Association for Jewish Studies

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

SHERATON BOSTON HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
December 17–19, 2000
Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the program for the Thirty-second 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 returns to Boston where we’ll be meeting for the first time at the newly renovated Sheraton Boston Hotel; the hotel offers extensive facilities, and has direct entrance into The Shops at the Prudential and the Copley Place Mall. All sessions will be held in the Sheraton’s meeting rooms. Floor plans at the end 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.

If you have not yet registered for the conference, please return the registration form (found at the back of this program after the advertisements) to AJS at the return address on the back cover of this book. For room reservations, you may call any of the toll-free Sheraton numbers or fax the hotel directly. The numbers are listed on page 5 and on the conference registration form. To secure the special rate of $99.00 ($85.00 for a limited number of student rooms), you must call by Nov. 20, 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 Navigant Travel for special discount airfares on American Airlines or Delta Air Lines. Call 1-800-370-6664 or 617-451-4200. Ask for Bryan (x4129) Aimee (x4149) or Donna (x4209) and mention both Brandeis and the Association for Jewish Studies meeting at the Sheraton Boston. You may also send Bryan a fax at 617-451-4222 or email him at: bryan.greeley@ne.navigant.com.

**Registration**

The AJS registration desk for late registrants will be on the second floor of the hotel near the escalator and the North Tower Elevators. All who preregister and pay all fees by November 20 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 20.** 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. The meals, specially prepared by Catering by Andrew, are glatt kosher. 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 for admission to the sessions and the Exhibit. Security personnel at the entrance to the Exhibit will be checking badges and will only admit those who have registered for the conference.

**Coat Check**

A checkroom will be available during conference sessions; hours will be posted.
FOURTH ANNUAL AJS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Each year AJS recognizes the important contributions of a senior scholar with the Distinguished Scholar Lecture, held following the Banquet. This lectureship honors individuals whose contributions to learning, while often located outside the realms of Judaic Studies as such, have nevertheless had a significant impact on the scholarly lives of many of our members.

This year’s lecture will be delivered by Professor Fritz Stern, University Professor Emeritus at Columbia University, who will speak on “Albert Einstein and the German Question.” In 1999, Prof. Stern received the prestigious Friedenspreis des Deutschen Buchhandels. His latest books are Einstein's German World (1999) and Das Feine Schweigen (1999). Other published works include The Varieties of History, ed. (1956), The Politics of Cultural Despair (1965), The Failure of Illiberalism: Essays on the Political Culture of Modern Germany (1972), Gold and Iron: Bismarck, Bleichroder and the Building of the German Empire (1977), and Dreams and Delusions: the Drama of German History (1987).

We hope you will join us for the Banquet in Constitution Ballroom A prior to Professor Stern’s lecture. There will be plenty of seating for those who prefer to join us after dinner.

FILM AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

After the lecture on Sunday evening, we will show a newly restored print of the classic Yiddish film The Wandering Jew (1933) in Independence Ballroom. We thank Sharon Pucker Rivo and the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University for making this film available.

The American Academy for Jewish Research will again be holding sessions in conjunction with AJS. These programs, which will be held Monday during Sessions 4 and 5 in Republic Ballroom B, are open to all AJS attendees. The 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 feature excerpts from the musical theater production, The Memoirs of Glückel of Hameln, created and performed by members of the Great Small Works theater company. Their complete version of The Memoirs premiered to great acclaim in New York City in January 2000. We thank Jenny Romaine and the other members of Great Small Works for making this production available to us, and we are indebted to the Lucius Littauer Foundation, the AJS Women’s Caucus, and the Jewish Women’s Archive, and NFJC for their sponsorship. A short panel discussion with members of the Great Small Works company will follow the performance.

RECEPTIONS

AJS, YIVO, and the newly opened Center for Jewish History in New York City, along with its other resident constituents, and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, are sponsoring the Sunday evening reception to highlight the center’s programs and offerings. Please show your appreciation to our host institutions by joining us at 5:45 PM in the Foyer outside the Constitution Ballroom to hear and meet the leadership and staff and to enjoy food, drink, and conviviality.

All graduate students are warmly invited to a reception AJS is tendering in their honor on Monday at 6:30 in Conference Room 3 on the 5th Floor. 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. Reservation information can be found on the conference registration form. Do not send money for this event to AJS.

At lunchtime on Monday, we have scheduled a forum with Prof. Mervin Verbit on “Why We Study What We Study: Policy Research in the Jewish Community.” The Sephardic/Mizrahi Studies Caucus also meets at this time. The JDC’s annual caucus, which welcomes all those interested in working for the growth of Judaic Studies in the FSU, meets Monday at 6:30 in Conference Room 2 on the 5th Floor. Refreshments will be served.
SECTION MEETINGS

Business meetings for each of the Section areas of the program will take place on Monday at 5:45 PM. For meeting locations, see the back of this Program book. Due to space limitations, some meetings will need to be held in the same room; we have tried to group related areas. The meetings will be run by the Section Coordinator or a designated representative, and will be devoted to determining the focus/foci of next year’s discussions in that Section. These meetings offer an opportunity for direct involvement in shaping next year’s AJS Program and for networking with colleagues with similar interests. We strongly encourage all Conference participants to attend a Section meeting of their choice.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

I would also like to remind you of the AJS general membership Annual Business Meeting, which takes place Sunday at 5:15 in Liberty B & C.

INTERVIEWS

A word to those conducting interviews at the conference. We have set aside rooms where candidates may be met in 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 Republic Ballrooms have been set aside at 7:00 AM on Monday and Tuesday and the Dalton and Exeter 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 thank 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 conference successful. I am grateful, too, to conference participants who shared their thoughts about how to enhance our program at last year’s Section meetings. I hope all of you who are here to present your research, to chair sessions, to listen and respond to papers, to visit our book exhibits, and to meet colleagues old and new, will find the 32nd Annual Conference an enriching experience. The Program Committee and I welcome your suggestions for future meetings. As always, all involved in this endeavor are deeply indebted to our Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Katchen, without whose extraordinary efforts this conference could not take place.

Sincerely,

Judith R. Baskin
Vice President for Program
Session 1, Sunday, December 17, 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

(except for 1.2, which begins 10:00 and 1.3, which begins at 10:30)

1.1

WHAT IS JEWISH PHILOSOPHY? SOME PROBLEMATIC CASES

Chair and Respondent: David Novak (University of Toronto)

Spinoza’s Election (Again): Divine and Human Laws and the Case of the Hebrews
Nancy Levene (Williams College)

The Invention of Difference: The Hegelian Grounds of Jewish Particularism in Rozenzweig’s Philosophy
Peter Eli Gordon (Harvard University)

On the Impossibility of Jewish Philosophy or on the Unlikely Affinity between Levinas and Strauss
Leora Batnitzky (Princeton University)

1.2

THE TRANSCENDING TRAUMA PROJECT: EXPLORING THE LONG-TERM INTERGENERATIONAL EFFECTS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Chair: Juliet Spitzer (Jefferson Medical College)

Toward an Integrated Model of Coping and Adaptation after the Holocaust
Bea Hollander Goldein (Jefferson Medical College)

Intergenerational Transmission of Jewish Identity: Three Generations of Survivor Families
Nancy Isserman (Temple University)

Faith Systems and Coping in Holocaust Survivors
Jennie Goldenberg (Jefferson Medical College)

Pivotal Memories and the Transformative Impact of Narratives on the Identity Formation of the Second Generation
Hannah Kliger (University of Pennsylvania)
1.3  **ISRAELI AND AMERICAN JEWISH CONNECTIONS**

*Chair:* Charles S. Liebman (Bar-Ilan University)

**Constructing Jewish Identity: Israeli and American Youth in a Bi-cultural Israel Experience**

Minna F. Wolf (Hebrew University)

**American Aliya and Reform Zionism on the Desert Kibbutz: A Comparative Analysis of Yahel and Lotan**

William F. S. Miles (Northeastern University)

**Co-author:** Gretchen D. Weismann (Northeastern University)

**Progressive Legitimization:**

*The Reform Movement Campaign for Recognition in Israel*

Ephraim Tabory (Bar-Ilan University)

**Building an Adult Judaism Through the Israel Experience**

Faydra Shapiro (Wilfrid Laurier University)

1.4  **ON SCREEN AND STAGE**

*Chair:* Stephen Whitfield (Brandeis University)

**The Cutest Shtetl We’ve Never Had: Fiddler on the Roof in the Formation of American Jewish Identity**

Marianne R. Sanua (Florida Atlantic University)

**Explaining the ‘Timid Thirties’: Hollywood, the Nazis and the Jews, 1933–41**

Felicia D. Herman (Brandeis University)

**Jewface in the 20th Century: A Neglected Form of Minstrelsy**

Rosalin Krieger (University of Toronto–OISE)

1.5  **TRADITION IN TRANSITION: THE MORAVIAN-HUNGARIAN CONNECTION**

*Chair and Respondent:* Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

**Locking Horns: The Polemic between R. Hirsch Fassel and R. Samson Raphael Hirsch in Moravia**

Michael L. Miller (Columbia University)

**Peter Beer—A Reformer of the Heder?**

Louise Hecht (Jerusalem, Israel)

**A Man for All Temperaments:**

*The Accommodating Weltanschauung of Aron Chorin*

Howard N. Lupovitch (Colby College)

1.6  **SHIFTING SEPHARDIC IDENTITIES**

*Chair:* Tamar Alexander (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**‘Jews In Another Environment’:**

*The Afro-Sephardic Community of Suriname*

Aviva Ben-Ur (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

**“Levantine” Diversity: Egyptian-Jewishness and Identities Construction in Israeli Literature**

Deborah A. Starr (Pennsylvania State University)
1.7 Philosophical and Kabbalistic Approaches to Prayer
Chair: Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)
Philosophical Approaches to Prayer in Medieval Judaism
Gregg Stern (Smith College)
Lurianic Prayer and the Civil Religion of Safed
Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

1.8 Medieval Jewish Science and Cosmology
Chair: Kalman P. Bland (Duke University)
The Impact of Pythagoreanism on Medieval Jewish Thought
Y. Tzvi Langerman (Bar-Ilan University)
The Stratification of the Atmosphere and the Four Elements in Two Medieval Hebrew Encyclopedias of Science and Philosophy
Resianne Smidt Van Gelder-Fontaine (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Moses Ibn Tibbon’s Adaptation of Ibn Rushd’s Concept of Vital Heat
Otfried Fraisse (Freie Universität, Berlin)

1.9 At the Intersections of Rabbinics and Jewish Thought
Chair: Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)
Exegetical asmakhta: the First Stages
Jay Rovner (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Oral Transmission or Scribal Convention? How to Distinguish the Two
Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)
Who is Greater, Israel or the Angels?
   The Rabbinic Qedusha versus the Qumran Qedusha
Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)

1.10 Modern Hebrew Literature on the Stage of Postcolonial Theory
Chair: Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)
Hospitality in the Holy Land: Images of Immigrants, Natives, and Hosts
   in Contemporary Israeli Literature
Gil Hochberg (University of California at Berkeley)
Anxious Representation: Reading Realism in Hebrew Literature
Shai Ginsburg (University of Michigan)
The Negation of “Negation of Exile:”
   Abramovich’s Representation of Eastern European Exile
Amir Banbaji (University of California at Berkeley)
Sunday, December 17, 2000 (cont.)

1.11  
**THE HEBREW-ARAMAIC COMPONENT OF JEWISH LANGUAGES (1)**  
*Chair:* Lewis H. Glinert (Dartmouth College)  
**The Direction of Influence of Hebrew Components in Jewish Languages**  
Benjamin H. Hary (Emory University)  
**The Use of Hebrew/Aramaic Loan Words to Express Taboo Concepts**  
George Jochnowitz (College of Staten Island)  
**The Hebrew-Aramaic Component of *Ivrit:* Hebraisms and Aramaisms Used to Camouflage the Massive European Influence on ‘Revived Hebrew’**  
Ghil‘Ad Zuckermann (Cambridge University)

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**LUNCH 12:30 P.M.–1:30 P.M.**  
*Constitution B*

Session 2, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

2.1  
**MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
*Co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry*  
*Chair:* Allen Glicksman (Northwestern University)  
**Does the Present Study of American Jewry Reflect the State of American Jewry?**  
Charles S. Liebman (Bar-Ilan University)  
**Respondents:** Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)  
Steven M. Cohen (Hebrew University)

2.2  
**AROUNDTABLE ON DANIEL BOYARIN’S UNEHEROIC CONDUCT: FEMINIST RESPONSES TO THEORIES OF JEWISH MASCULINITY**  
*Co-sponsored by the Jewish Feminist Research Group of Ma’yan*  
*Chair:* Deborah Hertz (Sarah Lawrence College)  
**From Jewish Women’s History to the History of Gender Organization in Jewish Societies**  
Maria T. Baader (Columbia University)  
**Metaphors of Castration in Constructions of Jewish Masculinity**  
Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)  
**(Re)writing Anna O.: Bertha Pappenheim’s Biographers**  
Elizabeth Ann Loentz (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
**Respondent:** Daniel Boyarin (University of California at Berkeley)

2.3  
**YIDDISH AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND DRAMA**  
*Chair:* Janet Hadda (UCLA)  
**In de mitele yoren: Abraham Cahan’s Realist Autobiography**  
Alisa Braun (University of Michigan)  
**Avraham Goldfaden and the Tradition of Yiddish Haskalah Drama**  
Alyssa P. Quint (Harvard University)  
**Goldfaden and the Problems of Generic Form**  
Seth L. Wolitz (University of Texas)  
**The Theatrical Legacy of Avrom Goldfaden**  
Joel Berkowitz (Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies)
2.4

Jewish Museums at the Center of Europe: Holographs, Dislocation, and Emptiness
Chair: James E. Young (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

Of Holographic Images and Storage Spaces:
Localizing Identity at Vienna’s Jewish Museum
Matti Bunzl (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

The Empty Museum: Absence and Presence in the Jewish Museum of Bologna
Jeffrey Feldman (University of Virginia)

To Keep This Distinct Awareness of Discontinuity Alive:
Reflections on the Museology of Jewish Museums in Austria
Eva Grabherr (University College, London)

Memory as a Symptom: Jewish Museums in Contemporary Germany and Austria
Sabine Offe (Universität Bremen)

2.5

Intentionality in the Reworking of Rabbinic Texts
Chair: Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

Kings, Priests, and Sages in Rabbinic Literature in Late Antiquity
Richard L. Kalmin (Jewish Theological Seminary)

B. Ye 87b–90b: The Bavli’s Re-presentation of Rabbinic Authority
Christine E. Hayes (Yale University)

Intentionality in the Reworking of Tannaitic Aggadah
Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Intentional Editorial Reworking of Narrative Sources
Jeffrey L. Rubenstein (New York University)

2.6

Jews, Communism, and the U.S.S.R.
Chair: Alexander Orbach (University of Pittsburgh)

Why Did Jews Join the Communist Party of Great Britain 1920–56
Jason Heppell (University of Warwick)

Anti-Semitism and Its Perception by Soviet Jews After the Second World War:
Testimonies of the Witnesses
Igor A. Kotler (Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation)

Party Debates over “Anti-Zionism” in the Brezhnev Era USSR
Matvey Chlenov (University College, London)

2.7

The Jewish Translation of the Bible
Chair: Leah Hochman (University of Florida)

The Halakhah in the Fragment Targumim of the Pentateuch: Contents and Contexts
Moshe J. Bernstein (Yeshiva University)

Why Jews Translate the Bible
Frederick E. Greenspahn (University of Denver)

From Text to Margin, from Margin to Text:
Joshua, Esther, Masoretes, Translators, and Readers
Leonard J. Greenspoon (Creighton University)

The Question of the Genre of the Targum
Rimon Kasher (Bar-Ilan University)

Respondent: Marcia L. Falk (Hebrew Union College)
2.8  LITERARY RELATIONS: DIASPORA AND ISRAELI JEWISH WRITING  
Chair: Evelyn M. Avery (Towson State University)  
Barrenness, Babies, and Books: The Barren Woman in Modern Jewish Literature  
Wendy Ilene Zierler (University of Hong Kong)  
A People of the Books: Text Centeredness and Identity  
in American Jewish and Israeli Jewish Literature  
Co-authors: Jeremy Shere (Indiana University)  
Adam Rovner (Indiana University)  
Witnesses of Literary History:  
Rethinking the Role of Territory in Diasporic Jewish Culture  
Co-authors: Allison Schachter (University of California at Berkeley)  
Robert Peckerar (University of California at Berkeley)  

2.9  THE COMMUNITY, HISTORY, AND CULTURE OF BYZANTINE JEWRY  
Chair: Robert Chazan (New York University)  
Story, History, and Memory in Megillat Ahimaaz  
Stephen D. Benin (University of Memphis)  
Imaging Jerusalem in Tenth-Century Italy  
Steven B. Bowman (University of Cincinnati)  
Jewish Autonomy in the Byzantine Empire  
Joshua Holo (University of Chicago)  
Byzantine Jewry and the Roots of Medieval Jewish Martyrdom  
Shmuel Shepkaru (University of Oklahoma)  

2.10  MODERN APPROACHES TO HALAKHAH  
Chair: Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)  
R. Yair Hayyim Bachrach: Portrait of a Seventeenth-Century Poseq  
Jay R. Berkovitz (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)  
Moroccan Halakhists in the Modern Era  
Marc B. Shapiro (University of Scranton)  
A Critique of Solomon Freehof’s Concept of Minhag and Reform Jewish Practice  
Joan Friedman (Colgate University)  
The Reassertion of Jewish Dogma in the Darkhe Ha-Mishnah Controversy  
Didier Y. Reiss (UCLA)  

2.11  GOODBYE TO ALL THAT: MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND  
THE TRANSFORMATION OF JEWISH CULTURE DURING WORLD WAR I  
Chair: Olga Litvak (Princeton University)  
Difference at War: Experience and Expression  
in the Poetry of U. Z. Greenberg, I. Rosenberg, and S. Sassoon  
Abraham (Avi) Matalon (Columbia University)  
Troubled Liberators: American Jews and the Jewish Legion in Palestine  
Matthew Silver (Emek Yezreel College)  
Reporting from the Front: The Great War as Seen by Michael Adler,  
Senior Jewish Chaplain to the British Expeditionary Forces, 1914–22  
Frederic J. Krome (Hebrew Union College)  
Respondent: Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)
2.12

**Twenty-First-Century Jewish Thinkers Face the Holocaust**

*Chair:* David R. Blumenthal (Emory University)

**Hans Jonas: Evolution and Judaism in the Shadow of the Shoah**
Shai Cherry (Brandeis University)

**Face to Face with Levinas:**
Towards a Jewish Feminist Ethical Response to the Holocaust
Deidre Butler (Concordia University)

**Post-Holocaust Theology: Negative Theology versus Gnosticism in Emmanuel Levinas and Giorgio Agamben**
Aryeh I. Botwinick (Temple University)

**Constructing a Postmodern Theology based on Jewish-Christian Intertextuality:**
A Reexamination of Irving Greenberg’s Post-Holocaust Theology
Marc A. Krell (University of Arizona)

2.13

**The Architectonic of Worship and Prayer in Medieval Jewish Philosophy**

*Chair:* Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**A Pack of Animals Kneels Daily at the Wall (Judah Halevi): On the Elitist View of Prayer in Medieval Thought**
Hannah Kasher (Bar-Ilan University)

**Praying for Success: The Bracketing of Maimonides’ Guide with Prophetic Yearning**
James Arthur Diamond (University of Waterloo)

**Avicenna and Maimonides on Prayer, Fasting and Intellectual Worship**
Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)

**Maimonides on Idolatry**
Sol Tanenzapf (York University)

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**Session 3, 3:45 P.M.–5:15 P.M.**

3.1

**Academy of Jewish Philosophy: Can God “Speak”? A Theological Discussion**

*Chair:* Moshe Z. Sokol (Touro College)

**Discussants:**
David Novak (University of Toronto)
Norbert M. Samuelson (Arizona State University)

3.2

**Reform Judaism I “Moderate and Radical Trends in Nineteenth-Century American Reform Judaism”**

*Chair:* Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University)

**The Strategic Advantages of Theological Inconsistency:**
Isaac Mayer Wise’s Political Use of Religious Thought
Dana Evan Kaplan (University of Missouri-Kansas City)

**Max Lilienthal and Isaac Mayer Wise: Creators of Moderate American Reform**
Bruce Ruben (Hunter College–CUNY)

**David Einhorn and the Radical Impulse**
Robert F. Southard (Earlham College)
3.3  
**JEWISH LIFE AND THOUGHT UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE HOLOCAUST**

*Chair:* Monty Noam Penkower (Touro College)

**The Recovery of Small-Town German Jewish Life**
Gilya G. Schmidt (University of Tennessee at Knoxville)

**Jewish Politics in Poland, 1944–50: From Despair to Realpolitik**
Natalia Aleksiun (New York University)

**Judaism as a Coping Resource for Religious Holocaust Survivors**
Sara Botwinick (Penn Council for Relationships)

3.4  
**JEWS, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY IN MODERN FRANCE**

*Chair:* Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

**Aestheticizing Judaism: The Creation of Modern Jewish Art**
Tal Gozani (Skirball Cultural Center/Museum)

**Enemy of the State:**

- Images of the Jew in Nineteenth-Century French Literature
  - *Co-presenters:* Holly Haahr (Yeshiva University)
  - Zvi Jonathan Kaplan (Columbia University)

  **“Jewish Solidarity” in Nineteenth-Century France:**
  - The Transformation of a Concept
  - Lisa Moses Leff (Southwestern University)

3.5  
**ARTIFACTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND THE SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE JEWS OF LATE ANTIQUITY**

*Chair:* Yaron Z. Eliav (University of Michigan)

**“When I Went to Rome, I Saw the Menorah …”**
Steven Fine (Baltimore Hebrew University)

**Sacred Place and Sacred Object in Palestinian Yoma Traditions**
Michael D. Swartz (Ohio State University)

**Minnui and Suffragium: from Linguistics to Social History**
Alexei M. Sivertsev (New York University)

3.6  
**DEFINING WOMEN’S IDENTITIES IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE**

*Chair:* Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)

**A Life Unresolved:**
Pauline Wengeroff and her Memoir of East European Jewish Life
Bernard Dov Cooperman (University of Maryland)

**Illicit Sexuality and the Discipline of Jewish Women’s Bodies in Imperial Russia**
ChaeRan Y. Freeze (Brandeis University)

**Identity, Community, and the Woman’s Movement in Nineteenth Century Western and Central European Jewry: A Comparative Approach**
Alison L. Rose (Providence, RI)
3.7  
**Jewish Self-Image and Self-Representation in Yiddish Drama**  
*Chair:* David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)  
**Jewish Dramatic Transformations of Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice**  
Dror Abend-David (New York University)  
**The Transmission of Isaac Euchel’s Reb Henokh, oder vas tut men damit**  
Marion J. Aptroot (Heinrich Heine Universität)  
**The Crisis in Drama: Peretz Hirschbein’s Plotting Family Plays**  
Michael Taub (SUNY–Purchase)  

3.8  
**Zionism and Israel**  
*Chair:* Israel Bartal (Hebrew University)  
**The Influence of the Birth of Israel on the Major Zionist Organizations in the United States**  
Mira Yungman (The Open University of Israel)  
**Making Israelis in Youth Aliyah**  
Erica Simmons (University of Toronto)  
**British Receptions of Ethnicity and the Balfour Declaration**  
James E. Renton (University College, London)  

3.9  
**Gersonides’ Moral Philosophy and Theological Commentary**  
*Chair:* Y. Tzvi Langerman (Bar-Ilan University)  
**Gersonides on Love, Desire and Joy**  
Warren Zev Harvey (Hebrew University)  
**Gersonides on the Reasons for the Mitzvot**  
Leonard S. Levin (Jewish Theological Seminary)  
**Gersonides’ Commentary on Job**  
Robert J. Eisen (George Washington University)  

3.10  
**Post-Colonial Theory and the German Jewish Experience**  
*Chair:* H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)  
**De-Orientalizing Judaism: Mendelssohn’s Jerusalem and the Frustrations of Oppositional Discourse**  
Jonathan Hess (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
**The Religion of the Future: The Conflict between Wissenschaft des Judentums and Liberal Protestantism prior to World War I as an Expression of a Jewish Postcolonial Challenge**  
Christian Wiese (Universität Erfurt)  
**Hybridity and Holocaust: Cultural Theory and the German Jew**  
Jonathan S. Skolnik (University of Oregon)
3.11  
**BEING JEWISH: ETHNOGRAPHIC APPROACHES**

*Chair:* Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)

- **American Jewish Healing Services, Chronic Illness, and the Invention of Tradition**  
  Susan Serged (Bar-Ilan University)
- **To Eat or Not to Eat: Fressing in America**  
  Maurie Sacks (Montclair State University)
- **Secular Jews, or, The Unaffiliated**  
  Lynn R. Davidman (Brown University)

3.12  
**MIDRASH AND AGGADAH AS LITERATURE**

*Chair:* Christine E. Hayes (Yale University)

- **A Rhetoric of Intimacy:**  
  The Language of Preaching in Amoraic Homiletical Midrash  
  Rachel A. Anisfeld (University of Pennsylvania)
- “Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You”
  Famous Fetuses: Jacob, Esau, R. Yohanan and Aher  
  Gwynn Kessler (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)
- **The Hammer and the Rock:**  
  Midrashic Polysemy between Philology and Literary Criticism  
  Azzan Yadin (University of Minnesota)

3.13  
**ISRAELI FICTION AND POETRY**

*Chair:* Naomi B. Sokoloff (University of Washington)

- “Imagining the Beloved”: Nation and Gender in Early Modernist Hebrew Fiction  
  Shachar M. Pinsker (University of California at Berkeley)
- **Thematization of Hebrew in Agnon’s Temol Shilshom**  
  Todd Hasak-Lowy (University of California at Berkeley)
- **Writing the Soul: Yona Wallach’s Poetry of the Seventies**  
  Zafirira Lidovsky-Cohen (Stern College)
SUNDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 17, 2000  

PROGRAM

5:15 P.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES  
Liberty A & B  
All Members Invited

5:45 P.M. RECEPTION  
Sponsored by:
THE YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH on Its 75th Anniversary  
by THE CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY, NEW YORK CITY on Its Recent Gala Opening and  
In behalf of Its Other Partner Institutions at 15 West 16th Street, New York City:  
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AMERICAN SEPHARDI FEDERATION,  
LEO BAECK INSTITUTE, and YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
by THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE On Its Fortieth Anniversary  
and by THE ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES  
Greetings: Carl J. Rheins, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research  
Lois Cronholm, Center for Jewish History  
Jerome A. Chanes, National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
Lawrence H. Schiffman, Incoming President,  
Association for Jewish Studies

6:30 P.M. BANQUET  
Greetings: Jerome A. Chanes, National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
David Berger, Outgoing President, AJS

7:45 P.M. PLENARY SESSION  
THE FOURTH ANNUAL AJS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE  
Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon), Vice-President for Program  

Albert Einstein and the German Question  
Fritz Stern, University Professor Emeritus, Columbia University

9:30–10:45 P.M. FILM  
The Wandering Jew (1933)  
Der Vandernder Yid  
Starring JACOB BEN-AMI (in Yiddish, newly restored)  
Courtesy of Sharon Rivo and the National Center for Jewish Film,  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454. Tel.: (781) 899-7044
Monday, December 18, 2000

**BREAKFAST 7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M.**

**Women’s Caucus Breakfast 7:00 A.M.–8:30 A.M.**

*Constitution B*

**Cost:** $13.50  
**Paid reservations must be received by Nov. 30.**

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**EXHIBITS 8:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.**

**Session 4, 8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.**

### 4.1

*“IF YOU KNOW JUST ONE RELIGION, YOU DON’T KNOW ANY”*:  
**THE VIRTUES AND LIABILITIES OF COMPARISON**

*Sponsored by: The American Academy for Jewish Research*

**Chair:** Arnold M. Eisen (Stanford University)

**Panelists:**  
- Diana Eck (Harvard University)
- Arthur Green (Brandeis University)
- David R. Blumenthal (Emory University)

### 4.2

**REFORM JUDAISM 2 “REFORM JUDAISM IN AMERICA”**

**Chair:** Robert M. Seltzer (Hunter College–CUNY)

**Being Jewish and American in a Christian Environment:**  
- Rabbis James Gutheim and Isaac Leucht
  - Scott Langston (Southwest Baptist University)

**A Voice from the Jewish Pulpit:**  
- Stephen Wise’s Recorded Addresses in Carnegie Hall, 1934–41
  - Gary P. Zola (Hebrew Union College)

**Beyond Diversity: The Narrowing of Contemporary American Reform Judaism**
- Lance J. Sussman (SUNY–Binghamton)

### 4.3

**JEWISH ART AND THE AVANT GARDE**

**Chair:** Norman L. Kleeblatt (Jewish Museum)

**Jewish Art and the Avant Garde**
- Ori Zarah Soltes (Georgetown University)

**Contemporary Jewish Artists and the Creation of Sacred Space**
- Livia Selmanowitz Straus (Academy for Jewish Religion)

**Avant-Garde? The Society for Jewish Folk Music**
- Paula Eisenstein Baker (University of St. Thomas, Houston)
4.4  
**Jews and Food**  
*Chair:* Maurie Sacks (Montclair State University)  
**Consuming Jewishness: The Jewish Deli in American Jewish Life**  
Edward P. Merwin (CUNY Graduate Center)  
**Disruption in the Food Chain: Iraqi Jewish Women Recapture Baghdad**  
Norma Baumel Joseph (Concordia University)  
**Jews and the German Idea of Welfare: Food in Berlin, 1870–1918**  
Keith Richard Allen (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)  
**Construction of Religious Norms and the Maintenance of Clerical Authority:**  
*The Case of Milk and Meat in Ancient and Medieval Judaism*  
Samuel Z. Klausner (University of Pennsylvania)  

4.5  
**Jews Confront Racism and Conflict in the Americas**  
*Chair:* Daniel Soyer (Fordham University)  
**Strange Fruit: Lynching and Yiddish Poetry**  
Merle Bachman (University at Albany, SUNY)  
**Land Without Memories: Jewish Tragedy and the Boundaries of Pluralism and Citizenship in Argentina**  
John Andrew Dizgun (Rutgers University)  
**The Battle of Beechwood:**  
*A Case History of Intra-Jewish Conflict in Contemporary America*  
Samuel Freedman (Columbia University)  

4.6  
**New Directions in the Study of Israeli Culture:**  
**Do You Have More Information Than I?**  
*Chair:* Yael H. Zerubavel (Rutgers University)  
**Beauty and Authenticity: The Search for Queen Esther in Tel Aviv, 1926–31**  
Nina Spiegel (Stanford University)  
**The Road Not Taken: ‘Soul Talks’ in Israeli Mythology**  
Tamar Katriel (University of Haifa)  
**Hanukkah in Tel-Aviv: Light in the First Hebrew City**  
Nili Arie-Sapir (Hebrew University)  
**The Stagers and Performative Creativity in Eretz Israel**  
Yaacov Shavit (Tel-Aviv University)  

4.7  
**Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe**  
*Co-sponsored by the American Section of the International Association of Societies for the Study of Jewish History*  
*Chair:* David Berger (Brooklyn College–CUNY)  
**The Semi-Circumcision of Christians in the Middle Ages:**  
*Bernard Gui and Eliezer of Metz*  
Shaye J. D. Cohen (Brown University)  

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4.7 (cont.)

**JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE**

**Conflict, Competition, and Cooperation:**
Relations between Jews and Christians in Medieval Barcelona
Elka B. Klein (New York University)

**A Christian Means for a Jewish End: The Visionary Experiences of Inés of Herrera and María Gomez of Chillon**
Sharon Koren (University of Pennsylvania)

**Some Thoughts about Sefer Hasidim**
Haym Soloveitchik (Yeshiva University)

4.8

**THE HEBREW-ARAMAIC COMPONENT OF JEWISH LANGUAGES (2)**

*Chair:* Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

**Hebrew-Aramaic Prevalence in Judeo-Spanish**
Ora R. Schwarzwald (Bar-Ilan University)

**The Hebrew-Aramaic Component in Soviet Yiddish**
Holger Nath (Heinrich-Heine-Universität)

**A Functional Analysis of the Hebrew-Aramaic Component in Yiddish-Language Hasidic Children’s Books**
Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

*Respondent:* Sarah Bunin Benor (Stanford University)

4.9

**JEWISH POLITICS AND CULTURE IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY EASTERN EUROPE**

*Chair:* ChaeRan Y. Freeze (Brandeis University)

**Baalei Shem, Zaddikim and their Demons:**
The Source of the First Anti-Hasidic Investigations in Poland
Glenn Dynner (Brandeis University)

**Censorship of Jewish Religious Books in the Russian Empire**
Victoria Khiterer (Stanford University)

**From Haskala to Prosveshchenie: Jewish Enlightenment in Russia Reassessed**
Verena Dohrn (Universität zu Göttingen)

**Rabbis and Politics in Late 19th Century Galicia**
Rachel Manekin (Hebrew University)

4.10

**PRAYER AND LITURGY IN JEWISH THOUGHT AND CULTURE**

*Co-sponsored by:* The Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Chair:* Daniel J. Lasker (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**On the Early Version of the ‘Amida—The Case of Birkat ha-Gevurot**
Uri Ehrlich (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**From Dialogue to Contemplation: The Transformation of the Meaning of Prayer in Medieval Jewish Philosophy**
Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
4.10 (cont.)

**Prayer and Liturgy in Jewish Thought and Culture**

*Sefer Ha-Zohar as a Liturgical Text*
Boaz Huss (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

*Hasidic Prayer Stories as a Source for Intellectual History*
Zeev Gries (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

4.11

**Modern Yiddish and Hebrew Writers Encounter Literary Predecessors**

*Chair:* Ruth R. Wisse (Harvard University)

*Israeli Literary Representation of the Orthodox*
Barbara Landress (New York University)

*Under the Influence: Avrom Sutzkever between Yiddish Literary Generations*
Justin Cammy (Harvard University)

*Everyday I Write the Book: The Poetics of Zisho Lande*
Marc Miller (Columbia University)

*Talkin’ ‘bout My Generation: An Intergenerational Reading of Ariel’s “Be-lel Kol Nidrei” and Feierberg’s “Le-an?”*
Philip A. Hollander (Columbia University)

4.12

**Judaism and the Theological Politics of Inter-War Europe**

*Chair:* David N. Myers (UCLA)

*A Comparison of Strauss and Levinas*
Samuel Moyn (University of California at Berkeley)

*Overcoming Gnosticism: Hans Jonas, Gershom Scholem, and the Hidden God of Modernity*
Benjamin Lazier (University of California at Berkeley)

*Revelation and Tradition in the Thought of Gershom Scholem*
Abe P. Socher (Stanford University)

*Gershom Scholem and Leo Strauss: History, Politics, and the Return to Pre-modern Jewish Thought*
Eugene R. Sheppard (Brandeis University)

4.13

**Sources Within Sources: Studies of the Use of One Genre of Literature in Another**

*Chair:* Eliezer B. Diamond (Jewish Theological Seminary)

*Text Critical Observations in Literary Readings of the Bavli*
Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

*Mishnaic Citations in Midrashic Contexts: Written and Oral Interpolation of Mishnaic Tradition in the Mekhilta of Rabbi Shimon b. Yohai*
W. David Nelson (Washington University)

*The Tannaitic Stratum in Pesiqta Rabbati*
Rivka B. Kern-Ulmer (University of Pennsylvania)
Session 5

5.1 A RELIGION IN PRACTICE: SHIFTING FOCUS IN THE STUDY OF JUDAISM
Sponsored by: The American Academy for Jewish Research
Chair: Arnold M. Eisen (Stanford University)
Panelists: Daniel Boyarin (University of California at Berkeley)
          Lawrence B. Fine (Mount Holyoke College)
          Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)

5.2 NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE JEWISH STUDIES FIELD (Meeting to follow; see p. 29)
Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)
For the Nontraditional, Socially Engaged Student: Rethinking Jewish Studies
Dennis B. Klein (Kean University)
Using Jewish Studies for New Ways of “Practice” Learning
Debra R. Kaufman (Northeastern University)
Making Room at the Center: The Future of Jewish Studies
Jack Kugelmass (Arizona State University)

5.3 FROM UNTERMENSCH TO SUPERMAN: REASSESSING DISCOURSES OF THE JEWISH BODY IN FIN-DE-SIÈCLE CENTRAL EUROPE
Chair: Paul Lerner (University of Southern California)
Inner Vitality and Bodily Infirmity:
  Medical and Popular Depictions of the Jews at the Fin de Siècle
John M. Efron (Indiana University)
Views of the Jewish Body in the German Physical Culture Movement
Christopher Kenway (San Diego State University)
Hercules Meets Samson:
  The Making of a Jewish Strongman in Post-World War I Vienna
Sharon I. Gillerman (Hebrew Union College)

5.4 CATSKILLS REVISITED
Chair: Nancy K. Miller (CUNY)
The Catskills Reinvented (and Redeemed): Woody Allen’s Broadway Danny Rose
Jeffrey Rubin-Dorsky (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)
Mourning and Melancholia in the Catskills
Co-authors: Rachel Trubowitz (University of New Hampshire)
            Elizabeth Jane Bellamy (University of New Hampshire)

5.5 AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS: RIV-ELLEN PRELL’S FIGHTING TO BECOME AMERICANS
Chair: Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)
Excessive Desires: Fighting to Become Americans
Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)
Discussant: Judith L. Goldstein (Vassar College)
Respondent: Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)
5.6  
**Medieval Manuscript Illuminations and Artistry**  
*Chair:* Diane B. Wolfthal (Arizona State University)  
**The Unknown Jewish Artists of the Middle Ages**  
Vivian B. Mann (Jewish Museum)  
**The Illuminated Manuscripts of Elia da Vigevano**  
Evelyn M. Cohen (Stern College)  
**Hebrew Manuscript Painting and Cultural Struggle in Late Medieval Spain**  
Katrin Kogman-Appel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  

5.7  
**Abba Hillel Silver: America, Reform Judaism, and Zionism**  
*Co-sponsored by the Jacob and Libby Goodman Institute for the Study of Zionism, Brandeis University*  
*Chair:* Marc Lée Raphael (College of William and Mary)  
**The United States in Abba Hillel Silver’s World View**  
Allon Gal (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
**Abba Hillel Silver and American Politics in the 1940s**  
Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)  
**Abba Hillel Silver: Reform Rabbi as Zionist**  
Ofer Shiff (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
*Respondent:* Mark A. Raider (University at Albany, SUNY)  

5.8  
**The Jewish Polity, Religion in the American Public Square and Public Policy:**  
*SOME ASPECTS OF THE SCHOLARLY WORK OF DANIEL J. ELAZAR*  
*Chair:* Sherry Israel (Brandeis University)  
**Religion and the Public Square:**  
Surveys of American Jews, Leaders, and Other Americans  
Steven M. Cohen (Hebrew University)  
**Post Modernism and the Breakdown of the Jewish Polity**  
Harvey Shulman (Concordia University)  
**Political Science Community Studies and Public Policy:**  
Intersecting Spheres in the Work of Daniel J. Elazar  
Rela Mintz Geffen (Gratz College)  

5.9  
**Gruen’s Heritage and Hellenism: The Reinvention of Jewish Tradition**  
*Chair:* Sara R. Johnson (University of Connecticut at Storrs)  
**The Hellenistic Images of Joseph**  
Louis H. Feldman (Yeshiva University)  
**Diaspora Judaism and Jewish Identity in the Wake of the Maccabean Uprising**  
Isaiah M. Gafni (Hebrew University)  
*Respondent:* Erich S. Gruen (University of California at Berkeley)
5.10  

**Yiddish in Performance**  
*Chair:* Joel Berkowitz (Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies)  
“Hottentots” in the Auditorium:  
Yiddish Theater Audiences and the Civilizational Process  
Nina Warnke (University of Pennsylvania)  
Performing Justice: Yiddish Mock Trials  
Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)  
The Festival Culture of Yiddish  
Jeffrey Shandler (New York University)  
*Discussant:* Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)  

5.11  

**Moses Mendelssohn on Jews and Judaism in a Modern Western Secular State**  
*Chair:* Allan M. Arkush (Binghamton University)  
Radical Proto-Reform, Mendelssohn, and the Search for National Identity  
Michah Gottlieb (Indiana University)  
Was Mendelsohn a Deist or a Theist? And Does It Matter?  
Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)  
Judenbilder in German Popular Fiction, 1900–1932: Between Philosemitism and Antisemitism  
Alan T. Levenson (Cleveland College of Jewish Studies)  

5.12  

**Race and Jewish Identity in Three Modern Contexts**  
*Chair:* Hasia R. Diner (New York University)  
Jews, Capitalism, and Racial Imagery in the German-Jewish Context  
Mitchell B. Hart (Florida International University)  
Negotiating a Semitic Discourse: Jewish Literature in France in the 1920s  
Nadia Malinovich (University of Michigan)  
American Jewish Identity and the Politics of Racial Classification  
Eric L. Goldstein (Emory University)  

5.13  

**Studies in the Rules for Establishing Normative Halakha (Kelaleinu-Pesak)**  
*Chair:* Jay Rovner (Jewish Theological Seminary)  
Alfasi’s Application of Principles of Adjudication in Halakhot Rabbati  
Leonard R. Levy (Jewish Theological Seminary)  
The Relevance of Manuscript Research for the Study of Rabbinical Jurisprudential Principles: Preliminary Observations regarding  
‘Hilkheta ke-Rav be-Isurei u-khe-Shemuel be-Dinei’  
Jonathan S. Milgram (University of London)  
Tannaitic Sources and the Halakhic Decisions of the Stam: The Cases of Women’s Obligations to Pesah and Sukkah Observances  
Marjorie S. Lehman (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Monday, December 18, 2000

**Lunchtime Meetings and Colloquia**

12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

**SephARDI/MizraHi Studies Caucus**

*Constitution A*

Chair: Aviva Ben-Ur (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

Keynote Address: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

**Lunchtime Forum**

*Liberty B & C*

Why We Study What We Study:

Policy Research in the Jewish Community

Presented by: Mervin F. Verbit (Brooklyn College–CUNY)

**Meeting of Directors of Jewish Studies Programs**

(continues 5.2) *Republic B*

Moderator: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

**Retirement Planning Workshop**

*Independence East*

Leader: Tamara Sielecki (TIAA-CREF, Boston Office)

This workshop is designed for audience participation.

Additional description at the end of this book.

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**General Lunch** (including Judaica librarians)

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**AAJR Lunch**

*Exeter A & B*

*for the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research*

David B. Ruderman (University of Pennsylvania), President

12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

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**Session 6, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.**

6.1

**SabbateANISM (Session 1 of 2; Second Session is 7.3)**

Chair: Jane S. Gerber (CUNY Graduate Center)

From Ottoman Sabbateans to European Impostors:

The Adventures of Shabbatai Raphael and Solomon Aailion

Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

The Sabbatai Sevi Movement and the Expulsion of Yemen’s Jews in 1679

Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University)

Languaging and Frank

Harris Lenowitz (University of Utah)

6.2

**Forty Years of Jewish Studies in America: Retrospect and Prospect**

Part 1 of a Symposium sponsored by The National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Moderator: Jerome A. Chanes (National Foundation for Jewish Culture)

An Overview

Leon A. Jick (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Robert Chazan (New York University)

Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)
6.3  
**JEWISH EDUCATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN JEWISH IDENTITY IN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES**
Chair: Daniel J. Margolis (Bureau of Jewish Education)
*From Auschwitz to Jerusalem: Reenacting Jewish History on the March of the Living*
Rona Sheramy (Bard College)
*Unity in Diversity: Samson Benderly and the Rise of Transdenominational Jewish Education in the United States*
Jonathan J. Golden (Brandeis University)
*The Impact of Organized Camping on the Development of Religious Judaism in North America*
Burton I. Cohen (Jewish Theological Seminary)
*On Display: Understanding Ethnic and National Identities through Israeli Museums*
Debbie Fenichel (Indiana University)

6.4  
**THREE CENTURIES OF AMERICAN JEWISH MOTHERS**
Co-sponsored by the AJS Women’s Caucus
Chair and Commentator: Janet Burstein (Drew University)
*Maternal Thinking in Colonial New York: The Case of Abigaill Franks*
Edith B. Gelles (Stanford University)
*Heroine Addicts: The American Jewish Press and Jewish Mothers in the Nineteenth Century*
Dianne C. Ashton (Rowan University)
*From Molly Goldberg to Sophie Portnoy: Changing Images of Twentieth-Century Jewish Mothers*
Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)
Respondent: Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

6.5  
**ZIONISM IN THE WESTERN DIASPORA IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**
Co-sponsored by the Jacob and Libby Goodman Institute for the Study of Zionism, Brandeis University
Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)
*The Britishness of British Zionism*
Stephan Wendehorst (Simon-Dubnow-Institut, Universität Leipzig)
*The New Promised Land: Zionism in the U.S.A.*
Mark A. Raider (University at Albany, SUNY)
*Zionism in South Africa*
Gideon Shimoni (Hebrew University)
Respondent: Michael G. Brown (York University)

6.6  
**THE BIBLE IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH CULTURE**
Chair: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)
*Eating Torah: The Ritualization of Scriptural Verses in Medieval Jewish Sifrut ha-Hanhagot and Islamic Adab Al Akl*
Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus (Wheaton College)

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6.6 (cont.)

**The Bible in Medieval Jewish Culture**

The Significance of Order of Interpretations in the Twofold Commentaries of Rabbi David Kimhi
Naomi Grunhaus (Stern College)

The Fantasies of a Parched Lily:
The Jerusalem Karaite Yefet ibn 'Ali on the End of Days
David Hollenberg (University of Pennsylvania)

The Theological Exegesis of Saadia Gaon’s *Tafsir* in Relation to *Targum Onkelos*: A Comparative Study
Naftali Kreisler (San Jose, CA)

6.7

**Gersonides: Philosophical Topics in Wars of the Lord**

*Chair:* Idit Dobbs-Weinstein (Vanderbilt University)

Gersonides on the Human Intellect and its Immortality
Arthur Hyman (Yeshiva University)

Gersonides on God’s Providential Knowledge
Charles H. Manekin (University of Maryland)

Gersonides on Natural Science, Philosophy and Theology
Tamar Rudavsky (Ohio State University)

6.8

**Milhamtah Shel Torah:**

*Rabbinic and Contemporary Perspectives on Discord and Discourse*

*Co-sponsored by:* The Society for Textual Reasoning

*Chair:* Nancy Levene (Williams College)

Study of Torah as a Discourse of Violence:

*Milhamtah shel Torah, Variations on a Theme*
Aryeh Cohen (University of Judaism)

Can We Disagree and Be Friends Too? A Jewish Feminist Culture of Argumentation
Miriam Beth Peskowitz (Emory University)

Elu va-Elu: Textual Difference and Sublime Judgment in ‘Eruvin and Lyotard
Zachary J. Braiterman (University of Pennsylvania)

6.9

**Twentieth Century Jewish Thinkers**

*Chair:* Berel Lang (Trinity College)

Yehezkel Kaufman’s Idealist Philosophy
Pamela Barmash (Washington University)

Idolatry, Messiah, and the Critique of the Rabbis:

*Cohen and Rav Kook on the Efficacy of Art*
Shaul Magid (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Re-Interpreting Jewish Social Practices:

*Mordecai Kaplan’s Justification of Human Rights*
Sarit Bensimhon (Oxford University)

Eulogy as Philosophy:

*The Pluralistic Phenomenology of R. Soloveitchik’s Halakhic Mind*
Aryeh Klapper (Somerville, MA)
6.10

OLDER YIDDISH TEXTS AND MODERN REAPPRAISALS
Chair: Jerold C. Frakes (University of Southern California)
Nathan Birnbaum’s Reaction to Buber’s Retelling of Nachman of Bratslav’s Stories
Barbara E. Galli (McGill University)
Rabbinic Texts and Aggadic Contexts: The Structure of the Mayse-Bukh
Jeremy Dauber (Columbia University)
Inscribing the Yiddish Past: Interwar Explorations of Old Yiddish Texts
Barry Trachtenberg (UCLA)
Women in the Mayse-Bukh
Astrid Starck-Adler (Université de Haute-Alsace)

6.11

JEWISH VALUES AND AMERICAN NORMS: HEALTH AND AMERICAN JEWRY
Chair: Carmel U. Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago)
Are Jews More Depressed than Members of Other Ethnic Groups?
Allen Glicksman (Northwestern University)
A Delicate but Passionate Dance with the Petri Dish: The Portrayal of Assisted Reproductive Technology in the American Jewish Press as a Reflection of American Jewish Attitudes towards Medicine
Gail Glicksman (Park Ridge Center, Chicago)
Health Care Decision Making among Contemporary Jews: A Comparative Analysis of End-of-Life Decision Making Philosophies among the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Movements
William Kavesh (Philadelphia, PA)
Discussant: Samuel Z. Klausner (University of Pennsylvania)

6.12

LOVING GOD AND LOVING THE GER:
THE INTERSECTION OF MAIMONIDEAN PHILOSOPHY AND HALAKHA
Chair: Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)
Presentation by: Arie Strikovsky (Pardes Institute)

Session 7, 3:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

7.1

THE YIVO AND MODERN JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP
Chair: Samuel D. Kassow (Trinity College)
SPONSORED BY THE YIVO INSTITUTE IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY
The Dilemmas of Engaged Scholarship: The Work of the YIVO Institute in Interwar Poland
Cecile E. Kuznitz (Georgetown University)
Know Thyself: YIVO and Jewish Social Science
Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)
Post-war Efforts to Retrieve the Remnants of the YIVO’s Vilna Collections
David E. Fishman (Jewish Theological Seminary)
7.2

**FORTY YEARS OF JEWISH STUDIES IN AMERICA: RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT**

*Part 2 of a Symposium sponsored by The National Foundation for Jewish Culture*

**Moderator:** Stephen Whitfield (Brandeis University)

**Presenter:** Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)

**Discussants:**
- Steven Bayme (American Jewish Committee)
- John S. Ruskay (New York, NY)

7.3

**SABBATEANISM** *(Session 2 of 2; First Session is 6.1)*

**Chair:** Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

**A White Turban for the Jewish Messiah:**
- Converting to Islam at the Court of Sultan Mehmed IV 1648–87
  Marc Baer (University of Chicago)

**Transmission of the Converso Legacy to the Sabbatean Movement:**
- Hayatizade Mustafa Efendi, the Chief Physician of the Palace
  Cengiz Sisman (Harvard University)

**The Woman on the Moon, and Other Enigmas of Abraham Cardozo**
- David J. Halperin (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**Commentator:**
- Cemal Kafadar (Harvard University)

7.4

**CULTURAL HISTORIES OF 20TH CENTURY JEWISH ARTISTS, DEALERS, AND ARCHIVES**

**Chair:** Vivian B. Mann (Jewish Museum)

**They Did Not Stand Idly By: Social Justice in the Work and Lives of New York’s Jewish Artists in the 1920s and 30s**
- Lauren B. Strauss (Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Modernist Icons: Portraits of the Art Dealer as a Jew**
- Charles Dellheim (Arizona State University)

**The Archive as Art(ist)**
- Oren Baruch Stier (Florida International University)

7.5

**JEWISH WRITERS IN GERMANY TODAY:**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES, PROJECTS**

**Chair:** Sabine von Mering (Brandeis University)

**No Sense of Place, No Sense of Words:**
- Attempting Jewish Identity in Contemporary Germany
  Sylvia Rieger (University of Washington)

**Nadja Seelich’s ‘Kieselsteine’: Memory, Guilt, and Redemption in Austrian Film**
- Elizabeth Ann Loentz (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Living in the Present with the Past:**
- Negotiating Identity in Works by Jeannette Lander
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HASKALAH AND RELIGION

Chair: Lois Dubin (Smith College)

Unless a Man Knows of the Darkness, He Would Not Know the Delight of the Light: The Haskalah-Hasidism Dialogue
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Seductive Knowledge and the Origins of the Haskalah
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Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

The Early Haskalah, 1720–70
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7.12

WHO IS AFRAID OF ISRAELI POSTMODERNISM?

(followed by a Workshop on Israeli Postmodernism led by graduate students, which will constitute part of the Hebrew Literature Section Meeting)

Texts to be discussed in this session can be obtained by writing to mintz@brandeis.edu with your mailing address before December 1; copies will also be available at the conference.

Chair: Alan L. Mintz (Brandeis University)

The Status of the Quotation: Inter-Linguality and Inter-Culturalism in Yoel Hoffman’s Postmodernist Poetic
Nili R. Scharf Gold (University of Pennsylvania)

Is There a Postmodern Literature?
Yigal Schwartz (Hebrew University)

Postmodernism and Theology after the Holocaust: The Case of The Name by Michal Govrin
Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

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CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

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The Bar/Bat Mitzvah ‘Speeches’ as Cultural Performance in American Conservative Judaism
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Jewish Studies in the Former Soviet Union: A Report from the Field
Chair: Ralph I. Goldman (Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization)
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Speaker: Arkadi Kovelman (Moscow State University)

Light refreshments will be served.

7:00 P.M. DINNER
Greetings: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon), Vice-President for Program

8:15 P.M. Feature Presentation
Excerpts from Great Small Work’s
The Memoirs of Glückel of Hameln

Performed by Adrienne Cooper, Frank London, David Overcamp, and Jenny Romaine
Directed by Jenny Romaine and Conceived by Jenny Romaine, Adrienne Cooper, and Frank London
Written by Jenny Romaine, Adrienne Cooper and Deborah Artman
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Music/Lyrics by Frank London and Adrienne Cooper
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Costumes by Alessandra Nichols
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Following the performance, Paula E. Hyman (Yale University) will lead a panel discussion on the conception and performance of this work with Adrienne Cooper, Frank London, and Jenny Romaine.

10:00 P.M.
Humor and the Holocaust: Six Short Film Clips
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Chair: Carole S. Kessner (SUNY-Stony Brook)
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8.1 CONVERSION AND REVERSION TO JUDAISM IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE
Chair: Todd Endelman (University of Michigan)
A Jewish Movement to Convert Gentiles in the Early Modern Period?
Leone Modena and the Prophetic Vision of a World United in Worship
Talya Fishman (Stanford University)
From Germany to Amsterdam: Reverting to Judaism
Elisheva Carlebach (Queens College–CUNY)
Conversionist Prison Debates between Inquisitors and ‘Judaizers’:
Old Arguments and New
Miriam Bodian (Pennsylvania State University)
Respondent: Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

8.2 FOOD AND JEWISH WOMEN’S LIVES
Chair: Gail T. Reimer (The Jewish Women’s Archive)
Does it Have to Be Kosher to be Jewish? Women and the Formation of
Identity and Community in Germany and the United States, 1850–1905
Ruth Abusch-Magder (Yale University)
Food Fights in Immigrant Communities:
A Response to the Critiques of Jewish Women’s Cooking
Hasia R. Diner (New York University)
The Window Shop: A Resource for Jewish Refugees
Barbara Haber (Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute)

8.3 MEMORY AND REPRESENTATION IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY
Chair and Respondent: Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)
In the Choice of Our Sepulchres Bury Thy Dead:
Jewish Cemeteries of Nineteenth-Century New York
Idana Goldberg (University of Pennsylvania)
Autobiography as History: Historian-Memoirists and the Holocaust
Jeremy Popkin (University of Kentucky)
8.4
THE VANISHING AMERICAN JEW: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE
Chair: Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)
The Demographic Perspective
Vivian Klaff (University of Delaware)
The Social-Psychological Perspective
Bethamie Horowitz (Brandeis University)
The Institutional Perspective
Sherry Israel (Brandeis University)
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Bruce Phillips (Hebrew Union College)

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TWENTIETH-CENTURY RECONFIGURATIONS OF YIDDISH
Chair: Seth L. Wolitz (University of Texas)
“Who’s the Fool?”: Translating Singer’s Jews
Naomi Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)
Orientalizing “Mame-Loshn”: The Desert Stories of Zalmen Brokhes
Yael Chaver (University of California at Berkeley)
Remaking Form: Yiddish Language Reform in the Soviet Union, 1918–34
David Shneer (University of California at Berkeley)
The Rise and Fall of the Yiddish Missionary Literature in America
Yaakov S. Ariel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

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VIEWING “OTHER” JEWS
Chair: Joëlle Bahloul (Indiana University)
“Shas Polaks” and “Romantic Bachers”: The Use of Anti-Polish Imagery
by German Jewish Reformers in the 1840s
Jeffrey C. Blutinger (UCLA)
Salonika in the Eyes of a Jewish Visitor from Germany
at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century
Judith Dishon (Bar-Ilan University)
Contemporary Female Artists Reconsider the Shtetl
Amelia S. Holberg (University of California at Berkeley)

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AN EVALUATION OF THE WORK AND ITS APPROACH TO HALAKHIC MIDRASH
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Michael L. Chernick (Hebrew Union College)
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Two Unknown Spanish Authors Named Samuel:  
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Gidon Rothstein (Harvard University)  
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Chair and Respondent: Sara R. Horowitz (York University)  
The Comic Spirit and the Holocaust Stage  
Ellen F. Schiff (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)  
“Thoughts Too Deep” for Laughter?: Humor and Representation of the Holocaust  
Carole S. Kessner (SUNY-Stony Brook)  
Holocaust Acrobatics: Nathan Englander’s ‘The Tumblers’  
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8.10 SIGNIFYING WOMEN IN CLASSICAL TEXTS  
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Esther Fuchs (University of Arizona)  
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Drora Oren (University of Utah)  
Biblical Men and Women in Bavli Berakhot  
Dvora E. Weisberg (University of Pittsburgh)  
Force, Consent, and the Semantics of Sexuality in the Babylonian Talmud  
Gail Labovitz (Jewish Theological Seminary)  

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Chair: Ora R. Schwarzwald (Bar-Ilan University)  
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**Two Thousand Unpublished Letters of Franz Rosenzweig**

*Chair and Respondent:* Ephraim Meir (Bar-Ilan University)

*New Insights on Rosenzweig as Revealed in the Collection of Unpublished Letters*

Rivka Horwitz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

8.13

**Plotinus in Medieval Jewish Philosophy**

*Chair:* Diana N. Lobel (Boston University)

*Plotinus and the Eternality of Matter*

Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)

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Sarah Pessin (University of Chicago)

*Plotinus and Theories of the Imagination in Medieval Jewish Neoplatonism*

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**Food for Thought: The Mind of the Mystic**

*Chair:* Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

*Wine Spirits and the Kabbalistic Scientific Imagination*

Barry R. Mark (University of California at Berkeley)

*Kiddush, Kugel, and Kedusha:*

The Sanctification of Ethnic Ashkenazic Foods at the Hasidic Tish

Allan L. Nadler (Drew University)

*The Interiorization of the ‘Akedah*

Aryeh J. Wineman (Troy, NY)

*The Term ‘Thought’ in the Teachings of the Baal Shem Tov and his ‘Thought-Transformation’ Practices*

Menachem E. Kallus (Hebrew University)

9.2

**Jewish Religious and Civil Identity in Nineteenth-Century America**

*Chair:* Dianne C. Ashton (Rowan University)

*Ethnicization as Assimilation: Jewish Identity-Civic Identity*

Tobias Brinkmann (Universität Leipzig)

*The Civic Identity of Cincinnati’s Jews*

Karla A. Goldman (Jewish Women’s Archive)

*Catalyst for an American Civil Identity: Mission and Self-Consciousness of the Independent Order of B’nai B’rith*

Cornelia Wilhelm (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
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Jerold C. Frakes (University of Southern California)  
*Purim Representations in Yiddish Books of Customs (XVI–XVIIIth Centuries)*  
Jean Baumgarten (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-Paris)  
*Picturing Purim: Images of the Festival of Lots in an Italian Renaissance Book of Customs*  
Diane B. Wolfthal (Arizona State University)  

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Beatrice Lang Caplan (Columbia University)  
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Yael Levi (Columbia University)  
*On the Way, I Told a Story: The Impact of Oral Performance on the Structure and Language of Reb Nakhman’s Seyfer sipurey mayses*  
Marc Caplan (New York University)  
*Petrushka’s Mishnayes: Traditional Content in Modern Garb*  
Rebecca E. Margolis (Columbia University)  

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**CREATING JEWISH IDENTITIES**  
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Roberta Sands (University of Pennsylvania)  

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**GENDER, JEWISHNESS, NATIONAL DISCOURSES**  
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*Blurring the Boundaries between ‘Secular’ and ‘Religious’ Identification in Israel: Narratives of Non-Orthodox Jewish Women*  
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*Taking American Jewish Detective Stories Seriously*
Laurence D. Roth (Susquehanna University)

*Canonizing Absence: Contemporary Jewish Writing in Germany*
Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

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