ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, DC, DECEMBER 16–18, 2001

Saturday, Dec. 15, 8:15 P.M.

Works in Progress Group in Modern Jewish Studies

Co-Chairs: Leah Hochman (University of Florida)

Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8:30-9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION 9:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Registration Desk Terrace Level

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

EXHIBITS Sunday hours: 1:00–6:00 P.M. Exhibit Hall

Session 1, Sunday, December 16, 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

(except for 1.1, 1.2, and 1.5, which begin at <u>10:30</u>)

1.1

ACADEMY OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHY (BEGINS AT 10:30 AM)
Why Ethics? Signs of Responsibilities by Robert Gibbs:
New Approaches to the Study of Jewish Ethics

Chair: Moshe Z. Sokol (Touro College)
Discussants: Eugene B. Borowitz (HUC-JIR)

Louis E. Newman (Carleton College)

Susan E. Shapiro (University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

Respondent: Robert B. Gibbs (University of Toronto)

1.2

BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL: A "MEGA-EXPERIMENT" IN JEWISH EDUCATION

(BEGINS AT 10:30 AM)

Chair & Discussant: Steven Martin Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

birthright israel: Identity Construction through Travel and Photographs for American Jewish Youth

Rebekah A. Sobel (Temple University)

Presenters: Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)

Barry Chazan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Shaul Kelner (Brandeis University) Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)

SECULARISM AND AMERICAN JEWS

Chair: Arnold M. Eisen (Stanford University)

Varieties of Secularism and Religion among American Jews

Egon Mayer (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

Are Jews Just Like Everyone Else?

Jewish Secularism in an American Context

Barry A. Kosmin (Institute for Jewish Policy Research, London)

Family Patterns of "Religious" and "Secular" Jews in America

Ariela Keysar (CUNY Graduate Center)

1.4

WHEN DID MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE BEGIN? [IN HEBREW]

Chair: Dan Laor (Tel-Aviv University)

Haskalah Marks the Beginning of Modern Hebrew Letters

Moshe Pelli (University of Central Florida)

Hebrew Literature: When Did it all Begin?

Igal Swartz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Parody and the Beginning of Modern Hebrew Literature:

The Case of Yosef Perl

David Fishelov (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

1.5

BIBLICAL ROOTS OF RABBINIC CONCEPTS (BEGINS AT 10:30 AM)

Chair and Respondent: Richard L. Kalmin (Jewish Theological Seminary)

What is Noachide Law? The View(s) of the Bavli

Devora Steinmetz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Biblical Prophecy as a Model for Rabbinic Interpretive Authority:

The Case of R. 'Agiva

Azzan Yadin (University of Minnesota)

Banim Siman le-'Avot: Biblical Figures as Rabbinic Jews

Dvora E. Weisberg (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

1.6

VIGNETTES OF EUROPEAN JEWRY IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES

Chair: Paul Lawrence Rose (Pennsylvania State University)

Hungarian Jewry and the Last Crusade: Buda, 1541-1686

Howard N. Lupovitch (Colby College)

Colliding Narratives: The Death of Prague "Martyr" Simon Abeles

Elisheva Carlebach (Queens College—CUNY)

Narrative Strategies of Entertainment and Power

in Sippur David ha-Reuveni

Alexandra Cuffel (Virginia Tech)

"INTELLECTUAL" JEWISH WOMEN WRITERS

Chair: Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

When Hannah Arendt Didn't Meet Marie Syrkin

Carole S. Kessner (SUNY-Stony Brook)

Norma Rosen and the 'Dearth of Female Intellectuals' Then and Now

Ann R. Shapiro (SUNY Farmingdale)

Rebecca Goldstein: Gender, Ethnicity, and Difference

Janet Burstein (Drew University)

1.8

POST-MAIMONIDEAN SCIENCE IN PROVENCE AND SPAIN

Chair: Seth Ward (Denver, CO)

Moses Ibn Tibbon's Reinterpretation of Maimonides'

Psychology and Epistemology in Terms of Natural Science

Otfried Fraisse (Freie Universität, Berlin)

Rashba's Critique of Maimonidean Science and

the Vicissitudes of Maimonidean Allegiance in Southern France

Gregg Stern (University of London)

The Popular Dissemination of Islamic Science among Medieval Jews:

Ibn al-Nahmias' Nûr al-'âlam

Robert Morrison (Whitman College)

1.9

NEW APPROACHES TO THE HISTORY AND MEMORY

OF NAZISM AND THE HOLOCAUST

Chair: Eugene Sheppard (Brandeis University)

"An Art of the Weak": Newsreading among Jewish Diarists

under Nazi Occupation, 1939-45

Alexandra Garbarini (UCLA)

The Invisible Jew: Aesthetics and "Jewish Forms" in Early Nazi Rhetoric

Nitzan Lebovic (UCLA)

The World the Nazis Never Made: Alternate History

and the Memory of Nazism in Postwar Western Popular Culture

Gavriel Rosenfeld (Fairfield University)

1.10

ISRAEL STUDIES: JUDAISM, JEWISHNESS, AND ETHNIC IDENTITY

Chair: Mervin F. Verbit (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

Searching for Pluralism Through the Study of Traditional Texts in Israel:

Breaking Down the Boundaries

Adina B. Newberg (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

In Search of a Voice: The Struggle for Representation

by Oriental Intellectuals and Leaders during Israel's First Decade

Yonit Efron (Tel-Aviv University)

From the East With Love: Sephardi Ethnic Israeli Fiction

Dvir Abramovich (University of Melbourne)

Sunday, December 16, 2001 (cont.)

1.11

SMALL TOWN JEWS: TWO SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC

Chair: Harriet Pass Freidenreich (Temple University)

 $\ \, \textbf{Jews and Booze in the New South: Immigration, Prohibition, and Racialization} \\$

Marni Davis (Emory University)

Rural Jewish Life in Swabia in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century:

Minhag Schwaben

Gilya Gerda Schmidt (University of Tennessee at Knoxville)

Jews on the Border: Illegal Jewish Immigration from Mexico to Texas, 1921–33

Libby Garland (University of Michigan)

1.12

YIDDISH LITERATURE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Justin Cammy (Smith College)

Writing as Rice: The Translation of 'Chinese into Yiddish'

via the Interpretations of Ernest Fenollosa and Ezra Pound

Dror Abend-David (Bilkent University)

Representations of Yiddish in the Holocaust Poetry of Sutzkever and Glatstein

Brett A. Kaplan (University of California at Berkeley)

Closing the Canon in America:

Yiddish Literature in the Original and in Translation, 1953-54

Jan Schwarz (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Lunch 12:30 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

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: Sherry Israel (Brandeis University)

Social Science and the Jews: A Research Agenda for the Next Generation

Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)

Respondents: Samuel Heilman (Queens College—CUNY)

Bethamie Horowitz (Mandel Foundation)

THE POETRY OF YEHUDA AMICHAI: THE QUESTION OF INTERTEXTUALITY

[IN **Hebrew**] (First of two consecutive panels)

Chair: Alan L. Mintz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Intertexuality and the Secular Turn

Arnold J. Band (UCLA)

Inter- and Intra-Textuality in Amichai's Poetry

Nili S. Gold (University of Pennsylvania)

Yehuda Amichai's Intertextual Collage:

From Allusion, Parody, and Translation to Exegesis and Midrash

Chana Kronfeld (University of California at Berkeley)

Intertextuality in Not of This Time Not of This Place: A Skull on the Water

Nitza Ben-Dov (University of Haifa)

2.3

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS: METHODOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS

Co-sponsored by the American Section of the

International Association of Societies for the Study of Jewish History

Miriam Bodian (Pennsylvania State University) Co-Chairs:

Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University)

David Berger (Brooklyn College—CUNY) Discussants:

Robert Chazan (New York University)

Steven M. Wasserstrom (Reed College)

Michael A. Signer (University of Notre Dame)

David Nirenberg (Johns Hopkins University) Commentator:

2.4

SEFER YESIRAH: MYSTICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INTERTEXTS

Chair: Sarah Pessin (University of Chicago) Discussants:

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

2.5

ASPECTS OF THE HOLOCAUST IN EASTERN EUROPE

Chair: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

Voices From Behind the Wall:

Oral History and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Lisa Plante (Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation)

Testimony Disregarded: Holocaust Victims and Historians

Helene Sinnreich (University of Lodz)

The Black Book of Lithuanian Jewry

David Alan Patterson (University of Memphis)

Holocaust Sites in Ukraine: The Politics of Memorialization

Rebecca L. Golbert (National Council for Eurasian and East European Research)

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Envisioning Jews: Internal and External Perspectives

IN EIGHTEENTH- AND NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

Chair: Howard N. Lupovitch (Colby College)

Polish Anti-Jewish Attitudes and the Formation of Polish Catholic Identity

Magdalena O. Teter (Wesleyan University)

"Freethinkers": New Material on Polish Maskilim

Glenn Dynner (Franklin and Marshall College)

Beyond the Pogrom Paradigm:

Fences and Neighbors on the Russian-Jewish Frontier

Olga Litvak (Princeton University)

French Jewry and the Problem of Church and State, 1848–1905

Zvi Jonathan Kaplan (Columbia University)

2.7

YIDDISH SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE

Chair: Steven J. Zipperstein (Stanford University)

Beyond the Newspaper Page: the Making of a Yiddish-Socialist Public in Late Nineteenth-Century New York

Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin)

"Sociability and Bright Talk":

East Side Cafés and the Jewish Immigrant Public Sphere

Eric L. Goldstein (Emory University)

The Professionalization of a Yiddish Poet:

Morris Rosenfeld's Authorial Aspirations

Alisa Braun (University of Michigan)

Respondent: Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

2.8

HISTORIOGRAPHY AND HISTORIANS

Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)

Sefer Yosef omes: Between Historical Memory and Communal Identity

Dean Phillip Bell (Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies)

A Hebrew History for Hebrews: The Zionist Reception of Heinrich Graetz

Jeffrey C. Blutinger (UCLA)

The Passion of Jewish History

Matthew B. Hoffman (University of California at Davis)

The Creation of an Israeli National Consciousness:

The Educational Career of Jacob Katz

Dan Porat (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

MORALITY, IMMORALITY, AND SKEPTICISM IN MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair and Respondent: Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)

Soloveitchik's Religious and Philosophical Post-Modernism

Mark I. Dunaevsky (Evanston, IL)

Recovering Jewish Virtue Ethics: Sin and Repentance in the Talmud

Dov A. Nelkin (University of Virginia)

2.10

TRANSLATION IN MODERN JEWISH LIFE:

THE CASE OF YIDDISH IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Barbara Mann (Princeton University)

The Holocaust in Every Tongue:

Jewish-Christian Difference and the Translation of Catastrophe

Naomi Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)

Between Languages: Brenner's Hebrew 'Beno le-veno' and Yiddish 'Dervayle'

Yael Chaver (University of California at Berkeley)

Can Food Sound Jewish? Yiddish Language Radio

and the Audibility of Kashres

Eve Jochnowitz (New York University)

Found in Translation: Post-Vernacular Literary Translation into Yiddish

Jeffrey A. Shandler (Rutgers University)

2.11

JEWS AND THEORIES OF SELF AND SOCIETY

Chair: Marc Lee Raphael (College of William and Mary)

Franz Boas, German Science, and American Jewish Identity

Mitchell B. Hart (Florida International University)

Horace Kallen: Race, Culture, and the Will

Samuel Haber (University of California at Berkeley)

Jews and American Psychological Thought, 1886–2000:

Towards a Historiography

Andrew R. Heinze (University of San Francisco)

Commentator: Deborah Dash Moore (Vassar College)

2.12

SEPHARDI AND MIZRAHI IDENTITIES IN TRANSITION

Chair: Daniel J. Schroeter (University of California at Irvine)

Nostalgia in the Hebrew Literature of Spain

Jonathan Decter (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Sephardic Memory and History Intertwined: The Case of Southwestern France

David L. Graizbord (University of Arizona)

Three Images of "Galut" and the Metamorphoses of

a Sephardic Ethical Treatise

Matthias B. Lehmann (Freie Universität, Berlin)

Sunday, December 16, 2001 (cont.)

2.13

QUMRAN AND DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Chair: Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Perception of the Jewish Sects and Their Social Structure in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Alexei M. Sivertsev (De Paul University)

"Ephraim" in Pesher Nahum

Shani L. Berrin (Yeshiva University)

Rewriting Rewritten: The Temple Scroll (11QT) and Deuteronomy

Hindy Najman (University of Notre Dame)

Session 3, 3:45 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

3.1

WOMEN, MARRIAGE, AND BIBLICAL EXEGESIS IN LATE ANTIQUITY

Chair: David Berger (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

The Role of Women in the House of Prayer and the House of Study in Talmudic Times

Moshe David Herr (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Prohibited Marriages in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Rabbinic Literature

Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Extraneous Scriptures? Ezekiel 44-46 in Rabbinic Thought

Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

3.2

THE POETRY OF YEHUDA AMICHAI [IN HEBREW] (Second of two panels)

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP: CLOSE READINGS OF INDIVIDUAL POEMS

Chair: Nili S. Gold (University of Pennsylvania)

The Rest Is Not Silence: "Elegy on an Abandoned Village"

Andrea Siegel (Columbia University)

On Amichai's "Many Faces of Others"

Maayan Harel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

On "Yom Huledet" (1971) and "Gadol" (1948-62)

Roni Tilkin (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

3.3

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF AMERICAN JEWRY

Chair: Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

Exodus and "Death":

Metaphors and Models for Jewish Suburbanization in New Haven

Henry Rubin (Hamilton College)

The Partisanship of American Jews: Effects from Social Context

Laurence A. Kotler-Berkowitz (United Jewish Communities)

Prejudice and Its Control in a University Community:

A Comparison of White Christians, Jews, Blacks, and Asians

Samuel Z. Klausner (University of Pennsylvania)

JEWISH GIRLS AND WOMEN IN EASTERN EUROPE: IMAGE AND REALITY

Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)

"The Question of Daughters" in Galicia

at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century

Rachel Manekin (Hebrew University)

Private Schools for Jewish Girls in Tsarist Russia

Eliyana R. Adler (Brandeis University)

Constructing a Memory of Nostalgia:

Images of Women in Early Yizkor Bikher

Natalia Aleksiun (New York University)

3.5

ASHKENAZ AND SEFARAD: INTERSECTIONS AND INDIVIDUALISM

Chair: Marc Eli Saperstein (George Washington University)

On the Margins of the Margins:

Medieval Ashkenazic Social Attitudes Toward Disabilities

Ephraim Shoham-Steiner (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

A Meeting of Germany and Spain: The Legal Legacy of R. Jacob b. Asher

Judah D. Galinsky (Princeton University)

The Medieval Sephardic Frontier: What the Reconquista Meant to Iberian Jewry

Jonathan Ray (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Jewish Martyrdom in Aragon and Castile in 1391:

Between Spain and Ashkenaz

Ram Ben-Shalom (The Open University of Israel)

3.6

CREATING AMERICAN-JEWISH CULTURE:

PHILADELPHIA'S HENRY S. FRANK SYNAGOGUE AT 100

Chair: David E. Kaufman (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Building an "Ancient" Synagogue on the Delaware

Steven Fine (University of Cincinnati)

The Frank Memorial Synagogue: Structure and Symbol

Robert P. Tabak (Melrose Park, PA)

Arnold W. Brunner and His Jewish Milieu

Joy Kestenbaum (Pratt Institute)

3.7

BRITISH JEWRY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Pamela Shatzkes (London School of Economics and Political Science)

An American Chief Rabbi? The Election of the Chief Rabbi, 1946-48

Michael Newman (London School of Jewish Studies)

Why Did Jews Join the Communist Party of Great Britain 1920-56?

Jason Heppell (University of Warwick)

Between the Hammer and the Anvil: Anglo-Jewry 1945-48

Shira D. Schnitzer (Oxford University)

REREADING ANNE FRANK

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

The Attic and After: Sexuality, Memory, and Loss

in Second Generation Holocaust Fiction

Miriyam Glazer (University of Judaism)

Hope without Redemption? Redemption without Hope?

Anne Frank and the Haggadah

J. Liora Gubkin (University of Southern California)

Reimagining Anne Frank: Reading Philip Roth's The Ghost Writer

Michelle A. Friedman (Haverford College)

Commentator

Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

3.9

THE FUTURE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Co-sponsored by The Society for Textual Reasoning

Chair: Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

Post-Liberal Reassessment of Mendelssohn's Revealed Legislation

Steven D. Kepnes (Colgate University)

Pluralism within the Enlightenment: Voices from Eastern Europe

Nancy B. Sinkoff (Rutgers University)

What Traditions Do: Abraham Geiger, George Lindbeck

and the Meaning of Liberalism

Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Respondent: Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

3.10

ROSENZWEIG IN DIALOGUE

Chair: Peter Eli Gordon (Harvard University)

Time for Franz Rosenzweig in the Dialogical Hands of Elliot R. Wolfson

Barbara E. Galli (McGill University)

Rosenzweig and the Bible and His Relation to Orthodoxy

Rivka Horwitz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Rosenzweig and the Ethics of Neighbor-Love

Kenneth M. Reinhard (UCLA)

THE EXPERIENCE OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION

Chair: Alexander Orbach (University of Pittsburgh)

Going Underground? The Melamed and the Kheder in Soviet Belorussia

Igor A. Kotler (Museum of Jewish Heritage)

Shopkeepers into Soviet Farmers: New Perspectives on

Soviet-Jewish Agricultural Colonization, 1924–41

Jonathan Dekel-Chen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Yiddish and Ottepel': The Reinstatement of Soviet Jewish Literature in the Period of Thaw, 1956–61

Matvey Chlenov (University College, London)

3.12

MEDIEVAL JEWISH INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE

Chair: Ross Brann (Cornell University)

Subjective Dimensions of Biblical Interpretation:

From Ibn Ezra's Derash to Radak's Peshat

Mordechai Z. Cohen (Yeshiva University)

The Zohar on Job: A Reworking of Maimonides and Nahmanides

Jason Kalman (McGill University)

The Inner World of Biblical Character

Explored in Nahmanides' Commentary on Genesis

Michelle J. Levine (Yeshiva University)

3.13

SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF EARLY HASIDISM

Chair: Shaul Magid (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Hasidim and Mitnaggedim: Not 'A World Apart'

Sharon H. Flatto (Brown University)

The *Kavvanot* of Prayer in Early Hasidism: A Reappraisal

Menachem Emanuel Kallus (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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On Ma'amad Har Sinai in the Hasidic Homily

Aryeh J. Wineman (Troy, NY)

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Sunday Evening December 16, 2001

PROGRAM

5:15 P.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

All Members Invited

5:45 P.M. RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE AJS AND Major Sponsors

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Remarks: Lawrence H. Schiffman, AJS President Representatives of the Host Institutions

6:30 P.M. BANQUET

7:45 P.M. PLENARY SESSION

THE FIFTH ANNUAL AJS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chair: Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Introduction: Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

Rediscovering America:

Humanities and the Jewish Experience

William R. Ferris, *Immediate Past Chairman*,
National Endowment for the Humanities

9:30–11:00 P.M. FILM Monroe

The Vow (Poland, 1937) Tkies Kaf

Directed by Henryk Szaro (in Yiddish, newly restored)
Courtesy of Sharon Rivo and the National Center for Jewish Film,
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Breakfast 7:30 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

Women's Caucus Breakfast Monday, Dec. 17, 7:00 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

For Reservations please send \$16.00 for the breakfast plus \$20.00 for Caucus membership (\$5.00 for students) by Nov. 20 to: Prof. Laura S. Levitt, Jewish Studies Program, Anderson Hall, Temple University, 1114 W. Berks St., Philadelphia PA 19122-6090

EXHIBITS

8:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

Exhibit Hall

Session 4

8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

4.1

Goldscheider's $\it Jewish Continuity \ and \ Change \ (1986)$ in $\it Retrospect \ and \ Prospect$

Chair: Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)

Jewish Cohesion and Jewish Continuity: A Look at Recent Evidence

Steven Martin Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Importance of Residence:

Goldscheider's Contribution to Explaining Orthodoxy's Vitality

Samuel Heilman (Queens College—CUNY)

Respondent: Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)

4.2

Performing Jewishness on the Mainstream Stage (Part 1)

Chair: Jeffrey A. Shandler (Rutgers University)

Performing Citizenship: Jewish Celebrations of the Nation

Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

Israel Zangwill: Constructing Jewishness on the Mainstream Stage

Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Performing the State: The Jewish Palestine Pavilion

at the New York World's Fair, 1939-40

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

Discussant: Arthur Aryeh Goren (Columbia University)

4.3

ZOHARIC LITERATURE: HERMENEUTICAL AND LITERARY APPROACHES

Chair: Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

The Zohar as a Presciption for Happiness

Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University)

Interpretation and Power: The Emergence of Zohar Hermeneutics

Boaz H. Huss (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

The Literary Approach to the Zohar

Ronit Meroz (Tel-Aviv University)

The Shekhinah as Post-Coital Trickster:

Reading the Nesirah from Creation Myth to Ritual

Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

HASIDISM AND OTHER ORTHODOXIES IN EASTERN EUROPE

Chair: Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

The Interpretation of Space: The Polish Background of the Spread of the Ḥasidic Movement

Adam Teller (University of Haifa)

The Fight of the Russian Authorities against Tsaddikism in the Late Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

Victoria Khiterer (Stanford University)

The Beginning of Orthodoxy in Eastern Europe

Yosef Salmon (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

No Offense: Narratives of Tension in Hasidism

Nehemia Polen (Hebrew College)

4.5

THE PHILOSOPHICAL ROSENZWEIG: BETWEEN CERTAINTY AND UNCERTAINTY

Chair: Robert B. Gibbs (University of Toronto)

Rosenzweig contra Postmodernism

Peter Eli Gordon (Harvard University)

On Knowing and Believing—Franz Rosenzweig and William Alston

Norbert M. Samuelson (Arizona State University)

Knowledge of the All: Franz Rosenzweig's Concept of a System of Philosophy

Benjamin Pollock (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Rosenzweig's Readings of Hermann Cohen's Logic of Pure Cognition

Hartwig Wiedebach (Universität Potsdam)

4.6

CREATING AMERICAN JEWISH POPULAR CULTURE

Chair: Andrew R. Heinze (University of San Francisco)

"It's a govishe station": New York's Yiddish Radio, 1923-55

Ari Y. Kelman (New York University)

Minstrels of the Catering Hall: The Transformation of the Klezmer Profession in the Immigrant Neighborhoods of New York City, 1910–30

Joel E. Rubin (City University, London)

More than Just Matzah Balls: Jewish Restaurateurs and New York City

Jay M. Eidelman (Museum of Jewish Heritage)

Jewish Roots of Science Fiction

Batya Susan Weinbaum (Cleveland State University)

4.7

LAUGHTER AND AMBIGUITY: CONTESTED MEANINGS IN BIBLICAL LITERATURE

Chair: Jeffrey H. Tigay (University of Pennsylvania)

Isaiah and Micah: Two Modes of Prophetic Argumentation

Yehoshua Gitay (University of Cape Town)

"What's in a Word?" The Use and Function of the Quotations in the Prophetic Speeches of Isaiah

Hanna Liss (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien)

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4.7 (cont.)

LAUGHTER AND AMBIGUITY: CONTESTED MEANINGS IN BIBLICAL LITERATURE

Is It Good for the Jews? Ambiguous Prophecies in Isaiah 1-33

Benjamin D. Sommer (Northwestern University)

4.8

Ambivalent Past: Contemporary Jewish Literature

Chair: Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

Life, Death, and Other Laughing Matters in Contemporary European Jewish Drama

Ellen F. Schiff (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)

Barbara Honigmann: Rahel of the Prenzlauer Berg

Karin Grundler-Whitacre (Brandeis University)

From Zangwill to Rodinsky: Ghetto Nostalgia in British-Jewish Literature

Nadia Valman (University of Southampton)

Instituting the Survivor: The Holocaust Survivor as

"Lunatic, Lover, and Poet" in American and Israeli Fiction

Adam Rovner (Indiana University)

4.9

SLICES OF JEWISH LIFE IN EASTERN POLAND UNDER SOVIET AND GERMAN OCCUPATION Co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Chair: Wendy Lower (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The Soviet Imprint on Jewish Life under Nazi Occupation:

The Case of L'viv-Lwów-L'vov-Lemberg

Christine Anne Kulke (University of California at Berkeley)

Jewish Resistance to Nazi Occupation in Volhynia, 1941–44

Alexander Prusin (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology)

Retributive Justice in a Jewish Key:

Postwar Trials of Putative Collaborators in Eastern Poland

Gabriel N. Finder (University of Virginia)

Respondent: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

4.10

SPINOZA AND SCRIPTURE

Chair: Heidi M. Ravven (Hamilton College)

From Berlin to Chicago: Leo Strauss on Spinoza's Theologico-Political Treatise

Eugene Sheppard (Brandeis University)

Making Absence Visible: Spinoza on the Interpretation of Scripture

Warren Montag (Occidental College)

From Prophet to Poet: The Figure of the Prophet in Spinoza

as a Prefiguration of the Poet in Post-Enlightenment Thought

Michal M. Lemberger (UCLA)

Scripture, Prophecy, and Interpretation in Spinoza's Tractatus

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Nancy Levene (Williams College)

THE IMPACT OF EDITORIAL STRATEGIES ON EVOLVING LEGAL COLLECTIONS (Part 1)

Chair and Respondent: Christine E. Hayes (Yale University)

Development in Halakhic Rulings and Terminology: The Case of Tractate Sukkah

Ethan Tucker (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Casuistic Elements of Mishnaic Law

Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

Differing Historical Recollections of Harvesting the 'Omer:

A Comparison of Mishnah and Tosefta Menahot 10

Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

4.12 Hebrew Women Poets [IN English]

Chair: Yael Feldman (New York University)

Rachel Bluvstein's Laborless Labor Poetry

Miryam Segal (University of California at Berkeley)

Slam It against the Wall: Expressionism and Poetic Sequence in Raab's Kimshonim

Philip A. Hollander (Columbia University)

Feminine Links: "Homage Poems" by Women Poets

Hadar Makov (New York University)

The Pioneer's Sacrifice and the Emergence of Women's Poetry in the 1920s

Hamutal Tsamir (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

4.13 CHANGING IDENTITIES: FOLK-CULTURE IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL

Co-sponsored by the Program in Folklore, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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

Yeridah Sorekh 'Aliyyah: Landscape and Worldview

in Immigrant Narratives from the South of Israel

Ilana Rosen (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Oral-History Narratives: Constructing Israeli Citizenship—

the Discourse on Locality and Nationality

Hagar Gefen (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Jewish Demonological Praxis Past and Present

Yuval Harari (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Kibbutz Memories: Stories of Collective Childcare and Schooling

Hagit Rappel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Session 5

10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

5.1 AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

Presentation of the Salo W. Baron Prizes for a First Book in Jewish Studies

Chair: Adele Berlin (University of Maryland)
Comments by: Arnold M. Eisen (Stanford University)

Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

Prize Winners: Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford University)

Mitchell B. Hart (Florida International University)

Jonathan Klawans (Boston University)

THE HOLOCAUST IN JEWISH HISTORY: A ROUNDTABLE

Co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Chair: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

Discussants: David Engel (New York University)

Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)

Steven J. Zipperstein (Stanford University)

5.3

MODERNITY AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Chair: Asher D. Biemann (Harvard University)

Anti-Humanism in *Haredi* Halakhah

Marc B. Shapiro (University of Scranton)

Towards a Non-Sabbatean Messianic Politics: On Secularity in Leibowitz

Martin Kavka (Florida State University)

Jacob Taubes: The Hermeneutic Conflict over the Torah

Massimo Giuliani (George Mason University)

5.5

DIVIDED SELVES: JEWISH WOMEN WRITERS IN AMERICA

Chair: Evelyn M. Avery (Towson University)

To Be or Not to Be: Myla Goldberg's Bee Season

Daniel Walden (Pennsylvania State University)

Tensions and Ambivalence in Rebecca Goldstein's Mazel

Anna Petrov Bumble (Brandeis University)

Judaism, Feminism, and Divided Selves in Goodman's Kaaterskill Falls

Eileen Watts Siegel (Havertown, PA)

Discussant: Gila Safran Naveh (University of Cincinnati)

5.5

POETRY AS PRAYER: A Roundtable

Discussants: Marcia L. Falk (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)

David C. Jacobson (Brown University)

5.6

STUDYING JEWISH IDENTITIES

Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

Can Questionnaires Really Measure Jewish Identity?

An Integration of Jewish Identity Research and the Social Psychology of Ethnic Identity

Barry L. Stern (NYPH-Cornell Medical Center)

Elderly Jews and Jewish Identity: Ethnographic Dialogues

Steven Weiland (Michigan State University)

Juggling Identities and the Creation of the Crypto-Jewish Self

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Seth D. Kunin (University of Aberdeen)

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HALAKHAH AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Chair: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)

Halakhah, Taboo, and the Origins of Jewish Moneylending

Haym Soloveitchik (Yeshiva University)

5.8

AVROM GOLDFADN AND THE YIDDISH THEATER

Chair: Jeremy Asher Dauber (Columbia University)

The Clothes Unmake the Man: Avrom Goldfadn and

the Origins of the Yiddish Theater

Alyssa P. Quint (Harvard University)

The Death of Goldfadn and the Politics of Popular Theater

Joel Berkowitz (University at Albany, SUNY)

Shvueh: The Role of the Oath as Plot Matter in Goldfadn and An-Ski's Dramaturgy

Seth L. Wolitz (University of Texas)

5.9

PHILOSOPHICAL EXEGESIS OF SCRIPTURE IN PROVENCE AND SPAIN

Chair: Arthur Hyman (Yeshiva University)

Samuel Ibn Tibbon on the Garden of Eden

James T. Robinson (New York University)

From Eden to Proverbs: The Account of Creation

in R. Levi ben Abraham's Livyat Hen

Howard (Haim) Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Shimon ben Zemah Duran on the Book of Job

Robert J. Eisen (George Washington University)

5.10

ISRAEL STUDIES: ZIONISM, FOREIGN POLICY, AND WAR

Chair: Alan S. Zuckerman (Brown University)

The Scents of Zionism: Technological Innovations and Ideology

in Tel Aviv, 1909-39

Nahum Karlinsky (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

The Memory of the Holocaust and Its Impact on Israel's Foreign Policy in the 1950s

Roni Stauber (Tel-Aviv University)

5.11

THE IMPACT OF EDITORIAL STRATEGIES ON EVOLVING LEGAL COLLECTIONS (Part 2)

Chair: Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Premarital Cohabitation in Judea: Historical Fact or Polemics?

Joshua Kulp (Bar-Ilan University)

Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur Ritual Law:

An Examination of the Stammaitic Treatment of Women

Marjorie S. Lehman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Easing of Mortgage Restrictions During the Period of the Rishonim

Hillel Gamoran (University of Washington)

EXHIBITING JEWISH HISTORY: BETH HATEFUTSOTH

(Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, Tel-Aviv)

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

Jewish History between Zionism and Diaspora:

The Diaspora as an Attempt to Reconicle History and Ideology

Dina Porat (Tel-Aviv University)

"Talking Judaism": The Ethnographic Gaze of "Jewishness"

at Beth Hatefutsoth

Shelly Shenhav-Keller (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

5.13

ACTIVISM AND OUTREACH IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN JUDAISM

Chair: Gary P. Zola (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

The Reform Movement's Mission to Non-Jews, 1919-60

Lila Corwin (Yale University)

Rebecca Aaronson Brickner: In the Vanguard of American Reform Judaism

Shuly Rubin Schwartz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Shopping for Our Future: The Synagogue Gift Shop as Jewish Women's History

Joellyn W. Zollman (Brandeis University)

Lunchtime Meetings and Colloquia 12:15 P.M.-1:15 P.M.

• SEPHARDI/MIZRAHI STUDIES CAUCUS

Adams

Chair: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

• MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS

Bancroft

Moderator: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

• RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Chevy Chase

Leader: Anthony J. Kohlrus (TIAA-CREF Washington Regional Office) This workshop is designed for audience participation.

• TEACHING TALMUD WITH A COMPUTER:

A NEW COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRONIC STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Dupont

Presented by: Elisabeth Hollender

(Gerhard-Mercator-Universität/GH Duisburg)

(This session will run 12:45–1:20PM)

General Lunch (including Judaica librarians)

AAJR Lunch 12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M.

for the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research

David B. Ruderman (University of Pennsylvania), President

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Session 6, 1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

6.1

Wearing Two Hats: Judaic Studies and ...

Sponsored by The American Academy for Jewish Research

Chair: Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)

Theology

Tikva Frymer-Kensky (University of Chicago)

European History

Michael Stanislawski (Columbia University)

Women's Studies

Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)

6.2

NEGOTIATING GENDER/NEGOTIATING TEXTS

Co-Sponsored by: The Jewish Studies Women's Caucus

Chair and Commentator: Miriam Beth Peskowitz (Emory University)

Metaphysical Desire and the Feminine

in the Writings of Judah Abrabanel and Judah Halevi

Yudit K. Greenberg (Rollins College)

The Rabbi's Daughter in and out of the Kitchen:

Feminist Literary Negotiations

Wendy Ilene Zierler (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

When Father Doesn't Know Best: Redeeming the Daughters of Lot

Sandra Collins (University of Pittsburgh)

6.3

JEDWABNE AND BEYOND: A ROUNDTABLE

Chair and Commentator: David Engel (New York University)

Discussants: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

Piotr Wróbel (University of Toronto)

John Radzilowski (University of Minnesota)

Gwido Zlatkes (Brandeis University)

6.4

THE CHANGING NATURE OF RABBINIC LEADERSHIP

IN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

Chair: Steven Martin Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Rabbinic Leadership and Emotional Intelligence

Moshe Re'em (Bar-Ilan University)

Rabbinic Leadership: A Contemporary Perspective

Jeffrey S. Kress and Aryeh Davidson (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Simsum in the Bet Midrash: The Changing Role of the Reform Rabbi as Teacher

Diane Tickton Schuster (Claremont Graduate University)

Change without Reform: The Response of Israeli Orthodox Rabbis to an Estranged Population

Ephraim Tabory (Bar-Ilan University)

CONVERSION TO JUDAISM IN CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY

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

Conversion to Judaism in Classical Antiquity: A Mass Movement?

Louis H. Feldman (Yeshiva University)

Jewish Proselytism: A Functionalist Approach

Seth Schwartz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Proselytism and the Genre of Roman Satire

René S. Bloch (Trinity College)

6.6

PERFORMING JEWISHNESS ON THE MAINSTREAM STAGE (Part 2)

Chair: Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Between Apologetics and Realism:

Jewish Popular Fiction in France in the 1920s

Nadia Malinovich (New York University)

In a 'Minor' Key?: Arthur Schnitzler's Jewish Texts (1903–12)

Abigail Gillman (Boston University)

Project(ing) Culture: Performing Jewishness in Contemporary Europe

Jeffrey Feldman (University of Virginia)

Making Auschwitz Relevant to Jews:

Can the Auschwitz Museum Serve a Multicultural Public?

Jack Kugelmass (Arizona State University)

Discussant: Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

6.7

JEWISH SOURCES AND ANTICIPATIONS OF SPINOZA

Chair: Idit Dobbs-Weinstein (Vanderbilt University)

Metaphor and Maimonides

Margaret A. Sandel (University of California at Berkeley)

From Monotheism to Monism: The Relationship of the Divine Intellect

in Jewish Aristotelianism to Spinoza's Substance

Carlos Fraenkel (McGill University)

Spinoza's Natura Naturans and Natura Naturata

Julie R. Klein (Villanova University)

Spinoza, Gersonides, and the Eternity of the Mind

Steven M. Nadler (University of Wisconsin)

6.8

THIRTEENTH-CENTURY SPANISH KABBALAH

Chair: Lawrence B. Fine (Mount Holyoke College)

Devekut and the Constitution of Identity in the Early Kabbalists:

A Philosophical Reflection

Yechiel Shalom Goldberg (University of Rochester)

Inappropriate Choices: Kabbalistic Identity and the Lessons of Yen Nesekh

Barry R. Mark (University of California at Berkeley)

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6.8 (cont.) Thirteenth-Century Spanish Kabbalah

Down to Where It Stops by Itself: The Paradigm of Embodiment, Hair, and Identity in the Writings of R. Yosef of Hamadan

Joel Hecker (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

R. Ezra of Gerona's Influence on Nahmanidean Kabbalah

Yakov M. Travis (Cleveland College of Jewish Studies)

6.9

EAST EUROPEAN JEWS IN THE CITY: COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY

Chair: Benjamin I. Nathans (University of Pennsylvania)

Bialystok: Jewish Identity in an Industrial City

 $in \ the \ Borderlands \ of \ Eastern \ Europe$

Rebecca Kobrin (University of Pennsylvania)

The Religious Life of the Eastern European Immigrant:

A Focus on Family and Practice

Anne Polland (Columbia University)

The Yiddishist Reaction to Assimilation:

Religious and Cultural Responses in Interwar Krakow

Sean Andrew Martin (Reinhardt College)

6.10

DIASPORAS

Chair: Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

Life on the Hyphen: Metaphors of Latin American Jewish Experience in Two Novels of Moacyr Scliar

Yael Halevi-Wise (McGill University)

Contemporary Judeo-Spanish Poetry

Maria Esformes (University of South Florida)

A Symbolist Kinah? Laments and Modernism in the Maghreb

Monique R. Balbuena (University of California at Berkeley)

Judeo-Spanish and Spanish Proverbs: Correspondence and Dissonance

Tamar Alexander (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

6.11

HEBREW AND YIDDISH: THE SEARCH FOR SELF [IN ENGLISH]

Chair: David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Kabbalah and Demonology in the Yiddish Ethical Book:

Kav ha-Yosher (Frankfurt, 1705–6)

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

1864/1886: S. Y. Abramovitsh's Modern Beginnings

in Yiddish and in Hebrew

Ken Frieden (Syracuse University)

Writing from the Pulpit: Devorah Baron's Sermons

Sheila Jelen (University of Maryland)

Manger, Foigelman, and the Problem of the Antihero

Stanley L. Nash (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

BIBLICAL THEMES AND TOPOI IN POST-BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Mordechai Z. Cohen (Yeshiva University)

The Idea of a Succession of Prophets: From Ben Sira and Plato to Josephus

Jed Wyrick (California State University, Chico)

There's No Place Like Home: Esther, Esther Rabbah, and the Politics of Diaspora

Elsie R. Stern (Fordham University)

Rashi's Bible Commentary in the Context of Christian Thought

Naftali Kreisler (San Jose, CA)

6.13

JEWISH LANGUAGES AND IDENTITY

Chair: Lewis H. Glinert (Dartmouth College)

Writing in Yiddish: Marginalization and Language Choices

Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

Eastern European Karaite Identity:

A Case of Linguistically Motivated De-Judaization

Dan Shapira (The Open University of Israel)

"Are We Not Just an Anachronism?":

Language and Identity among Israeli Sephardim

Jill Lara Kushner (UCLA)

"Talmid khokhem" and "tsedeykes":

Language, Learnedness, and Masculinity among Orthodox Jews

Sarah Bunin Benor (Stanford University)

Session 7, 3:45 P.M.-5:45 P.M.

7.1

THE THEOPHORIC POETICS OF ALLEN GROSSMAN

Chair: Norman Finkelstein (Xavier University)

The Principle of Poetry in the Work of Allen Grossman:

A Jewish Ethics of Responsibility

Daniel Morris (Purdue University)

A Song of Allen: Allen Grossman and the Work of the Jewish Poem

Maeera Yaffa Shreiber (University of Utah)

Poland of Death: Allen Grossman's Phantasmagoric Kaddish

Norman Finkelstein (Xavier University)

FOLLOWED BY:

Poetry Reading by Allen Grossman (Johns Hopkins University)

SESSION WILL CONCLUDE BY 6:30

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JEWISH ADOLESCENT IDENTITY

Chair: Barry W. Holtz (Jewish Theological Seminary)
A Study of Jewish Schools in Chicago: An Overview

Barbara Schneider (University of Chicago)

Co-author: Bethamie Horowitz (Mandel Foundation)

Jewish Identity among Students in Jewish Schools

David Kaplan (University of Delaware)

Perceptions of Learning:

The Views of Principals, Teachers, and Students in Jewish Schools

Adam Gamoran (University of Wisconsin)

Teaching in Jewish Schools

Ellen Goldring (Vanderbilt University)

7.3

THE QUESTION OF CULTURE IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

Chair: Anita Norich (University of Michigan)

Jewish Radicalism and Jewish Historiography

Israel Bartal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Reexamining the Concept of Jewish Ethnic Culture:

Habitat vs. Heritage in New York Jewry

Eli Lederhendler (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Tarbut/Kultur/Kultura in a Revolutionary Key: Rethinking and Remaking "Modern Jewish Culture" in Russia and Ukraine, 1917–19

Kenneth Moss (Stanford University)

Friedrich Torberg's Humorous Depiction of Jewish Literary Society in Vienna during the Interwar Years

Sonat A. Hart (Baltimore Hebrew University)

7.4

CRITICAL READINGS OF RABBINIC TEXTS

Chair: Joel David Gereboff (Arizona State University)

Conflicting Messages: Aggadah and Halakhah in Later Midrash

Rivka B. Kern-Ulmer (University of Pennsylvania)

The Manuscript Traditions of Bekhorot Chapter 8

Jonathan S. Milgram (University of London)

Idiosyncratic Syntax in the "Miqra Bikkurim Midrash" of the Erets-Yisrael Haggadah: A Sign of Post-Talmudic Provenance

Jay Rovner (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Blessing Formulae and Divine Sovereignty in Rabbinic Liturgy

Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)

LAITY, NOBILITY, AND STRONG GOVERNMENT

AS REFLECTED IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH TEXTS

Chair: Stephen D. Benin (University of Memphis)

The Underclass in the First Crusade: A Historiographical Trend

David Malkiel (Bar-Ilan University)

Women and Poverty: As Reflected in the Documents of the Cairo Geniza

Mark R. Cohen (Princeton University)

Meeting the Biblical Past: Medieval European Travelers and Davidic

Nesi'im

Arnold E. Franklin (New York University)

Political Discourse in a Kabbalistic Register. A Plea for

Stronger Communal Government in Sixteenth-Century Italy

Bernard D. Cooperman (University of Maryland)

7.6

ON EDITING JOURNALS: A ROUNDTABLE

Prooftexts

David G. Roskies (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Journal of Israel History

Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto)

Jewish Social Studies

Steven J. Zipperstein (Stanford University)

Commentator: Yael H. Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

7.7

WRITING JEWISH BIBLE COMMENTARY/BIBLE COMMENTARY BY JEWS

Chair: Marc Zvi Brettler (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Jeffrey H. Tigay (University of Pennsylvania)

Adele Berlin (University of Maryland)
Michael V. Fox (University of Wisconsin)

Sara Japhet (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

7.8

JEWISH WOMEN MAKING MODERN DANCE

Chair: Marcia L. Falk (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Sara Levi-Tanai: An Unusual Orientalist Dancer in the West

Judith Brin Ingber (University of Minnesota)

Liz Lerman and Jewish Female Identity in America

Naomi Jackson (Arizona State University)

Isolation, Destruction, and Empowerment:

Jewish Identity and the Choreography of Anna Sokolow

Jennifer Sartori (Jewish Women's Archive)

Dancing the Shtetl: Sophie Maslow's "Village" and American Jewish Memory

Josh Perelman (New York University)

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THE NEW JEWISH ANTHROPOLOGY

Chair: Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

A Stranger in the House: The Place of Anthropology in Jewish Studies

Matti Bunzl (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Moral Differences: Language, Gender, and Socialization in a Ḥasidic Community Ayala Fader (New York University)

The Voices of Jacob on the Streets of Brooklyn: Lubavitch Hasidim,

Black Hebrew Israelites, and the Historiography of Jewishness

Henry J. Goldschmidt (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Nobody's Interested in Jews

Susan Kahn (Brandeis University)

7.10

JUDGMENT, LAW, AND GUILT IN LEVINAS AND HIS FORBEARS

Chair: Marc A. Krell (University of Arizona)

From Classroom to Courtroom: Levinas and the Context of Ethics

Robert B. Gibbs (University of Toronto)

A Reconsideration of Levinas's Zionist Essays

Oona Ajzenstat (University of Toronto)

Malignancy and Rationalization: The Irresponsibility of Cain's Cold Sobriety

James D. Hatley (Salisbury University)

The Discovery of Finitude: Martin Buber and Sigmund Freud on Eden

Bettina G. Bergo (Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study)

7.11

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH

Co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Chair: Robert Ehrenreich (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Jewish Social Welfare Work in Germany, 1933-43

Ann Mann Millin (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Jewish Source Study Initiative: The Initiative and a Case Study from Romania

Paul A. Shapiro (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Applicability of the Archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to the Study of the Jewish Dimension of the Holocaust

Radu Ioanid (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The Riot in Stuttgart: Americans, Germans, and Jewish Displaced Persons in Post-War Germany 1945–49

Severin A. Hochberg (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

FORGING A LANGUAGE OF LOVE [IN HEBREW]

Chair: David C. Jacobson (Brown University)

Metaphors of Love/Love as Metaphorical Flight:

The Song of Songs and the Love Discourse in An-Ski's ha-Dibuk

Erella Brown (University of Haifa)

A Dove—But Not an Innocent One!

Yona Wallach and the Poetry of Love in the 1960s and 1970s

Zafrira Lidovsky-Cohen (Stern College)

On Love Life by Tseruyah Shalev

Vered Lev Kenaan (University of Haifa)

David Fogel's Erotic Language

Shachar M. Pinsker (Harvard University)

The Language of Love and Madness in Ruth Almog's Fiction

Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

7.13

DIVIDED LOYALTIES? THE MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHER AS

POET, MYSTIC, EXEGETE, AND THEOLOGIAN

Chair: Adena Tanenbaum (Ohio State University)

Imagination and Metaphysics:

Blurring the Lines between Philosophy and Poetry?

Sarah Pessin (University of Chicago)

The Sufi-Jewish Encounter: Divine Unity in Bahya Ibn Paquda's

The Duties of the Heart

Diana N. Lobel (Boston University)

Poetry, Prophecy, and Praxis:

Judah ha-Levi's Decision to Immigrate to the Land of Israel

Barry Sherman Kogan (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Divided Loyalties in the Neoplatonic Thought of Abraham Ibn Ezra

Aaron Hughes (University of Calgary)

5:45–6:30 P.M. Section Meetings

List of sections and locations will appear at end of printed Program Book

Monday Evening December 17, 2001

PROGRAM

6:30 P.M. Graduate Student Reception

A Social Hour Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies

6:30 P.M. CAUCUS

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HEBREW UNVERSITY CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING OF JEWISH CIVILIZATION

Jewish Studies in the Former Soviet Union: A Report from the Field

Chair: Ralph I. Goldman (Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization)

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. PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)

History in the Courtroom: Personal Reflections on Irving v. Lipstadt

Deborah E. Lipstadt (Emory University)

10:00 P.M. Film Presentation

Shylock

Directed by Pierre Lasry

(National Film Board of Canada, 1998) Courtesy of: National Center for Jewish Film

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

Session 9.3, Tuesday at 10:45 A.M., is also on this topic

Tuesday, December 18

Breakfast 7:30 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

Breakfast Meeting Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

AJS Program Committee and Section Coordinators

Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon), Vice-President for Program

A.IS REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD 7:45 A.M.

Chair: Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

EXHIBITS 8:30 A.M.–12:00 Noon Exhibit Hall

Session 8

Tuesday, December 18, 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

8.1

IN HONOR OF PROF. J.M. BAUMGARTEN AND PROF. J.A. FITZMYER

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Prof. Baumgarten:

Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

Lecture: Joseph M. Baumgarten (Baltimore Hebrew University)

Introduction of Prof. Fitzmyer: Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Lecture: Joseph A. Fitzmyer (Catholic University of America)

Closing Remarks: Lawrence H. Schiffman

8.2

FORMING FEMINIST TRADITIONS

Chair and Discussant: Lynn R. Davidman (Brown University)

Women's Seders: Who, What, Where?

Sonia Zylberberg (Concordia University)

The Adult Bat Mitzvah Phenomenon in America, 1960-2000

Chana R. Kotzin (Baltimore, Maryland)

The Construction of Gender Traditions at the Western Wall in Jerusalem

Stuart Z. Charmé (Rutgers University)

8.3

JEWS, FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES, AND RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Chair: Rela Mintz Geffen (Baltimore Hebrew University)

From Civil Religion to Civil Society:

An American Jewish Definition of the Situation

Alan L. Mittleman (Muhlenberg College)

Under His Own Vine and Fig Tree

Hillel G. Fradkin (American Enterprise Institute)

Jews and Charitable Choice

Murray Friedman (Temple University)

Discussant: Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)

8.4

JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH IN A TIME OF TRANSITION:

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOLARS AND LIBRARIANS

(In Memory of Rosalie E. Katchen, z"L)

Chair: Zachary M. Baker (Stanford University)

Searching for American Jewish Identities:

An Essay in Honor of Rosalie Katchen

Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)

Sources for Central and Eastern European Jewish History:

The Louis Lewin Collection at Yeshiva University

Marlene Schiffman (Yeshiva University)

Written on Our Hearts with Diamond Pens

Joan C. Biella (Library of Congress)

New Technologies and Old Methodologies:

Jewish Studies Research in the Digital Age

Heidi G. Lerner (Stanford University)

VARIETIES OF ANTI-JUDAISM IN MEDIEVAL FRANCE

Chair: Robert Chazan (New York University)

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