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**PRESENT POSITION**

Professor of Sociology; Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies; Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life; and Director, Berman Institute – North American Jewish Data Bank, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	1969	University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
M.A.	1966	Temple University, Philadelphia
B.A.	1964	Temple University, Philadelphia
B.H.L.	1963	Gratz College, Philadelphia

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2008-present	Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies
2004-present	Director, Mandell L. Berman Institute – North American Jewish Data Bank
1979-present	Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life
1969-present	Assistant Professor to Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, Storrs
1976-81	Associate Head, Department of Sociology
1967 summer	Instructor, Pennsylvania State University, Ogontz Campus
1966-69	Research Assistant and Teaching Associate, University of Minnesota
1964-66	Teaching Assistant and Instructor (Summer 1967), Temple University, Philadelphia

**TEACHING**

I have taught a variety of undergraduate courses including Social Psychology, Prejudice and Discrimination, Sociology of American Jewry, Sociology of Anti-Semitism, and Introduction to Sociology. Recent overall student ratings ranged from 8.0-9.6 on a 10.0 scale. In addition, I have served as an advisor to graduate students and taught graduate seminars.

**MAJOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Judaic Studies Executive Committee, 1979-present (chair).  
General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC), 2004-2008.  
GEOC Subcommittee on Diversity and Multiculturalism, 2004-2007 (co-chair).  
University Senate, 2000-2001, 2004-2006.  
American Association of University Professors (AAUP), UConn Chapter, Executive Committee, 2004-2005.  
Curriculum and Courses Committee of CLAS, 1993-2006, 2007-08.  
Chancellor's Diversity Action Taskforce, 2001-2002.  
Dodd Academic Program Committee, 1994-96.  
Dodd Director Search Committee, 1994-96.  
Search Committee for Interim Dean of CLAS, 1995.  
Registrar Review Committee, 1993-95.  
International Undergraduate Advisory Committee, 1992-93.  
Social Science Review Panel for Research Foundation, 1985-87.  
Advisory Committee on International Education, 1982-86.  
Summer School Advisory Committee, AAUP representative, 1977-84.

## **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS**

Winter, J.A. and A. Dashefsky. Forthcoming. *Jewish Options in the United States*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Press.

Dashefsky, A. and B. Lazerwitz. 2009. *Charitable Choices: Philanthropic Decisions of Donors in the American Jewish Community*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Lazerwitz, B., J.A. Winter, A. Dashefsky, and E. Tabory. 1998. *Jewish Choices: American Jewish Denominationalism*. Albany: SUNY Press.

Dashefsky, A. and H.M. Shapiro. 1993/1974. *Ethnic Identification Among American Jews*. Lanham, MD: UPA (2nd ed. with a new introduction, originally published by Lexington Books, Lexington, MA, 1974).

Dashefsky, A., J. DeAmicis, B. Lazerwitz, and E. Tabory. 1992. *Americans Abroad: A Comparative Study of Emigrants from the United States*. New York: Plenum Press. (A second edition to be published by Springer is forthcoming.)

Dashefsky, A. (ed.). 1987. *Contemporary Jewry* (Vol. 8). New Brunswick: Transaction.

Dashefsky, A. (ed.). 1986. *Contemporary Jewry* (Vol. 7). New Brunswick: Transaction.

Dashefsky, A. (ed.). 1976. *Ethnic Identity in Society*. Chicago: Rand McNally.

## **CHAPTERS/ARTICLES IN BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Ira M. Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky. 2010. "Jewish Population of the United States, 2010." *Current Jewish Population Reports* 2010 – Number 1 (a new on-line series which I developed with Ira Sheskin).

Ron Miller and Arnold Dashefsky. 2010. "Brandeis v. Cohen et al.: The Distancing from Israel Debate." *Contemporary Jewry* 30: 155-164.

Sheskin, Ira M. and Arnold Dashefsky. 2008. "Jewish Population in the United States, 2008." *American Jewish Year Book* 108: 151-222. New York: American Jewish Committee.

Sheskin, Ira M. and Arnold Dashefsky. 2007. "Jewish Population in the United States, 2007." *American Jewish Year Book* 107: pp. 133-205. New York: American Jewish Committee.

Sheskin, Ira M. and Arnold Dashefsky. 2006. "Jewish Population in the United States, 2006." *American Jewish Year Book* 106:133-193. New York: American Jewish Committee.

Dashefsky, A., B. Lazerwitz, and E. Tabory. 2003. "A Journey of the 'Straight Way' or the 'Roundabout Path:' Jewish Identity in the United States and Israel." Pp. 240-260 in M. Dillon (ed.), *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Cambridge, UK and New York: Cambridge University Press.

Dashefsky, A. and C. Lebson, 2002. "The Relationship Between Formal Jewish Education and Dimensions of Jewish Identity." *Contemporary Jewry* 23:96-131.

Dashefsky, A. 2001. "American Emigration Abroad." Pp. 311-314 in J. Ciment, *The Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Dashefsky, A. 1998. "The Quest for Continuity in the North American Jewish Community." Pp. 379-391 in R. M. Geffen and M.B. Edelman (eds.), *Freedom and Responsibility*, Philadelphia: Gratz College-Ktav.

Lazerwitz, B., J.A. Winter, A. Dashefsky, and E. Tabory. 1997. "A Study of Jewish Denominational Preferences: Summary Findings." Pp. 115-137 in D. Singer and R.R. Seldin (eds.), *American Jewish Year Book*, Volume 97. New York: AJC.

- Dashefsky, A. and A.L. Bacon. 1994. "The Meaning of Jewish Continuity in the North American Jewish Community: A Preliminary Empirical Assessment." *Agenda Jewish Education* 4:23-28.
- Dashefsky, A. 1992. "The Effects of Jewish Education on Jewish Identification." Pp. 103-114 in S. Kelman (ed.), *What We Know About Jewish Education*. Los Angeles: TAP.
- Dashefsky, A. 1990. "Sources of Jewish Charitable Giving: Incentives and Barriers." Pp. 203-225 in S.M. Lipset (ed.), *American Pluralism and the Jewish Community*. New Brunswick: Transaction.
- Sweeney, R. M. and A. Dashefsky. 1990. "Changes in Motivation for Ethnic Identification: An Analysis of Organizations in the French Canadian Community of Willimantic, Connecticut, 1937." *Ethnic Groups: An International Periodical of Ethnic Studies* 8:267-280.
- Lazerwitz, B., J.A. Winter and A. Dashefsky. 1988. "Localism, Religiosity, Orthodoxy and Liberalism: The Case of the Jews in the United States." *Social Forces* 67:229-242.
- Dashefsky, A. 1987. "Orientations Toward Jewish Charitable Giving." Pp. 19-34 in N. M. Waldman (ed.), *Community and Culture*. Philadelphia: Gratz College-Seth Press.
- Dashefsky, A. and B. Lazerwitz. 1986. "North American Migration to Israel: Stayers and Leavers." *Contemporary Jewry* 7:43-63.
- Dashefsky, A., J. DeAmicis and B. Lazerwitz. 1984. "American Emigration: Similarities and Differences Among Migrants to Australia and Israel." *Comparative Social Research* 7:337-347.
- Dashefsky, A. and B. Lazerwitz. 1983. "The Role of Religious Identification in North American Migration to Israel." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 22: 263-275.
- Dashefsky, A. and I.M. Levine. 1983. "The Jewish Family: Continuity and Change." Pp. 163-190 in W. V. D'Antonio and J. Aldous (eds.), *Families and Religions*. Beverly Hills, California: Sage Publications.
- Dashefsky, A. 1981. "Theory, Method and Social Policy in Ethnicity: Developmental Trends in the Study of Jews." *Ethnicity* 8:196-205.
- Dashefsky A., and H.M. Shapiro. 1978. "*Hinuch yehudi v'hitdahut yehudit bartzot habrit.*" (Hebrew: "Jewish Education and Jewish Identification in the U.S.") *B'tfutzot Hagolah* 19 (Summer): 1990-94 (revision of article originally presented in *Review of Religious Research*, 1974).
- Dashefsky, A. 1975. "Theoretical Frameworks in the Study of Ethnic Identity: Toward a Social Psychology of Ethnicity." *Ethnicity* 2:10-18. **Reprinted** in *Ethnic Canada: Identities and Inequalities*. Leo Driedger (ed.), Toronto: Copp Clark Pittman, 1987.
- Shapiro, H.M. and A. Dashefsky. 1974. "Religious Education and Ethnic Identification in a Jewish Community." *Review of Religious Research* 15:93-102.
- Dashefsky, A. 1972. "And the Search Goes on: The Meaning of Religio-ethnic Identity and Identification." *Sociological Analysis* 33:239-245.
- Dashefsky, A. 1971. "Being Jewish: An Approach to Conceptualization and Operationalization." Pp. 35-46 in S.T. Lachs and I.D. Passow (eds.) *Gratz College Anniversary Volume*. Philadelphia: Gratz College.

## **BRIEF ARTICLES/COMMENTS**

Dashefsky, A. and C. Lebson. 2000. "Jewish Education" (abstract of article). *Data Bank News*: Fall.

Dashefsky, A. 1999. "Jewish Education and Denomination in American Judaism." *Newsletter of the Network for Research in Jewish Education* 13 (Fall): 7-9.

Dashefsky, A. 1998. 5 entries in W. H. Swatos Jr. (ed.), *Religion and the Social Sciences, An Encyclopedia*. Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira.

Dashefsky, A. 1992. "If You Could Change One Thing to Improve Jewish Education in the 90's, What Would You Do?" *Agenda Jewish Education* 1:18-19.

Dashefsky, A. 1985. "Jewish Education for What and for Whom." *Jewish Education* 53:44-47.

Dashefsky A. and B. Lazerwitz. 1982. "American Jews in the Promised Land." *Reconstructionist* 48:7-11. **Reprinted** in 1982 *Jewish Digest* 28:17-20. **Reprinted** in 1983 *The Bridge* 7 (Condensed).

Dashefsky, A. 1981. "The Professor and the Jewish Community." *Jewish Spectator* 46:59-62.

Dashefsky, A. 1977. "The Three Faces of Ber Borochov." *Jewish Frontier* 44:15-16, 25.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

Dashefsky, A. 2008. *Intermarriage and Jewish Journeys in the United States.* Newton, MA: National Center for Jewish Policy Studies (67 pp.).

Dashefsky, A. and A. Bacon. 1997. *Who's JEFF? What's JEFF? A Formative Evaluation of the Jewish Experiences for Families (JEFF) Program in MetroWest, New Jersey.* Storrs: University of Connecticut (101 pp. report plus seven appendices written for the Jewish Education Association, Metropolitan Newark, Whippany, NJ).

Dashefsky, A., B. Lazerwitz and D. Kline. 1983. *Why Don't They Give? Determinants of Jewish Charitable Giving.* Storrs: University of Connecticut (133 pp. report written for United Jewish Appeal New Gifts Department, New York).

Dashefsky, A. and H.M. Shapiro. 1971. *The Jewish Community of Saint Paul.* Storrs: University of Connecticut (46 pp. report written for United Jewish Fund and Council, St. Paul, MN).

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

Dashefsky, A. "Experiential Learning about Society and the Individual: Strategies for Effective Teaching of Social Psychology." 1979. Pp. 1887-1894 in *Goal Setting for Teaching-learning Improvement: Implementation Strategies, Resources, Student Constituencies.* London: Fifth International Conference on Improving University Teaching.

Dashefsky, A. and W.M. Newman (eds.). 1971. *Abstract of Papers* (Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion).

Dashefsky, A. "A Sociological Perspective on Jewish Identity." 1971. Pp. 9-17 in E.L. Goldman and A.L. Peller (eds.), *Jewish Identity in the 70's.* Philadelphia: The Board of Jewish Education.

## **REVIEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

Reviews appeared in *American Jewish History*, *American Sociological Review*, *Jewish Social Studies*, and *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, among others. Titles available on request.

## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES**

More than 150 papers and lectures have been delivered at public forums at local, regional, national, and international meetings, conferences and convocations. Titles available on request.

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

Editor-in-chief, *Contemporary Jewry: A Journal of Sociological Inquiry*, 1982-86: managed editorial and organizational responsibilities to produce two book-length annuals and one semi-annual.

Contributing Editor: *Review of Religious Research*, 1978-79.

Referee: journal titles available on request.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Offices:

President, 1990-96, Vice-Pr., 1975-77, Treasurer, 1970-73, Executive Committee, 1996-2000, 2005-present, Association for the Social Scientific of Jewry.

Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies, 1998-2007; Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2006.

Program Committees: Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995;

Program Chair, Annual Meeting, Network for Research in Jewish Education, 1993; Assistant to the Program Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1971.

Papers Committees: Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society, 1990, 1989, 1988; and Candace Rogers Award Committee, 2000, 1991.

Session Chairs: American Sociological Association, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003, 1998, 1997, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1991.

Association for Jewish Studies, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1983.

Eastern Sociological Society, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2000, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1989.

Society for Scientific Study of Religion, 2005, 1999, 1998, 1992, 1972, 1971.

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, 2011.

Investiture as Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies (UConn), 2009.

Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, 2004 and 2009.

Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (UK), 2007 (deferment requested)

Writing Scholar, Stanford University, 1999.

Senior Scholar, The National Center for Jewish Policy Studies, Newton, MA, 1998-2010.

Elected Fellow, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1997.

Community Service Award, Charter Oak Lodge of Bnai Brith, Manchester, 1997.

Elected Member, Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, New Haven, 1996.

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Gratz College (Centennial Academic Convocation), Philadelphia, 1995.

State of Israel Bonds Award, Greater Hartford, 1993.

Myrtle Wreath Award, Connecticut Hadassah, Orange, CT, 1981.

## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED**

"North American Jewish Data Bank," \$789,544, United Jewish Communities, 2004-2011.

"Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life," \$530,428, Jewish Federations and Councils of CT development grants to enhance research, teaching and community outreach in Judaic Studies 1978-2011.

"Interfaith Marriages," \$40,000, The National Center for Jewish Policy Studies (with Z. Heller), 2000-2007.

"Identity and Community," \$3,751, UConn Research Foundation, 2004-07.

"Diversity in Dining - Kosher Facility," (with S. Miller and D. Rubenstein from various donors and foundations) \$288,898, 2001-2004.

"Philanthropic Behavior," \$3,769, UConn Research Foundation, 1991, 1997-2002.

"Archaeological Dig, Sepphoris," \$5,300, Endowment Foundation, JFGH and others (with S. Miller), 2000.

"Jewish Education," \$1,000, UConn Research Foundation, 1999-2000.

"M.A. in Judaic Studies Student Stipends," \$3,500, Endowment Foundation, JFGH 1995-1998.

"Jewish Family Education," \$2,000, UConn Research Foundation, 1995-1997.

"Evaluation Study of JEFF (Jewish Experiences for Families)," \$10,000, Jewish Education Association of Metro-West, NJ, 1995-97.

"Judaic Studies Library Endowment," \$15,000, Littauer Foundation (with M. Drowzdowski), 1996.

"Creedal Crucible," \$2,000, UConn Research Foundation, 1993-96.

"Inequality," \$2,493, UConn Research Foundation, 1990-95.

"Ethnic Identification," \$275, UConn Research Foundation, 1992.

"American Emigration," \$1,488, UConn Research Foundation, 1987-92.

"Education Resources Acquisitions," \$19,900, Endowment Fund of the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation, 1986 (with E. Cooper, S. Miller, and S. Warkov).

"Publications in Judaic Studies," \$6,000, Endowment Fund of the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation, 1982-85.

"Condominium Governance," \$1,675, UConn Research Foundation, 1982

"Jewish Charitable Giving," \$19,440, United Jewish Appeal, 1981-83 (with B. Lazerwitz).

"Sources of American Emigration," \$1,500, American Sociological Association Problems of Discipline Grant, 1980-81 (with B. Lazerwitz).

"A Dialogue in Three Dimensions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the Modern World," \$3,500, UConn Research Foundation, 1980.

"American Migrants to Israel," \$1,500, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship, 1977-78.

"Israelis or Jews," \$2,000, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1974.

"Americans in Israel," \$5,225, UConn Research Foundation, 1973, 1975, 1978-79.

Miscellaneous UConn Grants, \$3,900.

**REFERENCES:** Available on Request