

**Curriculum Vitae: Kenneth Hart Green July 7, 2014**

***PERSONAL INFORMATION***

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***EDUCATION***

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1989      Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University.  
Thesis Title: *The Return to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss*.  
Advisor: Marvin Fox.

1982      M.A. in Jewish Philosophy, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University.

1977      B.A. in Philosophy and Jewish Studies, University of Toronto.

***PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT***

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1995-2014      Associate Professor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

1991-1995      Assistant Professor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

1987-1991      Lecturer, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

1986-1987      Lecturer, Division of Humanities, York University, Toronto, ON.

***HONOURS***

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2013      Dean's Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto

2012      25-Year Long Service Award, University of Toronto

1997      Dean's Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto

1993      Dean's Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto

***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES***

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American Academy of Religion  
Association for Jewish Studies

***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

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Modern Judaism; history of Judaism; Jewish thought & philosophy; philosophy of religion;  
history of religion; political philosophy

***RESEARCH GRANTS***

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2011-2012 Tikvah Fund, Subvention Grant in Support of Publication Project (\$5,000.).  
2003-2006 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada,  
Standard Research Grant (\$18,000.).

***SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK***

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***Books***

2013 **Kenneth Hart Green.** *Leo Strauss and the Rediscovery of Maimonides.*  
Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
1993 **Kenneth Hart Green.** *Jew and Philosopher: The Return to Maimonides in the  
Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss.* Albany: State University of New York Press.

***Edited Books***

2013 **Kenneth Hart Green, ed.,** *Leo Strauss on Maimonides:  
The Complete Writings.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
1997 **Kenneth Hart Green, ed.,** Leo Strauss, *Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of  
Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought.* Albany: State  
University of New York Press,

***Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals***

2013 **Kenneth Hart Green, ed.** Emil L. Fackenheim, "Response to a Letter:  
Reflections by the Author on *To Mend the World* (1983)." *Journal of Modern  
Jewish Studies.* Contains: (i) Fackenheim's taped-recorded letter, which I  
transcribed and annotated; (ii) an Introduction which I wrote specifically for  
it; (iii) the original 1983 letter which I originally wrote to Fackenheim.  
Vol. 12, no. 3 (December, 2013): 436-58.  
2013 **Kenneth Hart Green, ed.** Emil L. Fackenheim, "Leo Strauss, the 'New

- Thinking,' and *To Mend the Word* (1984)." *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*. Contains: (i) Fackenheim's taped-recorded letter, which I transcribed and annotated; (ii) an Introduction which I wrote specifically for it. Vol. 21, no. 2 (Fall, 2013): 187-200.
- 2009 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "El desafío de Leo Strauss a Emil L. Fackenheim: Heidegger, el historicismo radical y el mal diabólico." *La Torre del Virrey: Revista de Estudios Culturales* Vol. 7: pp. 81-93.
- 2007 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Answers to Three Questions about Contemporary Jewish Philosophy." *Notebook: A Discussion of Contemporary Jewish Issues*. Vol. 1, no. 4: pp. 61-62.
- 1998 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Religion in the Twenty-First Century." *Books in Canada: The Canadian Review of Books* Vol. 27: pp. 11-12.
- 1997 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Response to Three Comments on *Jew and Philosopher*." *Jewish Political Studies Review* Vol. 9: pp. 99-130.
- 1993 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Religion, Philosophy, and Morality: How Leo Strauss Read Judah Halevi's *Kuzari*." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* Vol. 61: pp. 225-73.
- 1992 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Moses Mendelssohn's Opposition to the *Herem*: The First Step Toward Denominationalism?" *Modern Judaism* Vol. 12: 39-60.
- 1987 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "The Notion of Truth in Franz Rosenzweig's *The Star of Redemption*: A Philosophical Enquiry." *Modern Judaism* Vol. 7: 297-323.
- 1986 **Kenneth Hart Green, ed.** Leo Strauss, "Exoteric Teaching." *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 14: pp. 51-59.

**Chapters in Edited Books (R = peer-reviewed)**

- 2014 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Is It Possible to Reconcile Reason and Revelation? Their Mutual Relations in the Thought of Leo Strauss." In Andrea Radasanu, ed. *From Compassion to Humanity: Essays in Honor of Clifford Orwin*, ed. (Lexington Books: Lanham, MD, forthcoming 2015).
- 2012 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "What S.Y. Agnon Taught Gershom Scholem about Jewish History." In James A. Diamond and Aaron W. Hughes, eds., *Encountering the Medieval in Modern Jewish Thought*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, pp. 153-75.
- 2012 **Kenneth Hart Green.** "Spinoza's Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern

Statesmanship.” In Alan Udoff, Sharon Portnoff, and Martin D. Yaffe, eds., *The Companionship of Books: Essays in Honor of Laurence Berns*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, pp. 187-201.

- 2008 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss’s Challenge to Emil Fackenheim: Heidegger, Radical Historicism, and Diabolical Evil.” In Sharon Portnoff, James A. Diamond, and Martin D. Yaffe, eds., *Emil L. Fackenheim: Philosopher, Theologian, Jew*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, pp. 125-60.
- 1997 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss.” In Daniel H. Frank and Oliver Leaman, eds., *The Routledge History of Jewish Philosophy*. London-New York: Routledge, pp. 820-53.
- 1991 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “‘In the Grip of the Theological-Political Predicament’: The Turn to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss.” In Alan Udoff, ed., *Leo Strauss’s Thought: Toward a Critical Engagement*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, pp. 41-74.

### **Non-Refereed Publications**

- 2003 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “The West’s future depends on us now.” *National Review Online* 21 March 2003.  
(<http://www.nationalreview.com/comment/comment-green032103.asp>)
- 2003 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “A Great Loss for the Jewish People: On the Death of Emil L. Fackenheim, Jewish Philosopher.” *Canadian Jewish News* 25 September 2003, p. 54.

### **Online Publications**

- 2013 **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Why Maimonides Matters.” Answers to questions on my two new books on Leo Strauss and Maimonides, posted on the blog *The Book of Doctrines and Opinions: Notes on Jewish Theology and Spirituality*, administered by Professor Alan Brill:
- (i) Part 1 (18 July 2013): <http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/why-maimonides-matters-kenneth-hart-green-part-i/>
- (ii) Part 2 (22 July 2013): <http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/22/why-maimonides-matters-kenneth-hart-green-part-ii/>
- (iii) My comments in reply to responses by six readers to Part 1, and

my comments in reply to responses by seven readers to Part 2:

<http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2013/07/23/responses-to-comments-on-my-post-kenneth-hart-green>

### **Book Reviews**

- 1999      **Kenneth Hart Green.** *Shylock and the Jewish Question: A Review-Essay in Modern Judaism* Vol. 19: pp. 311-17.
- 1997      **Kenneth Hart Green.** *Franz Rosenzweig and Jehuda Halevi: Translating, Translations, and Translators,* in *Studies in Religion* Vol. 26: pp. 127-29.

### **Published Abstracts and Conference Presentations**

- 2014      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Emil Fackenheim’s Struggle with Revelation: Between Individual Authenticity and the Collective Claims of Tradition and History.” Panel on ‘Jewish Thought and Modern Individualism,’ *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference.* San Diego, California.
- 2012      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “What Moses Saw: Maimonidean Meditations, or, On the Speculative Teaching of the Torah.” *Philosophical Interpretations of the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, Midrash.* Shalem Center, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2011      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Response to Paul Nahme, ‘Critique of Prophetic Reason: Hermann Cohen’s Return to Maimonides via Kant.’ ” Department for the Study of Religion, Annual Colloquium Series for 2011-12, October 27, 2011.
- 2010      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “What S.Y. Agnon Taught Gershom Scholem about Jewish History.” *Literature and History: Middle Eastern Perspectives.* Ben-Gurion University, Be’er Sheva, Israel.
- 2009      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Fackenheim and the Political Theology of Diabolical Evil.” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.* Los Angeles, California.
- 2007      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern Statesmanship.” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.* Toronto, Ontario.
- 2004      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible in the *Theologico-Political Treatise.*” *Conference on Political Hebraism.* Shalem Center, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2003      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss and Maimonides.” *Reticence and*

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*Declaration: Conference on Leo Strauss and George Grant on Religion and the Modern Era.* McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

- 2003      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss on Maimonides.” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference.* Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1999      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss on Religion, Philosophy, and Modernity.” *Leo Strauss Centennial Symposium.* Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont.
- 1999      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss and the Question of Reason and Revelation.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference.* Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1998      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Morality and Its Sources: Rational Moralism versus the Ten Commandments: Response to Robert P. George.” *Conference on Law and Religion.* University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1998      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Venetian Pastoral, or, The Shakespeare Question.” *American Academy of Religion (Southwest Religion) Annual Conference.* Dallas, Texas.
- 1995      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Judaism, Philosophy, and the Art of Writing.” *American Academy of Religion (Southwest Religion) Annual Conference.* Dallas, Texas.
- 1994      **Kenneth Hart Green.** “Leo Strauss and Religion.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference.* New York, New York.

### ***Manuscripts in Preparation***

- 2014      *Emil Fackenheim’s Search for Revelation: Divine Presence and Diabolical History.*  
Manuscript of introduction + nine chapters + conclusion (approx. 1200 pp.) completed, as both written and edited; readying for sending to publishers.
- 2015      *Thinking Through Moses: Maimonidean Meditations on a Future for the Hebrew Bible*  
Manuscript of approx. 250 pp. written.
- In progress      “‘The Problem of Religious Love’ in Hermann Cohen’s *Religion of Reason.*”
- In progress      “Jean Bodin and the *Colloquium of the Seven Sages: What Defines Modern Religious Thought?*”

- In progress “Recovering the Contradictions: Modern Approaches to Maimonides’ *Guide*.”
- In progress “Maimonides on Divine Perfection:  
A Solution to the Problem of Negative Attributes.”
- In progress “Leone Ebreo’s *Dialogues on Love*:  
Jewish Thought and the Move from Medieval to Modern.”

**Works as Series Editor**

**(SUNY Series in the Thought and Legacy of Leo Strauss)**

- 2014 Keith Landy, *After Leo Strauss: New Directions in Platonic Political Philosophy*.
- 2014 Corine Pelluchon, *Leo Strauss and the Crisis of Rationalism: Another Reason, Another Enlightenment*.  
Translated from the French by Robert Howse.
- 2013 Aryeh Tepper, *Progressive Minds, Conservative Politics: Leo Strauss’s Later Writings on Maimonides*.
- 2012 Leo Strauss, *On Moses Mendelssohn: Introductions to Ten Philosophical Writings*. Translated and Edited, and with an Interpretive Essay, by Martin D. Yaffe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Originally prepared under my editorship as part of the SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss.
- 2008 David Janssens, *Between Athens and Jerusalem: Philosophy, Prophecy, and Politics in Leo Strauss’s Early Thought*. SUNY Series in the Thought and Legacy of Leo Strauss. Albany: State University of New York Press.
- 2002 Leo Strauss, *The Early Writings, 1921-32*. SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss. Translated and edited and with an introduction by Michael Zank. Albany: State University of New York Press.
- 1995 Leo Strauss, *Philosophy and Law: Contributions to the Understanding of Maimonides and His Predecessors*. SUNY Series in the Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss. Translated with an Introduction by Eve Adler. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Manuscripts which have been reviewed by me in the course of my work

as Series Editor, and which will be published by SUNY Press in my series:

- [i] Jeffrey Bernstein, “Leo Strauss on the Borders of Judaism, Philosophy and History”
- [ii] Georges Tamer, “Islamic Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: The Relation of Leo Strauss to Alfarabi, Avicenna, and Averroes”
- [iii] Antonio Lastra and Josep Monserrat Molas, eds., “Leo Strauss and Philosophy, Viewed from a European Perspective”
- [iv] Timothy W. Burns and Bryan-Paul Frost, eds., “Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: The Debate between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève Reconsidered”
- [v] Christopher Lynch and Jonathan Marks, eds., “Principles and Prudence in the History of Political Thought”

### ***Presentations and Lectures at Learned Societies***

- 2013 “The Achievement of Leo Strauss in Rediscovering Maimonides: The Significance of *The Complete Writings*.” Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. (November 12)
- 2013 “Farabi: The Impact of a Medieval Muslim Philosopher on Medieval Jewish and Christian Philosophy (and Why It Remains Relatively Unappreciated).” Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. (November 12)
- 2012 “The Achievement of Leo Strauss in Rediscovering Maimonides: The Significance of *The Complete Writings*.” Center for Jewish Studies, and Hebrew Bible Workshop. University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. (May 14)
- 2010 “Leo Strauss’s Maimonidean Approach to Reason and Revelation.” Department of Political Science, and Tam Institute for Jewish Studies. Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. (October 25)
- 2009 “Leo Strauss on the Maimonidean Dialogue-Debate between Reason and Revelation.” London School of Jewish Studies. London, England (July 7)
- 2008 “Spinoza’s Defense of the Bible: A Model of Modern Statesmanship.” Department of Jewish Thought. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel. (January 2)
- 2005 “Reason and Revelation in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” The Third Rose Maguire Memorial Lecture in Religion. The College of the Humanities, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario (March 23)
- 2003 “Emil L. Fackenheim as a Jewish Philosopher.” Memorial Meeting. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario (October 23)

- 2002 “‘Why We Remain Jews,’ by Leo Strauss: 40 Years Later.” Boston College, Newton, Massachusetts (February 20)
- 2002 “Is It Possible to Reconcile Reason and Revelation? Their Mutual Relations in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. (February 20)
- 2000 “An Introduction to the Thought of Leo Strauss.” University of Chicago Law School. University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. (May 11)
- 1998 “Leo Strauss on Religion, Politics, and Modernity: Recovering the Central Questions.” Special Colloquium of the Centre for the Study of Religion. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. (March 20)
- 1996 “Religion and Constitutionalism in Medieval Islam.” Liberty Fund Conference. Prout’s Neck, Maine. (November 7-10)
- 1994 “Leo Strauss’s Contribution to the Study of Medieval Philosophy.” Boston Seminar on Medieval Philosophy: Boston College, Boston University, and Harvard University. Boston, Massachusetts. (April 21)

***Other Papers Presented at Meetings and Symposia***

- 2013 “Comments on Michael L. Morgan’s *Emil Fackenheim’s Jewish Philosophy: An Introduction*.” Prepared remarks on a new book (along with those of other panel members, Rebecca Comay and Robert Gibbs), followed by a reply by the author. Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto Humanities Centre (October 21)
- 2013 “Why Maimonides Matters.” Talk for the launch of my two new books on Leo Strauss and Maimonides, at Beit Avraham Yosef Synagogue of Toronto, with a Response by Rabbi Daniel Korobkin (June 27)
- 2004 “Did Maimonides Hide What He Really Thought about Judaism?” Conference on Rambam and the Transformation of Judaism: Reflections on the 800<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of Maimonides. Torah-in-Motion Conference. Toronto, Ontario. (December 5)
- 2004 “Emil L. Fackenheim and the 614<sup>th</sup> Commandment.” Conference in Honour of the First Anniversary of his Death. Sha’arei Shomayim Congregation. Toronto, Ontario (September 26)

***Other Professional Activities***

Book manuscript reviewer:

State University of New York Press (2006)  
Lexington Books (2001)  
Blackwell (1999)  
University of Chicago Press (1999)  
Yale University Press (1998)

Series Editor, State University of New York Press:

SUNY Series in the Thought and Legacy of Leo Strauss.  
Series reconstituted by SUNY Press, September 2011

Other Academic Cross-Appointments:

Faculty Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto  
Faculty Associate, Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto

***TEACHING***

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***Courses***

Reading Biblical Stories: A Philosophic Approach  
World Religions, East and West  
The Jewish Religious Tradition  
Religious Ethics: The Jewish Tradition  
World Religions: A Comparative Study  
Classical Jewish Theology  
Judaism in the Modern Age  
Dreaming of Zion: Exile and Return in Jewish Thought  
Kabbala: A History of Mystical Thought in Judaism  
Modern Jewish Thought  
Maimonides and His Modern Interpreters  
Philosophy, Theology, and Politics: The Thought of Leo Strauss

***Graduate***

Modern Jewish Thought  
Maimonides and His Modern Interpreters  
Philosophy, Theology, and Politics: The Thought of Leo Strauss

## ***Graduate Student Supervision***

### **Ph.D. Students Supervision**

- 2011-present Lance Davis. "Orthodoxy and Religious Pluralism in the Jewish Thought of Irving Greenberg."
- 2010-present Jessica Radin. "The Uses of the Imagination in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy and Religious Thought, and Its Modern Impact."

### **Ph.D. Students – Member of Supervisory Committee**

- 2011-present Gregory Beiles. "Levinasian Philosophy and Jewish Religious Education."
- 2012-present David Belfon. "Jurisprudence, Theology, and Political Thought in Hermann Cohen and Maimonides."

### **M.A. Students**

- 2012-13 Kelly Lee. "Disaffiliation and Apostasy in Contemporary Ultraorthodox/Haredi Judaism in North America."
- 2004-05 Megan Jull. "'One Fold Under One Shepherd'?: Rethinking the Conversion of the Jews in Christian Thought and Practice."
- 1999-2000 Henry Owh. "Spinoza and Religion."

## ***Dissertation Committees & Doctoral Examinations***

- 2013 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Paul Nahme. David Novak (advisor), Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 2010 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Alan C. Wiseman. James A. Diamond (advisor), Department of Religion, Waterloo University.
- 2009 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Jonathan Crane. Robert Gibbs (advisor), Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 2008 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Matthew LaGrone. David Novak (advisor), Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.

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- 2003 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Mark Leuchter. Brian Peckham (advisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 2003 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Peter Gilbert. Alan Davies (advisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 1999 Member, Ph.D. Committee, James A. Diamond. David Novak (advisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 1998 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Ronald Polster. Paul Gooch (advisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 1996 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Michael Kigel. Graeme Nicholson (advisor),  
Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 1994 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Timothy Burns. Thomas L. Pangle (advisor),  
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.
- 1993 Member, Ph.D. Committee, Hugh Miller. Thomas Langan (advisor),  
Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto.