

## RESUME

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### Major Publications

Reclaiming Judaism as a Spiritual Practice: Holy Days and Shabbat (Jewish Lights Publishing [JL] '04)

Meaning and Mitzvah: Reclaiming Judaism through G\*d, Torah, Prayer, Mitzvot, Hebrew & Peoplehood (JL'06)

Living Jewish Life Cycle: Creating Meaningful Jewish Rites of Passage at Every Stage of Life (JL '09)

Make Your Own Bar/Bat Mitzvah: A Personal Guide to Creating a Meaningful Rite of Passage (Jossey-Bass '04)

[Ed], Creating a Mitzvah-Centered Life: New Sacred Stories, Reclaiming Judaism Press, (release date Nov. 1, 2011)

[Ed], Seeking and Soaring: Jewish Approaches to Spiritual Direction, Reclaiming Judaism Press ('09)

Rebbe on the Road: The oddly inspiring, surprisingly intellectual, uniquely spiritual and improbably madcap

world-wide adventures of Rabbi Goldie Milgram and Dr. Barry Bub (e-book, ReclaimingJudaism.org '07)

*Full list of publications available upon request.*

### Academic Appointments

Dean, and Chair of the Department of Professional Skills, The Academy for Jewish Religion 1994-2002

*Adjunct Faculty Appointments:*

ALEPH Ordination Programs, "Pastoral Counseling"; "Bioethics, Jewish Law and the Role of Clergy" 2002-present

Won Korean Reform Buddhist Institute, "Homiletics: The Pastoral Art" 2005-present

Auburn Seminary, "From Trauma to Recovery: A Training Program for Clergy" 2005

Gettysburg College, "Judaism as a Civilization"; "Judaism as a Spiritual Practice" 1993-5

Princeton University, "Medicine, Law and Ethics, Philosophical and Religious Dimensions" 1993

Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, "Jewish Organizations & Their Roles World-wide" 1990

### Communal Service

**Founder & Executive Vice President, P'nai Yachadut-Reclaiming Judaism** (501C3 non-profit), 2000-present.

An innovative provider of resources, ritual, training and support for seekers and teachers of spirituality and meaning for living through a Jewish lens. Programs, consultations, in-service training, spiritual direction and senior clergy participation in interfaith dialogue provided in over 520 cities & 53 countries. Established through grants from the Nathan Cummings, Myerhoff, Dorot, Beitman and Hadassah Foundations.

Keynote speeches and workshops: United Nations, 92Y, American Medical and American Psychiatric Associations, Project Keshet, Hadassah, and Limmud conferences world-wide, many other institutions, including cruise lines. Present major projects: The National Bar/Bat Mitzvah Institute Initiative provides training for families and institutions seeking to create more meaningful and memorable b'nei mitzvah. The Creating a Mitzvah-Centered Life Project has extensive programs and resources in support of engaged Jewish learning and living in the testing phase.

**Editor-in-Chief, Reclaiming Judaism Press**, 2008-present. Non-profit press, publishing interactive iPad, e-book and printed volumes featuring teachers of emerging approaches to Jewish learning and living.

**Judaism Editor & Columnist, Philadelphia Jewish Voice Newspaper**, 2006-present. Online non-profit volunteer-based community newspaper serving greater Philadelphia; dedicated to addressing the important social, political and cultural issues facing our community in a spirit of honesty, integrity and diversity.

**Rabbi-in-residence, Kol HaNeshamah**, Sarasota's Reconstructionist Congregation, 11/2010-present.

**Visiting Teacher, Mentor, Curriculum Support; Project Keshet, 1989-present.** Jewish advocacy and human rights organization covering Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia and Kazakhstan with a grassroots movement of 165 Jewish women's groups and more than 90 multi-ethnic coalitions of women. Programs give CIS Jews the opportunity to reclaim their heritage and to discover the power of community activism

**Rabbi, Temple Beth El**, Hammonton, NJ 1989-98, an inclusive, caring community for meaningful worship & learning  
**Founding Chair**, Jewish Women's Study Project which became Kolot, first department of women & gender studies at any Jewish institution of higher education, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College 1989-93

**Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Cumberland County**, Vineland, NJ. 1982-87

**Director of Planning & Allocations, Director, BJE**, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlantic County, NJ. 1979-82  
**Various Internships & Mid- Career Positions**, Federations, BJE's, JCCs; Hillels, PA, NY & NJ, 1978-81; 1993-95  
**Group Worker, Educator/Principal, Counselor**, JCCs, Camps, Congregations, 1972-1978  
**Youth Movements**: University of Pennsylvania Hillel President, ATID co-president, USY International Religious VP

### **Secular Innovation, Research & Training**

**Women Founders Collective**, founding board member, now, as a volunteer trainer and consultant, travel internationally in support of women who wish to found or already direct their own NGOs, 2007-present.

**Trainer/Consultant**, spiritual health and ethics: American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, Advanced Physician Awareness Training, Planned Parenthood, various chaplaincy & clergy associations, 2005-present.

**NBC TV 40 Anchor, Director & Producer**, Health Watch, innovated the preventive medicine television talk show concept, 1984-92

**American Cancer Society, Public and Professional Education Chair**, various national & regional programs, focusing on preventive medicine for public and introducing palliative and hospice care concepts to healthcare professionals. 1980-1993

**Biomedical & Business Leadership Research**, Wharton School of Business & University of Pennsylvania Schools of Medicine & Dentistry, 1972-1974

### **Education & Training**

Doctorate, New York Theological Seminary, 2003

Dissertation: "Revisioning Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a Rite of Spiritual Initiation"

Rabbinical Ordination, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1993

Additional lineage ordinations from Rabbi Dr. Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

Rabbi, 2000; Mashpi'ah (Jewish Spiritual Director & Guide), 2008; Shaliach (emissary), 2009

Masters in Social Work, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, 1979

BA, University of Pennsylvania, Individualized Major with Hebrew University & Wharton School, 1985

Graduate, Brandeis Bardin Institute, 1973

Trainings: Bibliodrama, Peter Pitzele; Focusing, Dr. Eugene Gendlin; Multimedia Journalism, Curt Chandler

### **Recognition and Honors**

-The Archives of the American Jewish Historical Society accessions all of "Reb Goldie's" work product, correspondence, ritual garb & religious items.

-Published in &/or cited by: The New York Times, The Jewish Daily Forward, Time, Hadassah & Moment Magazines, PBS

-Covenant Foundation Award, finalist for excellence as a Jewish educator and Innovator

-American Cancer Society Most Distinguished Citizen Award