Berakhot 1:1,” *AJS Review* 34:1 (April 2010), 33-64.

“Right Answers Revisited: Monism and Pluralism in the Talmud.” *Dine Israel* 26-27 (2009-2010), 229-255.

Contributor to the *New Oxford Annotated Translation of the Mishnah*, forthcoming.

Rabbinics reviewer for *The Lost Bible Project: The Library of Israel in Late Antiquity*, Jewish Publication Society, forthcoming.

“Tolerance for Diversity of Halakhic Practice in the Talmuds.” PhD diss., New York University, 2008.

“Commandment” and “Fence,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, forthcoming.

“Ashi,” *Encyclopedia Judaica* (2nd ed. 2007).

Review of *Why Study Talmud in the Twenty-first Century? The Relevance of the Ancient Jewish Text to Our World* (Lexington Books, 2009), in *Shofar* 20:4 (Summer 2012).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Letter Writing and Sectarianism in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” Columbia University, Faculty Seminar on Religion and Writing, February 28, 2012.

“Why Are There Lawyers in Heaven? Rabbinic Court Procedure in Halakha and Aggada,” Cardozo Law School, Conference on the Divine Courtroom in Comparative Perspective, February 5, 2012.

“Gorgias and the Rabbis: Rhetoric, Law, and Truth in the Talmud,” AJS Conference, December 19, 2011.

“Truth and Rhetoric: The Role of Lawyers in Greco-Roman, Jewish and Christian Sources,” University of Scranton, Faculty Colloquium, November 17, 2011.

“Rhetorical Criticism of the Talmud: Arguments from the Excluded Middle,” AJS Conference, December 21, 2010.

“Sectarianism, Pluralism, and the Controversy over Marriage Laws between the Houses of Shammai and Hillel,” Society of Biblical Literature 2010 Annual Meeting, November 22, 2010.

“Rhetorical Suspense in the Babylonian Talmud,” NAPH International Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture, July 8, 2010.

“Indeterminacy and Codification in the Palestinian and Babylonian Talmuds in Light of Roman and Sasanian Legal Cultures,” AJS Conference, December 22, 2009.

“From Priests to Rabbis: Tradition in Transition,” Symposium on Priesthood in Ancient Judaism, Yeshiva University Center for Israel Studies, November 4, 2009.

“Unity vs. Pluralism in Halakhah: ‘*Lo Tigdedu*’ in the Yerushalmi and the Bavli,” World Congress of Jewish Studies 15, August 2, 2009.

“Forced Interpretation as Evidence for Redactional Ideology: The Portrayal of Rabban Gamaliel II in the Yerushalmi,” AJS Conference, December 21, 2008.

“Rabbinic Self-Perception of Power: Palestinian and Babylonian Interpretations of the Law of Rebellious Elder (Dt 17:8-13),” AJS

Conference, December 16, 2007.

MEMBERSHIPS

Rhetorical Society of America 2011-2012
Association of Jewish Studies, 2004-2012
Society of Biblical Literature 2010-2011
National Association of Professors of Hebrew 2010-2011
World Union of Jewish Studies 2009-2010

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Minhag and Halakha in the Talmuds: A Cross-Cultural Study,” *Kol Hamevaser* 3:7 (May 2010), 12-14.

“Traditional versus Academic Talmud Study: *Hilkakh Nimrinhu le-Tarvaibu*,” *Kol Hamevaser* 3:3 (December 2009), 8-9.

“Make Yourself Available to Forgive,” *High Holidays Reader*, Tebah, 2009, 38-44.

“Hellenism and the Hasmonians: The History of Hanukah and its Modern Relevance,” Young Israel of Stamford, December 11, 2011.

“From MMT to Mishnah: The Historical Significance of Rabbinic Pluralism,” Magen David of West Deal, July 30, 2011.

“The Ten Plagues: Are There Really Ten and Are They Really Plagues?” and “Maamad Har Sinai: Between Immanence and Transcendence,” YCT Yemei Iyun, June 7, 2011.

“Why Didn't Esther Pray? Three Responses to the (Ir)Religiousness of Megilat Esther,” Yeshiva University Yom Iyun, March 6, 2011.

“Why is Hannukah 8 Days?: The Historical Roots of Hannukah” and “The Legacy of the Maccabees from 168 BCE to 1948 CE,” Mt. Sinai Jewish Center of Washington Heights, November 30 and December 7, 2010.

“From the Last Kings to the Persian Period: Prophecy and Archaeology” YCT Yemei Iyun on Bible and Jewish Thought, June 27, 2010.

“Women as Victims of and Reactors to Political Oppression: A Case Study of the Congo and the Channukah Story,” YU Museum, December 14, 2009.

“Midrash Halakha, The Dead Sea Scrolls, and Dream Interpretation,” Magen David of Union Square, December 1, 2009.

“The History of Afterlife,” Talmud Torah of Flatbush, November 18, 2009.

“Development of the Passover Haggadah,” Ben Porat Yosef of Bergen County, April 6, 2006.

“Religious Perspectives on Business Ethics,” Baruch College, April 2006.

Developed software program to facilitate Hebrew manuscript comparison. Created online resource page and database of Talmudic manuscript charts at www.rabbinics.org.

Teachers guide for Deuteronomy – www.teachtorah.org/devarim.php.

Teachers guide for Psalms - www.tehillim.org.

Teachers guide for Exodus – www.teachtorah.org/shemot.php.