

Brief Biography

Lee Shai Weissbach

Lee Shai Weissbach is Professor of History at the University of Louisville, where he has also served as Chair of his department and as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. He received his undergraduate training at the University of Cincinnati and earned his doctorate at Harvard in 1975. In 1996 Professor Weissbach was awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and in 2006 he was selected as a Fulbright Fellow to spend a year at the University of Haifa in Israel. His publications include *The Synagogues of Kentucky: Architecture and History* (1995), *Jewish Life in Small-Town America: A History* (2005), and numerous articles in journals such as *American Jewish History*, the *Journal of Social History*, the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *The American Jewish Archives Journal*, and *Shofar*. Recently, Professor Weissbach edited a special issue of the journal *Jewish History* on the topic of “Synagogue Architecture in Context,” and his edited and annotated version of his grandfather’s memoir, *A Jewish Life on Three Continents*, was published in 2013 by the Stanford University Press.