

# Announcing the 2021–22 Katz Center Fellows

The Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies proudly announces the outstanding cohort of scholars who will be in residence at the University of Pennsylvania during the 2021–22 academic year to pursue research on the topic of Rethinking Premodern Jewish Legal Cultures.

**Menahem Ben-Sasson** | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Israel Institute Visiting Faculty & Ellie and Herbert D. Katz  
Distinguished Fellowship

*Maimonidean Dynasty: Law and Leadership in the Jewish  
Communities of the East*

**Guy Darshan** | Tel Aviv University  
Louis Apfelbaum and Hortense Braunstein Apfelbaum  
Fellowship

*The Priestly Law in the Pentateuch and Greek Sacred Laws*

**Rachel Furst** | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich  
Thomas and Elissa Ellant Katz Fellowship  
*To Shame and Defame: Legal Pluralism and Jewish Litigation  
Choices in Medieval Ashkenaz*

**Alyssa M. Gray** | Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of  
Religion

Thomas and Elissa Ellant Katz Fellowship  
*Reading Halakhah: The Jewish Legal Canon as Literature*

**Simcha Gross** | University of Pennsylvania  
Honorary Distinguished Fellowship  
*Babylonian Jewish Law and Society beyond Institutionalization*

**Chaya T. Halberstam** | King's University College, at the  
University of Western Ontario

Ariel and Joshua Weiner Family Fellowship  
*Trial Narratives in Jewish Antiquity*

**Louise Hecht** | University of Potsdam, Germany  
Dalck and Rose Feith Family Fellowship  
*From Jewish Self-Government to State Legislation: The Shai  
Takkanot (1650) and Maria Theresa's Generalordnung (1754) for  
Moravia*

**Marc Herman** | Harvard University  
Ruth Meltzer Fellowship  
*Medieval Presentations of the Oral Torah in an Islamic Key*

**Tirza Y. Kelman** | Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
Primo Levi Fellowship  
*R. Joseph Karo's Halakhic Writings: The Book History Perspective*

**Ada Kuskowski** | University of Pennsylvania  
Ariel and Joshua Weiner Family Fellowship  
*Law of Conquest: A Medieval Prehistory of Colonial Law*

**Hayim Lapin** | University of Maryland  
Albert J. Wood Fellowship  
*Case Law, Rabbis, and the Limits of Rabbination in Sasanian  
Iraq*

**Bernard M. Levinson** | University of Minnesota  
Ellie and Herbert D. Katz Distinguished Fellowship  
*Imagining Sinai: Revelation and Textuality in Ancient Israel*

**Paul Mandel** | Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies  
Maurice Amado Foundation Fellowship  
*The Redaction and Ratification of Law in Geonic Babylonia: The  
Siyuma in Cultural Contexts*

**Hanan Mazeh** | Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
Ruth Meltzer Fellowship  
*Constructing Jewish Territory: The Land of Israel in the  
Palestinian Talmud*

**Tamar Menashe** | Columbia University  
Ruth Meltzer Fellowship  
*German Jews and the Imperial Supreme Court, 1495–1690*

**Vered Noam** | Tel Aviv University  
Ivan and Nina Ross Family Fellowship  
*The Emergence of Halakhah through the Lens of 4QMMT*

**Eyelyne Oliel-Grausz** | Sorbonne Université Paris 1 Panthéon  
Primo Levi Fellowship  
*Cases from the Livorno Court of the Massari: A Plurality of Legal  
Pluralisms*

**Micha J. Perry** | University of Haifa  
Ivan and Nina Ross Family Fellowship  
*Between Legal Cultures: Pragmatic Documents vs. "The Law"*

**Zvi Stampfer** | Orot Israel College  
Maurice Amado Foundation Fellowship  
*Jewish-Islamic Theology and Law: Reciprocal Pathways in  
Judaean-Arabic*

**Daniel Strum** | University of São Paulo  
Jody Ellant and Howard Reiter Family Fellowship  
*Diaspora, Law, and Market in the Making of the Early Modern  
Atlantic: Portuguese Jews and New Christians in the Sugar Trade*

**Yael Wilfand** | Bar Ilan University  
Charles W. and Sally Rothfeld Fellowship  
*The Status of Converts in Halakhah: Negotiating Jewish  
Traditions and Roman Law*

**Hamza M. Zafer** | University of Washington  
Jody Ellant and Howard Reiter Family Fellowship  
*Conscription, Captives, and Spoils among Arabian Jews: The  
Quran and Early Muslim Sources as Evidence for Late Antique  
Jewish Legal Culture*

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