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ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES
A Message from the Conference Chair
Fall 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

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SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8:30–9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION 9:30 A.M.–6:00 P.M. *Registration Desk (Second Floor)*

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

EXHIBITS Sunday hours: 1:00–6:00 P.M. *Grand Ballroom
(Enter through Liberty A)*

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 Goldfein (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)

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 *Yvrit*: Hebraisms and Aramaisms Used to Camouflage the Massive European Influence on 'Revived Hebrew'

Ghil'Ad Zuckermann (Cambridge University)

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

A ROUNDTABLE ON DANIEL BOYARIN'S *UNHEROIC 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. Yev 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

JEWES, 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, Masorettes, 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) Matalón (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

TWENTIETH-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)

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 1 "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 Aleksium (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 ...”

The Jerusalem Temple Implements between 70 C.E. and the Fall of Rome

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 Sered (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

Zafira 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
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**AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AMERICAN SEPHARDI FEDERATION,
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*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

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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.

*Send payment to: Prof. Riv-Ellen Prell, American Studies, University of Minnesota,
104 Scott Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0270*

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

JEWES 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

JEWES 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

JEWES 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)

(cont.)

4.7 (cont.)

JEWES 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 Infirmary:

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 Civilizatory 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 HALAKHAH (KELALEIHA-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.

GENERAL LUNCH (*including Judaica librarians*)

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.

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 Abigail 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-Hanagot* and Islamic *Adab Al Akl***

Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus (Wheaton College)

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)

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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

Marjanne E. Goozé (University of Georgia)

7.6

JEWISH HISTORIOGRAPHY FROM BIBLICAL TO GEONIC TIMES

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

The Copenhagen School-Twenty Five Years Later

Marc Zvi Brettler (Brandeis University)

The Talmudic View of the Past, Present, and Future

Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

7.7

**GERSONIDES' WARS OF THE LORD: ON THE PUBLICATION
OF VOLUME 3 OF SEYMOUR FELDMAN'S TRANSLATION**

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The Tradition of the Alexandrian Prologue-Paradigm in Gersonides' Writings

Sara Klein-Braslavy (Tel-Aviv University)

Gersonides and Leo Strauss

Alfred L. Ivry (New York University)

Comments and Discussion: Seymour N. Feldman (Rutgers University)

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THE IMPACT OF WAR AND MIGRATION

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Between Boer and Briton: Jews and the South African War, 1899–1902

Richard Mendelsohn (University of Cape Town)

Between Homeland and Promised Land: World War One and the Growing

Interdependence of Bialystok Jewish Émigrés and Bialystok Jewry, 1918–29

Rebecca Kobrin (University of Pennsylvania)

East-European Jewish Migration 1850–1914: Sweden as an Alternative to USA?

Carl H. Carlsson (Uppsala universitet)

Jews in the Italian Resistance During World War II

Viviana Ravaioli (University College, London)

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CONSTRUCTING THE JEWISH BODY

Chair: Shulamit Reinharz (Brandeis University)

*Co-sponsored by the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women
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**“A New Interest in Jewish Eugenics”: Promoting the “Purity of the Family”
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Jane H. Rothstein (New York University)

Garment Work, the Body, and the Evidence of Race and Gender Difference

Daniel Bender (New York University)

Remembering Reproduction and Genetics

Susan Kahn (Brandeis University)

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CONSTRUCTING THE CANON:

THE NEW NORTON ANTHOLOGY OF JEWISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE

Chair: Alvin Rosenfeld (Indiana University)

Panelists: Jules Chametzky (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)
Hilene Sue Flanzbaum (Butler University)
Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)

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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:

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Israel Bartal (Hebrew University)

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Orthodox Historiography in the Academy?

Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

The Early Haskalah, 1720–70

David Sorkin (University of Wisconsin)

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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
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Nili R. Scharf Gold (University of Pennsylvania)

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Yigal Schwartz (Hebrew University)

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The Case of *The Name* by Michal Govrin

Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

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Martin Laskin (Southern Connecticut State University)

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Jonathon Ament (Brandeis University)

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Linda Thal (Union Theological Seminary)

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Sheryl Adelman (University of Kansas)

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**AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JDC) and the
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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)

Greetings: Jonathan Porath (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee)

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

Music Direction by Frank London

Music/Lyrics by Frank London and Adrienne Cooper

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Puppets by Clare Dolan Stage Management

Technical Direction by David Overcamp

Contact **Great Small Works** at: **RomaineJ@aol.com**

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

Session 8.9, Tuesday at 8:30 A.M., is also on this topic

Chair: Carole S. Kessner (SUNY-Stony Brook)

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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)

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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)

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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)

The Cultural Dynamics Perspective

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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Jeffrey C. Blutinger (UCLA)

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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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Chair: Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

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Response and Critique**

Michael L. Chernick (Hebrew Union College)

Commentators: Steven D. Fraade (Yale University)

Richard S. Sarason (Hebrew Union College)

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NEW PERSPECTIVES ON MEDIEVAL RABBINIC LITERATURE

Chair: Bernard M. Septimus (Harvard University)

Mysticism and Asceticism in Italian Rabbinic Literature of the Thirteenth Century

Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)

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Revelations from the Manuscript Room

Judah D. Galinsky (Bar-Ilan University)

Italy on the Cusp: The Evidence of Bertinoro's and Abravanel's *Avot* Commentaries

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Adam B. Shear (University of Pennsylvania)

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IN IMAGINATIVE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Chair and Respondent: Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

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Ellen F. Schiff (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)

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Carole S. Kessner (SUNY-Stony Brook)

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Sandor Goodhart (Purdue University)

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Chair: Susan Ellen Shapiro (Columbia University)

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Suppression as Representational Method in the Hebrew Bible

Esther Fuchs (University of Arizona)

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Drora Oren (University of Utah)

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Dvora E. Weisberg (University of Pittsburgh)

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Gail Labovitz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

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The Archeological Evidence

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Rivka Horwitz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

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Chair: Diana N. Lobel (Boston University)

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Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)

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Sarah Pessin (University of Chicago)

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Barry R. Mark (University of California at Berkeley)

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Allan L. Nadler (Drew University)

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Menachem E. Kallus (Hebrew University)

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Tobias Brinkmann (Universität Leipzig)

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Karla A. Goldman (Jewish Women's Archive)

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Jerold C. Frakes (University of Southern California)

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Jean Baumgarten (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-Paris)

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Yael Levi (Columbia University)

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Marc Caplan (New York University)

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Engel, David, 9.9 (Chair)
Falk, Marcia L., 2.7
Feiner, Shmuel, 7.11
Feldman, Jeffrey, 2.4
Feldman, Louis H., 5.9
Feldman, Seymour N., 7.7
Fenichel, Debbie, 6.3
Fine, Ellen S., 9.7
Fine, Lawrence B., 5.1
Fine, Steven, 3.5
Fishman, David E., 7.1, 9.4 (Chair)
Fishman, Talya, 8.1
Flanzbaum, Hilene Sue, 7.10
Fraade, Steven D., 8.7
Fraisie, Otfried, 1.8
Frakes, Jerold C., 6.10 (Chair), 9.3
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Freeze, ChaeRan Y., 3.6, 4.9 (Chair)
Friedman, Joan, 2.10
Fuchs, Esther, 8.10
Gafni, Isaiah M., 5.9
Gal, Allon, 5.7
Galinsky, Judah D., 8.8
Galli, Barbara E., 6.10
Geffen, Rela Mintz, 5.8
Gelles, Edith B., 6.4
Gerber, Jane S., 6.1 (Chair)
Giller, Pinchas, 1.7, 9.1 (Chair)
Gillerman, Sharon I., 5.3
Ginsburg, Shai, 1.10
Glicksman, Allen, 2.1 (Chair), 6.11
Glicksman, Gail, 6.11
Glinert, Lewis H., 1.11 (Chair), 8.11
Goldberg, Idana, 8.3
Golden, Jonathan J., 6.3
Goldenberg, Jennie, 1.2
Goldfein, Bea Hollander, 1.2
Goldish, Matt, 6.1, 7.3 (Chair), 8.1
Goldman, Karla A., 9.2
Goldman, Ralph I., *JDC Caucus* (Chair)
Goldscheider, Calvin, 8.4 (Chair)
Goldstein, Eric L., 5.12
Goldstein, Judith L., 5.5
Goodhart, Sandor, 8.9
Goodman-Thau, Eveline, 9.11
Goozé, Marjanne E., 7.5
Gordon, Peter Eli, 1.1
Gottlieb, Michah, 5.11
Gozani, Tal, 3.4
Grabherr, Eva, 2.4
Green, Arthur, 4.1
Greenspahn, Frederick E., 2.7
Greenspoon, Leonard J., 2.7
Gries, Shimon Zeev, 4.10
Gruen, Erich S., 5.9
Grunhaus, Naomi, 6.6
Haahr, Holly, 3.4
Haber, Barbara, 8.2
Hadda, Janet, 2.3 (Chair)
Halperin, David Joel, 7.3
Harris, Jay M., 7.11
Hart, Mitchell B., 5.12
Harvey, Steven, 2.13
Harvey, Warren Zev, 3.9
Hary, Benjamin H., 1.11
Hasak-Lowy, Todd S., 3.13
Hathaway, Jane, 6.1
Hauptman, Judith, 2.5, 6.2, 8.7 (Chair)
Hayes, Christine E., 2.5, 3.12 (Chair)
Hecht, Louise, 1.5
Hellerstein, Kathryn A., 7.10
Heppell, Jason, 2.6
Herman, Felicia D., 1.4
Hertz, Deborah, 2.2 (Chair)
Heschel, H. Susannah, 3.10 (Chair)
Hess, Jonathan, 3.10
Hochberg, Gil, 1.10
Hochman, Leah, 2.7 (Chair)
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Hyman, Paula E., 7.2, 8.3 (Chair)
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Israel, Sherry, 5.8 (Chair), 8.4
Isserman, Nancy, 1.2
Itzkovitz, Daniel, 9.8 (Chair)
Ivry, Alfred Lyon, 7.7
Jick, Leon A., 6.2
Jochowitz, George, 1.11
Johnson, Sara R., 5.9 (Chair)
Joseph, Norma Baumel, 4.4
Kadish, Ruti, 9.6
Kafadar, Cemal, 7.3
Kahn, Susan, 7.9
Kallus, Menachem E., 9.1
Kalmin, Richard L., 2.5
Kanarfogel, Ephraim, 6.6 (Chair), 8.8
Kaplan, Dana Evan, 3.2
Kaplan, Eran, 9.6
Kaplan, Lawrence J., 2.10 (Chair), 5.11
Kaplan, Zvi Jonathan, 3.4
Karlip, Joshua M., 9.10
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Kasher, Rimon, 2.7
Kassow, Samuel D., 7.1 (Chair)
Katriel, Tamar, 4.6
Kaufman, Debra R., 5.2
Kavesh, William, 6.11
Kenway, Christopher, 5.3
Kepnes, Steven D., 9.11
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Kimelman, Reuven R., 1.9, 6.12 (Chair)
Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Barbara, 5.10, 7.1
Klaff, Vivian, 8.4
Klapper, Aryeh, 6.9
Klausner, Samuel Z., 4.4, 6.11
Kleeblatt, Norman L., 4.3 (Chair)
Klein, Dennis B., 5.2
Klein, Elka B., 4.7
Klein-Braslavy, Sara, 7.7
Kliger, Hannah, 1.2
Kobrin, Rebecca, 7.8
Kogman-Appel, Katrin, 5.6
Koren, Sharon, 4.7
Kotler, Igor A., 2.6
Kovelman, Arkadi, 9.12, *JDC Caucus*
Kraus, Matthew A., 9.12
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Kreisler, Naftali, 6.6
Krell, Marc A., 2.12
Krieger, Rosalin, 1.4
Krome, Frederic J., 2.11
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Kuznitz, Cecile E., 7.1
Labovitz, Gail, 8.10
Landress, Barbara, 4.11
Lang, Berel, 6.9 (Chair)
Langerman, Y. Tzvi, 1.8, 3.9 (Chair)
Langston, Scott, 4.2
Lasker, Daniel J., 4.10 (Chair)
Laskin, Martin, 7.13
Lazier, Benjamin, 4.12
Leff, Lisa Moses, 3.4
Lefkovitz, Lori H., 9.6 (Chair)
Lehman, Marjorie S., 5.13
Lenowitz, Harris, 6.1
Lerner, Paul, 5.3 (Chair)
Levene, Nancy, 1.1, 6.8 (Chair)
Levenson, Alan T., 5.11
Levi, Yael M., 9.4
Levin, Leonard S., 3.9
Levitt, Laura S., 5.5
Levy, Leonard R., 5.13
Lidovsky-Cohen, Zafriira, 3.13
Liebman, Charles S., 1.3 (Chair), 2.1
Litvak, Olga, 2.11 (Chair)
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Malinovich, Nadia, 5.12
Manekin, Charles H., 6.7
Manekin, Rachel, 4.9
Mann, Vivian B., 5.6, 7.4 (Chair)
Margolis, Daniel J., 6.3 (Chair)
Margolis, Rebecca E., 9.4
Mark, Barry R., 9.1
Matalón, Abraham (Avi), 2.11
Mayer, Egon, 7.13 (Chair)
Meir, Ephraim, 8.12 (Chair)
Mendelsohn, Richard, 7.8
Merwin, Edward P., 4.4
Miles, William F. S., 1.3
Milgram, Jonathan S., 5.13
Millen, Rochelle L., 9.11 (Chair)
Miller, Marc, 4.11
Miller, Michael L., 1.5
Miller, Nancy K., 5.4 (Chair)
Miller, Stuart S., 7.6 (Chair)
Mintz, Alan L., 7.12 (Chair)
Morris, Leslie, 9.7
Moyn, Samuel, 4.12
Myers, David N., 4.12 (Chair), 6.5 (Chair)
Nadler, Allan L., 9.1
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Nath, Holger, 4.8
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Nelson, W. David, 4.13
Novak, David, 1.1 (Chair), 3.1
Offe, Sabine, 2.4
Orbach, Alexander, 2.6 (Chair)
Oren, Drora, 8.10
Peckerar, Robert, 2.8
Penkower, Monty, 3.3 (Chair)
Peskowitz, Miriam Beth, 6.8
Pessin, Sarah, 8.13
Phillips, Bruce A., 8.4
Pinsker, Shachar M., 3.13
Pinsky, Dina, 9.6
Popkin, Jeremy, 8.3
Porath, Jonathan, *JDC Caucus*
Prell, Riv-Ellen, 2.1, 5.5
Quint, Alyssa P., 2.3
Raider, Mark A., 5.7, 6.5
Raphael, Marc Lee, 5.7 (Chair)
Ravaioli, Viviana, 7.8
Re'em, Moshe, 9.6
Reimer, Gail T., 8.2 (Chair)
Reinharz, Shulamit, 7.9 (Chair)
Reiss, Didier, 2.10
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Rieger, Sylvia, 7.5
Rivo, Sharon Pucker, *Sunday Evening Film*
Rose, Alison L., 3.6
Rose, Paul Lawrence, 7.8 (Chair)
Rosenfeld, Alvin, 7.10 (Chair)
Roskies, David G., 3.7 (Chair)
Roth, Laurence D., 9.7
Rothstein, Gidon, 8.8
Rothstein, Jane H., 7.9
Rovner, Adam, 2.8
Rovner, Jay, 1.9, 5.13 (Chair)
Rozenblit, Marsha L., 1.5 (Chair), 2.11
Ruben, Bruce, 3.2
Rubenstein, Jeffrey L., 2.5
Rubin-Dorsky, Jeffrey, 5.4
Rudavsky, Tamar, 6.7
Ruderman, David B., *AAJR Monday Lunch*
Ruskay, John S., 7.2
Sacks, Maurie, 3.11, 4.4 (Chair)
Safer, Elaine B., 9.7 (Chair)
Samuelson, Norbert M., 3.1
Sands, Roberta G., 9.5
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Sarason, Richard S., 8.7
Sarna, Jonathan D., 3.2 (Chair)
Schachter, Allison, 2.8
Scharf Gold, Nili R., 7.12
Schiff, Ellen F., 8.9
Schiffman, Lawrence H., 7.6
Schmidt, Gilya Gerda, 3.3
Schor, Judith Laura, 9.5
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Schwarzwald, Ora R., 4.8, 8.11 (Chair)
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Shapiro, Susan Ellen, 8.10 (Chair)
Shavit, Yaacov, 4.6
Shear, Adam B., 8.8
Shepkaru, Shmuel, 2.9
Sheppard, Eugene, 4.12
Sheramy, Rona, 6.3
Shere, Jeremy, 2.8
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Shimoni, Gideon, 6.5
Shneer, David, 8.5
Shulman, Harvey, 5.8
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Simmons, Erica, 3.8
Sisman, Cengiz, 7.3
Sivertsev, Alexei M., 3.5
Skolnik, Jonathan S., 3.10
Smidt Van Gelder-Fontaine, Resianne, 1.8
Socher, Abe P., 4.12
Sokol, Moshe Z., 3.1 (Chair)
Sokoloff, Naomi B., 3.13 (Chair)
Soloveitchik, Haym, 4.7
Soltés, Ori Zarah, 4.3
Sorkin, David J., 7.11
Southard, Robert F., 3.2
Soyer, Daniel, 4.5 (Chair)
Spiegel, Nina, 4.6
Spitzer, Juliet, 1.2 (Chair)
Starck-Adler, Astrid, 6.10
Starr, Deborah A., 1.6
Stern, Fritz, *AJS Distinguished Lecturer,
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Stier, Oren Baruch, 7.4
Stillman, Norman A., 4.8 (Chair),
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Strauss, Lauren B., 7.4
Strikovsky, Arie, 6.12
Sussman, Lance J., 4.2
Swartz, Michael D., 3.5
Tabory, Ephraim, 1.3
Tanenzapf, Sol, 2.13
Taub, Michael, 3.7
Tenenbaum, Shelly, 3.11 (Chair)
Thal, Linda R., 7.13
Trachtenberg, Barry, 6.10
Trubowitz, Rachel, 5.4
Verbit, Mervin F.,
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von Mering, Sabine, 7.5 (Chair)
Warnke, Nina, 5.10
Weiland, Steven, 9.7
Weisberg, Dvora E., 8.10
Weismann, Gretchen D., 1.3
Weissler, Chava, 5.1
Wendehorst, Stephan, 6.5
Whitfield, Stephen, 1.4 (Chair), 7.2 (Chair)
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Wiese, Christian, 3.10
Wilhelm, Cornelia, 9.2
Wineman, Aryeh J., 9.1
Wisse, Ruth R., 4.11 (Chair)
Wolf, Minna F., 1.3
Wolfson, Elliot R., 1.7 (Chair)
Wolfthal, Diane B., 5.6 (Chair), 9.3
Wolitz, Seth L., 2.3, 8.5 (Chair)
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Yanover, Lisa, 9.5
Young, James E., 2.4 (Chair)
Yungman, Mira, 3.8
Zerubavel, Yael H., 4.6 (Chair)
Zierler, Wendy Ilene, 2.8
Zipperstein, Steven J., 9.10 (Chair)
Zola, Gary P., 4.2
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