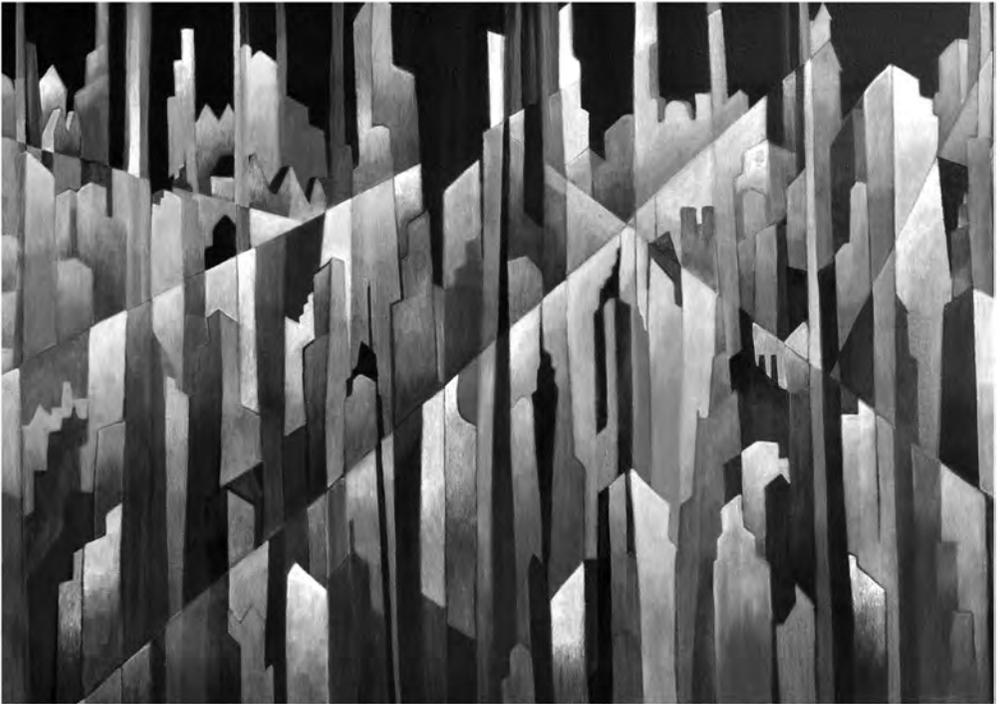


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ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

Goals and Standards

The Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) was founded in 1969 by a small group of scholars seeking a forum for exploring methodological and pedagogical issues in the new field of Jewish Studies. Since its founding, the AJS has grown into the largest learned society and professional organization representing Jewish Studies scholars worldwide. As a constituent organization of the American Council of Learned Societies, the Association for Jewish Studies represents the field in the larger arena of the academic study of the humanities and social sciences in North America. The organization's primary mission is to promote, facilitate, and improve teaching and research in Jewish Studies at colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning. Its more than 1800 members are university faculty, graduate students, independent scholars, and museum and related professionals who represent the breadth of Jewish Studies scholarship. The organization's institutional members represent leading North American programs and departments in the field.

The AJS's major programs and projects include an annual scholarly conference, featuring more than 150 sessions; a peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *AJS Review*, published by Cambridge University Press; a biannual magazine, *AJS Perspectives*, that explores methodological and pedagogical issues; Positions in Jewish Studies, the most comprehensive listing of Jewish Studies job opportunities; Resources in Jewish Studies, an online guide to Jewish Studies programs, grant opportunities, professional development resources, electronic research tools, and doctoral theses; the Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards, which recognize outstanding research in the field; the Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project, in cooperation with the Legacy Heritage Fund, in support of innovative public programming; the Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships, which fund doctoral research on the North American Jewish Community; and the Distinguished Lectureship Program, which connects leading scholars with audiences outside the university.

Membership in the association is open to individuals whose full-time vocation is teaching, research, or related endeavors in academic Jewish Studies; to other individuals whose intellectual concerns are related to the purposes of the association; and to graduate students concentrating in an area of Jewish Studies. Institutional membership is open to Jewish Studies programs and departments, foundations, and other institutions whose work supports the mission of the AJS.

In order to maintain a professional and comfortable environment for its members, conference registrants, and staff, the association requires certain standards of behavior. These standards include, without limitation, courtesy of discourse, respect for the diversity of AJS members and conference attendees, and the ability to conduct AJS business and participate in the AJS Conference in a non-threatening, collegial atmosphere. AJS members and conference participants who do not uphold these standards may jeopardize their membership or conference participation. If you have any questions, please speak with an AJS staff person at the conference registration desk; the AJS's Executive Director, Rona Sheramy; the Vice President for Conference Program, Reuven Firestone; or the President of the Association for Jewish Studies, Jeffrey Shandler.

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Message from the Conference Chair

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to present the program for the Forty-fourth Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies. This is one of the largest and most varied programs in the association's history, a reflection of the ongoing expansion of Jewish Studies in academia throughout the world. Below please find important information pertaining to program events and functions.

HOTEL, REGISTRATION, BADGES, MEALS: All sessions will be held at the Sheraton Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. Floor plans on pages 13–15 of this program book show their location and arrangement. The Sessions-at-a-Glance table on pages 16–23 provides a summary of events with their locations and times. Program books, conference totes, and badge covers will be distributed in the Sheraton Ballroom Foyer. You may also register for the conference on-site, and take out membership for the 2012-13 membership year. Badges and kosher meal confirmations were sent to U.S. and Canadian addresses for those who registered and paid all fees by the November 15 deadline. Attendees coming from outside North America: please pick up your badges, meal confirmations, and program books at the AJS Registration Desk. Please remember that conference badges must be worn at all times for admission to the sessions and the Book Exhibit Hall. Security personnel at the entrance to the book exhibit and elsewhere in the hotel will be checking badges and will only admit those who have registered for the conference.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: The Annual AJS Business Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 PM in Michigan A. All AJS members are invited to attend. Voting for nominees to the AJS Board of Directors will take place at this meeting.

WELCOME RECEPTION, ANNUAL GALA BANQUET, AND PLENARY: Please join us at 6:15 PM on Sunday, December 16 in the Book Exhibit Hall for the Welcome Reception. The reception will be followed by the Annual Gala Banquet at 7:15 PM. Reduced ticket prices have been made possible through the generous support of numerous institutions, programs, and departments (see pages 40–41 for a list of banquet sponsors). Immediately following the Gala Banquet, AJS President Jeffrey Shandler will deliver the inaugural AJS Biennial Presidential Address, "Jewish Studies and the Public Sphere."

FILMS: The AJS will screen a line-up of international films over the course of the conference. Features include *Footnote* (Israel 2011) to be shown Sunday evening at 9:30 PM in Chicago IX, to be followed on Monday evening by a conversation with the film's director, Joseph Cedar (8:00 PM, Michigan A/B). This event is sponsored by The Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies at Northwestern University. Films will also be shown throughout the day on Monday, December 17 in Chicago VII. See page 82 for screening details. Special thanks to Professor Lawrence Baron of San Diego State University and the AJS Conference Film Committee for organizing the film screenings.

DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP: The AJS is pleased to present a Digital Media Workshop on Monday, December 17 in Sheraton III. This session will feature presentations of research projects, research tools, teaching tools, and other born-digital projects. The workshop will be informal and interactive, with several digital monitors stationed in one room, allowing presenters to share their projects with small groups as people circulate from station to station. Presenters will be available to answer questions and discuss digital resources during the hours of 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

AJS HONORS ITS AUTHORS: Make sure to attend the AJS Honors Its Authors event on Monday, December 17 at 4:00 PM. Please join book authors, members, and publishers for a reception in the Book Exhibit Hall to celebrate Jewish Studies books published by AJS members in 2012. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize.

CAUCUSES, MEETINGS, AND RECEPTIONS: The AJS Conference provides the opportunity for several caucuses, colloquia and groups to meet. These special events include the Pedagogy Working Group in Jewish Studies Meeting on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 PM; the AJS Women's Caucus Breakfast on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 AM; the Sephardi/Mizrahi Caucus Lunch on Monday, December 17 at 12:45 PM; the American Academy for Jewish Research Session "The Family as a Category of Jewish Analysis" on Monday, December 17 at 11:00 AM; the Directors of Jewish Studies meeting on Tuesday, December 18 at 10:45 AM; and the Works-in-Progress Group in Modern Jewish Studies on Tuesday, December 18 at 3:45 PM. All graduate students are warmly invited to a Graduate Student Reception to be held in their honor on Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 PM, sponsored by Indiana University, Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program. For a list of other evening receptions open to all AJS members, see the daily program schedule for Sunday and Monday evenings.

INTERVIEWS: The AJS has set aside rooms where institutions may conduct job interviews in comfortable surroundings. AJS policy prohibits the use of private guest rooms for interviews and offers confidential scheduling of interviewing facilities. Pre-reservation with the AJS office is required.

SERVICES: The Parlor A and Parlor C meeting rooms have been set aside at 4:00 PM on Sunday, 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday, and 7:00 AM on Tuesday to accommodate conference participants who wish to organize egalitarian and traditional religious services, respectively.

CHILDCARE: The Parents Childcare Co-op has made arrangements for affordable childcare in the hotel during conference meeting hours. Pre-registration is required. For further information, please contact Andrea Lieber at lieber@dickinson.edu. The children's program is funded by a grant from the Center for Cultural Judaism (www.culturaljudaism.org). Please note: The Parents Childcare Co-op is an independent initiative and is not sponsored by nor affiliated with the Association for Jewish Studies. The Association for Jewish Studies assumes no liability for the use of these services.

A PERSONAL NOTE: It is an honor to be involved in this year's Annual Conference and to work with such an enormously talented and personally committed community of professionals and scholars. On the one hand, this year's program is simply one more link in a long chain spanning ancient to modern traditions of scholarship and teaching. It reflects the AJS's usual enormous effort and success in supporting Jewish Studies in contemporary academic and cultural and scientific settings. On the other hand, you will note from what follows in the program that this year's conference is moving forward in a number of very new and very exciting ways. The Sunday morning THATCamp (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM), Digital Media Workshop on Monday (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM) and three Lighting Sessions Tuesday morning (8:30 AM – 10:30 AM) will feature some of the most innovative ways of thinking about scholarship and a careful, probing consideration of how the ever faster developments in media can benefit research and pedagogy in Jewish Studies. I urge all to arrange your schedule early so that you will have the opportunity to visit these sessions and stay abreast of these new developments.

I am particularly honored to bring to your attention the re-inauguration of the AJS Presidential Address, which will be delivered at the Sunday banquet by Jeffrey Shandler. The AJS membership and program has grown in parallel with the extraordinary growth of Jewish Studies over the past forty-three years. It is especially appropriate for us to treat ourselves to what will be a lively and informative presentation on the "state of the art" of Jewish Studies by our faithful president. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Sincerely,
Reuven Firestone
Vice President for Program

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The AJS website has extensive information about visiting Chicago, including transportation to and from the airport, cultural sites and activities, and kosher and vegetarian restaurants near the hotel.

Please see www.ajsnet.org/chicago.htm for details.

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4:00 – 4:30 PM

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2013 conference themes

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2013

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LAURA ARNOLD LEIBMAN, Reed College

Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism: A New Interpretation of Early American Jewish Life
(Valentine Mitchell)

Modern Jewish History—Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania:

REBECCA KOBRIN, Columbia University

Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora (Indiana University Press)

Philosophy and Jewish Thought:

BENJAMIN POLLOCK, Michigan State University

Franz Rosenzweig and the Systematic Task of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press)

Honorable Mentions:

DANIEL DAVIES, University of Cambridge

Method and Metaphysics in Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed (Oxford University Press)

MARNI DAVIS, Georgia State University

Jews and Booze: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition (New York University Press)

SARAH HAMMERSCHLAG, Williams College

The Figural Jew: Politics & Identity in Postwar French Thought (University of Chicago Press)

JAMES LOEFFLER, University of Virginia

The Most Musical Nation: Jews and Culture in the Late Russian Empire (Yale University Press)

RACHEL RUBINSTEIN, Hampshire College

Members of the Tribe: Native America in the Jewish Imagination (Wayne State University Press)

**Please join the AJS for a reception in the authors' honor on
Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 pm in Mayfair.**

Information about the 2013 competition will be available on ajsnet.org in March.

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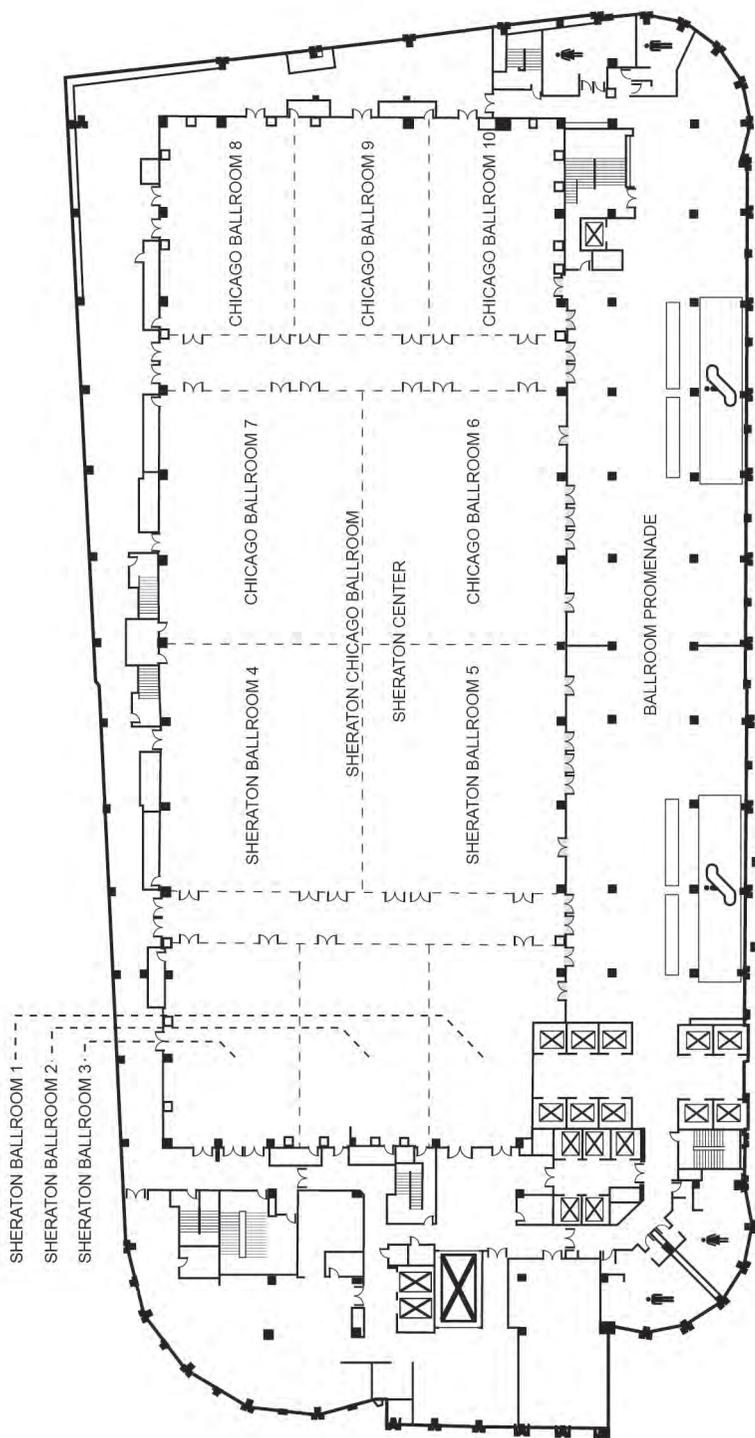
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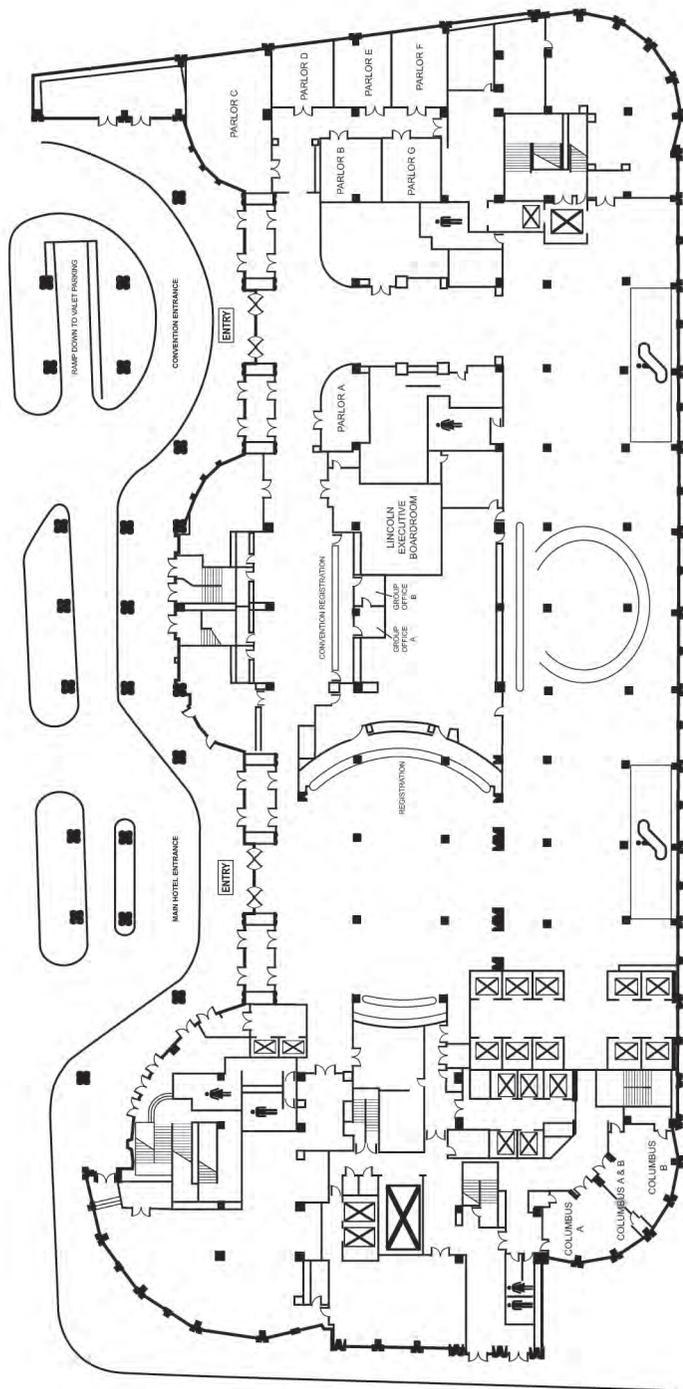
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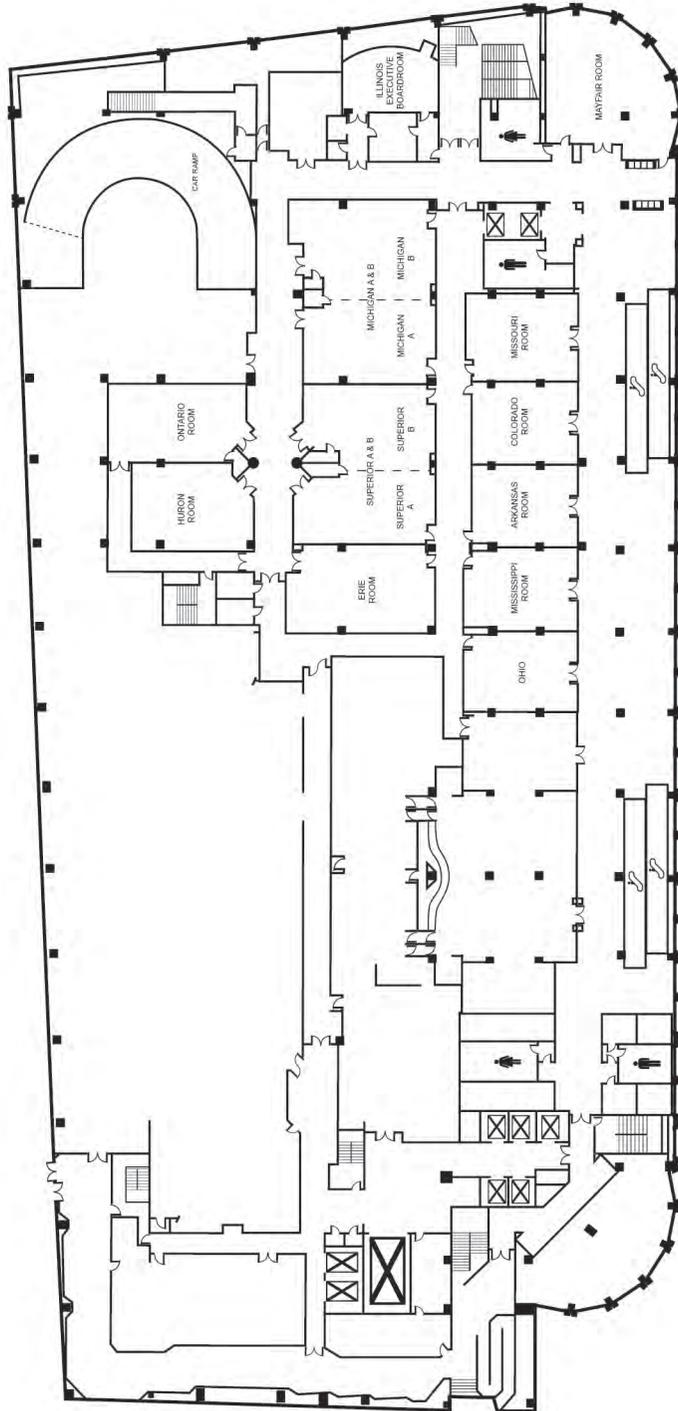
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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM <i>Sheraton III</i> GENERAL BREAKFAST	<i>Chicago VI</i>		2.1 Philosophy and the Hebrew Bible
	<i>Sheraton I</i>		2.2 <i>American Jewish Year Book: Prospect and Retrospect</i>
	<i>Sheraton II</i>		2.3 Israel Studies: Coming of Age
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM <i>Sheraton Executive Center</i> THATCAMP JEWISH STUDIES	<i>Chicago VIII</i>	1.1 Jewish Responses to Racism after the Holocaust	2.4 Jewish Voices on the American Stage
	<i>Chicago IX</i>	1.2 Jews of Budapest in the 19th Century	2.5 Genes and Jews
	<i>Chicago X</i>	1.3 Legends, Customs, and Narratives	2.6 Rosenzweig and Religion
	<i>Ontario</i>	1.4 Tango, Film and Satirical Journalism in Argentine Identity	2.7 Women's Domestic Service in Jewish Households
	<i>Huron</i>	1.5 Gillian Rose: Law, Ethics, Politics	2.8 Rabbinic-Christian Exchange
	<i>Erie</i>	1.6 Nation-Building: Italy, Sweden, Israel	2.9 Jewish Philanthropy, Economic Crisis, and Modernization
	<i>Superior B</i>	1.7 German-Jewish Refugee Culture	2.10 Western Sephardim, Christian Hebraists, Maimonides
	<i>Michigan B</i>	1.8 Reading Avraham Sutzkever	2.11 Bitter Bread of Exile: Refugees and the Local Jewish Population
	<i>Missouri</i>	1.9 Pathways of Knowledge	2.12 Constructing Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalems
	<i>Colorado</i>	1.10 Animals in Jewish Literature	2.13 Histories from Below: Research Uses of Survivor Testimonies
	<i>Arkansas</i>	1.11 Jews Outside the Conventional Narrative	2.14 Art of Translation and Jewish Literary Culture
	<i>Mississippi</i>	1.12 Second Temple and Rabbinic Interpretation and Thought	

SUNDAY LUNCH-TIME 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM
Sheraton III GENERAL LUNCH	<i>Chicago VI / Sheraton III</i>	3.1 Jewish Philosophy and the Natural Sciences <i>Chicago VI</i>	4.1 Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture <i>Sheraton III</i>
	<i>Sheraton I</i>	3.2 Higher Criticism of the Bible in Jewish Studies Programs	4.2 Teaching Judaism in Christian Contexts
	<i>Sheraton II</i>	3.3 Religious Sources & Attitudes Toward Modern Israel	4.3 Historical Thinking: German-Jewish Philosophy & Theology
	<i>Chicago VIII</i>	3.4 Jews and Rome	4.4 Visual & Material Culture in the Western Sephardi Diaspora
Superior A AJS PEDAGOGY WORKING GROUP	<i>Chicago IX</i>	3.5 Representations and Receptions of Holocaust Cinema in the 1940s	4.5 Inner-Biblical and Early Biblical Interpretation
	<i>Chicago X</i>	3.6 Identity in Western Sephardic Literature and Autobiography	4.6 Trauma and the Holocaust
	<i>Ontario</i>	3.7 Jewish Spaces in Medieval & Early Modern Europe	4.7 Cultural Change among American Jews
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Michigan A AJS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	<i>Huron</i>	3.8 Visioning & Re-visioning Canadian Jewish Literature	4.8 Memorialization of the Shoah and Muslim-Jewish Relations in Europe
	<i>Erie</i>	3.9 Jewish Places: Homeland, Diaspora, Cyberspace	4.9 Taking Religion Seriously: Postwar European Jewry
1:30 PM Mayfair AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	<i>Superior B</i>	3.10 History, Faith, and Family in American Jewish Literature	4.10 American Jewish versus Israeli Perspectives
	<i>Michigan B</i>	3.11 Religious Actors, State Power	4.11 Faith & Survival in the Soviet Union, 1941-1945
	<i>Missouri</i>	3.12 Diverse Voices in the Zohar	4.12 Evolution of Halakhah
	<i>Colorado</i>	3.13 Insider and Outsider Perspectives on Jewish Intellectual Culture	4.13 Mapping Readership: New Directions in Medieval Jewish Culture
	<i>Arkansas</i>	3.14 Linguistic Issues in Hebrew	4.14 Yiddish Linguistics

SUNDAY EVENING	MONDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
<p>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Columbus A/B</p> <p>ASSJ AWARDS RECEPTION</p>	<p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Michigan A</p> <p>GENERAL BREAKFAST</p>	<i>Chicago VI</i>	5.1 The Bible and Modern Jewish Identity
<p>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Book Exhibit Hall</p> <p>WELCOME RECEPTION</p>	<p>7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Sheraton III</p> <p>WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST</p>	<i>Sheraton I</i>	5.2 Jews in the Second City: Reassessing the History of Chicago Jewish Communities
<p>7:15 PM – 8:15 PM Chicago VI/VII</p> <p>GALA BANQUET</p>		<i>Sheraton II</i>	5.3 Jewish History, Feminism, and Gender: Paula Hyman's Intellectual Impact
<p>8:15 PM – 9:15 PM Chicago VI/VII</p> <p>BIENNIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Jeffrey Shandler</p>		<i>Chicago VIII</i>	5.4 Reclaiming the Jewish European
<p>9:30 PM – 11:00 PM Mayfair</p> <p>JORDAN SCHNITZER BOOK AWARD RECEPTION</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Chicago VII</p> <p>FILM SCREENINGS</p> <p>See p. 82 for schedule.</p>	<i>Chicago IX</i>	5.5 Materializing Memory: Representing Jewish Survival
<p>9:30 PM – 11:30 PM Chicago IX</p> <p>Film Screening: <i>FOOTNOTE</i></p>		<i>Chicago X</i>	5.6 North African Diaspora: Culture, Continuity, and Change
<p>9:30 PM – 11:00 PM Columbus A/B</p> <p>GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION</p>		<i>Ontario</i>	5.7 The <i>New American Haggadah</i> : Passover in the Digital Age
		<i>Huron</i>	5.8 Venice Reappraised
		<i>Erie</i>	5.9 Constructing Narratives of Israel in Images, Acts, Words
		<i>Superior B</i>	5.10 Rabbinic Hermeneutics of Violence
		<i>Michigan B</i>	5.11 Reconsidering German Jewish Thinkers
		<i>Missouri</i>	5.12 Negotiating American Jewish Identities
		<i>Colorado</i>	5.13 Maimonides: The Inexhaustible Source
		<i>Arkansas</i>	5.14 Yiddish in Transnational Contexts: Twentieth-Century Perspectives
		<i>Mississippi</i>	5.15 Jews and World War I: New Perspectives

MONDAY 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Sheraton IV/V COFFEE BREAK

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 11:00 AM – 12:45 PM
<i>Chicago VI</i>	7.1 Making Sense of American Antisemitism
<i>Sheraton I</i>	7.2 The Family as a Category of Analysis in Jewish Studies
<i>Sheraton II</i>	7.3 Integrating the Latin American Experience into Jewish Studies Courses
<i>Chicago VIII</i>	7.4 Eretz Israel in Israeli National Identity and Politics
<i>Chicago IX</i>	7.5 The Unseen Holocaust: Memory in Eastern European Film
<i>Chicago X</i>	7.6 The Future of Medieval Jewish Philosophy
<i>Ontario</i>	7.7 The Golden Age of Jewish Art
<i>Huron</i>	7.8 Broadening the Intersections with Jewish Studies: Interdisciplinary Collaborations
<i>Erie</i>	7.9 Choices, Challenges, Conflicts: Jewish Women & International Politics
<i>Superior B</i>	7.10 Borderland Jews of New York: Displays of Diversity
<i>Michigan B</i>	7.11 Ghosts: The Haunted House in Contemporary Jewish Literature
<i>Missouri</i>	7.12 Groups in Contact and Conflict
<i>Colorado</i>	7.13 Jewish Criminality
<i>Arkansas</i>	7.14 Non-Canonical Texts, Social Realities
<i>Mississippi</i>	7.15 Modern Hebrew Poetry: Greenberg, Ravikovich, Bat-Miriam

MONDAY LUNCHTIME 12:45 PM – 2:15 PM
Mayfair AAJR LUNCH
Columbus A/B SEPHARDI/ MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH
Michigan A GENERAL LUNCH
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM Superior A RETHINKING THE AJS CONFERENCE

MONDAY 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Sheraton III 6.1 DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM	MONDAY 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	MONDAY 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
<i>Sheraton I</i>	8.1 Jews and NYC Politics	<p><i>Sheraton IV/V</i></p> <p>AJS HONORS ITS AUTHORS</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize</i></p>	9.1 Jews and American Politics
<i>Sheraton II</i>	8.2 Primo Levi and the Art and Craft of Writing		9.2 Everyday Jews: Approaches to Modern Jewish History
<i>Chicago VIII</i>	8.3 Imaginary Neighbors Beyond the Border		9.3 Irano-Talmudica
<i>Chicago IX</i>	8.4 The Middle East Conflict: Can All Sides Be Taught Without Taking Sides?		9.4 Popular Culture and Social Change in Modern Israel
<i>Chicago X</i>	8.5 New Directions in Nineteenth-Century Anglo-Jewish Studies		9.5 Worlds of Accumulation: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Collection Practices
<i>Ontario</i>	8.6 New Directions in Folklore and Ethnography	<p><i>Chicago VI</i></p> <p>DIVISION MEETINGS</p> <p><i>An opportunity to discuss conference themes for 2013</i></p>	9.6 The Economics of Jewish Education
<i>Huron</i>	8.7 The Hebrew Republic of Letters		9.7 “Yiddish is the New Black”
<i>Erie</i>	8.8 Deportment and Deviance: The Sexual Jewish Woman		9.8 Shifting Identities
<i>Superior B</i>	8.9 German-Jewish Writing Unbound		9.9 Children in Ghettos: Life, School, Play
<i>Michigan B</i>	8.10 Global Events, Canadian Responses		9.10 God and Other in Medieval Jewish Philosophy
<i>Missouri</i>	8.11 Sephardic Jews on the Move: Mobility and Migration		9.11 Institutions and Education in the Western Sephardi Diaspora
<i>Colorado</i>	8.12 Constructing the Bavli: Reader and Medium		9.12 The Multiple Contexts of R. Nahman Krochmal’s <i>Moreh Nevukhei ha-Zeman</i>
<i>Arkansas</i>	8.13 Medieval Biblical Interpretation		9.13 Esotericism, Heresy, and the Kabbalistic Imagination
<i>Mississippi</i>	8.14 The Kabbalah of Safed: God, Angels, Prayer		9.14 Transnational Modernism & Hebrew Women Writers

MONDAY EVENING	MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
<p>6:30 PM – 7:30 PM</p> <p>EARLY EVENING RECEPTIONS</p> <p>For a list of Monday evening receptions, see p. 62.</p>	<i>Chicago VI</i>	10.1 Jews and Humor in Contemporary Europe
<p>7:30 PM <i>Sheraton III</i></p> <p>GENERAL DINNER</p>	<i>Sheraton I</i>	10.2 Israeli Democracy and Politics: Domestic and Foreign Policy Dilemmas
<p>8:00 PM <i>Michigan A/B</i></p> <p>A CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH CEDAR</p>	<i>Sheraton II</i>	10.3 Researching Antisemitism in the Twenty-First Century
	<i>Chicago VIII</i>	10.4 Gender and Sexuality in Modern Hebrew Fiction
	<i>Chicago IX</i>	10.5 Sephardi/Mizrahi Jews and Representations of "Otherness"
	<i>Chicago X</i>	10.6 Jewish Book Trade and Book Circulation
	<i>Ontario</i>	10.7 Broadening the Intersections of Jewish Studies: Gender & Sexuality
	<i>Huron</i>	10.8 Jewish-Christian Relations in Christian Spain
<p>TUESDAY MORNING</p> <p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM <i>Sheraton III</i></p> <p>GENERAL BREAKFAST</p>	<i>Erie</i>	10.9 Early Responses to the Holocaust
<p>7:00 AM – 8:30 AM <i>Mayfair</i></p> <p>DIVISION CHAIR AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	<i>Superior B</i>	10.10 Becoming "Polish Jews"
	<i>Michigan B</i>	10.11 The Divine Courtroom in Rabbinic Literature
	<i>Missouri</i>	10.12 Liberalism and Its Postwar Discontents
	<i>Colorado</i>	10.13 How-to Jews: The Instruction Manuals of American Judaism
	<i>Arkansas</i>	10.14 Eastern European Jewish Mysticism
	<i>Mississippi</i>	10.15 Lightning Session: Politics
	<i>Ohio</i>	10.16 Lightning Session: Modern Texts and Text Practices
	<i>Michigan A</i>	10.17 Lightning Session: Religious Practices

MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM	TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
<i>Chicago VI</i>	11.1 Changing Perspectives: American Jews and Israel	12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Sheraton III GENERAL LUNCH
<i>Sheraton I</i>	11.2 Voices of Early Modern Judaism	
<i>Sheraton II</i>	11.3 Reading a <i>Masekhet</i> : Talmud, Gender, Pedagogy	
<i>Chicago VIII</i>	11.4 North African Diaspora: Transglobal Identities	12:45 PM – 3:00 PM Mayfair AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
<i>Chicago IX</i>	11.5 Configuring the Mind-Body-Cosmos in Kabbalistic Ritual	
<i>Chicago X</i>	11.6 Jewish Life in the Americas	
<i>Ontario</i>	11.7 What is Diaspora Nationalism?	
<i>Huron</i>	11.8 Meeting of the Network of Jewish Studies Directors	
<i>Erie</i>	11.9 Other Voices of the Holocaust	
<i>Superior B</i>	11.10 Constituting the National Body	
<i>Michigan B</i>	11.11 Twentieth-Century Hebrew Fiction in America, Europe, and Palestine	
<i>Missouri</i>	11.12 Worlds Intertwined: Judaism and Christianity in the Medieval Period	
<i>Colorado</i>	11.13 Jewishness in Global Pop Culture, 2001-2012	
<i>Arkansas</i>	11.14 On Behalf of the Jewish People: Engaged Scholarship	
<i>Mississippi</i>	11.15 Jewish Culture in the Medieval Islamic World	

MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 1:45 PM – 3:45 PM	TUESDAY 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM
<i>Sheraton I</i>	12.1 Mussar, Levinas, and the Stranger	
<i>Sheraton II</i>	12.2 Prostitution in Modern Jewish Literature	13.1 Imagining the Good Life
<i>Chicago VIII</i>	12.3 Navigating a New World: Gender Identity among American Jews	13.2 Words and Concepts
<i>Chicago IX</i>	12.4 The Documentary Imperative in Holocaust Studies	13.3 Jewish Historians and Historiography in the Nineteenth Century
<i>Chicago X</i>	12.5 Networks of Giving to the Holy Land in the Early Modern Period	13.4 Medieval <i>Halakhah</i> in Cultural Context
<i>Ontario</i>	12.6 Authority and Community in the Western Sephardi Diaspora	13.5 Philanthropy, Politics, and Theology: Models of American Zionism
<i>Huron</i>	12.7 Genre and Theory in the Study of Medieval Texts	13.6 Modern Hebrew: Primary Sources
<i>Erie</i>	12.8 Families, Synagogues, Schools	13.7 Periphery and Identity: Second and Third Generation Mizrahim in Israeli Popular Culture
<i>Superior B</i>	12.9 Re-reading Major Yiddish Writers	13.8 Rethinking Femininity and Masculinity in the 20th Century
<i>Michigan B</i>	12.10 Ritual and Culture in the New Age	13.9 Picaresque Perspectives on the Modern Jewish Literary Complex
<i>Missouri</i>	12.11 Healing Children and the Jewish National Body	13.10 Literary Responses to the Holocaust: Novels and Diaries
<i>Colorado</i>	12.12 New Theories and Methods in the Study of Rabbinics	13.11 Rethinking Time and Temporality in Rabbinic Sources
<i>Arkansas</i>	12.13 Narrative and Language: Medieval Jewish Literature	13.12 Works-in-Progress Group in Modern Jewish Studies

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SESSION 1, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

1.1

Chicago VIII

JEWISH RESPONSES TO RACISM AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

Chair: Eliyana R. Adler (University of Maryland)

Black and White: Yiddish Writers in Australia and the Question of Race

David Slucki (Monash University)

Southern Jews, the Holocaust, and Jim Crow

Dan J. Puckett (Troy University)

The Holocaust and Jewish Responses to Apartheid

Shirli Gilbert (University of Southampton)

1.2

Chicago IX

THE JEWS OF BUDAPEST IN THE LONG NINETEENTH CENTURY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND THE CREATION OF IDEOLOGY

Chairs: Julie Lieber (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Paul Hanebrink (Rutgers University–New Brunswick)

Economic Development and Religious Reform: The Jews of Óbuda, 1780-1840

Daniel Viragh (University of California, Berkeley)

The Pest Kehilla and the Maturing of Pest Jewry

Howard N. Lupovitch (University of Western Ontario)

Hungarian Nationalism and a New Religious Movement in the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Budapest Neolog

Mari Rethelyi (Queen's University)

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= digital media presentation



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1.3

*Chicago X***LEGENDS, CUSTOMS, AND NARRATIVES IN EARLY ASHKENAZIC AND SEPHARDIC CULTURE***Chair:* Shmuel Shepkaru (University of Oklahoma)**Rhetoric and Representation: The Judaic in Chrétien de Troyes' *Conte du Graal***

Ann McCullough (Middle Tennessee State University)

Ideological Forces of Legitimacy: Purity of Blood (*Limpieza de sangre*) and Faith in *Vida y Hechos de Don Catrin de la Fachenda*

Wilfrido M. Suarez (University of Sioux Falls)

The Yiddish *Book of Customs* (Venice 1593) by Shimon ben Yehuda ha-Levi Guenzburg and Its Dissemination in the Ashkenazi Communities

Jean Baumgarten (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)

1.4

*Ontario***TANGO, FILM, AND SATIRICAL JOURNALISM IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL IDENTITY***Chair:* Nora Glickman (Queens College)**Accounting for Terror in Post-1983 Argentina: Art and Argument in the Works of Two Jewish Women**

Dalia Wassner (Brandeis University)

Outsourcing Memory: Contemporary Film and the Reconfiguration of the Jewish Argentinean Archive

Daniela Goldfine (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities)

Sites of Memory, Sites of Justice: Memorials and the Public Sphere in Jewish Buenos Aires

Natasha Zaretsky (Rutgers University)

1.5

*Huron***THE CHALLENGE OF GILLIAN ROSE: LAW, ETHICS, POLITICS***Chair and Respondent:* Vincent Lloyd (Syracuse University)**Halakhah beyond Halakhic Man: Gillian Rose, Soloveitchik, and Mussar**

Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Swarthmore College)

Systematic *Unbehagen*: Rose, Cohen, and Critical Religion

Annika Thiem (Villanova University)

Resisting Rose: Agnes Heller's Radical Ethico-Politics and the Role of the Bible in Twentieth-Century Jewish Thought

Michael E. J. Zank (Boston University)

1.6

Erie

THREE PERSPECTIVES ON NATION-BUILDING: ITALY, SWEDEN, ISRAEL*Chair:* Jeffrey Haus (Kalamazoo College)**“And warmly in our hearts glimmered the golden rays”: The Jewish Contribution to Swedish National Identity Circa 1900**

Michelle Facos (Indiana University)

Jewish Scholarship and Nation-Building in Unified Italy

Marco Di Giulio (Franklin & Marshall College)

Tensions of Nation-Building: Israel as a Country of Jewish Emigration in the 1950s

Ori Yehudai (University of Chicago)

1.7

Superior B

GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEE CULTURE*Chair:* Ofer Nur (Tel Aviv University)**Negotiating Identities: German-Jewish Refugees in the United States, 1933-1945**

Cornelia Wilhelm (Emory University)

Omission, Silence, Erasure: Collective Forgetting in the Memoirs of German-Jewish Refugees

Judith Gerson (Rutgers University)

Jewish Wartime Refugee Academics at the Bodleian Library, Oxford

Corinna R. Kaiser (University of Duesseldorf)

1.8

Michigan B

YIDDISH LITERATURE AND WORLD LITERATURE: READING AVRAHAM SUTZKEVER*Chair:* Anita Norich (University of Michigan)**Excluded but not Forgotten: The Musical Settings of Avraham Sutzkever’s Yiddish Poem, “Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern”**

Marsha Dubrow (The Graduate Center, CUNY / Harvard University)

Sutzkever’s Holocaust Memoir

Justin Daniel Cammy (Smith College)

Sutzkever and “Blind Milton”

Theodore L. Steinberg (SUNY Fredonia)

- 1.9 *Missouri*
PATHWAYS OF KNOWLEDGE: JEWISH INTELLECTUAL NETWORKS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, 1850-1939
Chair: Simon Rabinovitch (Boston University)
Communicating Modern Jewish Scholarship: The Correspondence Network of David Kaufmann (1852-1899)
 Mirjam Thulin (Goethe-Universität / Leibniz Institute for European History)
Samuel Orgelbrand's Polish Encyclopedia: Jewish Publishers and Nineteenth-Century Networks of Polish Scholarship
 Karen Auerbach (Monash University)
YIVO's *Aspirantur* and the Training of Jewish Scholars in Eastern Europe on the Eve of the Holocaust
 Natalia Aleksion (Touro College)
- 1.10 *Colorado*
ANIMALS IN JEWISH LITERATURE, FROM HEINE TO SPIEGELMAN
Chair: Ofer Ashkenazi (University of Minnesota)
The Poetics of Dehumanization in Heinrich Heine's "Prinzessin Sabbat"
 Noam Pines (Stanford University)
Wild Things and Chosen Children: Maurice Sendak as Jewish Author
 Jodi Eichler-Levine (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh)
Jewbird Singing in the Dead of Night: Animal Fables in Jewish Satire and Self-Critique
 Jennifer Caplan (Syracuse University)
- 1.11 *Arkansas*
JEWS OUTSIDE THE CONVENTIONAL NARRATIVE: SMALL-TOWN JEWS, "HALF JEWS," AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUTSIDERS
Chair and Respondent: Randal F. Schnoor (York University)
"Insiders" and "Outsiders" in Jewish Discourse and Practice
 Jennifer Thompson (California State University at Northridge)
Using Multiraciality to Understand Jews of Mixed Parentage
 Bruce A. Phillips (HUC-JIR)
Transmitting Jewish Identity in the Absence of Jewish Educational Programs
 Matthew E. Boxer (Brandeis University)
- 1.12 *Mississippi*
SECOND TEMPLE AND RABBINIC BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION AND THOUGHT
Chair: Chaya Halberstam (University of Western Ontario)
The Theological Significance of the Abrahamic Covenant in Second Temple Literature
 Ari Mermelstein (Yeshiva University)
When Angels Became Israelites: Angelic Condescension and Deliverance in Tobit and Late Second Temple Judaism
 Phillip Benjamin Munoa (Hope College)
Tannaitic Genesis: the Extent and Scope of Early Rabbinic Exegesis on the First Book of the Pentateuch
 Ryan S. Dulkan (Eden Theological Seminary)

SESSION 2, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

2.1 *Chicago VI***PHILOSOPHY AND THE HEBREW BIBLE: TRUE LOVE OR ARRANGED MARRIAGE?***Chair and Respondent:* Yoram Hazony (The Shalem Center)**Does the Bible Lend Itself to Philosophy?**

David Novak (University of Toronto)

The Impassability of God

Gary A. Anderson (University of Notre Dame)

Philosophy as Way of Life in the Bible

James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo)

2.2 *Sheraton I***AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK: RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT***Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and the North American Jewish Data Bank**Moderator:* Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)*Discussants:* Sergio DellaPergola (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Lawrence Grossman (American Jewish Committee)

Barry A. Kosmin (Trinity College)

Ira Sheskin (University of Miami)

Morton Weinfeld (McGill University)

2.3 *Sheraton II***ISRAEL STUDIES: THE CHALLENGES OF COMING OF AGE***Moderator:* Ilan Troen (Brandeis University)*Discussants:* Samuel M. Edelman (Israel on Campus Coalition)

Annette Koren (Brandeis University)

Jacob Lassner (Northwestern University)

Martin B. Shichtman (Eastern Michigan University)

Bruce Thompson (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Kenneth A. Waltzer (Michigan State University)

2.4 *Chicago VIII***JEWISH VOICES ON THE AMERICAN STAGE***Chair and Respondent:* Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)**Melting Dreams: From Zangwill's Fiction to Hull-House's Theatrical Jewish Fact**

Stuart Hecht (Boston College)

"My Tribe is Israel": The (Complete) Wartime Jewish-American Propaganda Theater of Ben Hecht

Garrett Eisler (New York University)

A Second Original: *Death of a Salesman's* "Return" to Yiddish

Debra Caplan (Harvard University)

2.5

Chicago IX

GENES AND JEWS*Chair and Respondent:* Peter J. Haas (Case Western Reserve University)**Jewish Diasporas: What Genes Can Tell Us**

Wesley K. Sutton (Lehman College, CUNY)

Genes, Jews, and Biocultural Storytelling

Judith S. Neulander (Case Western Reserve University)

Issues of Recognition and Authenticity in Cases of 'Questionable' Jews

Stuart Charme (Rutgers University–Camden)

2.6

Chicago X

ROSENZWEIG AND RELIGION*Chair:* Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)**From Lovers to Siblings: Rosenzweig on Love, Marriage, and the Song of Songs**

Andrea Cooper (New York University)

Law in Rosenzweig's *Star of Redemption*

Francesca Consolaro (Università degli Studi di Verona)

The 'Child' as a Philosophical Concept in Rosenzweig and Levinas

Gregory Beiles (University of Toronto)

Respondent: Martin Kavka (Florida State University)

2.7

Ontario

WOMEN'S DOMESTIC SERVICE WITHIN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS IN THE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN PERIODS*Chair:* Jane S. Gerber (The Graduate Center, CUNY)**Jewish Wet Nurses and Their Employers in Late Fourteenth-Century Barcelona**

Rebecca Lynn Winer (Villanova University)

Domestic Service in Eighteenth-Century Italy: Jews and Christians under the Same Jewish Roof

Federica Francesconi (University of Oregon)

The "Faithful Service": Enslaved Domestic Labor in the Homes of West-Indian Sephardim

Stanley Mirvis (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Respondent: Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)

2.8

Huron

RABBINIC-CHRISTIAN EXCHANGE*Chair:* Zev Garber (Los Angeles Valley College)**Executing the Adulteress: Early Jewish Palestinian Traditions in Syriac Christianity**

Yifat Chaya Monnickendam (Johns Hopkins University)

The Apocalyptic Messiah in *Pesiqta Rabbati*

Rivka Ulmer (Bucknell University)

When Moses Stopped the Sun and Jesus Defeated Amalek: Judeo-Christian Polemic as a Driving Force in Rabbinic Hermeneutics

Zev Israel Farber (Emory University)

2.9

*Erie***JEWISH PHILANTHROPY, ECONOMIC CRISIS, AND MODERNIZATION: CHARITY AND SOCIETY IN THREE JEWISH CITIES***Chair and Respondent:* Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University)**Poverty, Prosperity, and Philanthropy: Social Tensions and Communal Policy in Eighteenth-Century Metz**

Jay R. Berkovitz (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

Modern Jewish Philanthropy and Embourgeoisement in Late Ottoman Izmir

Dina Danon (Stanford University)

Philanthropy, Power, and Pauperization in Jewish Vilna

Andrew N. Koss (Colgate University)

2.10

*Superior B***WESTERN SEPHARDIM, CHRISTIAN HEBRAISTS, AND MAIMONIDES***Chair and Respondent:* Tamar Rudavsky (The Ohio State University)**Spinoza, Maimonides, and Prophecy**

Steven M. Nadler (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Maimonides and Spinoza: How Two Thinkers with Similar Intuitions Wound Up in Different Places

Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)

Maimonides as a Bridge between Christian and Jews in Early Modern Western Europe

Aaron L. Katchen (Brandeis University)

2.11

*Michigan B***THE BITTER BREAD OF EXILE: RELATIONS BETWEEN REFUGEES AND THE LOCAL JEWISH POPULATION IN THE GHETTOS OF EASTERN EUROPE***Chair:* Helene Sinnreich (Youngstown State University)**On the Shtetls Polish Jews Were Driven From: A Perspective on the Recent Past**

Lea Prais (Yad Vashem)

Against all Odds: Jewish Solidarity in the Ghettos of Transnistria

Sarah Rosen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

2.12

*Missouri***CONSTRUCTING HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY JERUSALEMS***Chair and Respondent:* Jerome A. Chanes (The Graduate Center, CUNY)**“Tzaddik Hador”: Temple Mount and the Israeli National-Religious Society**

Sarina Chen (University of California, Los Angeles)

Stormy Waters: The Story of Jerusalem’s First Public Pool

Shayna Weiss (New York University)

Roths in Jerusalem: City of Doubles

Nina Fischer (University of Konstanz)

2.13

Colorado

HISTORIES FROM BELOW: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH USES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TESTIMONIES

Chair: Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

Using Holocaust Witness Accounts as Primary Resources

Joanne Weiner Rudof (Yale University)

Audiovisual Holocaust Testimonies of the Warsaw Ghetto Jewish Police

Katarzyna Person (Center for Jewish History)

Developing Testimonial Literacy: A Comparative Approach to the Research Uses of Holocaust Testimonies

Noah Shenker (Monash University)

Respondent: Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)

2.14

Arkansas

THE ART OF TRANSLATION AND ITS IMPACT ON JEWISH LITERARY CULTURE

Chair and Respondent: Alexandra Hoffman (University of Michigan)

Hebrew to Yiddish Translations among the Hasidim and Maskilim

Ken Frieden (Syracuse University)

Translating Folksy Flirtation from Russian to Yiddish and Hebrew

Sara Feldman (University of Michigan)

Hebrew Original and Russian Translation of an Arabic Legend by a Yiddish Writer

Andrey Bredstein (Emory University)

AJS BUSINESS MEETING	1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Michigan A</i>
GENERAL LUNCH <i>(By pre-paid reservation only)</i>	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Sheraton III</i>
PEDAGOGY WORKING GROUP IN JEWISH STUDIES  <i>Chair:</i> Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University) <i>An informal discussion of how the AJS can support its members' work as teachers. All are welcome to attend.</i>	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Superior A</i>
BOOK EXHIBIT <i>(List of Exhibitors, p. 83)</i>	1:00 pm – 7:15 pm	<i>Sheraton IV/V</i>
AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Mayfair</i>

SESSION 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

3.1

*Chicago VI***JEWISH PHILOSOPHY AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES***Chair:* Hava Tirosh-Samuels (Arizona State University)**Do Demonstrations of the Fact Provide Scientific Knowledge?**

Charles Manekin (University of Maryland)

Gersonides, the Physical Sciences, and the Foundations of Ethics

Alexander Green (University of Toronto)

The Natural Sciences as the Key to Understanding Rabbinic Midrash and**Aggadah: The Incredible Thirteenth-Century Encyclopedia *Livyat Hen* by Levi ben Avraham**

Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

What are Hard Times According to Medieval Jewish Philosophers?

Yehuda Halper (Tulane University)

3.2

*Sheraton I***IS HIGHER CRITICISM OF THE BIBLE OR NEW TESTAMENT A RESIDENT ALIEN, A DANGEROUS ENEMY, OR A NEIGHBOR IN JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS?***Moderator:* Herbert William Basser (Queen's University)*Discussants:* Marc Zvi Brettler (Brandeis University)

Zev Garber (Los Angeles Valley College)

Frederick E. Greenspahn (Florida Atlantic University)

Jason Kalman (HUC-JIR)

Martin I. Lockshin (York University)

3.3

*Sheraton II***RELIGIOUS SOURCES AND ATTITUDES TOWARD MODERN ISRAEL***Chair:* Ariela Keysar (Trinity College)**God's Promises, God's Threats: The Biblical Covenant with the Jews in Christian Theologies of the State of Israel**

Adam Gregerman (St. Mary's Seminary and University)

Perplexities and Palpitations in the Pulpits: Anglo-Jewish Denominations and the Creation of the State of Israel—A Retrospective

Natan Aridan (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Religious Identity in Contemporary Israel: Between Separatism and Cohesion

Naftali Rothenberg (The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

3.4

*Chicago VIII***JEWS AND ROME***Chair:* Yehudah Benjamin Cohn (New York University)**What If the Jews Could Throw the Romans to the Lions? Jewish Violence and Roman Games in Ancient Cyrene**

Loren R. Spielman (Portland State University)

Celsus' Jew and the "Parting of the Ways"

Albert I. Baumgarten (Bar-Ilan University)

Mary and Rabbi Judah Ha-Nasi at Sepphoris: Christian and Jewish Appropriation of the "Ornament of all Galilee"

Stuart S. Miller (University of Connecticut)

Hidden Messiahs and Hidden Saints in Late Antiquity

Alexei M. Sivertsev (De Paul University)

3.5

*Chicago IX***TRANSATLANTIC REPRESENTATIONS AND RECEPTIONS OF HOLOCAUST CINEMA IN THE 1940s***Chair:* Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern University)**"To Encompass the Unseeable": *The Last Stage* (1949) and Auschwitz in Cold War America**

Steven Carr (Indiana University–Purdue Fort Wayne)

MGM's *The Mortal Storm* (1940) and the North American Jewish Community

Alexis Esther Pogorelskin (University of Minnesota–Duluth)

***Mr. Emmanuel* (1944): A Belated British Warning against Nazi Antisemitism**

Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)

3.6

*Chicago X***IDENTITY IN THE LITERATURE AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WESTERN SEPHARDIM***Chair:* Monique Rodrigues Balbuena (University of Oregon)**"Be brave like Deborah and Yael": Mothers, Sisters, and Spiritual Leadership in Luis de Carvajal's *Vida* (New Spain, 1595)**

Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)

Uncovering Female Voices: The Second Inquisitorial Manuscripts of Isabel de Carvajal and *Retrato de la Lozana Andaluza*

Emily Colbert Cairns (University of California, Irvine)

The Anti-Jewish Works of Abraham Serfati (Mid-Seventeenth Century)

David L. Graizbord (University of Arizona)

The Impact of Two Women in Bento Teixeira's *Life*

Lúcia Helena Costigan (The Ohio State University)

3.7

Ontario

JEWISH SPACES IN MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN EUROPE*Chair:* Lisa Pon (Southern Methodist University)**The Senses of Space: Night in the Venice Ghetto**

Dana Katz (Reed College)

Mikdash Me'at or Dwelling for Demons? The Synagogue in Medieval Iberian Visual Culture

Pamela Anne Patton (Southern Methodist University)

Passover Spaces

Mitchell B. Merback (Johns Hopkins University)

Respondent: Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University)

3.8

Huron

VISIONING AND RE-VISIONING CANADIAN JEWISH LITERATURE*Moderator:* Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University)*Discussants:* Ira B. Nadel (University of British Columbia)

Ruth Panofsky (Ryerson University)

Zailig Hirsch Pollock (Trent University)

Emily Robins Sharpe (University of Guelph)

3.9

Erie

JEWISH PLACES: HOMELAND, DIASPORA, CYBERSPACE*Chair:* Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)**A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism**

Julie E. Cooper (University of Chicago)

Cybernetic Judaism: A Post-Rabbinic Tradition in the Making?

Peter Margolis (Temple University)

Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook Thirty Years Since his Death: An Assessment of Israel's Religious Right Leader

Yoel Wachtel (Georgetown University)

The Multiple Modernities of Rav Kook

Yehudah Mirsky (Brandeis University)

3.10

Superior B

HISTORY, FAITH, AND FAMILY IN AMERICAN JEWISH LITERATURE*Chair:* Naomi Brenner (The Ohio State University)**Recovering Fathers in Contemporary Jewish American Literature**

Michele Osherow (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

"Blown Backwards into the Future": Refiguring the Storm of Progress Through Nicole Krauss's *Great House*

Alainya K. Kavaloski (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Between Despair and Hopes: Mischpochech of Yiddish Theatre Artists in I. B. Singer's *Shosha* and Rebecca Goldstein's *Mazel*

Stanislav Kolar (University of Ostrava)

Thicker Than Water: Jewish Identity in the Early Fiction of Vera Caspary

Tracee L. Howell (University of Pittsburgh at Bradford)

3.11

Michigan B

RELIGIOUS ACTORS, STATE POWER: JEWS, CHRISTIANS, AND AMERICAN POSTWAR POLITICS*Chair:* Marc Dollinger (San Francisco State University)**Common Threads: Clothing Drives, the Cold War, and Early Holocaust Narratives**

Rachel Deblinger (University of California, Los Angeles)

Catholic Clergy Support for the Soviet Jewry Struggle: The National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry

Fred A. Lazin (American University)

An American Court Jew? The Identities of Henry Kissinger

Michael Scott Alexander (University of California, Riverside)

Pluralism and Particularity: The Transformation of the American Military Chaplaincy in the Early Postwar Years

Ronit Stahl (University of Michigan)

3.12

Missouri

DIVERSE VOICES WITHIN THE ZOHAR AND RELATED WRITINGS*Chair:* Boaz Hanoch Huss (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**A Tormented Soul: Concealed Biographical Details in *Tikunei Zohar* and *Ra'aya Mehemana***

Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv University)

The Lyric Plane of the Zohar

Eitan P. Fishbane (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Cain – Man or Demon: Examination of an Exegetical *Sugya* in the Zohar

Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Mapping Paradise: Structuring Heavenly Palaces in Thirteenth-Century Kabbalah (Castile)

Avishai Bar-Asher (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

3.13

Colorado

INSIDER AND OUTSIDER PERSPECTIVES ON JEWISH INTELLECTUAL CULTURE IN FIN DE SIECLE AND INTERWAR EUROPE*Chair:* Howard N. Lupovitch (University of Western Ontario)**Fin de Siecle Vienna: Inventing a New Jewish Modernity**

Julie Lieber (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Mother, Wife, Lover: A Study in the Life and Thought of Franz Rosenzweig

Amy Hill Shevitz (Arizona State University)

“A rabbi, a priest, and a minister ...”: Edmond Fleg’s *La Maison du Bon Dieu*, a Representation of Ecumenism in 1920

Sally Debra Charnow (Hofstra University)

3.14

Arkansas

LINGUISTIC ISSUES IN HEBREW*Chair:* Paul D. Glasser (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research)**The Bar-Kochba Letters and the Various Types of Mishnaic Hebrew**

Yochanan Breuer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Relationship between Eliezer Ben-Yehuda and Algerian Jews, and Its Influence on their Language

Ofra Tirosch-Becker (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Constraints on Back and Front Vowel Variation in Israeli Hebrew

Yishai Neuman (SUNY Geneseo)

SESSION 4, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012**4:15 PM - 6:15 PM**

4.1

Sheraton III

MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL LECTURE*Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry**Chair:* Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)**Reflections on the Science of the Scientific Study of Jewry**

Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Matthew E. Boxer (Brandeis University)
 Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University)
 Benjamin Phillips (Abt SRBI)
 Michelle Shain (Brandeis University)

4.2

Sheraton I

**TEACHING JUDAISM IN CHRISTIAN CONTEXTS***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* David Fox Sandmel (Catholic Theological Union)

Discussants: Alan J. Avery-Peck (College of the Holy Cross)
 Ruth Langer (Boston College)
 Rachel S. Mikva (Chicago Theological Seminary)
 Karla R. Suomala (Luther College)

4.3

Sheraton II

HISTORICAL THINKING: GERMAN-JEWISH PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT*Chair:* Aaron W. Hughes (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**Reaction and Revolution: Samson Raphael Hirsch on the Bible**

Michah S. Gottlieb (New York University)

Hermann Cohen and the Jewish Jesus

Robert A. Erlewine (Illinois Wesleyan University)

The Expulsion of the Jews from Spain during the Third Reich: Theology, Politics, and the Interpretation of Historical Catastrophe

Eugene Rosenthal Sheppard (Brandeis University)

The Temple Cultus and Nineteenth-Century German Jewish Biblical Exegesis

Alexandra Zirkle (University of Chicago)

Respondent: H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)

- 4.4 *Chicago VIII*
VISUAL AND MATERIAL CULTURE IN THE WESTERN SEPHARDI DIASPORA
Chair: Dana Katz (Reed College)
A Home for the Soul: Conversos and Domestic Architecture
 Laura Leibman (Reed College)
Beraha ve-Salom: Architecture of Autonomy
 Rachel Frankel (Rachel Frankel AIA Architecture)
“Daughters of Israel Who Create Textiles”: A ‘New’ Set of Seventeenth-Century Italian Synagogue Decorations
 Vivian Beth Mann (Jewish Theological Seminary)
The Sephardic Big Tent: Negotiating Cultural Diversity Through Music and Ritual in Corfu, Greece
 Francesco Spagnolo (University of California, Berkeley)
- 4.5 *Chicago IX*
INNER-BIBLICAL AND EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
Chair: Mira Balberg (Northwestern University)
What is the Relationship of the Second Section of the *Shema* (Deut. 11:13-21) with the First (Deut. 6:4-9)?
 Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)
The Origins of the Concept of a “Treasury in Heaven”
 Gary A. Anderson (University of Notre Dame)
Expanding Notions of *Niddah*: The Connection between Female Impurity and Sin in the Dead Sea Scrolls
 Elizabeth Goldstein (Gonzaga University)
- 4.6 *Chicago X*
TRAUMA AND THE HOLOCAUST: WHAT IT MEANS NOW
Chair: Robert Ehrenreich (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Inheriting Trauma
 Hilene Sue Flanzbaum (Butler University)
Reading and the Holocaust: The Experience of Trauma in Contemporary American Holocaust Literature
 Jessica Lang (Baruch College, CUNY)
To the Inquisition via the Holocaust: Reading Trauma in Recent Spanish Novels
 Stacy N. Beckwith (Carleton College)
The Parent’s Archive: Issues in Holocaust Narrative for Children of Survivors
 Meri-Jane Rochelson (Florida International University)
- 4.7 *Ontario*
CULTURAL CHANGE AMONG AMERICAN JEWS: MEANS AND MODES
Moderator: Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)
Discussants: Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)
 David E. Kaufman (Hofstra University)
 Mark Loren Kligman (HUC-JIR)
 Andrea M. Most (University of Toronto)
 Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)

4.8

*Huron***MEMORIALIZATION OF THE SHOAH AND MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE***Chair:* Brett Ashley Kaplan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)**Turk and Jew in Berlin: The First Turkish Migration to Germany and the Shoah**

Marc David Baer (University of California, Irvine)

Turkey, Jews, and the Propaganda of Rescue

Corry Guttstadt (Anne Frank Zentrum)

Working Through the Past in Germany's Postmigrant Present

Michael Rothberg (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Jewish-Muslim Relations in Great Britain: A Historical Perspective

Adam Sutcliffe (King's College London)

4.9

*Erie***TAKING RELIGION SERIOUSLY: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON POSTWAR EUROPEAN JEWRY***Chair:* Michael A. Meyer (HUC-JIR)**Books, Religion, Reconstruction**

Miriam Intrator (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

New Spaces of Jewish Celebration: Exploring How Berlin Jews Reformulated Jewish Belonging before and after the Shoah

Sarah Elizabeth Wobick (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Italian Jewish Religion in the Twentieth Century

Shira Klein (Chapman University)

Religious Awakenings in Postwar France: Young Jews Debate Decolonization

Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)

4.10

*Superior B***AMERICAN JEWISH VERSUS ISRAELI PERSPECTIVES: A HISTORICAL COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS***Chair:* Hasia R. Diner (New York University)**The Struggle to Assert a Diaspora Advocacy Post-1948**

Ofer Shiff (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Remembering and Rebuilding: The World Jewish Congress and American Jewry in the 1940s and 1950s

Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)

Israeli Historiography and Its Attitude to American Jewish History: The Case of Mass Migration from Eastern Europe, 1881-1924

Gur Alroey (University of Haifa)

The Six-Day War Voluntary Movement

Moshe Naor (San Diego State University)

4.11

*Michigan B***ANI MA'AMIN: FAITH AND SURVIVAL IN THE SOVIET UNION, 1941-1945***Chair:* David E. Fishman (Jewish Theological Seminary)**Judaism on the Homefront: The Role of Religion in Soviet Efforts to Mobilize the Jewish Community during the Second World War**

Sarah Cunningham Garibova (University of Michigan)

Miraculous Survival: Testimonies of the Ribnitser Rebbe in the Ghettos of Transnistria

Sebastian Z. Schulman (Indiana University)

Kaddish on the Kolkhoz: Polish Jews Navigate Religious Practice in Soviet Central Asia

Eliyana R. Adler (University of Maryland)

Russia as the Land of the “Exile of Exiles”: Commemoration of the Survival of Judaism in Soviet-Russia in the Geo-Theology of Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidism

Mitsuharu Akao (St. Antony’s College)

Respondent: Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan)

4.12

*Missouri***EVOLUTION OF HALAKHAH***Chair:* Rivka Ulmer (Bucknell University)**From Pharisaic to Rabbinic Purity: Whose Revolution Was It?**

Yair Furstenberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Quiet Authority: Shifting Text and Ideology in the Bavli’s Account of the Shabbat Prohibition on Sounding Shofar

Marcus Mordecai Schwartz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Textual Ambiguity as the Source of Rishonic Disputes

Michael L. Chernick (HUC-JIR)

What is *Me'ilah*? On the Transformation of a Tannaitic Legal Concept

Leib Moscovitz (Bar-Ilan University)

4.13

*Colorado***MAPPING READERSHIP: NEW DIRECTIONS IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH CULTURE***Chair:* Deeana Copeland Klepper (Boston University)**Centers and Peripheries in Medieval Ashkenaz: Rouen and Erfurt**

Ephraim Kanarfogel (Yeshiva University)

The Last Sages of Corbeil: Their Work and Audience

Judah D. Galinsky (Bar-Ilan University)

Was Rupert of Deutz a Pashtan? Rupert and the School of Rashi

Isaac B. Gottlieb (Bar-Ilan University)

Food for Thought: A Fourteenth-Century Dietary Regimen in Hebrew and Its Possible Audience

Susan L. Einbinder (University of Connecticut)

4.14

Arkansas

YIDDISH LINGUISTICS

Chair: Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)

Conflicted Stance Practices Toward Linguistic Alternatives within the Yiddish Metalinguistic Community

Netta Avineri (University of California, Los Angeles)

How Yiddish is Haredi Satmar Yiddish?

Steffen Krogh (Aarhus University)

Yudel Mark and the Folks Shuln as an Alternative Basis for Yiddish Language Planning

Alec Eliezer Burko (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Stylistic Aspects in the Work of Polish Yiddish Writers

Paul D. Glasser (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012 EVENING PROGRAM

WELCOME RECEPTION

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Book Exhibit Hall

Kick off the AJS Conference and view the book exhibits with a reception for all conference registrants. Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies.

ASSJ AWARDS RECEPTION

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Columbus A/B

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7:15 pm

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PLENARY SESSION**8:15 pm***Chicago VI/VII**Introduction: Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)*

Biennial Presidential Address: "JEWISH STUDIES AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE"
 Jeffrey Shandler, AJS President (Rutgers University)

JORDAN SCHNITZER**9:30 pm***Mayfair***BOOK AWARD RECEPTION**

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**GRADUATE STUDENT
RECEPTION****9:30 pm***Columbus A/B*

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FILM**9:30pm***Chicago IX***FOOTNOTE**

*Israel 2011. Directed by Joseph Cedar (103 minutes; Hebrew with English subtitles).
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

GENERAL BREAKFAST <i>(By pre-paid reservation only)</i>	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<i>Michigan A</i>
WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<i>Sheraton III</i>
AJS REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<i>Illinois Board Room</i>
REGISTRATION	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM	<i>Sheraton Ballroom Foyer</i>
BOOK EXHIBIT <i>(List of Exhibitors, p. 83)</i>	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<i>Sheraton IV/V</i>
FILM SCREENINGS <i>(Film Schedule, p. 82)</i>	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM	<i>Chicago VII</i>

Monday

SESSION 5, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
5.1 *Chicago VI*

THE BIBLE AND MODERN JEWISH IDENTITY

- Moderator:* Frederick E. Greenspahn (Florida Atlantic University)
Discussants: H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)
 Alan T. Levenson (University of Oklahoma)
 Jon D. Levenson (Harvard University)
 Shuly Rubin Schwartz (Jewish Theological Seminary)
 Yael Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

5.2

Sheraton I

JEWS IN THE SECOND CITY: REASSESSING THE HISTORY OF CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Chair and Respondent: Daniel Greene (Newberry Library)

“Chicago is a Miracle”: Travel Writing and American Judaism, 1843-1877

Shari Lisa Rabin (Yale University)

Jennie Franklin Purvin, Progressive Era Activist: A Chicago Jewish Woman Tackles Social Reform

Bernice Anne Heilbrunn (University of Houston)

Distant Neighbors: Radical Reform Jews and African Americans in Twentieth-Century Chicago

Tobias Brinkmann (Penn State University)

The Jewish Deli as an Ethnic “Third Place” in Chicago

Ted Merwin (Dickinson College)

5.3

*Sheraton II***JEWISH HISTORY, FEMINISM, AND GENDER: PAULA HYMAN'S INTELLECTUAL IMPACT FROM HER STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES***Moderator:* Marion Kaplan (New York University)*Discussants:* Ruth Abusch-Magder (Be'chol Lashon)

Michael Scott Alexander (University of California, Riverside)

Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)

Vicki Caron (Cornell University)

Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University)

Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

5.4

*Chicago VIII***RECLAIMING THE JEWISH EUROPEAN***Chair:* Jonathan M. Elukin (Trinity College)**(De-)Constructing a Prussian-Jewish Symbiosis: The Mendelssohn Myth after 1945**

Martina Steer (University of Vienna)

"Fear Not My Servant Jacob": Rabbis and European Intellectual History

Malachi Hacohen (Duke University)

A Cornered Thinker Through a Glass Multi-Colored: Leo Baeck in the Eyes of His Disciples

Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Alexander Altmann's Interpretation of Jewish Theology Revisited

Thomas Meyer (Ludwig Maximilian University)

5.5

*Chicago IX***MATERIALIZING MEMORY: REPRESENTING JEWISH SURVIVAL THROUGH ARTIFACTS, FILM, AND LANGUAGE***Chair:* Jessica Lang (Baruch College, CUNY)**Inside this Railcar: Representations of Transport in Holocaust Literature**

Petra Schweitzer (Shenandoah University)

The Surviving Remnants: Representing the Holocaust Through Everyday Artifacts

Robert Ehrenreich (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

"They were killing us and we were singing": Representing Life, Death, and Survival in the Outtakes of Claude Lanzmann's *Shoah*

Leah Wolfson (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Re-Tracking the Cattle Car in a Holocaust Museum

Sarah Liu (Independent Scholar)

5.6

Chicago X

NORTH AFRICAN DIASPORA, PART I: CULTURAL CONTINUITY AND CHANGE*Chair:* Esther Schely-Newman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)**Jerba in B'nei B'rak**

Joseph Ringel (University of Maryland)

Jews and Muslims of Morocco's Atlas Mountains Remember Each Other

Sarah Levin (University of California, Berkeley)

Carving the Next Layer: Musical Expression in *Hillulot of Maroka'im* in Brooklyn

Samuel R. Thomas (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Intergenerational Cultural Transmission, Continuity, and Change in the North African Diaspora

Dana Ernst (Columbia University)

5.7

Ontario

**THE NEW AMERICAN HAGGADAH: PASSOVER IN THE DIGITAL AGE***Chair:* Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)**The Good Book: Storytelling and the *New American Haggadah***

Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University School of Education)

Authenticity and Image in the *New American Haggadah*

Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Imagining Identity: Cultural Responses to the *New American Haggadah*

Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)

Jewish Philosophy and Thought at Wordpress (Writing about the *New American Haggadah*)

Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

5.8

Huron

VENICE REAPPRAISED: A PANEL IN HONOR OF BENJAMIN RAVID*Chair:* Federica Francesconi (University of Oregon)**Benjamin Ravid's Venetian Ghetto in Context**

Bernard D. Cooperman (University of Maryland)

The Jewish Translators of Late Renaissance Venice: Beyond Invisibility and Betrayal

Lucia Finotto (Brandeis University)

More New Light on Leon Modena and *Kol Sakhal*

Howard Tzvi Adelman (Queen's University)

The Taste of Conviviality: A Poem on Food by Leon Modena

Michela Andreatta (University of Rochester)

Respondent: Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University)

5.9

Erie

CONSTRUCTING NARRATIVES OF ISRAEL IN IMAGES, ACTS, AND WORDS*Chair:* Ilan Troen (Brandeis University)**Remembering *Sha'ar Ha'aliya***

Rhona Seidelman (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

***Rikud Degalim* (Flags Dance): A Spiritual Dance Venerating the Capture of the Western Wall Morphs into a Racist Dance Promoting the Israeli Occupation**

Shifra Epstein (Wayne State University)

Picturing the Temple: Representations of the Wailing Wall in the Magazine of the Zionist Organization of America during the 1920s

Jessica Leigh Carr (Indiana University)

"Bound Together": Jewish-Canadian Poets, Jerusalem 3000, and the Literary Anthology as Nation-State

Rebecca Schwarz (University of Montreal)

5.10

Superior B

RABBINIC HERMENEUTICS OF VIOLENCE*Chair:* Beth A. Berkowitz (Jewish Theological Seminary)**Moses Mendelssohn, Classical Rabbinic Literature, and the Messianic-Exilic Rejection of Religious Coercion**

Daniel Haskell Weiss (University of Cambridge)

Text Study as a Response to Biblical Violence: The Case of Classical Rabbinic Hermeneutics

Emily Filler (University of Virginia)

The Violence of Poverty

Aryeh Cohen (American Jewish University)

"A means to a deadly end": Death as a Hermeneutic Tool for the Exposition and Resolution of Rabbinic Problems

Laliv Clenman (Leo Baeck College / King's College London)

5.11

Michigan B

RECONSIDERING GERMAN JEWISH THINKERS*Chair:* Alexander Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)**On the Power of the "Spirit" in Judaism: Logocentric *Peshat* and Spiritualized *Mitzvah* in Moses Mendelssohn's Jewish Writings**

Tania Tulcin (Yeshiva University)

Abraham Geiger and the Kabbalah

George Yaakov Kohler (Bar-Ilan University)

Apocalyptic Thinking and the Crisis of Modernity in Weimar Germany: The Case of Isaac Breuer

Denis Maier (University of Lucerne)

Midrash or Dialogue? Buber's Hermeneutics of Bible Interpretation

Jonathan Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

5.12

Missouri

NEGOTIATING AMERICAN JEWISH IDENTITIES*Chair:* Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville)**Intended for Children: American Reform and the History of Religions**

Laura Tomes (Georgetown University)

The Civil Rights Law Practice of Louis Marshall, 1894-1929

Victoria Saker Woeste (American Bar Foundation)

Managing Manhood: The Anxieties of American Jewish Medical Fraternities

David S. Koffman (University of Toronto)

A Tale of Two Rabbis: How David Marx and Tobias Geffen Imagined Judaism in the South

Rachel Bergstein (Yale University)

5.13

Colorado

MAIMONIDES: THE INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY*Chair:* Sharon Portnoff (Connecticut College)**Maimonides's Indecisive Treatise: The Distinction between Philosophy and Revelation in Maimonides's *Eight Chapters I-V***

Seth Appelbaum (Tulane University)

Maimonides and Gersonides: Is the Creation of the World Impossible, Possible, or Necessary?

Edward Halper (University of Georgia)

Does Maimonides Have a Philosophical "System"? Moses Mendelssohn on the Justification for Maimonides's *Logic*

Martin D. Yaffe (University of North Texas)

Does Turning Maimonides into a Proto-Spinoza Help or Hurt the Study of Medieval Jewish Philosophy?

Joshua Parens (University of Dallas)

5.14

Arkansas

YIDDISH IN TRANSNATIONAL CONTEXTS: MID-TWENTIETH-CENTURY PERSPECTIVES*Chair:* Alan Astro (Trinity University)**"The World Awaits Your Yiddish Word": Jacob Glatstein and the Problem of World Literature**

Saul Zaritt (Jewish Theological Seminary)

On Hebrew Justice and Yiddish Mercy: Natan Alterman and Jacob Glatstein Facing the "Qibya Affair"

Itay B. Zutra (University of Manitoba)

"Scorned My Nation" – The Silent Version

Dror Abend-David (University of Florida)

A Silence Unbroken: The Representation of Babi Yar in Soviet Yiddish Literature (1961-1976)

Shay Arie Pilnik (Jewish Theological Seminary)

5.15

*Mississippi***JEWES AND WORLD WAR I: NEW PERSPECTIVES***Sponsored by the Center for Jewish History**Chair: Jonathan Karp (American Jewish Historical Society)***German Social Democrats and the Liberation of Jewry from Tsardom**

Adam Sacks (Brown University)

Horace Kallen at War with Germany

David Weinfeld (New York University)

S. An-sky as Russian Intellectual Chronicler of Jewish Life during World War I

Polly Zavadviker (University of California, Santa Cruz)

From Harbin, Vladivostok to Yokohama: On a Mission to Rescue Russian Civil War Jewish Refugees

Mina Muraoka (Brandeis University)

BOOK EXHIBIT**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM***Sheraton IV/V***COFFEE BREAK****SESSION 6, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

6.1

Sheraton III**DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP***Join AJS members for an informal and interactive presentation of research projects, research tools, teaching tools, and other born-digital projects.***“A Storyteller’s Story”: Re-curating Holocaust Survivor Testimony as a Teaching Tool**

Erica Lehrer (Concordia University)

History Through Things: The Jewish Atlantic World Database

Laura Leibman (Reed College)

JewDub-Web 3.0 for Jewish Studies Programs

Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)

Telling Family Stories: Finding American Jewish History in Cookbooks and Schoolbooks

Deborah J. Margolis (Michigan State University)

USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual History Archive Online

Dan Leshem (University of Southern California)

Using Wikipedia to Teach Jewish Studies

Shira Klein (Chapman University) and Ari Ariel (New York University)

Virtual Memory: Confronting the Holocaust in Second Life

Rachel N. Baum (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Yiddish in Twenty-First Century Eastern Europe: A Video Archive

Jeffrey Veidlinger (Indiana University) and Anya Quilitzsch (Indiana University)

Serving Abroad, at Home: The Internet and Classroom Service-Learning

Andrea Siegel (University of Michigan)

SESSION 7, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

7.1

Chicago VI

MAKING SENSE OF AMERICAN ANTISEMITISM*Moderator:* Eric L. Goldstein (Emory University)*Discussants:* Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

Paul Hanebrink (Rutgers University–New Brunswick)

Mitchell B. Hart (University of Florida)

Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

7.2

Sheraton I

THE FAMILY AS A CATEGORY OF ANALYSIS IN JEWISH STUDIES*Sponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research**Chair:* Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)**From Generation to Generation: The Transmission of Property and Culture in Modern Jewish History**

Todd Endelman (University of Michigan)

Research on Jewish Families: A Sociological Perspective

Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)

Literary Myths, Tropes, and Representations of the Jewish Family

Anita Norich (University of Michigan)

7.3

Sheraton II

**HOW TO INTEGRATE THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA INTO JEWISH STUDIES COURSES***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* Adriana Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)*Discussants:* Edna Aizenberg (Marymount Manhattan College)

Nora Glickman (Queens College)

Yael Halevi-Wise (McGill University)

Ariana Huberman (Haverford College)

Naomi E. Lindstrom (University of Texas)

Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)

7.4

Chicago VIII

ERETZ ISRAEL IN ISRAELI NATIONAL MEMORY AND POLITICS*Chair:* Jacob Lassner (Northwestern University)**Jaffa and Tel Aviv: Urban Boundaries and National Identities**

Annon Golan (University of Haifa)

Space Metaphors in Modern Israeli Culture

Yael Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

Security or Identity? State and Homeland in Israeli Politics and Popular Belief

Ariel Zellman (New York University)

Respondent: Rachel Havrelock (University of Illinois at Chicago)

7.5

Chicago IX

THE UNSEEN HOLOCAUST: THE PERSISTENCE OF MEMORY IN EASTERN EUROPEAN FILM*Chair:* Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)**Documentality and Monumentality: The Insistence of Memory in Cinema, History, and Literature**

Dragan Kujundzic (University of Florida)

Out of the Past: Transgenerational Holocaust Memory in Hungarian Cinema

Catherine Portuges (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

Probing the Limits of Representation—Soviet Style

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

7.6

Chicago X

THE FUTURE OF MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY*Moderator:* Aaron W. Hughes (University at Buffalo, SUNY)*Discussants:* Kalman P. Bland (Duke University)

Igor Holanda DeSouza (University of Chicago)

Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)

Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Tamar Rudavsky (The Ohio State University)

7.7

Ontario

“THE GOLDEN AGE OF JEWISH ART”: ART AND ITS ADVOCATES*Moderator:* Ben Schachter (Saint Vincent College)*Discussants:* Matthew Baigell (Independent Scholar)

Richard McBee (Jewish Art Salon)

Daniel Schifrin (Contemporary Jewish Museum)

7.8

Huron

BROADENING THE INTERSECTIONS WITH JEWISH STUDIES, PART I: INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS*Moderator:* Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)*Discussants:* Leora Auslander (University of Chicago)

Caryn Aviv (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Judit Bokser Liwerant (Unam Mexico)

Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

7.9

Erie

CHOICES, CHALLENGES, AND CONFLICTS: JEWISH WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS*Chair and Respondent:* Rochelle L. Millen (Wittenberg University)**“Born as a Boy, Raised as a Girl”: The Political Odyssey of Martha/Karl Baer, a German-Jewish Feminist, Zionist, Journalist, and Social Worker**

Alison L. Rose (University of Rhode Island)

Teen Firebrands Join Ha-Shomer, While Wives and Philanthropists Organize Zionism Abroad

Deborah Hertz (University of California, San Diego)

The Politicization of the United Nations Women’s Conferences, 1975-1995: Israeli and American Jewish Women React

Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

7.10

Superior B

BORDERLAND JEWS OF NEW YORK: DIFFERENT DISPLAYS OF DIVERSITY*Chair:* Ira Sheskin (University of Miami)**Diversity as Normative within the Chicago Jewish Community**

Ron Miller (North American Jewish Data Bank)

A Tale of Multiple Streams: Diversity within the Orthodox Jewish Community in the United States

Jacob B. Ukeles (Ukeles Associates)

The Striking Diversity of New York Jewry

Steven M. Cohen (HUC-JIR)

Respondent: Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)

7.11

Michigan B

GHOSTS: THE HAUNTED HOUSE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LITERATURE*Chair:* Ezra Cappell (University of Texas at El Paso)**The Geography of Memory: Haunting and Haunted Landscapes in Canadian Jewish Writing**

Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

Roth’s Ghosts

Brett Ashley Kaplan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

“Between Two Worlds”: Tales of the Dybbuk in New York

Mia Spiro (Northwestern University)

7.12

Missouri

GROUPS IN CONTACT AND CONFLICT*Chair:* Azzan Yadin-Israel (Rutgers University)**Building a Fence around the Torah: Fencing as a Mark of Distinction in Tannaitic Literature**

John Mandsager (Stanford University)

The Redeployment of the Yoke and the Covenant in Rabbinic Heresiology

David M. Grossberg (Princeton University)

The Story of the Sadducee and the *Ketoret* (Incense) in Bavli Yoma – Textual and Interpretational Reflections

Yonatan Feintuch (Bar-Ilan University)

“If any lie in wait for them, they take sticks in their hands”: The Conflict Between Qumranian (Priestly?) and Rabbinic Calendars and Constructions of Time

Ron H. Feldman (Graduate Theological Union)

7.13

Colorado

JEWISH CRIMINALITY, FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO AMERICA*Chair:* Pamela S. Nadell (American University)**Old Odessa: Jewish Criminality within the Fires of Hell**

Jarrod Tanny (University of North Carolina–Wilmington)

Jewish Tavernkeepers and the Inter-ethnic Black Market in the Kingdom of Poland

Glenn Dynner (Sarah Lawrence College)

“Because it Wasn’t Legal in the First Place”: Jews and Criminality in the Popular Music Business

Jonathan Karp (American Jewish Historical Society)

Respondent: Olga Litvak (Clark University)

7.14

Arkansas

NON-CANONICAL TEXTS, SOCIAL REALITIES?*Chair:* Albert I. Baumgarten (Bar-Ilan University)**4 Ezra and Leadership in Post-Destruction Communities**

Shayna Sheinfeld (McGill University)

Maps and Legends: Locating the Synagogue of Severus in the Jewish Imperial Landscape of Late Antiquity

Joshua Ezra Burns (Marquette University)

Babylonian Incantation Bowls: A Socio-Religious Textual Typology

Ortal-Paz Saar (Institute for Advanced Study)

7.15

Mississippi

MODERN HEBREW POETRY: GREENBERG, RAVIKOVITCH, BAT-MIRIAM

Chair: Shiri Goren (Yale University)

Incendiary Love: Fire and Water in the Poetry of Dahlia Ravikovitch

Laura Wiseman (York University)

Terror, Power, and Deflation: The Prophetic Lineage of Uri Zvi Greenberg

Yosefa Raz (University of California, Berkeley)

Time, Space, and Yocheved Bat-Miriam

Jordan Finkin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

GENERAL LUNCH 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Michigan A

(By pre-paid reservation only)

AAJR LUNCH 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Mayfair

For the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research

SEPHARDI-MIZRAHI 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Columbus A/B

CAUCUS LUNCH

(By pre-paid reservation only)

RETHINKING THE 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Superior A

AJS CONFERENCE

Chairs: Brian Amkraut (Case Western Reserve University) and Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)

An informal discussion about new formats, technologies, and objectives for the AJS annual meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

SESSION 8, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 2:15 PM - 4:00 PM

8.1

Sheraton I

JEWS AND NEW YORK CITY POLITICS

Chair: Diana Linden (Independent Scholar)

Jews and New York Electoral Politics, 1700-1865

Howard Rock (Florida International University)

Between East Broadway and East Fourteenth Street: Socialism, Tammany Hall, and Jewish Politics in New York, 1886-1920

Daniel Soyer (Fordham University)

“Nervous Parochialism vs. Optimistic Liberalism”: New York Jews and the Mayoral Election, 1969

Jeffrey S. Gurock (Yeshiva University)

Respondent: Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)

Monday

8.2

*Sheraton II***PRIMO LEVI AND THE ART AND CRAFT OF WRITING***Chair and Respondent:* Murray Baumgarten (University of California, Santa Cruz)**Primo Levi on Other Writers**

Berel Lang (Wesleyan University)

Primo Levi and the Perils of Literature

Nancy A. Harowitz (Boston University)

The Canon, Historicism, and the Holocaust in Primo Levi's Memoirs

Sharon Portnoff (Connecticut College)

8.3

*Chicago VIII***IMAGINARY NEIGHBORS BEYOND THE BORDER: TRANSNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS OF JEWISH HERITAGE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF POLAND***Chair:* Dorota Glowacka (University of King's College)**Re-mixing History: Transnational Art Interventions and the Polish-Jewish Past**

Erica Lehrer (Concordia University) and Magdalena Waligorska (Free University Berlin)

"Whose Muranow?" Reconstructing and Displacing Jewish Memory in Warsaw

Shana Penn (Graduate Theological Union)

Re-Judaizing the Polish Landscape: From Doikeyt to Multiculturalism

Karen Underhill (University of Chicago)

Respondent: Jolanta Drzewiecka (Washington State University)

8.4

Chicago IX**THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT: CAN ALL SIDES BE TAUGHT WITHOUT TAKING SIDES?***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* Donna R. Divine (Smith College)*Discussants:* Jonathan Gribetz (Rutgers University)

Ronald C. Kiener (Trinity College)

Eric Engel Tuten (Slippery Rock University)

8.5

*Chicago X***NEW DIRECTIONS IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY ANGLO-JEWISH STUDIES***Moderator:* Jonathan Freedman (University of Michigan)*Discussants:* Todd Endelman (University of Michigan)

Sarah Gracombe (Stonehill College)

Zia Miric (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Michael H. Scrivener (Wayne State University)

Nadia Valman (Queen Mary, University of London)

Karen Weisman (University of Toronto)

8.6

Ontario

NEW DIRECTIONS IN FOLKLORE AND ETHNOGRAPHY*Chair:* Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)**From Function to Frame: The Evolving Conceptualization of Jewish Folklore and Cultural Studies**

Simon J. Bronner (Pennsylvania State University)

The *Kashrut* Con Game: Who's Keeping Kosher in Prison?

Steve Siporin (Utah State University)

Musical Theater, Dialogic Narrative, and Holocaust Representation: The Case of *Imagine This!*

Judah M. Cohen (Indiana University)

Externalizing Yiddishkeit: An Ethnographic Study of Women Wearing *Kippot*

Amy K. Milligan (Elizabethtown College)

8.7

Huron

THE HEBREW REPUBLIC OF LETTERS: POLITICAL IMAGINARY IN HASKALAH LITERATURE*Chair:* Olga Litvak (Clark University)**Telling, Retelling, and the Road Not Taken of the Hebrew Novel: A Reading in Peretz Smolenskin's *Gaon Veshever (Pride and Fall)***

Matan Hermony (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

"A Class Act": Rereading Socio-economic Imagery in Jewish Enlightenment Literature

Yahil Zaban (University of California, Berkeley)

Letters of Denunciation and the Rise of the Hebrew Novel: Hasidism as a Subject of Literary and Legal Investigations

Ofer Dynes (Harvard University)

8.8

Erie

DEPARTMENT AND DEVIANCE: THE SEXUAL JEWISH WOMAN*Chair:* Martin B. Shichtman (Eastern Michigan University)**Sex in the Shtetl: Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in the Fiction of Isaac Bashevis Singer**

Alexandra Tali Herzog (Brandeis University)

Sexual Perversion: The Religious Jewish Woman's Exposure in Film

Rachel S. Harris (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Excessively Frank: Roe Rosen's Justine Frank

Carol Zemel (York University)

Wandering Lesbians and Closeted Jews: The Intersection of Ethnicity and Sexuality in Cuban-American Fiction

Dara Ellen Goldman (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

8.9

*Superior B***GERMAN-JEWISH WRITING UNBOUND**

Chair: Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

Love, Interrupted: Barbara Honigmann on German Jewish Culture

Katja Garloff (Reed College)

The Metaphor of a Jewish Suicide: Stefan Zweig and *The Royal Game*

Richard Block (University of Washington)

The Shadow of Lear in the Post-Holocaust Poetry of Paul Celan and Nelly Sachs

Jennifer M. Hoyer (University of Arkansas)

8.10

*Michigan B***GLOBAL EVENTS, CANADIAN RESPONSES**

Chair: Zachary M. Baker (Stanford University)

“A Veritable Land of Promise”: Canada and the Romanian Jewish Migration, 1900-1903

Lara Rabinovitch (New York University)

The Canadian Jewish Left and Antifascist Fronts in the 1930s

Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia) and Harold Troper (University of Toronto)

“Der gang fun mayn lebn”: Esther Shechter's Immigration Memoir

Faith Jones (University of British Columbia)

Respondent: Rebecca Eileen Margolis (University of Ottawa)

8.11

*Missouri***SEPHARDIC JEWS ON THE MOVE: MOBILITY AND MIGRATION IN AND BEYOND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

Chair and Respondent: Tobias Brinkmann (Penn State University)

“Give me passage from Mérida to Havana—I was Bulgarian yesterday, but now I’m Greek”: Sephardic Migration to Mexico and the Flexibility of National Identities

Devi Mays (Indiana University)

Musicians as Refugees, Migrants, and Exiles: Isak Algazi and His Late Ottoman Intellectual Milieu

Maureen Barbara Jackson (Harvard University)

Writing the History of the “Mother City” from Afar: Isaac S. Emmanuel and the Salonican Jewish Diaspora

Devin Naar (University of Washington)

8.12

Colorado

CONSTRUCTING THE BAVLI: READER AND MEDIUM

Chair: Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

iBavli: Digitization, Hypertextuality, and the Theorization of the Talmud

Shai Secunda (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Amoraim and Stam as Readers

Barry Scott Wimpfheimer (Northwestern University)

Exploring Three Competing Bavli Authors

Zvi Septimus (University of Toronto)

8.13

Arkansas

MEDIEVAL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Chair: Stephen Garfinkel (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Rabbinic Teachings in Biblical Interpretation: Ambivalence in Jonah ibn Janah's *Sefer ha-Shorashim*

Naomi Grunhaus (Yeshiva University)

Rashi and the Anxiety of Influence

Yehudah Benjamin Cohn (New York University)

"Mah Kasheh la-Radak?" Motivations for Comment in Radak's Pentateuchal Exegesis

Yitzhak Berger (Hunter College, CUNY)

8.14

Mississippi

THE KABBALAH OF SAFED: GOD, ANGELS, PRAYER

Chair and Respondent: Shaul Magid (Indiana University)

"As If He Were One Limb within the Body of this Fellowship": The Prayer in the Fellowships of Safed

Uri Safrai (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

God as Patient: On the Medical Discourse of Lurianic Kabbalah

Assaf Moshe Tamari (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

"Wrestling with Angels": The Concept of the Relationship between Human Beings and Angels in the Kabbalah of Safed

Yoed Kadary (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**AJS HONORS ITS
AUTHORS**

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Sheraton IV/V

A coffee reception in honor of AJS members who have published books in 2012. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize.

DIVISION MEETINGS

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Chicago VI

An opportunity to meet with division heads to discuss themes for the 2013 conference. Light refreshments will be served.

SESSION 9, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

9.1

*Sheraton I***JEWES AND AMERICAN POLITICS: PAST AND PRESENT***Moderator:* Alana Newhouse (Tablet Magazine)*Discussants:* David G. Dalin (Ave Maria University)
Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University)
Gil Troy (McGill University)
Kenneth Wald (University of Florida)

9.2

*Sheraton II***EVERYDAY JEWS: APPROACHES TO MODERN JEWISH HISTORY INFLUENCED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP OF TODD ENDELMAN***Chair:* Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)**“The French Jewish Community Speaks to You with One Voice”: Dissent, Marginalization, and the Shaping of Communal Politics around Israel**
Maud S. Mandel (Brown University)**“Pier 21 is nowhere near New York”: War Brides in Canada and the United States, 1945-1950**

Robin E. Judd (The Ohio State University)

People of the Pamphlet: Eastern European Jewish Immigrants, Literacy, and the Rise of a Mass Market for Yiddish in the United States

Eric L. Goldstein (Emory University)

Respondent: David Feldman (Birkbeck, University of London)

9.3

*Chicago VIII***IRANO-TALMUDICA***Chair:* Jeffrey L. Rubenstein (New York University)**A Sixth-Century Zoroastrian Solution When Authorities Are in Conflict: The ‘Rule of Threes’ in ZFJ**

Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University) and Mahnaz Moazmi (Columbia University)

How the Mourner’s Kaddish Developed Out of a Persian Mythos

David Brodsky (New York University)

Talmudic and Zoroastrian Narratives of Mythical Incest

Yishai Kiel (Harvard University)

“You are afraid of the kingdom but we are not afraid of the kingdom”:**Babylonian Jews and their Neighbors—Contacts and Conflict**

Geoffrey Herman (Independent Scholar)

9.4

Chicago IX

POPULAR CULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN MODERN ISRAEL

Chair: Naftali Rothenberg (The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

Hip-Hoppin’ Jews: On the Bible and Israeli Pop Music

Shari Lee Lowin (Stonehill College)

The Strange Obsession with Identity in Contemporary Israeli Documentary Film

Ofer Ashkenazi (University of Minnesota)

Feminine Historical Writing in the Framework of the Third Wave of the Historiography of Zionism and Israel

Ofer Nordheimer Nur (Tel Aviv University)

9.5

Chicago X

WORLDS OF ACCUMULATION: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO COLLECTION PRACTICES

Chair: Erica Lehrer (Concordia University)

Preserving the Past and Creating the Future: Collection and Display of Jewish Art in Interwar Poland

Sarah Zarrow (New York University)

Collection Memory: Archival Geographies in Israel and Palestine

Liora Halperin (Princeton University)

“Abstracted Yiddish Kinship”: Collection, Affect, and the Mediation of Generation at the Yiddish Book Center

Joshua Benjamin Friedman (University of Michigan)

Mock Ethnography and the Soviet Jewish Literary Imagination

Sasha Senderovich (Harvard University)

9.6

Ontario

THE ECONOMICS OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Chair: Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Transformative Informal Jewish Education: Avi Chai in Israel

Galeet Dardashti (New York University)

Who Deserves a Jewish Education? A History of the Day School Affordability and Accessibility Issue in the United States

Rona Sheramy (Association for Jewish Studies)

Day School Affordability and Church-State Separation: Weighing Principle and Pragmatism

Jonathan Krasner (HUC-JIR)

What Does a Jew Cost? Financing Jewish Education

Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University)

9.7

*Huron***“YIDDISH IS THE NEW BLACK”: YIDDISH STUDIES AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE EARLY TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY***Moderator:* Nancy Sinkoff (Rutgers University)*Discussants:* Joel Berkowitz (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee)
Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)
Adriana X. Jacobs (Yale University)
Joshua Lambert (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Allan L. Nadler (Drew University)

9.8

*Erie***SHIFTING IDENTITIES***Chair:* Theodore Sasson (Middlebury College)**American Jews and the 2012 Election**

Samuel J. Abrams (Sarah Lawrence College / New York University)

British Jewish Attitudes Toward Israel: A Multivariate Analysis

David J. Graham (Institute for Jewish Policy Research)

Zionism and “Israelism” in East Europe after the Fall of Communism

Kata Zsofia Vincze (Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest)

Jewish Teen Identity Formation: Do Jewish Teens Follow in their Parents' Footsteps?

Nicole Samuel (Brandeis University) and Amy L. Sales (Brandeis University)

9.9

*Superior B***CHILDREN IN GHETTOS: LIFE, SCHOOL, PLAY***Chair:* Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)**Life: Enclaves of Help or Holding Pens for Destruction? Children's Homes in the Kraków Ghetto**

Joanna Sliwa (Clark University)

School: Keeping up Normality—The Role of School in the Life of Children in the Ghettos

Hanna Schmidt Hollaender (University of Hamburg)

Play: Playgrounds in the Warsaw Ghetto—The Jewish Council and Children on the Eve of Deportation

Norman J.W. Goda (University of Florida)

Hidden Trauma: Sexual Violence Against Jewish Children in Hiding during the Holocaust

Annabelle Jane Baldwin (Monash University)

9.10

Michigan B

GOD AND OTHER IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY*Chair:* Charles Manekin (University of Maryland)**Can a Mutakallim be Neopythagorean? Saadya Gaon's Case with the Sincere Brethren**

Ginger Hegedus (University of Western Ontario)

The “Other” of Revelation: An Ethical Reading of Maimonides' *Guide to the Perplexed*

Abi Doukhan (Queens College, CUNY)

Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart: Philosophical Exegesis in *Sefer Ha-Ikkarim*

Shira Weiss (Yeshiva University)

9.11

Missouri

INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATION IN THE WESTERN SEPHARDI DIASPORA*Chair and Respondent:* Miriam Bodian (University of Texas at Austin)**At the School of Minerva: Science and History in the Devotional Works of Eighteenth-Century Livornese Physicians**

Francesca Bregoli (Queens College)

“I saw that the children study... all of the twenty-four books of Scripture”:**Confraternities and Education in Seventeenth-Century Amsterdam**

Benjamin Fisher (Towson University)

Hakham Jacob Sasportas and the Re-education of Former Conversos

Matt Goldish (The Ohio State University)

Assisting the “Industrious” Poor in the London Saar Asamaim**Community in the Eighteenth Century**

Julia R. Lieberman (Saint Louis University)

9.12

Colorado

THE MULTIPLE CONTEXTS OF R. NAHMAN KROCHMAL'S *MOREH NEVUKHEI HA-ZEMAN* (THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED OF THE TIME)*Chair and Respondent:* Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)**Krochmal as a Neo-Maimonidean**

Yehoyada Amir (HUC-JIR)

Nachman Krochmal in his Galician and Austrian Context

Rachel Manekin (University of Maryland)

Religious Philosophy: Ranak and Hirsch Through Hegel

Gershon Greenberg (American University)

Translating Krochmal: Riddles, Problems, and Insights

Andreas Lehnardt (University of Mainz)

9.13

Arkansas

ESOTERICISM, HERESY, AND THE KABBALISTIC IMAGINATION*Chair:* Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**Color Mysticism: Challenges and Implications of Contemporary Jewish Mystical Color Symbolism and Experience**

Aubrey L. Glazer (JCC of Harrison)

Cosmic Kabbalah: Kabbalah and Western Esotericism in the Writings of Max Theon and his Followers

Boaz Hanoch Huss (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

“I Do Not Look to Heaven”: Frankist Antinomianism as Materialist Skepticism

Jay Michaelson (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Wolf Eibeschütz and his Circle of Christian Kabbalists

Pawel Maciejko (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

9.14

Mississippi

TRANSNATIONAL MODERNISM AND HEBREW WOMEN WRITERS*Chair:* Chana Kronfeld (University of California, Berkeley)**The Purloined Poem: Leah Goldberg Corresponds with Uri N. Gnessin (and Celia Dropkin) in *Letters from an Imaginary Journey***

Tamar Merin (Northwestern University)

The Earthly Effect: Leah Goldberg and Erich Auerbach Read Dante

Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)

Respondent: Shachar M. Pinsker (University of Michigan)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 EVENING PROGRAM

AJS PERSPECTIVES **6:30 pm** *Illinois Executive Boardroom*
EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING

POSEN FOUNDATION **6:30 pm** *Chi Bar*
RECEPTION
In honor of the Posen Foundation and the Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization. Sponsored by the Posen Foundation. Open to all conference registrants.

JEWISH THEOLOICAL **6:30 pm** *Columbus*
SEMINARY RECEPTION
The Wohl Office of Alumni Affairs of The Jewish Theological Seminary honors JTS faculty, students, and alumni presenting at the AJS Conference, and welcomes all JTS alumni in the area to reconnect with one another. Open to all conference registrants.

YIDDISH STUDIES **6:30 pm** *Mayfair*
RECEPTION
In honor of a generation of scholars revitalizing the field of Yiddish Studies, and the new book Choosing Yiddish: New Frontiers of Language and Culture, co-edited by Lara Rabinovitch, Shiri Goren, and Hannah S. Pressman. Sponsored by Wayne State University Press, The Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University, and The Program in Judaic Studies at Yale University. Open to all conference registrants.

UNIVERSITY OF **6:30 pm** *Michigan A*
CONNECTICUT RECEPTION
To celebrate the expansion of its core faculty and to mark the beginning of a new era for Judaic Studies at the University of Connecticut. Sponsored by the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut. Open to all conference registrants.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO **6:30pm** *Ohio*
RECEPTION
In honor of Larry and Judy Tanenbaum for their support of the Centre for Jewish Studies. Sponsored by the Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto. Open to all conference registrants.

GENERAL DINNER **7:30 pm** *Sheraton III*
(Pre-paid reservation required)

A CONVERSATION **8:00 pm** *Michigan A/B*
WITH JOSEPH CEDAR
Join AJS member Barry Wimpfheimer, Director of The Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies at Northwestern University, in conversation with Israeli director Joseph Cedar (Footnote; Beaufort). Reception in Mayfair Room to follow. Sponsored by the The Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern University.

Monday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

GENERAL BREAKFAST <i>(By pre-paid reservation only)</i>	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<i>Sheraton III</i>
DIVISION CHAIR/ PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<i>Mayfair</i>
REGISTRATION	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	<i>Sheraton Ballroom Foyer</i>
BOOK EXHIBIT <i>(List of Exhibitors, p. 83)</i>	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<i>Sheraton IV/V</i>

SESSION 10, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

10.1 *Chicago VI***JEWS AND HUMOR IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE***Chair and Respondent:* Carol Zemel (York University)**“Only angels may laugh in this way”: Humor and Jewishness in Kafka's Writing**

Yuval Kremnitzer (Columbia University)

Purim on Pesach: The Invented Tradition of Passover *Yontef-Bletlekh* in the Warsaw Yiddish Press

Edward A. Portnoy (Rutgers University)

“We have forgotten how to laugh”: Jewish Humor in the Aftermath of the Holocaust

Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)

The Popularity of Israeli Humorist Ephraim Kishon in Germany

Gabriel Natan Finder (University of Virginia)

10.2 *Sheraton I***ISRAELI DEMOCRACY AND POLITICS: DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY DILEMMAS***Chair:* Marsha Dubrow (The Graduate Center, CUNY / Harvard University)**Abortion Legislation in Israel for Families ‘Blessed with Children’**

Michal Raucher (Northwestern University)

Democratic Processes and Peace Negotiations in the Israeli-Palestinian Context

Yael Aronoff (Michigan State University)

Dilemmas of Minority Recruitment and Conscription in Israel and Nations Worldwide: A Select Comparative View

Randall Stafford Geller (University of Texas at Austin)

West or East? The Politics of Positioning Israel

Ilan Troen (Brandeis University)

10.3

*Sheraton II***RESEARCHING ANTISEMITISM IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: DILEMMAS, PROBLEMATICS, OPPORTUNITIES***Moderator:* David Feldman (Birkbeck, University of London)*Discussants:* Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College)

Maud S. Mandel (Brown University)

Michael Laurence Miller (Central European University)

Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa)

Maurice Samuels (Yale University)

Scott Ury (Tel Aviv University)

10.4

*Chicago VIII***GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN MODERN HEBREW FICTION***Chair:* Barbara Mann (Jewish Theological Seminary)**AIDS, Holocaust, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Benny Ziffer's "Muselmann"**

Oren Segal (University of Michigan)

Jewish Masculinity under Pressure: Masculine Identity and Female Sexuality in Agnon and Schnitzler

Ari Ofengenden (Oberlin College)

"Why Nora of All Things?" Brenner, Nordau, and Pohatchevsky Read Ibsen's *New Woman*

Orlan Zakai (University of Michigan)

Between Vitality and Decay: The Living-Dead Image of Textual Culture in Bialik's "Ha-Matmid"

Marina Zilbergerts Bitzan (Stanford University)

10.5

*Chicago IX***SEPHARDI/MIZRAHI JEWS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF OTHERNESS: PHOTOGRAPHS, MOVIES, MUSIC, AND NOVELS***Chair:* Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University)**Photographing Jewish Life in Muslim Central Asia, 1870**

Alanna Esther Cooper (Independent Scholar)

Sallah on the Roof: Compering Mizrahi-Jewish and Ostjuden Archetypes

Naama Harel (Emory University)

"My father sitting on an empty vegetable crate among rubbish and rotting oranges": Youth Aliya and Mizrahi Dissonance in Eli Amir's *Scapegoat*

Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Miami)

Unity Through Shared Alterity: Syncretism in Recent Arab-Mizrahi Musical Collaborations

Miranda Crowds (City University London)

10.6

Chicago X

JEWISH BOOK TRADE AND BOOK CIRCULATION: DEFINING A RESEARCH AGENDA

- Moderator:* Marjorie Lehman (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Discussants: Francesca Bregoli (Queens College)
 Stephen G. Burnett (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
 Michah S. Gottlieb (New York University)
 Adam B. Shear (University of Pittsburgh)
 Magda Teter (Wesleyan University)

10.7

Ontario

BROADENING THE INTERSECTIONS WITH JEWISH STUDIES, PART II: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

- Moderator:* Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)
Discussants: Aaron J. Hahn Tapper (University of San Francisco)
 Debra Renee Kaufman (Northeastern University)
 Helene Meyers (Southwestern University)
 Shulamit Reinharz (Brandeis University)

10.8

Huron

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS IN CHRISTIAN SPAIN

- Chair and Respondent:* Ephraim Kanarfogel (Yeshiva University)
Kabbalah and Counter-Theology in the Middle Ages
 Hartley W. Lachter (Muhlenberg College)
Conceptions of Gentiles in Halakhic Literature from Christian Spain
 David M. Freidenreich (Colby College)
Conversion Across Medieval Ashkenaz and Sepharad
 Paola Ymayo Tartakoff (Rutgers University)

10.9

Erie

EARLY RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST IN FILM, ART, AND LITERATURE

- Chair:* Michlean Lowy Amir (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
“Creating and Shelving Holocaust Memory”: The Case of Memory of the Camps
 Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern University)
The Function of Art in the *Tshenstokhover Yidn Yizkor Book*
 Rosemary Horowitz (Appalachian State University)
Reckoning with History and with the Self: Immediate Polish Literary Responses to the Holocaust
 Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin–Madison)
Jewish American War Novels and the Holocaust
 Leah Garrett (Monash University)

10.10

*Superior B***BECOMING “POLISH JEWS”: THE TRANSFORMATION OF JEWISH IDENTITIES IN INTERWAR POLAND***Chair and Respondent:* Jeffrey Veidlinger (Indiana University)**“Kopel not Filaret, Sore not Solomea”: Debates about Jewish Naming Practices in Pre-World War II Poland**

Kalman Weiser (York University)

Polish Patriotism in Blue and White? The Betar Youth Movement, the Polish Government, and the Performance of Zionist “Polishness”

Daniel Kupfert Heller (University of Washington)

Formative Competition: The Dynamics between Agudat Yisrael and the Religious Zionist Movement in Interwar Poland

Daniel Mahla (Columbia University)

Political Bodies: Exhumation and Polish-Jewish Relations in Interwar Warsaw

Daniel Rosenthal (University of Toronto)

10.11

*Michigan B***THE DIVINE COURTROOM IN RABBINIC LITERATURE***Chair and Respondent:* Steven D. Fraade (Yale University)**The Architecture of the Divine Courtroom: An Exercise in Rabbinic Imagination**

Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)

The Divine Courtroom, Procedural Justice, and the Personal God: Sifre Deuteronomy on the Song of Moses

Chaya Halberstam (University of Western Ontario)

Why Are There Lawyers in Heaven? Rabbinic Court Procedure in Halakhah and Aggadah

Richard Hidary (Yeshiva University)

Lawsuits with God in Rabbinic Literature

Dov Weiss (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

10.12

*Missouri***LIBERALISM AND ITS POSTWAR JEWISH DISCONTENTS***Chair:* Jerry Z. Muller (Catholic University of America)**Can Parallels Meet? The Zionist Question of Isaiah Berlin and Hannah Arendt**

Arie M. Dubnov (Stanford University)

Leo Strauss and the Democratic Power of Jewish Identity

Michael Schlie (University of Michigan)

Square Pegs in Round Holes: The Contradictions of the Jewish**Neoconservative Critique of Postwar American Liberalism**

Nancy Sinkoff (Rutgers University)

Respondent: Malachi Hacohen (Duke University)

10.13

Colorado

HOW-TO JEWS: THE INSTRUCTION MANUALS OF AMERICAN JUDAISM

Chair: Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

“Living Faith” from a Book

Rachel Gordan (Northwestern University)

Lost in the Diaspora: Authority and Authenticity in American Guidebooks to Jewish Genealogy

Rachel Beth Gross (Princeton University)

Your Children’s Children: Jewish Grandparents, Christian Grandchildren, and the Instruction Manuals of Identity Transmission

Samira K. Mehta (Emory University)

Respondent: Rebecca Davis (University of Delaware)

10.14

Arkansas

EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Chair: Glenn Dynner (Sarah Lawrence College)

Enoch-Metatron Tradition in the Kabbalah of Nathan Neta Shapira of Krakow

Agata Paluch (University College London)

Kabbalah and Philosophy in Nineteenth-Century Eastern European Jewish History

Eliyahu Stern (Yale University)

Likutei Halakhot: A Reconceptualization of Jewish Law Based on Belief in the Tzaddik

Roe Horen (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Setting Times for Torah Study in the Doctrine of R. Shneur Zalman of Liady

Wojciech Tworek (University College London)

10.15

Mississippi

LIGHTNING SESSION: POLITICS

Chair: Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

An Unnoticed Source of Anti-Semitism: The Spanish Left and Israel (1967-1982)

Salvador Orti Camallonga (Cambridge University)

Critical Pedagogy and Teaching About Israel/Palestine in the United States

Elizabeth Tauba Ingenthron (Graduate Theological Union)

Jewish Immigration and the Culture of Antifascism in Paris, 1933-1939

Nicholas Underwood (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Morocco 1940-1942: Vichy Rule as Catalyst for Jewish Political Participation

Alma Rachel Heckman (University of California, Los Angeles)

Who Needs To Be Revived? Organizing the World Sephardic Federation Beyond Palestine (1925)

Yehuda Sharim (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Cultivating the Physique and Spirit of the Sons of our Working Classes”:**Physical and Moral Improvement in British Jewish Boys’ Clubs 1886-1939**

Anne Louise Holdorph (University of Southampton)

10.16

Ohio

LIGHTNING SESSION: MODERN TEXT AND TEXT PRACTICES*Chair:* Sara R. Horowitz (York University)**“Slaving to Kill Jews”: Auschwitz as Plantation in William Styron's *Sophie's Choice***

Danielle Christmas (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Complexity and Alternate Discourses: An Ethnography of Women in a West Bank Settlement

Hannah Mayne (University of Florida)

Ethnic Memory Roots and Nostalgia in Irène Némirovsky's *David Golder* (1929) and *Les Chiens et les Loups* (1940)

Lara R. Curtis (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

Performative Translation: A Case Study from Secular Yiddish Song

Shayn Smulyan (Brown University)

Radical Breaks and Jewish Continuity in Tillie Olsen's Cold War Story Cycle

Daniel Rochelson Mintz (University of Michigan)

The Family Life of Holocaust Survivors in Displaced Persons Camps, the United States, and Israel between 1945 and 1960

Amy Michelle Smith (Yale University)

10.17

Michigan A

LIGHTNING SESSION: RELIGIOUS PRACTICE*Chair:* Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)**Choices, Children, and Change: Proposal for a Mixed-Methods Study of American Jewish Fertility**

Michelle Shain (Brandeis University)

Medicine and Religious Practices in the Nineteenth-Century Ashkenazi Community of Amsterdam

Tsila Radecker (University of Groningen)

***Ribit* and *Riba*: Contemporary Jewish and Islamic Responses to International Finance**

David Zvi Kalman (University of Pennsylvania)

The Anthropology of Sanctity: Religious Experience, Politics, and Theology among American Religious Zionists in Judea and Samaria

Nehemia Stern (Emory University)

The Transformation of Syrian Jewry in America

Joseph B. Gindi (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Tradition and Transition: North American Orthodox Jewish Women Becoming and Being Sexually Active within Marriage

Shoshannah Shana Frydman (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

What's Love Got to Do With It? Understanding Marriage among Jewish Young Adults in the Twenty-First Century

Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University)

SESSION 11, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM

11.1

*Chicago VI***CHANGING PERSPECTIVES: THE EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERICAN JEWS AND ISRAEL***Chair and Respondent:* Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt University)**The Balance of Power in the Field of Israel Advocacy**

Theodore Sasson (Middlebury College)

Occupy Judaism: "Bringing the Jews to Occupy Wall Street, Bringing Occupy Wall Street to the Jews"

Ayala Fader (Fordham University) and Owen Gottlieb (New York University)

Contested Agendas: Israel Education on the American Jewish Scene

Bethamie Horowitz (New York University)

11.2

*Sheraton I***VOICES OF EARLY MODERN JUDAISM***Chair:* Magda Teter (Wesleyan University)**Klausner's *Minhagim* Book: Evolving Texts and Evolving Practice in Pre-print Era Ashkenaz**

Rachel Zohn Mincer (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Moses Hayim Luzzatto's Turbulent Romance with the Rabbinate in the Writing of *Mesilat Yesharim*

David Sclar (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

The *Agur*: A Halakhic Code for Print

Debra Glasberg (Columbia University)

The Exorcist's Medical Perspective: Exorcism and Medicine among Ashkenazi Jews in the Early Modern Period

Nimrod Zinger (Washington University in St. Louis)

11.3

Sheraton II**READING A MASEKHET: THE INTERSECTION OF TALMUD SCHOLARSHIP, GENDER STUDIES, AND PEDAGOGY***Moderator:* Jon A. Levisohn (Brandeis University)*Discussants:* Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert (Stanford University)

Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Jane Kanarek (Hebrew College)

Marjorie Lehman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

11.4

*Chicago VIII***NORTH AFRICAN DIASPORA, PART II: THE EMERGENCE OF TRANSGLOBAL IDENTITIES***Chair:* Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Miami)**Moroccan Diasporas: Memories and Identities**

Henry Green (University of Miami)

North African Communities: Comparing Sarcelles' and Natanya's Linguistic Landscape

Eliezer Ben-Rafael (Tel Aviv University)

North African Jews and their Transnational Lives: Circulation and Mobility

Martin Messika (Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne / Université du Québec à Montréal)

Boeing Aliya: French Recent Immigrants in Israel

Esther Schely-Newman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

11.5

*Chicago IX***CONFIGURING BODY-MIND-COSMOS IN KABBALISTIC RITUAL***Chair:* Hartley W. Lachter (Muhlenberg College)**Melting into the Mikveh of Time: Configuring Mind-Body-Cosmos in the *B'nei Yissaskhar***

Elliot K. Ginsburg (University of Michigan) and Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

New Kabbalistic Rituals: Transforming Body and Soul in Contemporary Kabbalah

Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

Wine Symbolism in Cordovero's Kabbalah

Vadim Putzu (HUC-JIR)

11.6

*Chicago X***JEWISH LIFE IN THE AMERICAS: A COMPARATIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE***Moderator:* Naomi E. Lindstrom (University of Texas at Austin)*Discussants:* Ezra Cappell (University of Texas at El Paso)

Jonathan Freedman (University of Michigan)

Rebecca Eileen Margolis (University of Ottawa)

11.7

*Ontario***WHAT IS DIASPORA NATIONALISM? TOWARD A DEFINITION AND RESEARCH AGENDA***Moderator:* David N. Myers (University of California, Los Angeles)*Discussants:* Joshua M. Karlip (Yeshiva University)

James Loeffler (University of Virginia)

Simon Rabinovitch (Boston University)

Joshua Shanes (College of Charleston)

Kalman Weiser (York University)

- 11.8 *Huron*
MEETING OF NETWORK OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS
Moderator: Kenneth A. Waltzer (Michigan State University)
Discussants: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)
 Ellen M. Umansky (Fairfield University)
- 11.9 *Erie*
OTHER VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST
Chair: Sara R. Horowitz (York University)
Citizens Like You and Me: Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde? The Bizarre Case of Local Loyalty and Betrayal in a South German Village
 Gilya Gerda Schmidt (University of Tennessee–Knoxville)
Heroic Trajectories—Wartime and Beyond: Narrating the Shoah as a Sephardi Woman
 Nina Lichtenstein (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute)
Sephardic Literary Representations of the Holocaust
 Monique Rodrigues Balbuena (University of Oregon)
- 11.10 *Superior B*
CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL BODY AND ITS TERRITORIES
Chair: Motti Inbari (University of North Carolina, Pembroke)
Between “People” and “Land”: The Territorial Dimension in the Zionist Movement and the Boundaries of Jewish Nationalism
 Yitzhak Conforti (Bar-Ilan University)
Representing the State, Reconstituting the Nation: Israeli Archivists and the Performance of Sovereignty in the 1950s
 Jason Lustig (University of California, Los Angeles)
Religious Zionist Responses to Sovereignty: Pluralism and Centralism in Halakhic Visions of the State
 Alexander Kaye (Princeton University)
- 11.11 *Michigan B*
TWENTIETH-CENTURY HEBREW FICTION IN AMERICA, EUROPE, AND PALESTINE
Chair: Rachel S. Harris (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
“Ve-Haya he-Akov le-Mishor”: A Century Later
 Dan Laor (Tel Aviv University)
Looking in the Mirror: E. E. Lisitzky’s Retelling of an Algonquin Creation Myth
 Stephen Katz (Indiana University)
Y. D. Berkovits, Zalman Shneour, and the Transformations of Early Twentieth-Century Hebrew Literature
 Naomi Brenner (The Ohio State University)
“Edge of Darkness and Bread”: Israel Har’s Jewish Legend
 Uri Hollander (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

11.12

Missouri

WORLDS INTERTWINED: THE INTERPLAY OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD*Chair:* Ruth Langer (Boston College)**Between Sewer, Synagogue, and Cemetery in Medieval Ashkenaz**

David I. Shyovitz (Northwestern University)

Authority and Responsibility: Jewish and Christian Approaches to the Collection of Charity in the High Middle Ages

Yehuda Seif (University of Pennsylvania)

The Writing of a Ritual: Child Martyrdom as a Rite of Passage in Jewish Crusade Literature

Julie Goldstein (New York University)

From Polemic to Proximity: A Rereading of *Sefer Toledot Yeshu*

Shay Alexander Alleson-Gerberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

11.13

Colorado

REPRESENTATIONS OF JEWISHNESS IN GLOBAL POP CULTURE 2001-2012*Chair:* Joachim Schloer (University of Southampton)**Shouting and Whispering: Contemporary Art Confronts Identity Theories**

Juliette Brungs (University of Minnesota)

Jews with... Claws and Cutlasses: Representation of Jewishness in Franco-Belgian Graphic Novels

Frederek Musall (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien)

Jews in German Cinema and Television

Lea Wohl von Haselberg (University of Hamburg)

Jewish Revenge: From Panda Bears to the Bear Jew

Caspar C. Battegay (University of Basel)

11.14

Arkansas

ON BEHALF OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE: ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY*Chair:* Natan M. Meir (Portland State University)**Embracing the Polyphony of the Ethnographic Experience: Bogoraz and Shternberg**

Nadja Berkovich (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Jewish Health and the Politics of Race in the Russian Empire

Sofiya Grachova (Harvard University)

The Joint Distribution Committee, Soviet Authorities, and Russian Jewish Public, 1920-1924

Michael Beizer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Keeper of Words: Herman Kruk as Librarian, Archivist, Author, Diarist, and Chronicler of the Vilna Ghetto

Amy Simon (Indiana University)

11.15

*Mississippi***JEWISH CULTURE IN THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD***Chair:* Arnold Franklin (Queens College, CUNY)**Jewish Urbanization under the Abbasids**

Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University)

“What Did They Study?”: On the Talmudic Curriculum in the Geonic Period

Binyamin Katzoff (Bar-Ilan University)

Marriage Alliance and Female Kinship: Revisiting a Young Couple in Thirteenth-Century Egypt

Eve Krakowski (University of Chicago)

Hebrew Poetry of the Ottoman Empire in an Eighteenth-Century Manuscript

Magdalena Matuszewska (University of Warsaw)

GENERAL LUNCH**12:45 pm – 1:45 pm***Sheraton III**(By pre-paid reservation only)***AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****12:45 pm – 3:00 pm***Mayfair***SESSION 12, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM**

12.1

*Sheraton I***MUSSAR, LEVINAS, AND THE STRANGER***Chair:* Susan Ellen Shapiro (University of Massachusetts Amherst)**Learning Mussar from “The Philosophers”: Simhah Zissel Ziv on Philosophy and the Good Life**

Geoffrey Claussen (Elon University)

Levinas, Lukacs, and Kant: Totality and Infinity

Richard A. Cohen (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

Levinas on Enjoyment: A Philosophical Analysis of the Four Elements in Biblical Cosmologies

Theodore A. Perry (Boston College)

Levinas and the Stranger at the Gates: The Politics of Welcome and Immigration Reform

Michael Glen Gottsegen (Brown University)

12.2

*Sheraton II***PROSTITUTION IN MODERN JEWISH LITERATURE**

Chair: Marc Caplan (Johns Hopkins University)

Writing Victimhood, Thinking Zionism: The Poetic Case of Bialik and Shofman

Ilana Szobel (Brandeis University)

“In this no-man’s land!”: Modernity, Prostitution, and the Unmasking of Racial Democracy in Brazil

Bruno Carvalho (Princeton University)

Streetwalking in Sfax: Francophone Tunisian Literature and the “Oldest Profession”

Lia Nicole Brozgal (University of California, Los Angeles)

Radical Feminist Allegory: Adele Wiseman's *Crackpot*

Joshua Lambert (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

12.3

*Chicago VIII***NAVIGATING A NEW WORLD: GENDER IDENTITY AMONG JEWS IN THE POSTWAR AMERICAS**

Chair: Melissa R. Klapper (Rowan University)

“I was afraid of bringing children into the world:” The Complex Roles of Female Holocaust Survivors in Postwar Canada

Adara Goldberg (Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre)

Between Resistance and Accommodation: Envisioning the Ideal American Observant Jewish Child in the Publications of Torah Umesorah, 1945-1967

Joshua Jay Furman (University of Maryland)

“The World That Was (To Come):” A Counterpoint of Two Jewish Women's Literary Expressions in Post-World War II Latin America

Alexandru V. Lefter (University of Pittsburgh)

“What kind of job is that for a nice Jewish boy?”: Jewish Anxieties over Gender in an Age of Affluence

Rachel Kranson (University of Pittsburgh)

12.4

*Chicago IX***THE DOCUMENTARY IMPERATIVE IN HOLOCAUST STUDIES: QUESTIONS OF AFFECT, NARRATIVE, ETHICS, AND LOGISTICS**

Chair: Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

Researching the Gray Zone: The Jewish Police in Lithuanian Ghettos

Ellen Cassedy (Independent Scholar)

Mediation and the Archive: Discovering the Immediate Postwar Story of a Holocaust Survivor in Three Very Different Archives

David Shneer (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Epistolophilia: On Writing and Silence in the Archives of Ona Šimaitė, Vilna Ghetto Rescuer

Julija Vida Sukys (Independent Scholar)

ITS: Lessons Learned from the Most Extensive and Unique World War II Archive

Michlean Lowy Amir (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

12.5

*Chicago X***NETWORKS OF GIVING TO THE HOLY LAND IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD***Chair and Respondent:* Adam Teller (Brown University)**Connecting Individuals and Communities: Seventeenth-Century Donations from the Holy Roman Empire to the Holy Land**

Debra Kaplan (Yeshiva University)

Emissaries from the Holy Land and the Sephardim of the West: Philanthropy and Identity in Livorno, Bordeaux, and Amsterdam in the Eighteenth Century

Matthias B. Lehmann (University of California, Irvine)

Princely Philanthropy: "A Prince of the Land of Israel" in Early Modern Prague

Joshua Z. Teplitsky (Oxford University)

12.6

*Ontario***AUTHORITY AND COMMUNITY IN THE WESTERN SEPHARDI DIASPORA***Chair:* Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt University)**New Centers, New Questions: Negotiating Religious Authority in the Atlantic World**

Hilit Surowitz-Israel (University of Florida)

Jacob Sasportas and the Antimesianic Idea in Judaism

Yaacob Dweck (Princeton University)

The Relationship between the Hakham Tsevi and David Nieto

Benjamin James Elton (London School of Jewish Studies)

A Call for Unity: Communal Politics in the Amsterdam Synagogue Dedication of 1675

Anne Albert (University of Pennsylvania)

12.7

*Huron***GENRE AND THEORY IN THE STUDY OF MEDIEVAL JEWISH TEXTS***Chair:* Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Trauma and Memory in Medieval Hebrew Literature**

Dianna Roberts-Zauderer (University of Toronto)

Poetry as Threshold: Medieval Hebrew Prefatory Poems

Maud Kozodoy (Brown University)

Philosophy as Literature: Allegory in Commentaries on the *Guide of the Perplexed*

Igor Holanda DeSouza (University of Chicago)

The Authorship Controversy: From Benjamin's Baroque to Maimonides' and Tosafists' Form of Tractate

Sergey Dolgopolski (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

12.8

Erie

FAMILIES, SYNAGOGUES, AND SCHOOLS*Chair:* Jonathan Krasner (HUC-JIR)**Childrens' Roles in the Developing Life Course of Jewish Families**

Randal F. Schnoor (York University) and Alex Pomson (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Gender and Jewish Young Adult Volunteering: When Is It a Boy Thing?

Fern Chertok (Brandeis University)

Transforming Jewish Educational Organizations into Effective Nonprofits

Amy L. Sales (Brandeis University)

"Welcome to our Haimish, Vibrant, Contemporary Congregation": Patterns of Identity in Synagogue Websites

Patricia K. Munro (University of California, Berkeley)

12.9

Superior B

RE-READING MAJOR YIDDISH WRITERS*Chair:* Ari Ofengenden (Oberlin College)**A Skeptical Mystic: I. L. Peretz's Two 1897 Takes on the Revolution**

Adi Mahalel (Columbia University)

"The Cough Heard 'Round the World": Reconstructing Sholem-Aleykhem's Tubercular Jubilee

Sunny Yudkoff (Harvard University)

Unsilent Period: Re-Reading Isaac Bashevis Singer's Early Years in America

Eitan Kinsky (Harvard University)

12.10

Michigan B

RITUAL AND CULTURE IN THE NEW AGE: JU-BUS, LIFE COACHES, AND NEW AGE JEWS*Chair and Respondent:* Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)**Jewish-Buddhist Encounters: An Exploration of Multiple Religious Belonging**

Emily Sigalow (Brandeis University)

Living the Chai Life: Judaism and Life Coaches in the Twenty-First Century

Michael Karlin (Emory University)

Ritual, Performance, and Spirituality: The Reconstruction of Jewish Prayer in New Age Judaism

Rachel Werczberger (Tel Aviv University)

12.11

Missouri

HEALING CHILDREN AND THE JEWISH NATIONAL BODY: YOUTH AND HEALTH IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY*Chair:* Brian D. Amkraut (Case Western Reserve University)**Mental Illness and Disability among Jewish Children in Eastern Europe as Reflected in the Gutmacher Kvitlekh**

Natan M. Meir (Portland State University)

Briskers in Paris and Israelites on the Beach: La Colonie Scolaire and the Interwar Regeneration of French Jewry

Erin Melissa Corber (Indiana University)

Trauma, Universalism, and Universal Victimhood: Rehabilitating Jewish Youth in Postwar France

Daniella Doron (Monash University)

12.12

Colorado

NEW THEORIES AND METHODS IN THE STUDY OF RABBINICS*Chair:* Christine Hayes (Yale University)**“The Auxiliaries of Wisdom”: Situating the Second Temple and Rabbinic Jewish Astronomical Traditions in Ethnoastronomy Scholarship**

Andrea D. Lobel (Concordia University)

Memorialization of the Temple: History and Memory in the Mishnah

Nathan Schumer (Columbia University)

Tannaitic Terminology and Semantic Incommensurability

Azzan Yadin-Israel (Rutgers University)

The Talmud as Novel: A Bakhtinian Approach to the Bavli

Moshe Shoshan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

12.13

Arkansas

NARRATIVE AND LANGUAGE: MEDIEVAL JEWISH LITERATURE IN HEBREW AND THE VERNACULAR*Chair:* Susan L. Einbinder (University of Connecticut)**Rabbinic Narratives in Medieval Story Compilations: Models of Adaptation in *Sefer Ha-Ma'asim*, Northern France**

Rella Kushelevsky (Bar-Ilan University)

“You are what you speak”: Language and Identity in Crescas Caslari’s Fourteenth-Century Esther Romances

Jaclyn Tzvia Piudik (University of Toronto)

The Christianizing Judaism of the Hebrew *Melech Artus* and the Judaizing Christianity of the Early Yiddish *Vidvilt*

Margot Behrend Valles (Indiana University)

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13.1

*Sheraton II***IMAGINING THE GOOD LIFE: NEW TRAJECTORIES IN MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT***Chair:* Martin Kavka (Florida State University)**The Limits of Ethics: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Judaism and the Good**

Elias Sacks (University of Colorado, Boulder)

What Zionism Can Learn from Hermann Cohen's Religious (Anti-) Zionism

Paul E. Nahme (University of Toronto / New York University)

Three Religious Zionisms and the Question of the Good Life

Samuel Hayim Brody (University of Chicago)

Respondent: David Novak (University of Toronto)

13.2

*Chicago VIII***WORDS AND CONCEPTS***Chair:* Mark A. Kaplowitz (University of Memphis)**Quotation as Form in Modern Jewish Thought**

Benjamin Sax (Virginia Tech)

Translating Judaism, Translating Alterity

Louis P. Blond (University of Cape Town)

Soloveitchik and the Pragmatists: Cognitive Pluralism and Metaphysical Realism

Yonatan Brafman (Columbia University)

Varieties of Meta-halakhah

Joshua Cypess (Brandeis University)

13.3

*Chicago IX***JEWISH HISTORIANS AND HISTORIOGRAPHY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY***Chair:* Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)**The Romantic Turn in Modern Judaism: From the Berlin Salonnières to Heinrich Graetz**

Amos Bitzan (Stanford University)

***Wissenschaft des Judentums* and the Emergence of Russian Jewish Historiography**

Vassili Schedrin (Franklin and Marshall College)

"The Prophet": David Levi and Jewish Nationhood in Risorgimento Italy, 1848-1871

Daniel James Clasby (King's College)

13.4

Chicago X

MEDIEVAL HALAKHAH IN CULTURAL CONTEXT*Chair and Respondent:* Debra Kaplan (Yeshiva University)**“One may not give his daughter in betrothal when she is a minor?” Medieval Jewish Marriage Law in Ashkenaz in Comparative Perspective**

Ethan Zadoff (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Questions in Medieval Provençal Responsa

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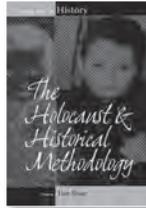
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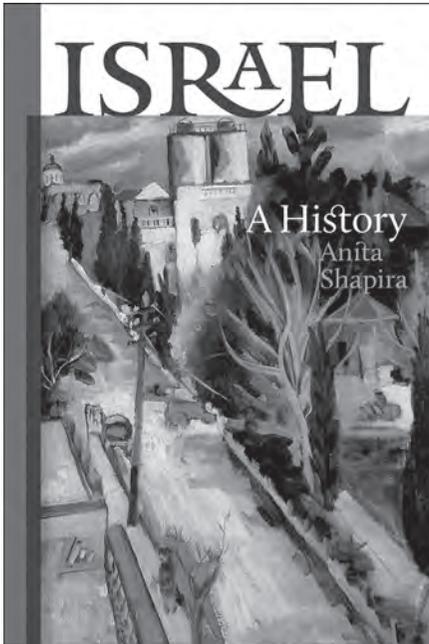


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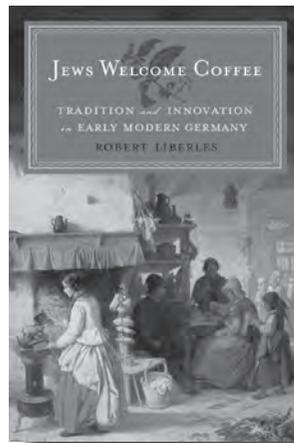
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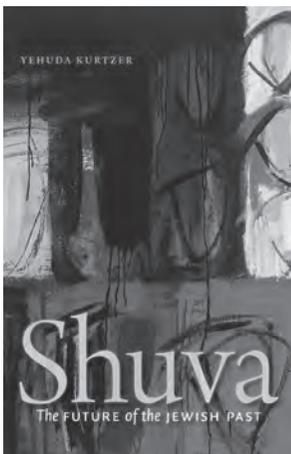
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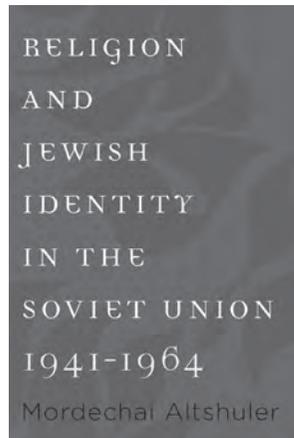
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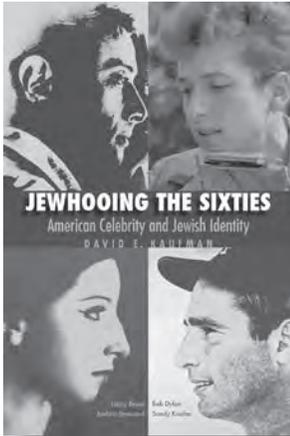
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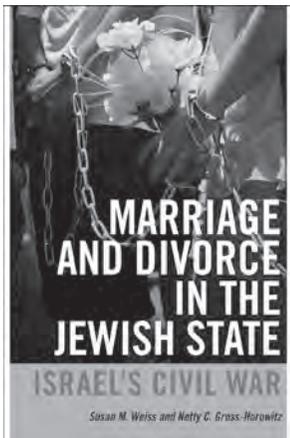
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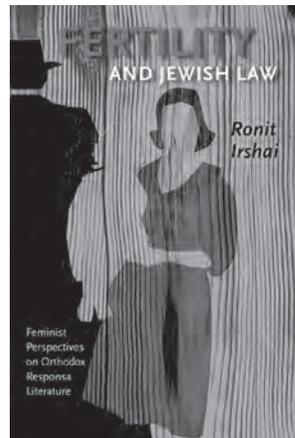
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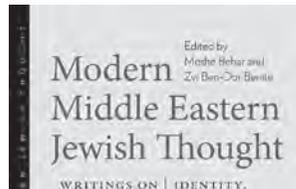


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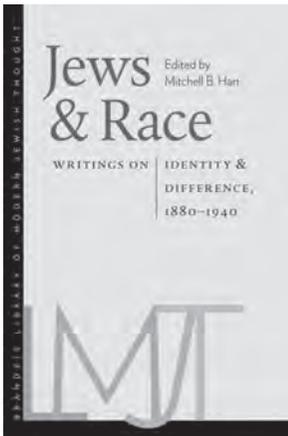
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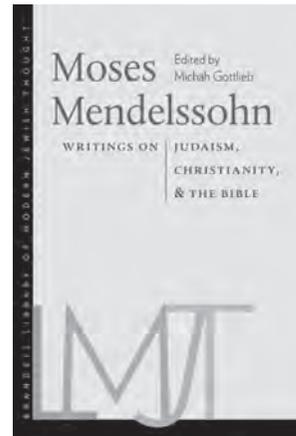
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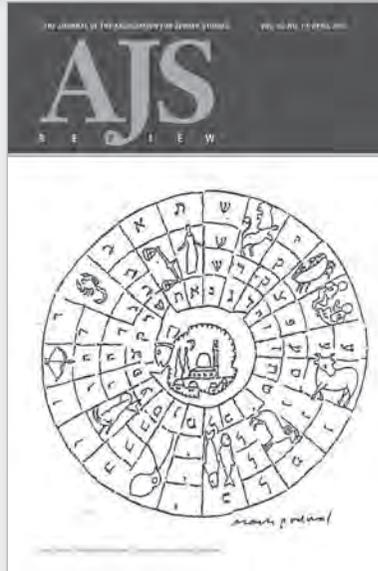
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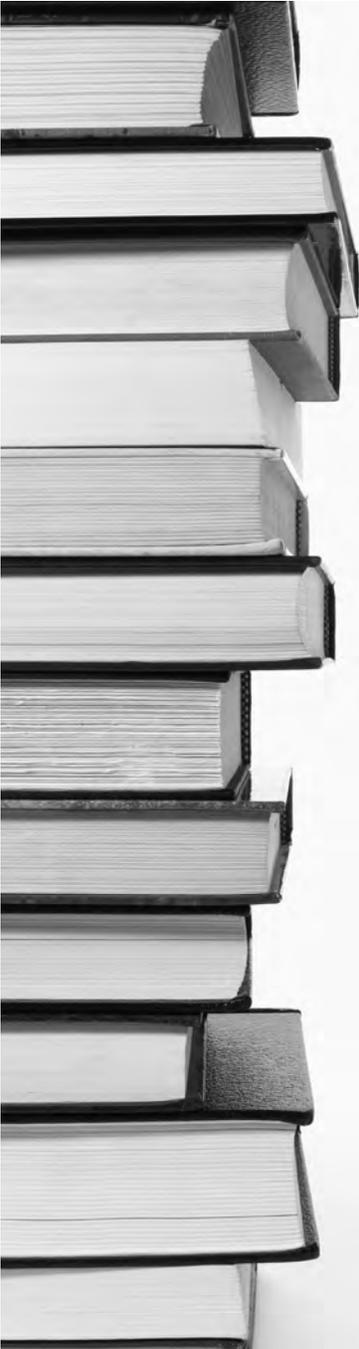
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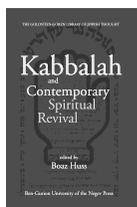


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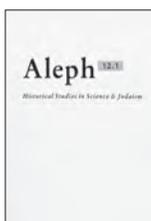
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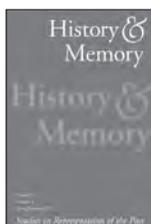
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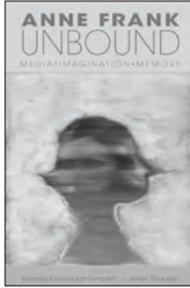


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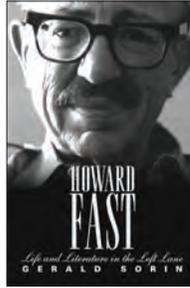
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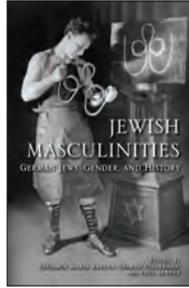
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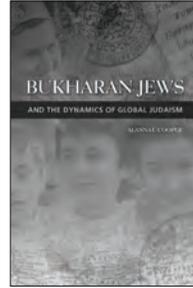
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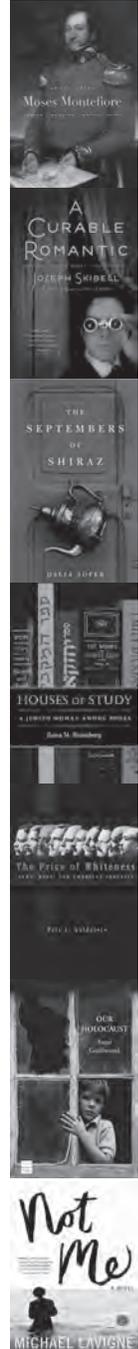
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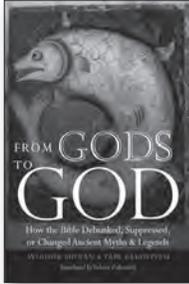
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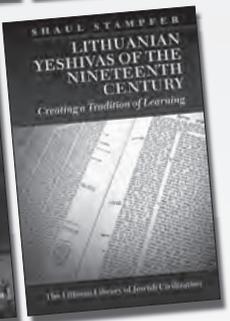
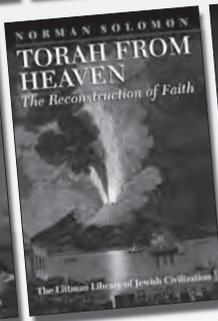
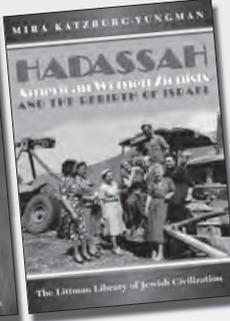
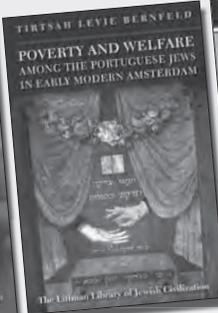
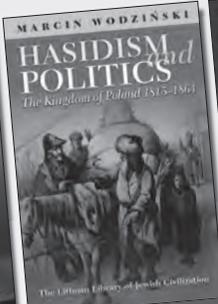
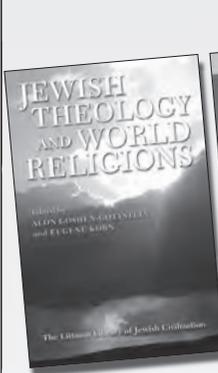
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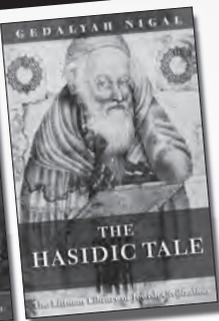
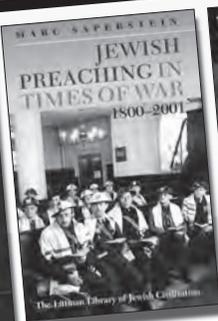
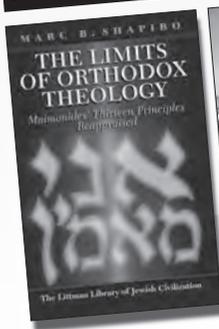


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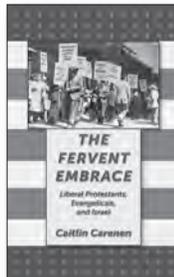
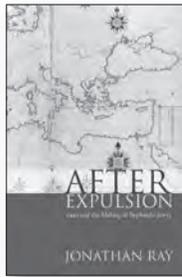
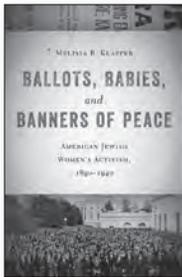
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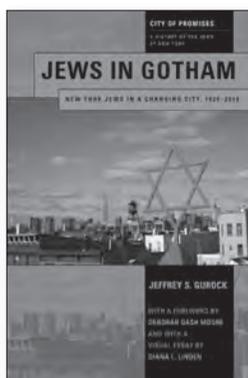
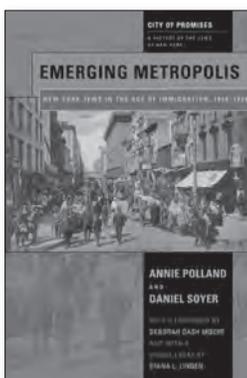
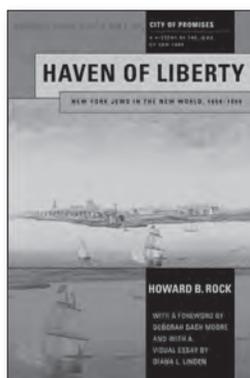
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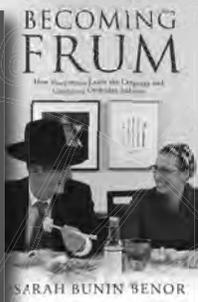
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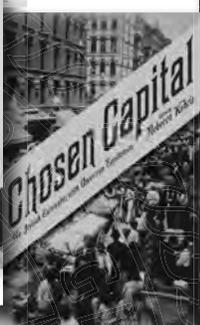
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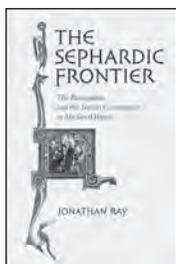
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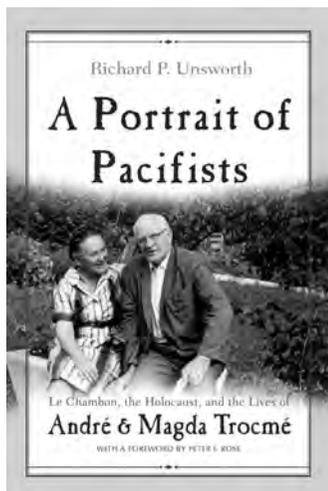
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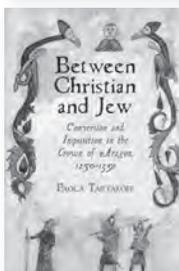
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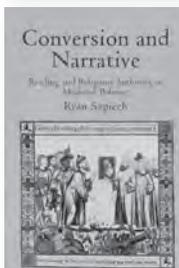
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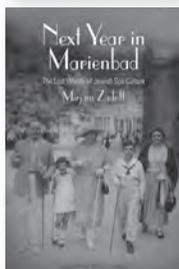
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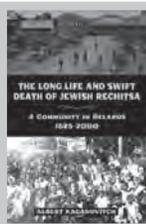


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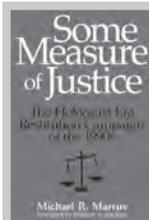


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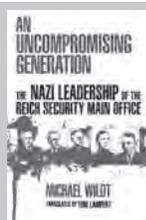


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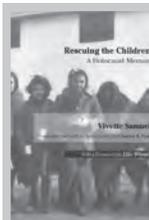


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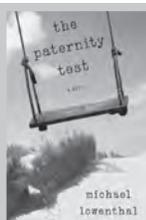


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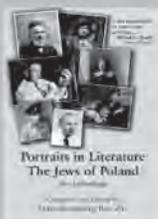
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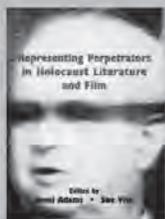
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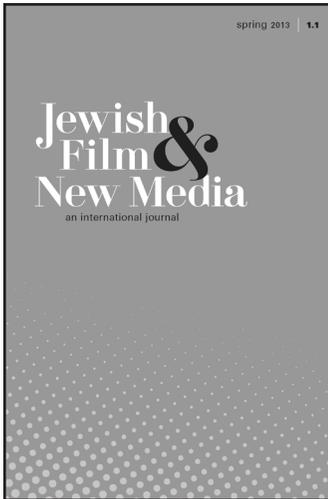
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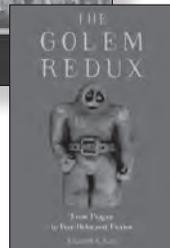
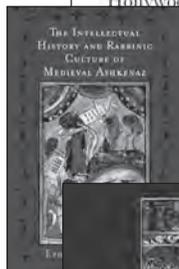
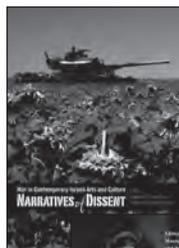
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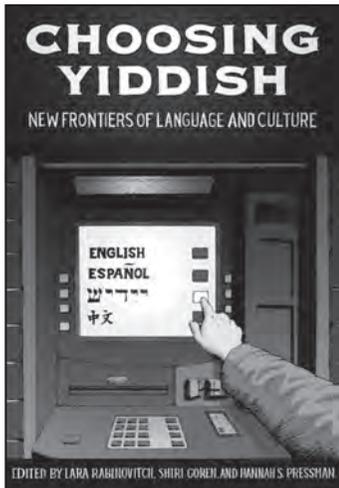
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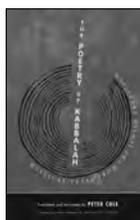
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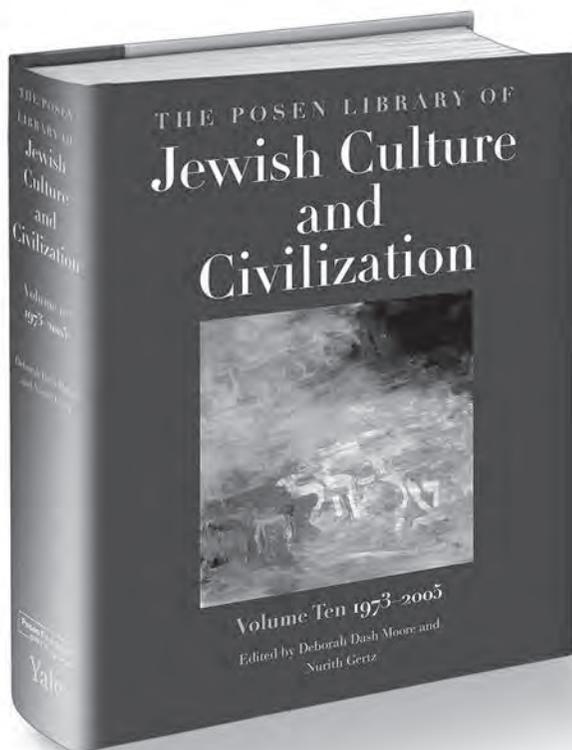
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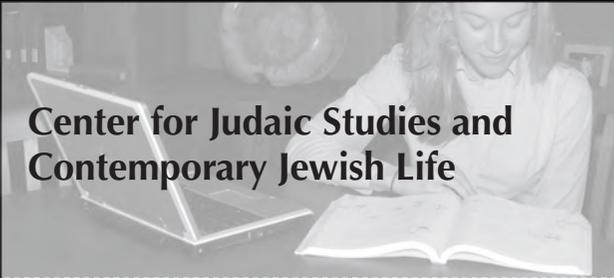
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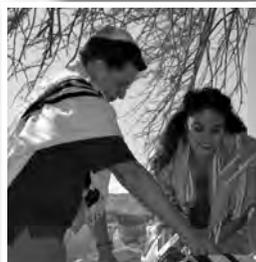
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