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ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES
A Message from the Conference Chair

Sept. 1, 1999

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the program for the **Thirty-first Annual Conference** of the Association for Jewish Studies. The program reflects a great deal of hard work on the part of many people, and I want to thank all participants for what promises to be a series of rich and rewarding sessions.

HOTEL

This year, AJS will be meeting for the first time in Chicago, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel; the hotel offers extensive facilities, and I encourage you to take full advantage of them and to visit Chicago's many attractions, some of which are identified on the map on page 4. All sessions will be held in the Sheraton's meeting rooms. Floor plans on page 6 of this Program Book show their location and arrangement. Session numbers are keyed to both meeting times and rooms, to enable you to arrive at the correct hour and to identify the meeting room more easily. Please remember that Monday and Tuesday sessions begin at 8:30 A.M., which allows us to adjourn the conference at lunch time on Tuesday.

Please take note that this year the program is a self-mailer and contains no enclosures. To register for the conference, if you have not already done so, please return the registration form (found after the advertisements) to AJS at the return address on the back cover of this book. For sleeping room reservations, you must call any of the toll-free Sheraton numbers; you can also fax the hotel directly. The numbers may be found on page 5 and on the conference registration form. Check out the Sheraton's web site for further information. To secure the special rate of \$87.00 (\$75.00 for a limited number of student rooms), you must call by Nov. 26, identify yourself as an AJS conference attendee, and guarantee your first night with a credit card.

TRAVEL

We have made arrangements with the Brandeis office of American Express Travel for special discount airfares. The deepest discounts apply on American Airlines.

Call (800) 553-7701, or FAX (781) 642-9711. From outside the USA, call (781) 398-4787.

REGISTRATION

The AJS registration desk will be on the Lobby Level in the Business Center behind and to the left of the hotel registration desk. Most of you, however, will not have to look for it. All who preregister and pay all fees by November 10 will be sent their badges and meal tickets by mail after Dec. 1. **No mail registrations for either the conference or meals will be accepted after November 10.** Please be careful to fill out the forms completely and enclose the correct payment, so that you will not need to stand on the registration line.

MEALS

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us for the conference meals, and especially for the banquet Sunday evening. All meals will be glatt kosher under the supervision of the Chicago Rabbinical Council. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to accept last-minute meal reservations at the conference. Program participants who registered in the spring may reserve additional meals at this time, using the conference registration form from this book.

BADGES

Please remember that conference badges must be worn at all times to afford you admission to the sessions and the Exhibit. Security personnel at the entrance to the Exhibit will be checking badges and will only be able to admit those who have registered for the conference.

COAT CHECK

A checkroom will be available during conference sessions; hours will be posted.

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AJS ANNUAL LECTURE

This year AJS continues with its Distinguished Scholar Lectureship, which is held at the banquet each year. With this lecture, we recognize the significant contribution of a senior scholar to the field of Judaic Studies. This includes both those working primarily in areas of Judaica as well as scholars outside our immediate field who have made important contributions to widening our horizons. Speakers are drawn from both North America and abroad.

This year's lecture will be delivered by Professor Erich S. Gruen, Gladys Rehard Professor of History and Classics at the University of California at Berkeley. His topic will be "Smiling through Tears? Diaspora Humor in the Second Temple Period." In his words: "The lecture grows out of my current research on the Jewish diaspora in the Greco-Roman period. Among its central concerns is to tease out of the literary texts some sense of Jewish attitudes toward diaspora life and the experience of dwelling in a society dominated by Hellenistic culture and Roman authority. The talk will touch on a few texts that represent both historical fiction and biblical rewritings, to point out the repeated use of humor, irony, and parody. I hope to challenge the notion that humor served to mask bitterness and resentment or to divert attention from an otherwise depressing experience of the diaspora. Perhaps the comic spirit has a more positive connotation."

As we gather on Sunday evening to honor his scholarship, we sincerely hope that you will join us for dinner in Sheraton 3 with the lecture to follow. There will, of course, be plenty of seating for those joining us after dinner on this auspicious occasion.

FILM SHOWING AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

After the lecture on Sunday evening, we will show the classic Yiddish film "Der Vilner Balabesl," also entitled "Shtot Hazn" and available under the English title "Overture To Glory"; there are new English subtitles. We thank Sharon Rivo and the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University for making this film available. The showing is in the Michigan Room.

The American Academy for Jewish Research will again be holding sessions in conjunction with AJS. AAJR programs are an important part of our conference and are open to all AJS attendees. The AAJR programs will be held on Monday during Sessions 4 and 6 in the Mayfair Room. AAJR has a long and distinguished history, and it is once again an honor to welcome the Fellows of the Academy to our meeting.

Monday evening will be devoted to a Plenary Session on the multi-faceted work of the recently departed historian, Jacob Katz of the Hebrew University. Professor Katz's work touched so many areas of Jewish Studies, and the evening speakers will address a number of them. Join us for dinner followed by what promises to be most delightful intellectual experience.

RECEPTIONS

Many thanks to the Jewish Studies Programs in Greater Chicago—at Northwestern University, the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Chicago—that are sponsoring our Sunday evening reception in order to highlight their programs and offerings. Please show your appreciation to our host institutions by joining us at 5:45 PM on the Ballroom Promenade to hear and meet the directors and to enjoy food, drink, and conviviality.

All graduate students are warmly welcome to a reception AJS is tendering in their honor on Monday at 6:30 in the Mayfair Room. This event is for students only, to provide them an opportunity to meet informally.

MONDAY CAUCUSES AND COLLOQUIA

The annual Women's Caucus Breakfast takes place Monday morning; sign up by Nov. 20. Do not send money for this event to AJS; see instructions on the conference registration form. At lunchtime on Monday, we have set aside space for a number of informal meetings on topics of interest. Pick a session from the listing in the body of the program, take your lunch, and go participate. The JDC's annual caucus welcomes all those interested in working for the growth of Judaic Studies in the FSU meets Monday at 6:30 in the Columbus Room. Refreshments will be served.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

As some of you noticed, for this year's conference a number of the section areas issued a call for papers devoted to a specific topic or set of topics. This was done in the hope that many of the sessions at the AJS will be coherent discussions of important issues in the various fields we cover. It must be admitted that this initiative was only moderately successful. In order to provide momentum to this effort, we have set aside time for a business meeting for each of the nineteen section areas of the program. The meetings will take place on Monday at 5:45 PM. Sections with sessions programmed between 3:45 and 5:45 Monday will be meeting in the same room at the close of that session. Due to space limitations, some meetings will need to be held simultaneously in the same room; we have, however, tried to group related areas. The listing for all sections is shown on the end pages of this program book. The meetings will be run by the Section Coordinator or a designated replacement, and will be devoted to determining the focus/foci of next year's discussions in that section. We recognize that almost all of you are involved in more than one section area. Each of you will have to determine the section you most wish to help shape for next year.

I would also like to remind you of the AJS general membership **Annual Business Meeting**, which takes place **Sunday at 5:15** in the **Mayfair Room**. *Light refreshments will be available.*

INTERVIEWS

A word again to those conducting interviews at the conference. We have set aside rooms for candidates to be met in the most comfortable and dignified surroundings. AJS policy forbids the use of private guest rooms for interviews and offers confidential scheduling for the minimal charge of \$5.00 per half-hour block. A reservation form for the use of interviewers may be found with the membership and registration forms at the back of this program book.

SERVICES

The Mayfair and Colorado Rooms have been set aside at 8:00 AM on Sunday and at 7:00 AM on Monday and Tuesday and the Columbus and Ontario Rooms at 3:30 PM on Sunday and Monday to accommodate conference participants who may wish to organize religious services.

A PERSONAL NOTE

I would like to offer a few concluding remarks. I am deeply grateful to the members of the Program Committee and the Section Coordinators (*see list at the end of the book*) who have done so much to make this year's program successful. I have tried to make the planning and decision making process as broad as possible, with participation by many members of our association. I hope that the business meetings mentioned above will greatly advance that effort. It is my goal to encourage the expansion of new fields while working at the same time to strengthen the representation of classical disciplines. A glance at this year's program shows that our Program Committee and Section Coordinators have once again been eminently successful.

I, and all participants in this year's conference, are deeply indebted to our Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Katchen. Aaron has cast his careful eye on every aspect of the conference; his contributions have gone well beyond the administrative role he fills so well. I am profoundly grateful for his wise counsel and generosity of spirit.

Most of all, I want to thank all of you—for presenting papers, chairing sessions, listening and responding to papers, even for milling around in the halls or at the Exhibits. I look forward to hearing, either during or after the conference, that our meeting has been a genuine opportunity for intellectual exchange and growth. Please feel free to share with me and the members of the Program Committee any suggestions for future meetings. Best wishes for a successful and enriching conference experience.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Harris

Vice President for Program

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CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All sessions are at **The Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers**, Chicago, Illinois
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The hotel features a health club and an indoor pool,
and a full service business center; valet parking is available.

The hotel is located just east of Chicago's famous Miracle Mile (see map)

For further information, contact the hotel directly at 312.464.1000.

For **floor plans** of the meeting rooms at the Sheraton Chicago, see overleaf.

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The Association has made arrangements through **Audio Archives International**
to make available audio cassettes of the Conference sessions shortly after each
session is over. Tapes will be available during the Conference from the Audio
Archives representative. After the conference, they will be available by mail
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM,
AND INTERVIEW ROOM REQUEST FORM**

**FOLLOW THE ADVERTISEMENTS
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31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 19–21, 1999

SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8:30–9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION 10:00 A.M. *Registration Desk (Lobby Level)*

AJS Board of Directors Sunday Meeting 10:30 A.M.

EXHIBITS Sunday hours: 1:00–6:00 P.M.

Session 1, Sunday, December 19, 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

(except for 1.1, which begins 10:30 SHARP

and 1.3, which begins at 10:00 SHARP)

1.1

ACADEMY OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHY (BEGINS AT 10:30 AM)

JUDAISM AND PLURALISM

Chair: Norbert M. Samuelson (Arizona State University)

Pluralism in Maharal and R. Zadok ha-Kohen of Lublin

Alan Brill (Yeshiva University)

Pluralism, Civility, and the Common Good:

Some General and Jewish Considerations

Alan L. Mittleman (Muhlenberg College)

Halakhah, Democracy, and Pluralism: Some Preliminary Reflections

Moshe Z. Sokol (Touro College)

1.2

JEWISH/CHRISTIAN RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST

Sponsored by: **The Western Jewish Studies Association**

Chair and Respondent: James F. Moore (Valparaiso University)

The Church's Statement on the Holocaust:

Apologia or Justification—A Rhetorical Analysis

Samuel M. Edelman (California State University, Chico)

Supersessionism Without Contempt:

The Holocaust Evangelism of Corrie ten Boom

Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)

Respondent: Marc A. Krell (University of Arizona)

1.3

BEGINS AT 10 AM

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES GENDER MAKE?

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDY OF GENDER AND JEWS
IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Chair and Commentator: Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

**Gender and the Social Scientific Study of American Jews—
An Unconsummated Marriage**

Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

Gender Differences in American Jewish Identities

Steven Martin Cohen (Hebrew University)

with Tova H. Halbertal (Hebrew University) *co-author*

Jews, Genes, and Gender:

Implications of Genetic Research on Jewish Women

Susan Kahn (Brandeis University)

1.4

ECONOMICS OF JUDAISM

Chair and Discussant: Linda J. Waite (University of Chicago)

The Economics of Jewish Survival

Carmel U. Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**The Billings Report and the Occupational Attainment of
American Jewry: 1890**

Barry R. Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Patterns of Education and Entry into First Union
Among American Jewish Women**

Evelyn Lehrer (University of Illinois at Chicago)

1.5

THE SPREAD OF KABBALAH IN THE LATE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

Kabbalah for the Masses:

Recent Popular Literature on Jewish Mysticism

Lawrence B. Fine (Mount Holyoke College)

**Concepts of Purity in Contemporary American Judaism:
The Role of Kabbalah**

Jody Myers (California State University, Northridge)

Discussant: Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)

1.6

SYNAGOGUES IN PLURALISTIC AMERICA

Chair: Rochelle B. Elstein (Northwestern University)

Synagogue Architect: An American Profession?

David E. Kaufman (New York, New York)

Vernacular Synagogues of the Catskills:

Historic Gems or ‘Schlock Shuls’?

Maurie Sacks (Montclair State University)

Henry Fernbach and His Jewish Context

Joy Kestenbaum (Pratt Institute)

1.7

HOLOCAUST AND ANTISEMITISM IN HUNGARY AND ROMANIA

Chair: Dina Porat (Tel-Aviv University)

Hungarian Jewish Slave Labor in Austria

and Rudolf Kasztner’s Negotiations with the SS

Eleonore Lappin (Institute for the History of Jews in Austria)

Anti-Jewish Research and its Political Applications:

The Work of Klaus Schickert, 1935–1945

Patricia Von Papen (Wallerfangen, Germany)

The Mythical Jew: Antisemitism in Post-Communist Romania

Denise Rosenthal (York University)

1.8

YIDDISH WRITERS ENCOUNTERING AMERICA

Chair: Anita Norich (University of Michigan)

“Eyns leb’n andern”: Yiddish Literary Encounters with the Black

Justin Cammy (Harvard University)

Native Claims: Walt Whitman, the Indian, and the Yiddish Writer

Rachel Rubinstein (Harvard University)

The Professor and the Poet: Reevaluating the Relationship Between

Leo Weiner and Morris Rosenfeld

Sarah Alisa Braun (University of Michigan)

1.9

THE TALMUD AS LITERATURE

Chair: Michael L. Chernick (Hebrew Union College)

The Story of Cain as a Locus of Rabbinic Theodicy

Michael A. Carasik (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

The Talmud as Translation and Translating the Talmud

Aryeh Cohen (University of Judaism)

Farce in the Talmud: The Case of Talmudic Midrash to Esther

Arkadi Kovelman (Moscow State University)

Sunday, December 19, 1999 (cont.)

1.10

BETWEEN AMERICAN JEWS AND ISRAEL

Chair: Yael H. Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

Between Two Homelands:

The Evolution of Dual US-Israeli Citizenship, 1920–1990

Marianne R. Sanua (Florida Atlantic University)

The Triple Role of American Jews

in Illegal Immigration to Palestine, 1945–1948

Aviva Halamish (The Open University of Israel)

Hadassah and American Aliya: “Exile” versus “Diaspora”

Mira Yungman (The Open University of Israel)

LUNCH 12:30 P.M.–1:30 P.M.

Session 2, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

2.1

MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry

Chair: Allen Glicksman (Philadelphia Geriatric Center)

Honoree: Sergio DellaPergola (Hebrew University)

Panelists: Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)
Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Sidney Goldstein (Brown University)

2.2

PROOFTEXTS AT TWENTY AND THE STATE OF JEWISH LITERARY STUDIES

Chair: Sara R. Horowitz (University of Delaware)

Bible and Rabbinics

Robert G. Goldenberg (SUNY-Stony Brook)

Hebrew Poetry

Aminadav Dykman (Pennsylvania State University)

Yiddish and American Jewish Literature

Ruth R. Wisse (Harvard University)

Hebrew Prose

James S. Diamond (Princeton University)

Respondents: Alan L. Mintz (Brandeis University)
David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)

2.3

KABBALAH AND MESSIANISM IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD

Chair: Yakov M. Travis (Cleveland College of Jewish Studies)

“Awaken Awaken, for Your Light has Come”:

From Garments of Skin to Garments of Light

Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)

Kabbalah Criticism and the Decline of *Prisca Sapientia* Mentalities

Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

**Between Sabbatai Tzvi and Ḥasidism: The Evidence of
the Synagogue Inscriptions at Gwozoziec and Jablonow**

Thomas C. Hubka (University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee)

with Arnold S. Rosenberg (San Francisco, California) *co-author*

**Women as Prophets and Visionaries
in Medieval and Early Modern Judaism**

Morris M. Faierstein (Montgomery, Alabama)

2.4

DEALING WITH THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

Chair: Monty Penkower (Touro College)

Jewish Studies and the Study of Antisemitism: A Contradiction?

Dina Porat (Tel-Aviv University)

**Crimes Against Humanity, Jewish Identity,
and Memory of the Holocaust in France**

Joan B. Wolf (University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee)

**Memory Contested: Dutch-Jewish Second-Generation Literature
in Comparative Perspective**

Pascale R. Bos (University of Texas)

**The Role of Anti-Nazi Resistance in the Formation
of French and Israeli National Consciousness**

Raya Cohen (Tel-Aviv University)

2.5

JOY AND SUFFERING IN MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair: Alfred L. Ivry (New York University)

**Joy and Sadness as Movements from
Within Perfection in Spinoza’s Ethical Thought**

Nancy Levene (Harvard University)

Joy and Suffering in the Thought of Hermann Cohen

Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)

Suffering and Joy in the Thought of Franz Rosenzweig

Barbara E. Galli (McGill University)

**Useful Enjoyment and Useless Suffering
in the Thought of Emmanuel Levinas**

Val Vinokurov (Princeton University)

(cont.)

2.6

FORGOTTEN VOICES, NEW VISTAS: MEDIEVAL JEWISH SOCIAL HISTORY

Chair: Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University)

Jewish Women Doctors in Late Medieval Europe

Cheryl Tallan (University of Toronto)

**Social and Cultural Aspects of Medieval Birth Ceremonies:
Circumcision and Baptism**

Elisheva Baumgarten (Hebrew University)

The Voice of the Jewish Poor in the Cairo Genizah

Mark R. Cohen (Princeton University)

Ambivalent Attitudes Towards the Exilarchate Among Andalusian Jewry

Arnold E. Franklin (Princeton University)

2.7

PRESENTING AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN

Chair: Shuly Rubin Schwartz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Women of the Wall: The Poster as an Index of Disciplinary Change

Gail T. Reimer (The Jewish Women's Archive)

Die pioneere froi and the American Ḥalutza

Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern (Stanford University)

**Gender, Marriage, and the Rise of the Breadwinner Ethic
in Immigrant Autobiography**

Jocelyn Cohen (University of Minnesota)

2.8

THE EUROPEAN ENCOUNTER OF SEPHARDIM AND ASHKENAZIM

Chair: Aviva Ben-Ur (University of Washington)

Spinoza, the Enlightenment, and the Dualities of the Sephardic Mystique

Adam D. Sutcliffe (University of Illinois)

From Sofia to Berlin to Constantinople

Matthias B. Lehmann (Freie Universität, Berlin)

**The Biographic Image of Judah Halevi in the Nineteenth Century:
A Case Study of the Sephardic Mystique**

Adam B. Shear (University of Pennsylvania)

Salonican Jews in Paris

Nadia Malinovich (University of Michigan)

2.9

STRADDLING TWO WORLDS

Chair: Rakhmiel Peltz (Drexel University)

**“At Home in America”: The Attitudes of Adult Children
of Jewish Immigrants Toward their Parents’ Culture**

Naomi Praver Kadar (Columbia University)

**With One Foot in the Old Country:
A Case Study of Jewish Identity in America**

Beatrice Lang Caplan (Columbia University)

**A Borscht Belt *Badkhn*:
Language and Carnival in the Performances of Mickey Katz**

Marc Caplan (New York University)

Discussant: Adina Cimet (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research)

2.10

**THE CONTRIBUTION OF TRADITIONAL STUDY OF THE BIBLE
TO CRITICAL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

Chair: Marc Zvi Brettler (Brandeis University)

A Case of Comparison: Adjacent Chapters

Isaac Gottlieb (Bar-Ilan University)

Abraham’s Ten Trials and a Biblical Literary Convention

Scott Noegel (University of Washington)

**Textual Analysis of the Modern Sort in Medieval Biblical Exegesis:
A Study in the Book of Jeremiah**

Ben Z. Katz (Northwestern University)

Zechariah’s Debate with Isaiah

Marvin A. Sweeney (School of Theology at Claremont)

Session 3, 3:45 P.M.–5:15 P.M.

3.1

CONSTRUCTIVE JEWISH THEOLOGY: DAVID NOVAK’S *COVENANTAL RIGHTS*

Sponsored by the Society for Constructive Theology

Chair: David R. Blumenthal (Emory University)

Discussants: Martha Nussbaum (University of Chicago)
Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)
Mark E. Gottlieb (University of Chicago)

Respondent: David Novak (University of Toronto)

3.2

THE CHANGING CONTOURS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH AGENDA

Chair and Discussant: Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

The Remaking of Jewish Philanthropy:

Current Trends in the Federation System

Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Changing Demographics in the Local Jewish Community:
Chicago and Beyond**

Peter Friedman (Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago)

**“The Times They Are A-Changin’ ”: The American Jewish Polity
in Transition—Notes on Organizational Change**

Jerome A. Chanes (National Foundation for Jewish Culture)

3.3

EXCHANGE AND INTERCHANGE IN JEWISH AND ISLAMIC STUDIES: A ROUNDTABLE
(under the auspices of the Western Jewish Studies Association)

Moderator: William Ze'ev Brinner (University of California at Berkeley)

Discussants: Fred Astren (San Francisco State University)
Reuven Firestone (Hebrew Union College)
Jacob Lassner (Northwestern University)
Gordon D. Newby (Emory University)

3.4

KAUFMAN KOHLER

Chair: Gary P. Zola (Hebrew Union College)

Scholarship, Jewish Leadership, and National Pride:

Kohler as a Scholar of Early Christianity

Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Judaism for Jews or for all Humanity?

Kohler as an Ideological Leader of Reform Judaism

Dana Evan Kaplan (University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee)

Kohler's Resort to Historiography

Robert F. Southard (Earlham College)

3.5

HALEVI REVISITED

Chair: Adena Tanenbaum (Ohio State University)

Twice Told Tales: On the Significance of

Repetition and Reformulation in Halevi's *Kuzari*

Barry Sherman Kogan (Hebrew Union College)

**The 'Excellences' of Israel According to Judah Halevi
and the Karaite Mourners for Zion**

Daniel Frank (Ohio State University)

“Taste and See that the Lord is Good”: Halevi's God Revisited

Diana N. Lobel (Rice University)

3.6

GENDER AND JUDAISM IN JEWISH WOMEN'S LIFE WRITING

Chair and Respondent: Ellen M. Umansky (Fairfield University)

**“Home” from Exile: Jewish Women's Writing
and the Revisioning of Origins**

Janet Burstein (Drew University)

**Feminism and Antisemitism in Fin-de-Siècle
Anglo-Jewish Women's Writing**

Nadia Valman (University of Southampton)

3.7

RABBINIC LITERATURE OF ERETS YISRAEL

Chair: Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (Smith College)

A Structural and Developmental Analysis of y Bezah, ch. 2

Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Semiotics of the Dream Sequence in y Ma'aser Sheni

Rivka B. Kern-Ulmer (University of Pennsylvania)

**JTS MS 9560, a Haggadah According to the Palestinian Rite
and What We Can Learn From It**

Jay Rovner (Jewish Theological Seminary)

3.8

POLISH JEWRY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Marc B. Shapiro (University of Scranton)

**Religious Coercion, Freedom of Expression,
and Modern Jewish Identity in Poland**

Gershon Bacon (Bar-Ilan University)

Making Jews Polish: Jewish Education in Interwar Krakow

Sean Andrew Martin (Ohio State University)

Jews in Twentieth-Century Polish Poetry—Patterns of Acculturation

Gwido Zlatkes (Brandeis University)

3.9

JEWISH MUSEUMS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Chair: James E. Young (University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

Das Jüdische Museum in Berlin: Context without Content

Leah Hochman (Moses Mendelssohn Zentrum, Potsdam)

**Berlin Elegies: From the 'Jüdische Lebenswelten' Exhibit
to Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum**

Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

**Looking Back to Find the Present: Eleanor Antin's 'Vilna Nights'
and the Jewish Museum of New York**

Amelia S. Holberg (University of California at Berkeley)

3.10

OLD WINE IN NEW FLASKS:

THE RABBINIC IMAGINATION IN MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

Chair: Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

**“Signature Voices”: Rabbinic and European Paradoxes
in Modern Hebrew Authorship**

Sheila Jelen (University of California at Berkeley)

**“Moving Sideways”: Rabbinic Models of Gender and Exile
in the Prose of Gnessin and Fogel**

Shachar M. Pinsker (University of California at Berkeley)

Walking on Thin Ice: Aggadah, Poetry, and Nation Building

Azzan Yadin (University of Minnesota)

3.11

JEWISH LANGUAGE SHIFT

Chair: Jeffrey A. Shandler (New York University)

Language Shift and Dialect in Yiddish Written for Ḥasidic Children

Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

Dissemination of Jewish Elements in the English of a Chabad Community

Sarah Benor (Stanford University)

Aspect and *vern*-Constructions in Yiddish

Holger Nath (Heinrich-Heine-Universität)

**SUNDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 19, 1999**

PROGRAM

5:15 P.M. **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES
All Members Invited—Refreshments Available

5:45 P.M. RECEPTION

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**Northwestern University, The Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies,
The University of Illinois at Chicago, The University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign, and The University of Chicago**

With Greetings from the Program Directors

6:30 P.M. **BANQUET**
Greetings: David Berger, President, AJS

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7:45 P.M. **PLENARY SESSION**

THE THIRD ANNUAL AJS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chair: David Berger (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

Smiling through Tears?

Diaspora Humor in the Second Temple Period

Erich S. Gruen

Gladys Rehard Professor of History and Classics,

University of California at Berkeley

9:30–10:45 P.M. **FILM**

Overture To Glory (1940)
Der Vilner Balabesl/Shtot Hazn

Starring CANTOR MOISHE OYSHER (*in Yiddish with new English subtitles*)

Courtesy of Sharon Rivo and the **National Center for Jewish Film,**

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Monday, December 20, 1999

BREAKFAST

7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

Women's Caucus Breakfast

7:00 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

Cost: \$13.50 Paid reservations must be received by Nov. 20.
Send payment to: Prof. Judith Hauptman, Jewish Theological Seminary,
3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-4649

EXHIBITS

8:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

Session 4, 8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

4.1

**ATTITUDES TOWARDS ERETS YISRAEL:
AMERICAN-JEWISH OR ZIONIST ISSUE?**

*Co-sponsored by the Jacob and Libby Goodman Institute
for the Study of Zionism, Brandeis University*

Chair: Mark A. Raider (University at Albany, SUNY)

Overcoming Zionism

Ofer Shiff (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Labor Zionism in America

Rachel Rojanski (University of Haifa)

**The Struggle Between the American Zionists and Yishuv Leaders,
1938–1948**

Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)

Commentator: Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

4.2

MODERNITY'S MEDIEVAL SUB-TEXT:

MAIMONIDEAN ELEMENTS IN HERMANN COHEN'S JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair: Alan Lawrence Udoff (Baltimore Hebrew University)

From *Imitatio Dei* to a Cornerstone of Theodicy

Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)

Cohen's Neo-Maimonideanism

Alfred L. Ivry (New York University)

Cohen on the Idea of God as the Foundation of Ethics

Arthur Hyman (Yeshiva University)

4.3

**PAGANS, CHRISTIANS, AND JEWS IN PALESTINE
FROM BAR KOKHBA TO JULIAN**

Chair: Robert G. Goldenberg (SUNY-Stony Brook)

Bar Kokhba, Sukkot, and the Third Temple

Gary Gilbert (Claremont McKenna College)

**The Second Jewish Revolt against Rome and the Jewish Christians:
Whose Side Were They On?**

Richard A. Freund (University of Hartford)

**The Patriarchal Court in Third-Century Palestine
and Patronage Patterns in the Roman East**

Alexei M. Sivertsev (New York University)

The Presumed Synagogue on the Temple Mount in the Days of Julian

Yaron Z. Eliav (New York University)

4.4

HABSBURG JEWRY: SOCIETY, CULTURE, AND LAW

Chair: Hillel J. Kieval (Washington University)

**Bella and Her Loves: Civil Marriage and Divorce
in Late Eighteenth-Century Habsburg Trieste**

Lois Dubin (Smith College)

Of Beards, Divorce, and Interest: Joseph Perl as Historian of Jewish Law

Nancy B. Sinkoff (Rutgers University)

The Right Not to Choose: The Origins of the Status Quo Movement

Howard N. Lupovitch (Colby College)

Commentator: Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

4.5

THE NORMALIZATION OF JEWISH HISTORY I

Sponsored by: The American Academy for Jewish Research

Chair: Robert Chazan (New York University)

**From Moses Mendelssohn to ‘Jew’ King:
The Shifting Content of Jewish History**

Todd M. Endelman (University of Michigan)

Sexuality and the Boundaries of Jewish Culture

David J. Biale (University of California at Davis)

4.6

ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN JEWRY

Chair: Aron Rodrigue (Stanford University)

**The Ethnographer as Spy: Tales of Corruption and Expulsion
at the Moscow Choral Synagogue**

Sascha Goluboff (Washington and Lee University)

**“Muscle Jewry” at the End of the Millennium: Vienna’s Jewish
Sports Movement and the Relocation of the Eastern Jew**

Matti Bunzl (University of Illinois)

Between Old and New: Jews, Race, and Commerce in Bologna, Italy

Jeffrey Feldman (University of Virginia)

Inscribing the Jews in the City: Old Jewish Quarters in Europe

Joelle Bahloul (Indiana University)

4.7

MEDIA OF MEMORY AMONG THE DISPOSSESSED

Chair: Abraham J. Peck (American Jewish Historical Society)

**“An Immediate and Violent Impulse”: Holocaust Survivor Testimony
in the First Years After Liberation**

Henry Greenspan (University of Michigan)

**The Dispossessed Write: Memorialization in the Yiddish Newspapers
of the DP Camps**

Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

“Vi ahin zol ikh geyn?”: Music of Jewish Displaced Persons

Bret C. Werb (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

“A New Jerusalem?” Jewish Refugees and the British West Indies

Joanna Newman (University College, London)

4.8

LANGUAGE AND TEXT IN MAIMONIDES

Chair: Daniel Frank (Ohio State University)

Knowledge of God and Linguistic Parsimony

Daniel H. Frank (University of Kentucky)

Maimonides’ Philosophy of Language

Margaret A. Sandel (University of California at Berkeley)

Gentiles, Revelation and Salvation:

Reconsidering Maimonides’ *Hilkhot Melakhim* 8:11

Eugene B. Korn (Seton Hall University)

**The ‘Rising’ of Immutability and the Role of Metatron
in the *Guide of the Perplexed***

James Arthur Diamond (University of Toronto)

4.9

REPRESENTATIONS OF WOMEN IN RABBINIC AND MEDIEVAL TEXTS

Chair: Susan Ellen Shapiro (Columbia University)

Images of Women in Bavli Berakhot

Dvora E. Weisberg (University of Pittsburgh)

The Rebellious Wife: Wife-Initiated Divorce in Medieval German Responsa

Linda L. Yellin (California State University at Northridge)

A Rose and a Lily: The Changing Colors and Faces of the Shekhinah in the *Zohar*

Yudit K. Greenberg (Rollins College)

4.10

MODERNIZATION AS THE ART OF TRANSLATION

Chair: David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)

New Thoughts on “Night Thoughts”: Mendelssohn and Translation

Jeremy Asher Dauber (Oxford University)

The Mysteries of Paris as Revealed in Hebrew Literature

Abraham (Avi) Matalón (Columbia University)

A Lapse in the Memory of Jacob: Soldiers’ Tales and the Revision of Russian-Jewish History

Olga Litvak (Princeton University)

They’re Just Wild About Harry: Heinrich Heine Between Two Generations of American Yiddish Poets

Marc Miller (Columbia University)

Session 5, 10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

5.1

MEDIEVAL JEWRY

Co-sponsored by the American Section of the

International Association of Societies for the Study of Jewish History

Chair and Commentator: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

The Mediterranean Jewish Library—Its Content and Story of Migrations

Menahem Ben-Sasson (Hebrew University)

5.2

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS

Chair: Daniel Soyer (Fordham University)

Mordecai Kaplan—His Self and His Diary

Melvin M. Scult (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

Stephen S. Wise: The Making of a Jewish Leader

Mark A. Raider (University at Albany, SUNY)

Holocaust Suffering: Mosheh Prager’s Orthodox Jewish Historiography

Gershon Greenberg (American University)

5.3

LITURGY AND THE LIFE OF THE SYNAGOGUE: AESTHETIC CONSIDERATIONS

Chair: Steven D. Fine (Baltimore Hebrew University)

The Jeweled Breastplate: Style and Function in the *Avodah Piyyutim*

Michael D. Swartz (Ohio State University)

Bible as Prayer: the *Florilegium* as a Liturgical Literary Form

Ruth Langer (Boston College)

Prayers in an Arabic Mode: Liturgical Performance of Syrian Jews in Brooklyn

Mark Loren Kligman (Hebrew Union College)

5.4

NATIONALISM AND IDENTITY

AMONG TWENTIETH-CENTURY CENTRAL EUROPEAN JEWS

Chair: Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

Dangerous Existence in Germany—Endangered Homeland in Palestine:

The Ambivalence of Robert Weltsch's Zionist Identity

Christian Wiese (University of Duisberg)

**Venture of the Middle: Felix Weltsch on Nationalism, Identity,
and the Human Condition**

Asher D. Biemann (University of Virginia)

**Unity within Diversity: The *Jüdischer Friedensbund*
in Late Weimar Berlin, 1929—1933**

Virginia Iris Holmes (Binghamton University)

5.5

JEWISH IDENTITY, SELF-DEFINITION, AND GENDER

IN THE HELLENISTIC AND LATE ANTIQUE PERIODS

Chair: Stuart S. Miller (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

Novelistic Elements in Esther: Persian or Hellenistic, Jewish or Greek?

Sara R. Johnson (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

**Josephus' Portrayal of the Benjaminite Affair of the Concubine
and its Repercussions**

Louis H. Feldman (Yeshiva University)

**'Truly Divine Contests': Jewish and Christian Approaches to Martyrdom
in Late Antiquity**

Stephen D. Benin (University of Memphis)

5.6

BIBLICAL AND TALMUDIC IDEAS AND IDEALS

IN THE THOUGHT OF EMMANUEL LEVINAS

Chair and Respondent: Robert B. Gibbs (University of Toronto)

Jew and Greek

Oona Ajzenstat (University of Toronto)

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5.6 (cont.)

Biblico-Talmudic Ideas and Philosophical Discourse in the Work of Levinas

Jacob E. Meskin (Hebrew College)

“We Will Do”: Levinas Reading Shabbat 88a

Michael Kigel (York University)

5.7

GENDER AND JEWRY IN TSARIST RUSSIA

Chair: ChaeRan Y. Freeze (Brandeis University)

**Images of Childhood in the Jewish Family at the end of the Nineteenth
and the Beginning of the Twentieth Century**

Irina B. Astashkevich (Brandeis University)

**Patroness of Ḥasidism: Temerle Bergson and
the Rise of the Ḥasidic Movement in the Congress Kingdom**

Glenn Dynner (Brandeis University)

A Salon Jewess of the East and Assimilation in Tsarist Russia

Carole B. Balin (Hebrew Union College)

5.8

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN JEWISH IDENTITY:

THE JOURNEY AND THE PROCESS OF BECOMING

Chair: Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)

Jewish Identity Over the Life Course: The Journey and the Life Course

Bethamie Horowitz (Brandeis University)

From Life to Torah: Jewish Adult Learners on the Journey

Diane Tickton Schuster (Claremont Graduate University)

**Journey to Transformation or a Transforming Journey: How Jewish
Seekers and Researcher Tell the Tales of Adult Spiritual Journeys**

Linda R. Thal (Union Theological Seminary)

5.9

WOMEN AND GENESIS

Chair: Tikva Frymer-Kensky (University of Chicago)

**Location, Location, Location!: Biblical Women
and the Archaeology of the Israelite Family**

Risa Levitt Kohn (San Diego State University)

**Date Rape: How Palm Tree Sexuality Elucidates
the Biblical Tales of Tamar**

Michael M. Homan (University of California, San Diego)

**The Goddess in the Garden: Asherah and Transformative Mythology
in the Hebrew Bible**

Shawna Dolansky Overton (University of California, San Diego)

5.10

RE-FASHIONING THE JEWISH BODY

Chair: Leonard Dinnerstein (University of Arizona)

From Cultural Pathology to Social Salubrity:

A Comparison of Jewish Differences in Two American Sitcoms

Jack Kugelmass (Arizona State University)

The Truth of Signs: Civilizing the Jewish Body

Esther F. Romeyn (Arizona State University)

Self-Fashioning: Jews from Rags to Riches

Charles Dellheim (Arizona State University)

5.11

HEBREW LITERATURE: THE PAST IS PROLOGUE

Chair: Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)

Memory, A Tenuous Bridge Over Troubled Waters

in Grossman's *See Under: Love* and Appelfeld's *The Ice Mine*

Joshua Getz (Emory University)

Remembrance of Ashkenazi Things Past:

Yaakov Shabtai's Sacred and Profane Cosmologies

Mel Solman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

LUNCHTIME MEETINGS AND COLLOQUIA

12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

SEPHARDIC/MIZRAHI STUDIES CAUCUS

In Memory of Yedida Stillman

Co-Chairs: Aron Rodrigue (Stanford University)

Aviva Ben-Ur (University of Washington)

THE STATE OF YIDDISH STUDIES:

HOW TO TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCHOLARS

Discussants: Rakhmiel Peltz (Drexel University)

David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)

TEACHING "INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM":

HOW, WHY, AND TO WHOM?

Discussants: Alan J. Avery-Peck (College of the Holy Cross)

Rochelle L. Millen (Wittenberg University)

Dvora E. Weisberg (University of Pittsburgh)

ISRAEL STUDIES

Israel and Her Army, 1949–1999: From Collusion to Confusion

Presented by Stuart Cohen (Bar-Ilan University)

JEWISH STUDIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Paradigm Shift: Linking the Cairo Geniza

Sigrid Peterson (University of Pennsylvania)

SfarData: The Codicological Database of Dated Medieval Hebrew

**Manuscripts as a Tool for Dating and Localizing Manuscripts
and Its Contribution to Jewish History**

Malachi Beit-Arie (Hebrew University)

Monday, December 20, 1999

Lunchtime Meetings and Colloquia (cont.) 12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

EXPLORING THE EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEBREW TYPOGRAPHY

Presented by Ittai J. Tamari (Universität zu Köln)

JEWISH ETHICS

Reading Like a Girl: Is There a Jewish Bioethics for Women?

Laurie Zoloth (San Francisco State University)

On a Utilitarian Element in Modern Jewish Philosophical Ethics

Martin Kavka (Rice University)

MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS

Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

GENERAL LUNCH

AAJR LUNCH

for the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research

12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

Session 6, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

6.1

RABBIS, GENDER, AND HISTORY:

MIRIAM PESKOWITZ'S *SPINNING FANTASIES*

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Studies Women's Caucus and Gender Studies

Chair: Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

After *Spinning Fantasies*: Re-imagining Jewish Feminist Scholarship

Laura Levitt (Temple University)

**Spinning Women: On Women Figures in Midrashic Literature
as Alternative Modes of Knowledge and Experience**

Dina Stein (Graduate Theological Union)

"Let the Past be Different": Rabbinic Texts and the Critique of Nostalgia

Charlotte Fonrobert (University of Judaism)

Respondent: Miriam Beth Peskowitz (University of Florida)

6.2

ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL: REVELATION AND PHILOSOPHY

Chair: Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)

Heschel on Revelation

David Novak (University of Toronto)

Heschel and Levinas on Revelation

Ephraim Meir (Bar-Ilan University)

Heschel as Philosopher: Phenomenology and the Rhetoric of Revelation

Edward K. Kaplan (Brandeis University)

6.3

PHILOSOPHY AND MYSTICISM: CONFLICT AND CONFLUENCE

Chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University)

Secrecy and the Disclosure of Withholding: Abraham Abulafia's Mystical Interpretation of Maimonides' Philosophical Esotericism

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

On the Anti-Rational Impulse in Classical Jewish Mysticism

Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

Hasidism and the War Against Reason:

The Anti-Philosophical Treatise *Kin'at ha-Shem Tseva'ot* and the Hasidic Battle Against Philosophical Inquiry

Shaul Magid (Jewish Theological Seminary)

6.4

INSCRIBING THE JEWISH-CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER IN THE JEWISH MIND

Chair: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)

Memory and its Displacement in Medieval Ashkenazi Culture

Talya Fishman (Stanford University)

The Ambiguity of Destruction in 1096

David Malkiel (Touro College)

Vicente Ferrer and Thomas Connecte in Isaac Nathan's Eyes

Ram Ben-Shalom (The Open University of Israel)

The Counter Image: Attitudes of Polish Jews toward the Catholic Church in Early Modern Poland

Magdalena O. Teter (Columbia University)

6.5

THE NORMALIZATION OF JEWISH HISTORY II

Sponsored by: **The American Academy for Jewish Research**

Chair: Robert Chazan (New York University)

American Jewish History: Inside and Outside the Academy

Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

Russian Jews

Michael Stanislawski (Columbia University)

6.6

THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST: WHAT IT MEANS NOW

Chair: Henry Greenspan (University of Michigan)

The Holocaust and Postmodernity: The Direct and Indirect Gaze

Hilene Flanzbaum (Butler University)

The Holocaust and Israel in American Cinema

Sara R. Horowitz (University of Delaware)

The Holocaust in the Heartland

Alan E. Steinweis (University of Nebraska at Lincoln)

Respondent: Jeffrey A. Shandler (New York University)

6.7

JEWISH BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

AND THE MODERN JEWISH STUDY OF THE BIBLE

Chair: Michael A. Fishbane (University of Chicago)

Têrtu She-lo Lishmah: Ephraim Avigdor Speiser's Contribution to Biblical Studies

Abraham Winitzer (Harvard University)

Manasseh Meets the Moderns: Contemporary Jewish Commentaries on Two Biblical Texts (2 Kgs 21 and 2 Chron 33)

Victoria K. Hoffer (Yale University)

Corpse Impurity and the Noahide Covenant in the Theology of H

Christine E. Hayes (Yale University)

Is the Song of Songs a Wisdom Text? The Evidence of Scene One

Theodore A. Perry (Southern Connecticut State University)

6.8

ZIONISM, THE YISHUV, AND ALIYAH

Chair: Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto)

Decadent Pioneers: Land and Space in Zionist Revisionist Thought

Eran Kaplan (Brandeis University)

The Seeds of Division: Social and Cultural Attitudes in Palestine

Marcella Simoni (University College, London)

**Yemeni Authorities and Jewish Migration to Palestine:
From Refusal to Permission**

Bat-Zion Eraqi-Klorman (The Open University of Israel)

**Transnational Issues in Modern Jewish History: The Intersection of
Gender and Antisemitism in Female Decisions to Migrate to Israel**

Batya Weinbaum (Cleveland State University)

6.9

TRADITION AND CRISIS AMONG SEPHARDIC AND YEMENITE JEWRY

Chair: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

**Judeo-Portuguese Nation and its Renegades: Problems of
Individual Adaptation and Survival in Bayonne (1580—1700)**

David L. Graizbord (University of Michigan)

Exploring Crypto-Jewish Identity:

Literary Works by Crypto-Jews of the American Southwest

Seth Ward (University of Denver)

**The Hispanic/Sephardic Connection: The Ethnic/Racial Identity of
Sephardic Jews in Twentieth Century America**

Aviva Ben-Ur (University of Washington)

The Organization and Community Structure of the Jews of Yemen, 1850—1950

Aviva Klein-Franke (Universität zu Köln)

6.10

RIGHTING THE RECORD: BLACKS AND JEWS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY
Chair and Commentator: Eunice G. Pollack (Columbia University)

Major Players: Jews and the Desegregation of Baseball
Stephen H. Norwood (University of Oklahoma)

African Americans and Jewish Hollywood
Harold D. Brackman (San Diego, California)

Consequences and Causes of Jewish Whiteness
Seth Forman (SUNY-Stony Brook)

6.11

JEWISH LANGUAGE GENESIS
Chair: Benjamin H. Hary (Emory University)

Origins of Judeo-Italian
George Jochnowitz (College of Staten Island)

What Ashkenazic Hebrew Can Tell Us About the Origin of Yiddish
William F. Weigel (University of California at Berkeley)

The Emergence of Spoken Israeli Hebrew: A New Perspective
Shlomo Izre'el (Tel-Aviv University)

A Proposal For a New Typology of 'Jewish' Languages
Paul Wexler (Tel-Aviv University)

Session 7, 3:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

7.1

**THE JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DEBATE
AND JEWISH INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS**
Chair: Eric J. Lawee (York University)

Twelfth-Century Dialectic and the Methodology of the Tosafists
Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)

The Jewish-Christian Debate and Bible Exegesis
Martin I. Lockshin (York University)

The Jewish-Christian Debate and Jewish Philosophy
Daniel J. Lasker (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Christian Influences on Medieval Jewish Preaching
Marc Eli Saperstein (George Washington University)

7.2

THE CULTURAL PRODUCTION OF IDENTITY IN ISRAEL
Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)

Invented First Aliya: How Counter-History Works in Religious Zionism
Israel Bartal (Hebrew University)

**Making the Desert Bloom: Memory, Space,
and the Transformation of Israeli Identity**
Yael H. Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

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7.2 (*cont.*)

Hear, O Israel: Radio and the Formation of Israeli National Identity

Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto)

Tel Aviv: The Politics of Identity and the Poetics of Israeli Space

Barbara Mann (Princeton University)

7.3

JEWISH IDENTITIES IN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SPHERE

Chair: Jack Kugelmass (Arizona State University)

The Jewish Community of Chicago and the Great Fire of 1871

Tobias Brinkmann (University of Leipzig)

Jewish Solidarity in America: Public Expressions, 1930–1967

Gulie Ne'eman Arad (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**Constructing Local Jewish Identity: The Importance of the Colonial
Sephardic Jews of Newport for Rhode Island Ashkenazic Jews**

Joel David Gereboff (Arizona State University)

Black-Jewish Cooperation in “Tikkun Los Angeles”

David Jason Leonard (University of California at Berkeley)

7.4

RECENT SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF JUDAISM

Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

The Comparative Study of American Jews: A Way Forward

Richard O’Leary (Oxford University)

“By Mid-Century, Most American Jews Will Have Christian Ancestry”

Samuel Z. Klausner (University of Pennsylvania)

Modern Orthodoxy and Religious Zionism:

Are they Identical, Aligned, or Incompatible?

Charles S. Liebman (Bar-Ilan University)

7.5

RE-THINKING ROSENZWEIG

Chair: Barbara E. Galli (McGill University)

Rosenzweig on Command and Law

Robert B. Gibbs (University of Toronto)

Rosenzweig on Reason and Revelation: A Comparison with Strauss

Leora F. Batnitzky (Princeton University)

Redemption and Transcendence: Rosenzweig in the Shadow of Heidegger

Peter Eli Gordon (Princeton University)

7.6

REINTERPRETING THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST

Chair: James E. Young (University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

Jews, Non-Jews, and the Legacy of Anne Frank in America

Alex Sagan (Harvard University)

7.6 REINTERPRETING THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST (*cont.*)
Redefining Lessons: The Holocaust in American Jewish Education after 1967
Rona Sheramy (Brandeis University)

**Stanley Elkins and the Image of the Victim
in American Intellectual Culture, 1959–1979**

Kirsten L. Fermaglich (New York University)

Respondent: Alan L. Mintz (Brandeis University)

7.7

**PROFANATION: ANTI-RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA AND PARODY
AMONG EAST EUROPEAN JEWS**

Chair: David E. Fishman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Yom Kippur Balls in London, New York, and Montreal

Rebecca E. Margolis (Columbia University)

Jewish Theatrical Trials in the Soviet Union, 1917–1941

Anna Shternshis (Oxford University)

Interwar Parodies of the Passover Haggadah

Edward Portnoy (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Yiddish Parodies of the Passover Haggadah: Some Comparative Notes

Itzik Nakhmen Gottesman (University of Texas)

7.8

WOMEN AND THE HEBREW BIBLE

Chair: Risa Levitt Kohn (San Diego State University)

Drunkness, Divorce and Desertion: Family Values in Genesis 21

Pamela Tamarkin Reis (Branford, CT)

Esther's Plea Before the King: An Ambiguous Message

**Contrived with Verbal (Poetic) and Gestural (Theatrical) Rid-
dling**

Yona Shapira (New Orleans, Louisiana)

**The Trope of the Transgressive Woman in Biblical and Rabbinic Narra-
tives**

Gil Hochberg (University of California at Berkeley)

7.9

HEBREW LITERATURE: CONSTRUCTIONS OF GENDER

Chair: Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)

**The Function of the Female Mouth in Inter-Gender Relationships
in Medieval Hebrew Literature**

Judith Dishon (Bar-Ilan University)

The Insistence of Mother Tongues in the Work of Male Israeli Writers

Nili Rachel Scharf Gold (Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Jewish Homoeroticism? The Nature/Culture Debate
in Israeli Women's Fiction**

Yael Feldman (New York University)

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7.10 (3:45 P.M.)

FORUM: DEMONSTRATION AND PROOF IN MAIMONIDES

Chair: Tamar Rudavsky (Ohio State University)

Maimonides' Demonstrations: Principles and Practice

Josef Stern (University of Chicago)

Respondent: David B. Burrell (University of Notre Dame)

5:45–6:30 P.M.

Section Meetings

See List of Sections and Locations at the end of the Program Book

EVENING PROGRAM

6:30 P.M.

GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION

A Social Hour Sponsored by the ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

6:30 P.M.

CAUCUS

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Jonathan Porath (Joint Distribution Committee)

Academic Judaica in the Former Soviet Union

Arkadi Kovelman (Director, Center for Jewish Studies & Jewish Civilization,
Moscow State University)

Light refreshments will be served.

7:00 P.M.

DINNER

Greetings: Jay M. Harris, Vice-President for Program

8:15–10:00 P.M. **PLENARY SESSION**

THE LEGACY OF JACOB KATZ

Chair: Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)

Discussants: Haym Soloveitchik (Yeshiva University)

Elisheva Carlebach (Queens College—CUNY)

David N. Myers (UCLA)

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BREAKFAST MEETING

7:30–8:30 A.M.

AJS Program Committee and Section Coordinators

AJS REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD 7:45 A.M.

Chair: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

EXHIBITS

8:30 A.M.–12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 21, 1999

Session 8, 8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

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ANGELS IN SECOND TEMPLE AND TALMUDIC LITERATURE

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Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)
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Hasia R. Diner (NYU)
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Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)
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Guy H. Haskell (Quinsigamond Community College)
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Jane Gerber (CUNY Graduate Center)
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