



Lecturer (part-time), English Department, Tufts University 1982-1984

Teaching Assistant, English Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1977-81

GRANTS  
AND AWARDS:

Finalist National Jewish Book Award 2007  
Finalist National Jewish Book Award 2004  
Finalist Barnes & Noble Discover Award 2004  
New York Times Notable Book of the Year 2003  
Keren Keshet Foundation Research and Travel 2004-5  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship in Fiction 1994-1995.  
Mellon Grant Research Semester Fellowship 1988.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:  
FICTION:

*An Ambulance is on the Way: Stories of Men in Trouble* Pantheon 2005  
*An Ambulance is on the Way: Stories of Men in Trouble* Anchor 2005  
*An Ambulance is on the Way: Stories of Men in Trouble* Five Leaves (UK edition) 2008  
*A Palestine Affair* Anchor 2004  
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*Een Palestijnse Affaire* (Dutch translation) Sirene 2004  
*Um Caso a Palestina* (Portuguese translation) P.E.A. 2004  
*Um Affair Palestino* (Portuguese translation/Brazil) Imago Editora  
*Palestynski Romans* (Polish translation) Austeria 2009  
*Ba Le Si Tan Zhi Lian* (Chinese trans.) Sichuan International 2010

*The Hiding Room* Viking U.S.A 1995  
Secker & Warburg U.K. 1995  
Penguin USA 1995

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*The Hiding Room* new UK Edition Five Leaves 2008

*Schoom* Penguin USA 1995  
Lime Tree U.K. 1993  
"Bank Holiday" and "From Shanghai," (Russian translation) in

*A Birthday in London*, Moscow, Kosmonavta Volkova 2009.

CRITICISM: *Herzog: The Limits of Ideas* Twayne Masterwork Studies, G.K.Hall 1990.  
*On Bellow's Planet: Readings From the Dark Side* Fairleigh Dickinson University Press 1985.

BIOGRAPHY: *Marc Chagall* Schocken/Nextbook Jewish Encounters Series. General Editor: Jonathan Rosen. 2007.  
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MEMOIR: *Kick and Run: Memoir with Soccer Ball* Bloomsbury 2013

SCREENPLAY: *The Hiding Room* (with Adam Wilson) adapted from my novel *The Hiding Room* for Suzie Q Productions,

ANTHOLOGIZED  
STORIES AND ESSAYS:

"The Liars," in *Promised Lands: New Jewish-American fiction of Longing and Belonging* ed. Derek Rubin, Brandeis UP 2010.

"How I Became a Jewish Writer in America" in *Who We Are: On Being (and not being) A Jewish-American Writer* ed. Derek Rubin Schocken Books, 2005.

"Mini-Joe" in *New Writing* eds. A.L.Kennedy and John Fowles Vintage (UK) 2000

"From Shanghai" in *Contemporary Jewish Writing in Britain and Ireland: An Anthology* Ed. Bryan Cheyette, University of Nebraska Press, 1998.

"Dead Ringer" in *The Slow Mirror and Other Stories: New Fiction by Jewish Writers* ed. Sonja Lydon. Five Leaves (UK) 1996

"Bank Holiday" in *The BEST of Best Short Stories 1986-1995* Eds. Giles Gordon and David Hughes. Minerva (UK) 1995

"From Shanghai" in *Best American Short Stories 1994* Ed. Tobias Wolff. Houghton Mifflin 1995

"Bank Holiday" in *Best Stories 1994* (U.K.) Eds. Giles Gordon and David Hughes. Heinemann 1995.

"Schoom" in *Present Laughter: An Anthology of Modern Comic Fiction*. Ed. Malcolm Bradbury. Weidenfeld & Nicolson 1995.

## STORIES:

- “iPod Shuffle” *Agni Online* 2012
- “Goals” *Esquire* September 6, 2007
- “True Love” *Forward* February 25, 2005
- “Sons of God” *Ploughshares* Fall 2002
- “Tosh” *The Jewish Quarterly* (UK) Summer 1998
- “After Love” *The Jewish Quarterly* (UK) Spring 1997
- “Last Light” *NIT* (Dutch trans. Holland) Spring 1997
- “Mother with Child” *The New Yorker* April 8 1996
- “From Shanghai” *Ploughshares* Fall 1993
- “What I Need” *The New Yorker* March 8, 1993
- “Bank Holiday” *The New Yorker* January 11, 1993
- “Schoom” *Tikkun* Nov/ Dec 1991
- “Charcoal on Paper” *Tikkun* Sept/Oct. 1990

## REVIEWS, ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

- “Cutouts,” *the Paris Review Online* June 19, 2013.
- “A Dinner in Moscow,” *the Paris Review Online* April 23, 2013.
- “Why Pop Art is Jewish,” *Tablet* May 21, 2012.
- “Avigdor Arikha’s Art of Pain,” *Tablet* April 10, 2012.
- “Albrecht Durer, W.G.Se bald, and My Father” in *Agni* Winter 2011.
- “Rhapsody in Blue: On Chagall’s America Windows,” *Tablet* January 19, 2011.
- “Hasidic Cubism,” *Tablet* March 16, 2011.
- “Broken Lines,” Boston Jewish Film Festival Program, October 2009.
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- “Adam Wilson’s Schooldays,” [www.jbooks.com](http://www.jbooks.com) 2008
- “Run! Jewboy Run!” [www.jbooks.com](http://www.jbooks.com) 2008
- “Cunt” in *Dirty Words: A Literary Encyclopedia of Sex* ed. Ellen Sussman, Bloomsbury, 2008.
- “Ancestral Journeys,” Review of *Origins* by Amin Maalouf in *New York Times Book Review* July 6, 2008
- “The Paris of Belorussia,” Review of *Vitebsk: The Life of Art* by Alexandra Shatsikh in *ARTnews* December 2007.
- “William Kentridge’s *Magic Flute*” in *ARTnews* April 2007.
- “Divine Muse: A Jewish Artist Haunted by the Face of Jesus” in *Wall Street Journal* April 27, 2007.
- “Jesus’ Comeback,” *Huffington Post* April 28, 2007.
- Foreword to *Anglophone Jewish Literature* ed. Axel Stahler. Routledge Studies in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature. Routledge, NY&London, 2007.

“My Long March,” [www.jbooks.com](http://www.jbooks.com) 2007  
 “Loyalties” Review of *The Attack* by Yasmin Khadra  
*Washington Post* November 6, 2006  
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 January 2006  
 “Kibbutz Love,” in *Maggid* Number 2 Winter 2005  
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 “Letter from Talloires,” *World Jewish Digest* August 2005  
 “Four Angry Women,” Review of *A Strange Death* by Hillel  
 Halkin in *New York Times Book Review* July 10, 2005  
 “He Kissed His Life and Art Hard,” Essay on Saul Bellow in  
*The Jerusalem Report* May 2, 2005  
 “Wilson-Almond Letters,” [www.jbooks.com](http://www.jbooks.com) 2005  
 “Summer Nights,” *World Jewish Digest* July 2004  
 “Conversion” *BJFF Program* 2004  
 “The Fading World of Leopold Bloom,” *New York Times*  
*Magazine* June 13 2004  
 Review of *The Laments* by George Hagen in *New York Times Book*  
*Review* August 22, 2004.  
 “The Burial Society,” *Boston Jewish Film Festival Program* 2003  
 “The Cultural Zionist,” Review of *Gershom Scholem: A Life In*  
*Letters* Edited by Anthony David Skinner in *New York Times Book*  
*Review* April 7, 2002.  
 “London, What’s Not to Like?” Review of *A Double Thread* by  
 John Gross in *New York Times Book Review* June 2, 2002  
 “Bloom’s Day,” Review of *Ravelstein* by Saul Bellow in *New York*  
*Times Book Review* April 23, 2000.  
 “The God of Small Things,” Review of *Open Closed Open* by  
 Yehuda Amichai in *New York Times Book Review* December 10,  
 2000.  
 “Iron John,” Review of *Updike: America’s Man of Letters* by  
 William Pritchard in *New York Times Book Review* September 24,  
 2000.  
 “For Adults Only,” Review of *Dreams of Being Eaten Alive: The*  
*Literary Core of the Kabbalah* by David Rosenberg in *New York*  
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 “A scent of the earth and grass,” Review of *Random Harvest* and  
*Revelment and Concealment* by H.N.Bialik in *TLS* March 3,  
 2000.  
 “From Slingshot to Crown,” Review of *The David Story: A*  
*Translation with Commentary of 1&2 Samuel* by Robert Alter and  
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 Everett Fox in *New York Times Book Review* November 14, 1999.  
 “Better than TV,” Review of *How to Read a Poem* by Edward  
 Hirsch *New York Times Book Review* July 4, 1999

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 "London: N.W.10" excerpts from a memoir in progress, *The Jerusalem Review* No.4 199/2000  
 "Primo Levi's Hybrid Texts" in *Judaism* Vol.48 No.1 Winter 1999  
 Review of *The Pagoda* by Patricia Powell in *The Boston Globe* November 1, 1998.  
 "Unconverted," Review of *Turbulent Souls* by Stephen Dubner in *New York Times Book Review* November 8, 1998  
 "O Comrade!" Review of *Two For The Devil* by Allen Hoffman in *New York Times Book Review* September 27, 1998  
 "Up With the Big Boys" Review of Frederic Raphael *The Necessity of Anti-Semitism* in *TLS* July 10, 1998  
 "Where there's steam, there's fire," Review of Glenn Duncan *Hope* in *Boston Globe* June 28, 1998  
 "Jews and the Crown" Review of A.J.Sherman *Mandate Days* in *The Forward* Feb 13, 1998.  
 "Farouk's Revenge" Review of David Freeman *One of Us* in *New York Times Book Review* Nov 23, 1997  
 "English Impatience" Review of Margaret Drabble *The Witch of Exmoor* in *Boston Globe* Aug.31, 1997  
 "The Bacon Fancier" Review of Alan Isler *The Bacon Fancier* in *The Forward* July 12 1997  
 "The Way They Were" Review of Nicholas Delbanco *Old Scores* in *New York Times Book Review* Aug 24, 1997  
 "Some of his Best Friends" Review of Barry Gifford *The Phantom Father* in *New York Times Book Review* May 18, 1997  
 "Letter from Dublin" in *The Forward* June 13, 1997  
 "Small Place, Large Pain" Review of Seamus Deane *Reading in the Dark* in *Boston Globe* April 6, 1997.  
 "A Therapeutic Interview with Dr.Katz" in *The Jewish Quarterly* Winter 1996  
 "Dr Isaacson Twiggy and Me in *The Jewish Quarterly* Spring 1996  
 "Jewish Football" in *The Jewish Quarterly* Autumn 1996  
 "In a tough English town" Review of Andrew Cowan *Pig* in *Boston Globe* Nov.3 1996  
 "Battle of Britain" Review of A.S.Byatt *Babel Tower* in *Boston Globe* May 12 1996  
 "Striking Back at the Empire" Review of Jamaica Kincaid *The Autobiography of My Mother* in *Boston Globe* January 21, 1996  
 "The Book on the Booker" *The New Yorker* November 6, 1995  
 "Being in a Mixed and Mixed Up World" Review of Hanif Kureishi *The Black Album* in *Boston Globe* October 1, 1995  
 "A Very English Story" *The New Yorker*, March 5, 1995

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 “Bunter” *The New Yorker* January 23, 1995  
 a rpt. in *The Bulletin* (Australia) March 1995  
 “The Big Kickoff,” *The New Yorker* August 1, 1994  
 “On Lucien Freud” *The Forward* April 8, 1994.  
 “Soccer Apocalypse” *The New Yorker*, January 10, 1994.  
 “Expatriate Games” *The New Yorker*, July 5, 1993  
 Rpt. in *Short Cuts* Penguin 1995.  
 “Guilt Trips” *The New Yorker*, April 5, 1993  
 “The Workshop and the Wasteland” *Tikkun* July/August 1990.  
 “Making It New: Second Generation Holocaust Writing” *Boston Review* April 1990.  
 “Philip Roth's Disease” *Tikkun* November/December 1988.  
 “On Autobiographical Fiction in the 1980's.” *The Literary Review*, Summer 1988.  
 “Celebrity Stories,” *Boston Review*, November/December 1987.  
 “On Radical Writing in the 1930's” *The Literary Review* Fall 1983  
 “English Poetry in Israel” Introduction to Poetry from Israel: 1970-80. *The Literary Review*, Winter 1983.  
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 “Herzog’s Fictions of the Self” in *Saul Bellow: A Mosaic* ed. L.H.Goldman Peter Lang 1992.

#### PUBLIC LECTURES

SINCE 2001 AT: Princeton University, Harvard University, Boston University, Brandeis University, University of Chicago, Tufts University, Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), Harold Washington Library (Chicago), Museum of the Biblical Image (NY), Jewish Museum (NY), Henry Gallery, University of Washington, SUNY New Paltz, Norton Museum (FL), Center for Jewish History (NY), Jane Kahan Gallery (NY) Herzliya Artist’s House, Bar Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel) University of Muenster (Germany), University of Nottingham (UK) University of Bonn (Switzerland) and numerous other venues.

INTERVIEWS:

WHDH TV *Marc Chagall* May 3, 2007  
WNYC "Leonard Lopate" *Marc Chagall* April 26, 2007  
NHPR *Marc Chagall* September 12, 2007.  
WBUR "Morning Edition" April 6, 2005  
WBUR "On Point" *Remembering Saul Bellow* April 6, 2005  
WNYC "Leonard Lopate" *An Ambulance Is on the Way* March 8, 2005  
WBUR "On Point" *A Palestine Affair* June 10, 2003  
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WBUR "Here and Now" *On Graham Greene* February 14, 2003  
WBUR "On Point" *Israel* June 3, 2002  
"Conversation with Jonathan Wilson," *Stuff Magazine* October 1995  
"Mysteries of the Heart" *Jerusalem Post* October 13, 1995  
"Language A La Mode" *Washington Post*, September 24, 1995  
"The Misbehaving Psychoanalyst" *Jerusalem Post* June 3, 1993  
"Hot Shots," *Time Out* March 1993

POETRY:

*The Literary Review*, Winter 1983, Vol. 26, No. 2  
*Stand*, Vol. 21, No. 4, 1980  
*Jerusalem Post Magazine*, August 1981

LANGUAGES:

French, Hebrew