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BIOGRAPHY

Bernard (Baruch) Susser was The Senator Paterson Professor of Politics at Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel. He is currently, Professor Emeritus. He immigrated to Israel (1969) where he lives with his wife Susan and three children and six grandchildren. His main fields of interest are political philosophy, comparative politics - especially Israeli politics. He has served as Chairman of the Israel Political Science Association.

He has held visiting positions at Columbia University, the City College of New York, Vanderbilt University, Oxford University, Mannheim University, the University of Virginia, the University of Berlin (Humboldt), the University of Denver, San Diego State University, the University of Cape Town and Huzhong University (Wuhan) China.

He has written a philosophical novel on Baruch Spinoza entitled: The Spinoza Quartet: A Philosophical Novel.

EDUCATION

B.A. 1964 Yeshiva University, Political Science
Ph.D. 1972 Columbia University, Political Science
Doctoral Dissertation: Existence and Utopia: The Social and Political Thought of Martin Buber

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bar Ilan University. Current Rank: Full Professor, Emeritus
Senator Paterson Chair of Politics -- Incumbent, 1998-2012
Tel Aviv University, Associate Professor, 1972-1988
Columbia University (New York) Instructor, 1971-1972
Graduate School, City University of New York, Summer 1974
Vanderbilt University, (Nashville, Tennessee), 1976-1977
Oxford University Visiting Fellow, 1980-1981
Mannheim and Heidelberg Universities, DAAD Fellow, June-October, 1981

University of Virginia Visiting Professor, 1983-1984
University of Cape Town, Visiting Professor (Winter Semester), 1991+ 3 other month long visits
California State University, San Diego, Distinguished Lipinsky Visiting Professor, 1992-1993
University of Denver Visiting Professor (Fall Quarter), 1996
Humbolt University (University of Berlin) Visiting Professor, ('Block Seminar') April 1997
Research Institute Hanzhong University (Wuhan, China) A semester in a month, seven times from 2000 to 2006

At present teaching two tutorial seminars, one B.A., one M.A.

מלמד שני סמינריונים תואר א' ותואר ב' המבוססים על פגישות אחד על אחד

ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Chairperson of Israeli Political Science Association, 1989-1991
Executive Committee of Israeli Political Science Association, 1987-1989
Member of the Council of the International Political Science Association, 1989-1991
Member of drafting team that authored the Proposed Constitution for Israel that forms the basis for most of the recent efforts at constitutional, electoral and civil rights reforms in Israel. In the context of this activity, I have also briefed visiting American Senators and Congressmen as well as ambassadors from other countries on reform efforts in Israel.
Founding member of Public Committee for a Constitution for Israel.
Chair, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University, 1994-1998
Founding Member and Directing 'Amuta' member of Geshar (a major educational organization promoting understanding between the religious and secular communities in Israel)
Grantee of the Ford Foundation, Columbia University, the German Academic Exchange Program, the Israel Academy of Science, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Adenauer Foundation
Senior Advisor and contributor to the Open University in most of its courses on comparative politics, Israeli politics and political theory
Senior academic advisor to a new 'Civics' text book for Israeli High Schools

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books

Existence and Utopia: The Social and Political Thought of Martin Buber (London and Toronto, Associated University Press, 1981).

Co-editor (with Sam Lehman-Wilzig) Public Life in Israel and the Diaspora: Comparative Jewish Politics (Jerusalem, Bar Ilan University Press, 1981).

Editor and Project Director, The Israeli Political System: Recommendations for

Reform (Hebrew) (Ramat Gan, May, 1987).

The Grammar of Modern Ideology (London and New York, Routledge, 1988).

Political Theory: A Reader edited (with D. Tzor) and introduced (Hebrew) (Jerusalem, Schocken, 1990).

Approaches to the Study of Politics (New York, Macmillan, 1991).

The Varieties of Political Science: Schools and Sects in the Study of Politics (Hebrew) (Open University, Tel Aviv, 1993).

Political Ideology in the Modern World (New York, Simon and Schuster, 1995).

Choosing Survival: Strategies For A Jewish Future (with Charles S. Liebman) (New York, Oxford University Press, 1999).

Left and Right: A Primer of Contemporary Ideological Discourse (Hebrew) (Schocken, Tel Aviv, 1999).

Israel and the Politics of Jewish Identity: The Secular-Religious Impasse (with Asher Cohen) (Johns Hopkins University Press, June 2000).

Modern Ideologies: A Reader (ed.) (Hebrew) (Two Volumes) (Open University, 2001).

From Accommodation to Escalation: Secular-Religious Conflict in Israel (with Asher Cohen) (Hebrew, Schocken, February 2003).

The Jewish Future in Israel and America (with Charles Liebman) (Hebrew, Kibbutz Hameuchad;, summer 2003).

Ambivalent Jew: Charles Liebman In Memoriam, (ed. with Stuart Cohen) (Jewish Theological Seminary Press, 2007).

The Spinoza Quartet: A Philosophical Novel (published in 2010).

Religious Zionism and the Settlement Project: Politics, Ideology and Civil Disobedience (with Moshe Hellinger and Isaac Hershkovitz) (Under contract with SUNY Press) (2015).

Israel Challenged: Threats to Israel's Identity as a Jewish and Democratic State (with Moshe Hellinger) (near completion – Winter, 2016)

Articles in Refereed Journals

Co-author, "Religion, Nationalisme et Etat dans le Judaisme," IPSA Papers, No. I, 7, III (1973).

"The Behavioral Ideology: A Review and a Retrospect," Political Studies, September 1974.

Co-author, "The Referendum Election: One Person, Several Votes," Parliamentary Affairs, Summer 1975.

"Alte und Neue Gemeinschaft -- An Unpublished Buber Manuscript" introduced and edited (with Paul Mendes-Flohr) American Jewish Scholar's Review, April 1976.

"Ideological Multivalence: Martin Buber and the German Volkish Movement," Political Theory, February 1977.

"Elections and Voting Systems," State, Government and International Relations (Hebrew) Fall 1977.

"The Anarcho-Federalism of Martin Buber," Publius, Winter 1979.

"On Violence and Political Obligation: A Reply to Professor Shlomo Avineri," State, Government and International Relations (Hebrew) Spring 1980.

"Leo Strauss: The Ancient as Modern," Political Studies 36, December 1988, pp. 497-514.

"Parliadential Politics," Parliamentary Affairs, Spring 1989, pp. 111-122.

"Continuity and Change in Jewish Political Theory," in State, Government and International Affairs 30 (with Eliezer Don Yehiya) (Hebrew) Winter 1989, pp. 19-51.

"Israeli Democracy: Great Expectations, Growing Frustrations," Kaplan Centre Papers, September 1989, pp. 1-15.

"The Sociology of Knowledge and its Enemies," Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy 32, September 1989, pp. 245-260.

"Political Attitudes of Students and Faculty in Israeli Political Science," (with Gila Kurtz) (Hebrew) State, Government and International Relations 36, Summer 1992, pp. 87-109.

"Towards a Constitution in Israel," Saint Louis University Law Journal 37(4), Summer 1993, pp.939-971.

"Israel and the Decline of the Nation-State in the West," (with Eliezer Don Yehiya) Modern Judaism, May 1994, pp. 187-202.

"The Domains of Ideological Discourse," Journal of Political Ideologies, 1(2) (1996), pp. 165-181.

"From Accommodation to Decision: Transformations in Israel's Religio-Political Life," (with Asher Cohen) Journal of Church and State (Winter, 1996), pp. 187-202.

"The Forgotten Center: Traditional Judaism in Israel," (with Charles Liebman) Modern Judaism 17 (1997), pp. 211-220.

"Judaism and Jewishness in the Jewish State," (with Charles Liebman) The Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science 555, January 1998, pp. 15-25.

"Arabs in the Jewish State: A Review Essay," Judaism, Spring 1999.

"Nation-States in the West: Israel as a 'Deviant Case'" (with Eliezer Don Yehiya) (Hebrew) Democratic Culture, Spring 1999.

"Religious-Secular Strife: The Political Dimensions," (with Asher Cohen) Politika III (Hebrew) Spring 1999.

"The Right of Resistance in Israeli Politics: Right vs. Left," Democratic Culture 2 (Hebrew) Winter 1999, pp. 12-28.

"From Consensual Democracy to Crisis Democracy – The Struggle Over Collective Identity in Israel," Politics: A Political Science and International Relations Periodical (Hebrew) 3, 1999, pp. 9-30.

"Escapist Parties in Israeli Politics," Israeli Affairs (with Giora Goldberg) October 2005, pp. 636-654.

"More on Escapist Parties," Israel Affairs January 2007.

"Jews and Others: Non-Jewish Jews in Israel," Israel Affairs 15:1, pp. 52-65 (with Asher Cohen) 2009

"Reform Judaism in Israel and the United States: The Anatomy of Weakness V. Success (with Asher Cohen) Modern Judaism, January, 2010.

"Stability in the *Haredi* Camp and Upheavals in Nationalist Zionism: An Analysis of the Religious Parties in the 2009 Elections," (with Asher Cohen) Special edition of Israel Affairs on the 2009 elections. It will also be printed as a book by Routledge.

"The Sabbatical Year in Israel: An Intra-Religious and Religious-Secular Conflict from the 19th to the 21st Centuries," (with Asher Cohen) Journal of Church and State summer 2010.

"The Dialectic between Confrontation and Commitment: Religious Zionism and the Settlement Project" Politics and Religion (forthcoming 2016).

Chapters in Edited Books

Co-author (with Eliezer Don-Yehiya), "A Prolegomenon to Jewish Political Theory," in Daniel Elazar (ed.), Kinship and Consent: The Jewish Political Tradition and its Contemporary Uses (Tel Aviv: Turtledove Press, 1981).

"Dialogue and Peace in the Thought of Martin Buber," in Manfred Shlenke (ed.) Frieden and Friedensicherung (Mannheim: Mannheim University Press, 1984).

"On the Reconstruction of Jewish Political Theory," in B. Susser and S. Lehman-Wilzig (eds.), Public Life in Israel and the Diaspora: Comparative Jewish Politics (Jerusalem: Bar Ilan University Press, 1981).

Co-author (with Rena Shapiro) "The Public and Political System of Israel: A Report on Attitudes, Positive and Negative Orientation and Desire for Change," in B. Susser (ed.), The Israeli Political System: Recommendations for Reform (Hebrew) (Ramat Gan, 1987).

"Introduction" and "Recommendations for Reform: A Concluding Proposal," in B. Susser (ed.), The Israeli Political System: Recommendations for Reform (Ramat Gan, 1987).

"The Proposed Constitution," in Daniel Elazar (ed.), Constitutionalism: The American and the Israeli Experience (Washington D.C.: University Press of America, 1989), pp. 179-189.

"The Politics of Morality and the Morality of Politics," in Daniel Elazar (ed.), Morality and Politics (Washington, D.C.: University Press of America) 1989 pp. 121-127.

"The Nature of Political Theory," in B. Susser (ed.), Political Theory: An Anthology (Hebrew) (Tel Aviv: Schocken, 1990).

"From Consensus to Majoritarian Politics: The Decline of Israeli Consociationalism," (With Asher Cohen) (Hebrew) Multi-culturalism in a Democratic and Jewish State, Menahem Mautner, Avi Saguy and Ronen Shamir (eds.) (Tel Aviv: Ramot Publishers, Tel Aviv University 1998), pp. 675-701.

"The Direct Election of the Prime Minister: A Balance Sheet," Israel Affairs, Vol. 4, no. 1, 1998, pp. 238-257. Appeared as well in Israel at the Polls: 1996, Daniel J. Elazar and Shmuel Sandler (eds.). A Hebrew version was published as an occasional paper by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, January 1997.

"A Society Divided: Israeli Politics at the Turn of the Century," in Israel: Culture, Religion and Society, Stuart A. Cohen and Milton Shain (eds.). Cape Town: Kaplan Center, University of Cape Town, 2000.

"The Ideology of Affliction: Reconsidering the Adversity Thesis" in Diasporas and Exiles, ed. Howard Wettstein (University of California Press, 2002)

"Service in the IDF and the Boundaries of Israel's Jewish Collectivity (with Asher Cohen) in Avi Sagi and Ohad Nachmani (Eds.) The Multicultural Challenge in Israel 2009.

