

AJS 2002

Association for Jewish Studies

34th Annual Conference Schedule

Los Angeles, California, December 15–17, 2002

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Saturday, December 14, 8:15 P.M.

Modern Judaism Works in Progress Group

Co-Chairs: Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Leah Hochman (University of Florida)

Sunday Breakfast 8:30–9:30 A.M.

Registration 9:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

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

Exhibits Sunday hours: 1:00–6:30 P.M.

Session 1, Sunday, December 15, 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

(except for 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, and 1.13, which begin at 10:30)

1.1

Judaism and Science (*begins at 10:30*)

Academy of Jewish Philosophy

Chair: Moshe Z. Sokol (Touro College)

Judaism and Science: Faith and Reason Reconsidered

Tamar Rudavsky (Ohio State University)

"That Has Its Seeds within It": Genesis and Evolution

Lenn Evan Goodman (Vanderbilt University)

1.2

The Collective Memory of *She'erit ha-Peletah* in the Aftermath of the Holocaust

(begins at 10:30)

*Cosponsored by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*

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

In Dubnow's Spirit: Survivors in Search of a Usable Past after the Holocaust

Gabriel N. Finder (University of Virginia)

Documenting the Fate of Polish Jewry:

The Central Jewish Historical Commission in Poland

Natalia Aleksium (New York University)

A Library of Destruction and Hope: The First One Hundred Volumes of *Dos Poylishe Yidntum*, 1946–54

Jan Schwarz (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Commentator:

Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

1.3

Questions of Identity in Jewish Theatre and Film

(begins at 10:30)

Chair: Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

Karl Kraus's Yiddish Theater

Paul Reitter (Ohio State University)

Jews and Jewishness in Interwar Hollywood Film

Edward P. Merwin (Dickinson College)

Barry Levinson's *Avalon* and *Liberty Heights*: A Cultural Cinematic Examination of the American Jewish Experience

Eric Goldman (Ergo Media)

Is This Jewish Theater?:

Troubling Jewish Identity in Wendy Wasserstein's *Women*

Jan Lewis (University of California, Santa Barbara)

1.4

Cohen and Liturgy: The Relevance of Hermann Cohen to Contemporary Jewish Philosophy

Cosponsored by the Hermann-Cohen-Gesellschaft

Chair and Respondent: Leora F. Batnitzky (Princeton University)

Versöhnung (Reconciliation/Atonement) in Hegel and Cohen

Michael E. J. Zank (Boston University)

The Liturgical Source of Jewish Pragmatics:

Hermann Cohen's Theory of Hebrew Prayer

Hartwig Wiedebach (Universität Potsdam)

Hermann Cohen's Liturgical Reasoning

Steven D. Kepnes (Colgate University)

1.5

Thinking Through Aesthetics: Theoretical and Historical Perspectives

(begins at 10:30)

Chair: Kalman P. Bland (Duke University)

Where Word like Death Breaks Free: Absolute Music and Poetic Cadence

Barbara E. Galli (McGill University)

Toward an Aesthetic of Jewish Poetry

Adam Sol (Toronto, Ontario)

Satyrs, Choruses, and Violinists: The Jewish Problem with Dionysiac Poetics

Jed Wyrick (California State University, Chico)

The Paradox of Creating Folk Dance: The Dahlia Dance Festivals, 1944 and 1947

Nina Spiegel (Stanford University)

1.6

Post-Apartheid South African Jewry:

History, Memory, and Reconciliation

Chair: Dana Evan Kaplan (University of Missouri-Kansas City)

South Africa's Jewish Complex

Oren Baruch Stier (Florida International University)

Emigrating? At Risk? Or Restructuring the Jewish Future?:

Jews in post-Apartheid South Africa

Milton Shain (University of Cape Town)

**The Responses of the South African Jewish Community to Inquiries of
the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

Solomon Schimmel (Hebrew College)

1.7

Sephardic Jewry: Religious Responses to Modernity

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

Gender and Modernity in Selected Sephardic Responses

Norma Baumel Joseph (Concordia University)

Religious Responses to Modernity by Oriental Jewry—

The Case of Rabbi `Ovadyah Yosef

Zion Zohar (Florida International University)

1.8

Narrative and Ethnography:

Understanding Religious and Ethnic Identity

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

Beshert: Portraits of Jewish Women in Transition and Renewal

Jeffrey Rubin-Dorsky (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)

Intimacy, Memory, and Ideology at Generation X Seeker Services

Jonathan Shawn Landres (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Texts in Tension: Negotiating Jewish Values and Identities within the Adult Jewish Learning Classroom

Meredith L. Woocher (Brandeis University)

1.9

American Yiddish Culture in an English-speaking World

Cosponsored by The American Jewish Historical Society

Chair: Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

Translating a Culture: Alexander Harkavy, Yiddish-speaking Immigrants, and the Transition to English

Eric L. Goldstein (Emory University)

Yiddish Intellectuals in Multilingual New York

Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin)

"I can plotz from laughter, Joyce, when your Morris speaks Yiddish":

Broadcasting Linguistic Flux

Ari Y. Kelman (New York University)

Commentator:

Jeffrey A. Shandler (Rutgers University)

1.10

A Renaissance in Jewish Studies in Interwar America? Three Case Studies

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

Between the Diaspora and Zion:

Cecil Roth at the Menorah Summer School of 1930

Frederic J. Krome (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Scholarship as Renaissance: The Intercollegiate Menorah Association's Jewish Studies Program

Daniel Greene (University of Chicago)

Images of "New Jews" in an Old/New Land:

An Analysis of Interwar Zionist Textbooks

Jonathan Krasner (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

1.11

Polish Jewry in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

Chair: Gershon D. Hundert (McGill University)

Hasidism in Central Poland, or Worship in Corporeality

Glenn Dynner (Franklin and Marshall College)

The Cost of Prestige: The Economic Basis of the Communal Rabbinate in Eighteenth Century Poland-Lithuania

Adam Teller (University of Haifa)

The Disputations of 1757 and 1759 and their Role in the Development of the Frankist Movement

Pawel Maciejko (Oxford University)

1.12

Philosophical and Contemplative Dimensions of Medieval Jewish Mysticism

Chair: Shaul Magid (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Love and Voiceless Devotion: Apophasis and Presence in the Jewish Neoplatonic and Mystical Tradition

Sarah Pessin (California State University, Fresno)

Limitless Limits: Language and the Infinite in the Early Kabbalah

Yechiel Shalom Goldberg (California State University, Long Beach)

The Rhetoric of Contemplation in

the Kabbalistic Writings of Isaac ben Samuel of Acre

Eitan P. Fishbane (Carleton College)

1.13

Theories of Rabbinic Law and Authority

(begins at 10:30)

Chair: Stephen M. Passamaneck (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

**Good Fences Make Good Sages: The Concept of Hedge
in The Fathers According to Rabbi Nathan**

Jonathan W. Schofer (University of Wisconsin)

**Chronological Perspectives on the Development of
Legal Conceptualization in Rabbinic Literature**

Leib Moscovitz (Bar-Ilan University)

Telling the Tale of a Halakhic Decision:

Rabbinic Authority and the Myth of the Bloodstain

Chaya Halberstam (Yale University)

Respondent:

Steven D. Fraade (Yale University)

1.14

Biblical Interpretation and Rewriting at Qumran and in Later Jewish Tradition

Chair: Marvin A. Sweeney (School of Theology at Claremont)

The Genre of the Genesis Apocryphon: New Light on an Old Issue

Moshe J. Bernstein (Yeshiva University)

The Use of the Bible in the Hosea *Pesharim* of Qumran

Shani L. Berrin (Yeshiva University)

Shadal on Rabbinic Exegesis of the Torah

Martin I. Lockshin (York University)

Lunch 12:30 P.M.–1:30 P.M.

Session 2, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

2.1

The Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture

Cosponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry

Chair: Sherry Israel (Brandeis University)

From Past to Present:

Contemporary Lessons from the Study of American Judaism

Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University)

Respondents:

Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

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

2.2

Intertextuality and the Interpretation of Rabbinic Texts

Chair: Jeffrey L. Rubenstein (New York University)

The Anomalous Tractates `Eduyot and Avot: A New Look

Devora Steinmetz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

A Double Portion of Your Spirit: The Story of Two Elishas

Ruth Haber (University of California at Berkeley)

Beruryah, R. Me'ir, Midrash, and Exile:

Revisiting the *Ma'aseh de-Beruryah*

Aryeh Cohen (University of Judaism)

The Mishnah in the Later Midrashim

Rivka B. Kern-Ulmer (Bucknell University)

2.3

Shuddering before Art: Mirroring Evil at the Jewish Museum I,

Cosponsored with the National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Chair: Carol Zemel (York University)

Looking into the Mirrors of Evil

James E. Young (University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

Showing Transgressive Art in the Museum

Reesa Greenberg (Concordia University)

Portrait of an Artist and Borland's Mirror Reversal

Shelley Hornstein (York University)

Respondent:

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

2.4

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Yiddish Prose and Theater

Chair: Janet Hadda (UCLA)

"Yiddish Literature for the Masses": A Re-examination of the Yiddish Reading Public in Nineteenth-Century Eastern Europe

Alyssa P. Quint (Harvard University)

Lost and Found Sound: Voicelessness in the Stories of I. L. Peretz

Miriam Isaacs (University of Maryland)

Going East: The Impact of American Yiddish Theater on the Yiddish Stage in Czarist Russia, 1900–1917

Nina Warnke (University of Texas)

Abraham Cahan as Literary Taste-Maker: The Case of Dovid Bergelson

Ellen D. Kellman (Brandeis University)

2.5

Jews and the State in Tsarist Russia

Chair: Brian J. Horowitz (University of Nebraska at Lincoln)

Candle Tax: Good for the Jews?

Eliyana R. Adler (University of Maryland)

Jewish Population Statistics and the Politics of Reform in Mid—Nineteenth-Century Russia

Eugene Avrutin (University of Michigan)

The Conservatory and the Draft Board: A Case Study

Paula Eisenstein Baker (University of St. Thomas, Houston)

Jewish Life in Kiev at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Victoria Khiterer (Stanford University)

2.6

Directions in the Study of Medieval Literature

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

Did the Tosafists Compose Liturgical Poetry?

Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)

Menahem ha-Me'iri of Perpignan on the Function of 'Religion'

Gregg Stern (University of London)

Religious Luck and Religious Virtue:

Maharal of Prague on the Election of Israel

Charlotte Katzoff (Bar-Ilan University)

2.7

Hadassah: Its Changing Role in American Jewish Life

Chair: Brian D. Amkraut (Siegal College of Judaic Studies)

Post-Zionism and the Changing Role of Women: Challenges for Hadassah

Yaffa Schlesinger (Hunter College—CUNY)

Hadassah: Zionists? Americans? Women? An Exploration of Identity

Rebecca Boim (New York University)

Hadassah as Adult Jewish Educator

Carol Diamant (Hadassah Organization)

American Hadassah and the Zionist Holiday

Dianne C. Ashton (Rowan University)

2.8

First and Second Generation Israeli Post-Holocaust Writings

Chair: William Cutter (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Reflections on the Shoah in the Work of Ruth Almog

Rachel Feldhay Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

The Temporary in the Permanent and the Permanent in the Temporary:

Transient Settings in the Work of Appelfeld

Igal Swartz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Würzburg, Germany in the 1930s: The Sketch of an Artist's Portrait

Nili S. Gold (University of Pennsylvania)

The Causes of Calamity:

Confronting the Holocaust in A. B. Yehoshua's *Mr. Mani*

Gilead Morahg (University of Wisconsin)

2.9

Cosmopolitanism and Identity

in the Seventeenth-Century Western Sephardic Diaspora

Chair: Jane S. Gerber (CUNY Graduate Center)

Seventeenth-Century Sephardim between Bayonne and Madrid:

'Parochial Cosmopolitans'?

David L. Graizbord (University of Arizona)

**Cosmopolitanism, Urban Space, and Intercultural Contact
in Seventeenth-Century Sephardic Amsterdam and London**

Adam D. Sutcliffe (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Jews, Blacks, and the Racial Imagination

in the Writings of Seventeenth-Century (Ex-)Conversos

Jonathan Schorsch (Emory University)

Martyrs, Heretics, and Freedom of Conscience:

The Cases of Judah Creyente and Uriel da Costa

Miriam Bodian (Pennsylvania State University)

2.10

You Are What You Eat (in Private): Food as Jewish Identity in Changing Contexts

Chair: Aviva Weintraub (Jewish Museum)

Public and Private in the Kitchen: Eating Jewish in the Soviet State

Alice Nakhimovsky (Colgate University)

**Studying the Attribution of American Jewish Identity to Foodstuffs
in the post—Six-Day War Period**

Juliana Ochs (Cambridge University) *and*

Vanessa L. Ochs (University of Virginia), *Joint authors*

Respondent:

Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

2.11a

Maimonides I [*The first of two one-hour sessions*]

Chair: Alfred Lyon Ivry (New York University)

On Maimonides' Seventh Type of Contradiction

Herbert A. Davidson (UCLA)

Maimonides' Turn to Divine Volition

Charles H. Manekin (University of Maryland)

2.11b

Medieval Biblical Commentaries [*The second of two one-hour sessions*]

Chair: Martin I. Lockshin (York University)

Radak's Objections to Rabbinic Interpretation

Naomi Grunhaus (Stern College)

Rabbinic and Spanish Exegesis in Nahmanides' Biblical Commentary:

Variant Repetition in the Joseph Story

Michelle J. Levine (Stern College)

2.12

Constructions of the Other in Kabbalistic Symbolism

Chair: Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

**'Jacob Is Israel': The Development of a Pedagogical/Polemical Device
in the *Zohar***

Barry R. Mark (University of California at Berkeley)

Mystical Metaphors in Seventeenth-Century Portuguese Sermons

Julia R. Lieberman (Saint Louis University)

2.13

Pluralism and Tradition: Haskalah and After

Chair: Michael Shapiro (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Mendelssohn on Religious Pluralism

Michah Gottlieb (Brown University)

The Other as a Mirror Image in Samson Raphael Hirsch's Commentary

Shlomo Chertok (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Different Paths to Jewish Universalism:

Hirsch and Einhorn in Transition from Europe to America

Christian Wiese (Universität Erfurt)

2.14

**Models of Excellence in Jewish Studies
in Twenty-First-Century Higher Education**

Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

Panelists:

Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Alvin H. Rosenfeld (Indiana University)

Tamar Rudavsky (Ohio State University)

Session 3, 3:45 P.M.–5:15 P.M.

3.1

Sefer Hasidim

Chair: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College)
***Sefer Hasidim, the World of the Midrash,
and the Renaissance of the Twelfth Century***
Haym Soloveitchik (Yeshiva University)

3.2

Sabbateanism in the Eyes of the Christian World

Chair: Adam D. Sutcliffe (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Christian Fashioning of the Earliest Sabbatean News

Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

Jewish Conversion and Turkish Doom: The Dissemination of the Sabbatian Movement

Cengiz Sisman (Harvard University)

News About the Sabbatian Movement in Turkey and Reverberations in Northern Europe

Richard Popkin (UCLA)

3.3

Shuddering before Art: Mirroring Evil at the Jewish Museum II,

Cosponsored with the National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Chair: Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

Mirroring Evil: A Curator Reflects

Norman L. Kleeblatt (Jewish Museum)

Mirroring Evil: Art vs. Injury, and The Representation of Limits

Berel Lang (Trinity College)

Mirroring Evil: Reflections of Controversies Past

Jeffrey A. Shandler (Rutgers University)

Respondent:

Carol Zemel (York University)

3.4

Jewish Thought and Martin Heidegger (I):

Ethics, Death, and the Body at Home

Chair: Bettina G. Bergo (Duquesne University)

Chez Soi: Heidegger and Levinas on Home

Nancy Levene (Williams College)

The Face of Death: Finitude in Levinas and Heidegger

Claire Katz (Pennsylvania State University)

Beyond Heidegger: The Feminine Aspect of Dwelling in the Thought of Emmanuel Levinas

Hanoch Ben Pazi (Bar-Ilan University)

3.5

Los Angeles Jewry: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

Chair: Marc Dollinger (San Francisco State University)

The Mariachi-Klezmer Connection: Examining Jewish Identity through the Lens of Latino-Jewish Relations in Los Angeles

Steven F. Windmueller (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Los Angeles Jews: Still the Great Exception?

Bruce A. Phillips (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Commentator: Ava F. Kahn (University of California at Berkeley)

3.6

Social History of European Jewry

Chair: Todd M. Endelman (University of Michigan)

Changing Housing Conditions in the Nineteenth-Century Rural German Ghetto

Steven M. Lowenstein (University of Judaism)

The Hardships Faced by Jewish Migrants in the Early Twentieth Century

Gur Alroey (University of Haifa)

Eastern Jews and Other Immigrants in Sweden 1850–1920:

Discrimination, Citizenship, and the Liberty to Pursue a Trade

Carl H. Carlsson (Uppsala universitet)

3.7

‘Ezer ke-Negdekha (A Helpmate Opposed to You?):

A Conversation between Feminism and Modern Jewish Thought

Chair: Robin Podolsky (Los Angeles, CA)

A Reading for Adults: The Dynamics of Feminist Critical Reception of Levinas

Olga Kuminova (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Strange Bedfellows: Eugene Borowitz and Feminist Judaism
S. Daniel Breslauer (University of Kansas)
**Voicing a New Midrash: Developing
post-Holocaust Jewish Feminist Ethics with Fackenheim**
Deidre Butler (Concordia University)

3.8

Funny, That Doesn't Taste Jewish: Food, Gender, Sex, and Jewish Identity

Chair: Adam Rubin (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Jewish in Jars: Jewishness and Identity in 1950s America

Nathan D. Abrams (University of London)

The Raw and the Kosher:

Playing with Food from *Portnoy's Complaint* to *American Pie*

Adam Rovner (Indiana University)

What is Jewish Food?:

Reading Identity in Contemporary American Jewish Cookbooks

Jeremy Shere (Indiana University)

Unnatural Cravings: Eating in Contemporary American Jewish Literature

Nadia Valman (University of Southampton)

3.9

Averroes and His Legacy: Psychology and Noetics

Chair: Charles H. Manekin (University of Maryland)

Conjunction: With Whom, for Whom, and Why?

Alfred Lyon Ivry (New York University)

Averroes' Treatises on Conjunction in the Hebrew Tradition

James T. Robinson (New York University)

Hierarchy and Transcendence in Gersonides' Theory of Knowing

Julie R. Klein (Villanova University)

3.10

Hadassah: Health and Education in Mandatory Palestine and Israel

Chair and Respondent: Shulamit Reinharz (Brandeis University)

Cosponsored by the **Hadassah International Research Institute**
on Jewish Women at Brandeis University
Hands Off! The Early Relationship between Hadassah and Youth Aliyah
Brian D. Amkraut (Siegal College of Judaic Studies)
Rescue and Redemption: Hadassah Nurses and Immigrant Health
in the Early Years of the State of Israel
Peri Rosenfeld (New York University)

3.11

Approaching Rabbinic Texts from Without

Chair: Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford University)

***Havdalah* in the Letter of Aristeas**

Arkadi Kovelman (Moscow State University)

Searching for a *Mikvah* in Paradise: Water, Purity, and Talmudic Mysticism

Nehemia Polen (Hebrew College)

A Christian Witness to the Oral Transmission of the '*Avot de-Rabbi Natan*'?

Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Narratives of Villainy: The Intertextuality of Midrash, Aggadah, and Hadith

Shari L. Lowin (Stonehill College)

3.12

Ways of Being Jewish in Interwar and Postwar America

Chair: Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin)

The People in Your Neighborhood: Modern Dance, Radical Politics, and Gender at the Neighborhood Playhouse

Josh Perelman (New York University)

The Sholem Aleykhem Secular Yiddish Schools in Chicago

Elizabeth Ann Loentz (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Assimilation, Triumphalism, and Orthodox Rabbinical Training:

The Emergence of the Specialist Rabbi

Adam Ferziger (Bar-Ilan University)

3.13

Jewish Diasporas in a Diasporic World:

Jewish Studies in an Interdisciplinary Conversation

Chair: Edward P. Merwin (Dickinson College)

Psychic Jerusalem: Exile and Metaphor in Philo of Alexandria

Andrea Lieber Merwin (Dickinson College)

Performing Exile in Safed-School Kabbalah

Marla Segol (Cornell University)

**Jews in Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Diaspora:
Constructing a Homeland in a Diasporic World**

Henry J. Goldschmidt (Dickinson College)

Respondent:

Jonathan Boyarin (New York, NY)

3.14

**North African Jewry in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries:
Stresses, Challenges, and Transformations**

Chair: Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

Disciplining Jewish Space in Morocco:

The 1890 Census of the Mellah of Marrakesh

Emily R. Gottreich (University of California at Berkeley)

**Antisemitism in a Colonial Setting: Boundaries, Responses,
and Jewish Identity in Late-Nineteenth-Century Algeria**

Steven Uran (EHSS)

**Colonialism and the Jews: French Administration, Metropolitan Jews,
and the Transformation of Moroccan Jewry**

Daniel J. Schroeter (University of California at Irvine)

Sunday Evening

December 15, 2002

Program

**5:15 P.M. Annual Business Meeting
of the Association for Jewish Studies**

5:45 P.M. Reception (*for Registered Conference Attendees only--you must show your badge to be admitted*)

Sponsored by **AJS** and

The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

The Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

The Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford University

The UC Berkeley/Graduate Theological Union Program in Jewish Studies

The University of Judaism

The UCLA Center for Jewish Studies

The USC Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life

6:30 P.M. Banquet

7:45 P.M. Plenary Session

Chair: Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Introduction

David N. Myers (UCLA)

Making Jewish Culture: Tales of a Hollywood Jew

Michael Tolkin (*Screenwriter, Director, Producer, and Novelist*)

9:30–10:45 P.M. Film

Mamadrama: The Jewish Mother in Cinema

Commentator: TBA

*Courtesy of Sharon Rivo and the National Center for Jewish Film,
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454. Tel.: (781) 899-7044*

Monday, December 16, 2002

Breakfast 7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

Women's Caucus Breakfast 7:00 A.M.–8:30 A.M. *Cost: \$20.00 Paid reservations must be made [online](#) by Nov. 25*

Exhibits 8:30 A.M.–6:30 P.M.

Session 4, 8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

4.1

Eliezer Berkovits

Chair and Respondent: David H. Ellenson
(Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Berkovits and Soloveitchik: Two Models of Jewish Morality

David Hazony (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Eliezer Berkovits as Halakhist

David Novak (University of Toronto)

Contested Terrain: Eliezer Berkovits' Construction of a Jewish Theology in Opposition to Christianity after the Holocaust

Marc A. Krell (University of Arizona)

4.2

Law Codes in Ancient Judaism?

Chair: David S. Winston (Graduate Theological Union)

The Codification of Jewish Law in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

Hellenistic Judaism and Law Codes

Gregory Sterling (University of Notre Dame)

The Babylonian Talmud as a Sassanian Compilation

Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

Respondent:

Robert G. Goldenberg (SUNY-Stony Brook)

4.3

Performing Jewishness on the Mainstream Stage

(The First of Two Consecutive Sessions)

Chair: Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Generational Shifts: Changing Patterns in American Jewish Plays

Linda Ben-Zvi (Tel-Aviv University)

Ill at Ease in America: Two Plays by Donald Margulies

Julius Novick (SUNY—Purchase)

The Transforming Jew:

Particularism and Universalism from Toller to Odets

Jeanette Malkin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Sinners, Scandals, and Scamps on the American Jewish Stage

Ellen F. Schiff (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)

Respondent:

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

4.4

New Forms of Jewish Spirituality in America and Israel

Chair: Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

Kabbalistic Wisdom as Healing:

Ritualistic Strategies of the Kabbalah Centre

Jody Myers (California State University, Northridge)

Study of Text as Spiritual Endeavor in Liberal *Batei Midrash* in Israel

Adina B. Newberg (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

Dancing with Their Timbrels: Classifying Renewal's Feminist Liturgies

Aviva Goldberg (York University)

The Four Worlds in American Jewish Renewal

Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)

4.5

Broken Chain? Ashkenazim or Jews of Their `Host' Country

Chair: Keely Stauter-Halsted (Michigan State University)

Ashkenaz as a Homeland:

Revisiting the Emergence of Jewish Nationalism

Israel Bartal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The *Longue Durée* of Russian Jewish History

Benjamin I. Nathans (University of Pennsylvania)

"So Hard to be an Ashkenaz": Jews of the Russian Empire

Brian J. Horowitz (University of Nebraska at Lincoln)

**The Historical and Ethnographic Construction
of the East European Jewish Nation**

Jeffrey Veidlinger (Indiana University)

4.6

Berlin, Buenos Aires, and Bethpage (New York):

Perspectives on Modern Consumer Culture and Jewish Identity

Chair and Respondent: Sharon I. Gillerman (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Consumer Society and the 'Jewish Department Store' in Germany, 1900–1933

Paul Lerner (University of Southern California)

Creating Identity in the Suburbs: Jewish Consumer Culture in Postwar America

Aleisa R. Fishman (American University)

Becoming Argentine, Becoming Jewish, Remaining Sephardic:

Jewish Women, Consumer Culture, and Identity in Argentina, 1920–60

Adriana Brodsky (Duke University)

4.7

Conversion and Religious Boundaries

in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Periods

Cosponsored by the American Section of the International Association of Societies for the Study of Jewish History

Chair: David Berger (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

The Ghost in the Machine: Conversion and Translation from Jerome to Luther

Naomi Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)

Crossing the Social and Religious Boundaries:

Christian Converts to Judaism in Early Modern Poland

Magdalena O. Teter (Wesleyan University)

**The Mutual Discovery of Karaite Jews and Protestant Christians
in Early Modern Europe**

Fred Astren (San Francisco State University)

Puritan Millenarianism and the Privileges of Israel

Richard W. Cogley (Southern Methodist University)

4.8

Aspects of Jewish Culture in Interwar Montreal

Chair and Respondent: Eugene V. Orenstein (McGill University)

B. G. Sack: Pioneer Canadian Jewish Historian

Rebecca E. Margolis (Columbia University)

New Thoughts from an Ancient Source:

Hirsh Wolofsky's *Commentary on the Torah*

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

Communal Official and Pioneer Scholar:

J. L. Zlotnik (Elzet) in Montreal, 1921–34

Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia)

4.9

Defining Difference: Voice and Language

Chair: Jay Leon Halio (University of Delaware)

People of the Voice

Sheila Jelen (University of Maryland)

Archaeology of the Language, Archaeology of the Self:

Text, Language, and Identity in Juan Gelman's *Dibaxu*

Monique R. Balbuena (University of California at Berkeley)

The Construction of "Difference" in Jerome Rothenberg's Jewish Ethnopoetics

Christine A. Meilicke (Universität Mainz)

Roth's *The Human Stain*: What's Black, White, Jewish, and Read All Over?

Brett A. Kaplan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

4.10

Advances in the Conceptualization of Midrash

Chair: Lewis M. Barth (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Midrash Aggadah and Midrash Halakhah as Two Types of 'Serious Play'

Lieve Teugels (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Mnemonic Characteristics and the Oral Transmission of Aggadic Tradition

W. David Nelson (Texas Christian University)

How Much Midrash in the Sifra?

Azzan Yadin (Rutgers University)

**A Literature of Response:
The Role of the Audience in the Creation of Homiletical Midrash**
Rachel A. Anisfeld (University of Pennsylvania)

4.11

**America in Hebrew: Visions of America
in Early Twentieth-Century Hebrew Literature**

Chair and Respondent: Alan L. Mintz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

**The Unbearable Lightness of Being Jewish in America:
Anxiety and Success in the American Hebrew Short Story**

Yaron Peleg (George Washington University)

The Antimodernism of American Hebrew Poetry

Michael Weingrad (University of Leeds)

**Re-visioning America: The American Frontier
in Jabotinsky's Literary Imagination**

Eran Kaplan (University of Cincinnati)

4.12

**Jewish Thought and Martin Heidegger (II):
Violence and the Singular**

Chair: Nancy Levene (Williams College)

Poetic Justice, Prophetic Justice:

Buber with and against Heidegger on Language

Gregory Kaplan (Rice University)

**Heidegger's Debt to Jewish Thought
and Levinas' Interpretation of Heidegger**

Bettina G. Bergo (Duquesne University)

Martin Heidegger and the Final Solution to the 'Jewification' Problem

David Alan Patterson (University of Memphis)

4.13

Zionism: Thought and Praxis

Chair: Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto)

To Build and Be Rebuilt by *Galut*:

Labor Zionism and the Reinvention of Jewish Tradition

Adam Rubin (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

"Fort mit dem Hausjuden!":

Jewish Nationalism and the 1907 Austrian Elections

Joshua Shanes (University of Wisconsin)

Jewish Women's Organizations: Between State and Civil Society

Leah Simmons Levin (York University)

Woman as Enemy, Woman as Sister:

The Experience of *Halutsot* in *ha-Shomer ha-Tsa'ir* in the 1920s

Ofer Nur (UCLA)

4.14

Maimonides II

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

In the Image of God: Maimonides on Metaphor, Meaning, and Language

Peggy A. Sandel (Berkeley, CA)

Maimonides' Historiography of Idolatry: Arabic Sources and Parallels

Seth Ward (Colorado College)

Righteous Gentiles Have a Share in the World to Come:

A Study of Maimonides' Universalistic Thought

Michael Zvi Nehorai (Bar-Ilan University)

Session 5, 10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

5.1

Philosophy and Jewish Studies

Cosponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research

Chair: David Berger (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

Discussants:

David Novak (University of Toronto)

Alfred Lyon Ivry (New York University)

Leora F. Batnitzky (Princeton University)

5.2

Computing and Jewish Studies

Chair: Rick Burke (University of Judaism Library)

From Data to Digital Library: A Call for Disciplinary Metadata Standards

Bruce Rosenstock (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

A Cautious Alliance: Jewish Studies and Online Learning

Peter Margolis (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Multilingual Computing and Jewish Studies Research Methodologies

Heidi G. Lerner (Stanford University)

(Elhanan Adler, *Coauthor*)

Building an Annotated Corpus

and a Lexical Database of Modern Hebrew in XML

Tsuguya Sasaki (Osaka University of Foreign Studies)

5.3

Performing Jewishness on the Mainstream Stage

(The Second of Two Consecutive Sessions)

Chair: Ellen F. Schiff (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts)

Into the Black: Amateur Jewish Minstrel Clubs in New York City and Boston

Pamela Brown Lavitt (New York University)

Performing Black-Jewish Symbiosis: The "Hassidic Chant" of Paul Robeson

Jonathan Karp (SUNY—Binghamton)

Religion on the Stage:

Rabbi Joseph Silverman and the Actors' Church Alliance

Edna Nahshon (Jewish Theological Seminary)

5.4

The Polemics of Jewish Sectarianism

Chair: Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)

Sadducees and Karaites: The Rhetoric of Jewish Sectarianism

Frederick E. Greenspahn (University of Denver)

Historiography and Polemic: Yosef Sambari's Depiction of Early Islam

Martin Jacobs (Washington University)

Religious Polemics of Jewish Converts

in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire

Himmet Taskomur (Harvard University)

5.5

New Interpretative Strategies for Jewish Iconography: From *Helios* to the Holocaust

Chair: Joan R. Branham (Providence College)

Metatron and Magic in Ancient Palestinian Synagogues

Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Between Text and Archaeology: Using Liturgy to Interpret Ancient Jewish Art

Steven Fine (University of Cincinnati)

The Aesthetics of Trauma: Yad Vashem

Natasha Goldman (University of Rochester)

5.6

Isolated and Marginalized Jewish Communities

Chair: Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

The Jewish Community of Salzburg 1867–2002

Albert Lichtblau (Universität Salzburg)

The Jewish Community of Upper Austria

Michael John (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz)

Jewish Communities in Lower Austria from 1848 to the Present

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

5.7

Jews and Modern British Society

Chair: Eugene Black (Brandeis University)

Anglo-Jewish Responses to the Boer War

Shira D. Schnitzer (Oxford University)

Jewish Communists in Britain: Susceptibility and Recruitment

Jason Heppell (University of Warwick)

Solomon Schechter in Britain:

The Rumanian Jew Encounters the Victorian Age

David B. Starr (Hebrew College)

5.8

A Jewish Community in Los Angeles:

Postwar Activism and Identity Formation

Chair: Bruce A. Phillips (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Grass Roots Activists in a Global Web:

Jewish Civil Rights Activists in Los Angeles

Shana Bernstein (Stanford University)

'Little Fuehrer Invades Los Angeles':

Jewish Activism and Identity Formation

David Jason Leonard (University of California at Berkeley)

Respondent:

David J. Biale (University of California at Davis)

5.9

From Sepharad to America

Chair: Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

More than One New World: Yosef ha-Kohen on Sepharad and America

Avi Matalón (Harvard University)

Religious Contact and Exchange between

Cuban Jews in Miami and Havana from 1959 to the Present

Dana Evan Kaplan (University of Missouri-Kansas City)

Vestiges of Crypto-Jewish Presence in Northern Mexico

Schulamith C. Halevy (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

5.10

From America to Palestine

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

Between the Tennessee Valley and the Jordan Valley:

American Zionists and the Arab Question in the Forties

Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)

Cultural Transfer from America to Eretz Israel:

Medical Professions and Welfare Projects, 1913–49

Mira Yungman (The Open University of Israel)

Mothering the Nation: Hadassah's Social Welfare Project in pre-State Israel

Erica Simmons (University of Toronto)

5.11

Aspects of the Redaction and Transmission of the Bavli

Chair: Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

***Ashgara de-lishna*: A Case Study in List Transmission**

Barry Wimpfheimer (Columbia University)

Between *Memrot* and the *Stam*: Evidence for

Attributed Redactionary Material in the Babylonian Talmud

Jonathan S. Milgram (University of London)

Alfasi and the Unified *Stam* Theory

Leonard R. Levy (Jewish Theological Seminary)

5.12

Stories My Parents Told Me: The Family in Transition

Chair: Naomi B. Sokoloff (University of Washington)

Ehud Havazelet's *Like Never Before* and the Traditions of American Jewish Literature

Donald Weber (Mount Holyoke College)

Treatment of Aggression in Second-Generation Writing: The Case of Thane Rosenbaum

Anna Petrov Bumble (Brandeis University)

Becoming an All-of-a-kind American:

The Family as Assimilation Agent in Sydney Taylor's Fiction

June Cummins (San Diego State University)

5.13

Second Temple Studies

Chair: Adriane Leveen (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Social Structure of the proto-Sectarian Movement of Nehemiah 10 and the Dead Sea Sect

Alexei M. Sivertsev (De Paul University)

The New Testament and the School of Shammai

John T. Townsend (Harvard Divinity School)

The People of the Land—Another Look

Lisbeth Fried (University of Michigan)

5.14

Jews and Jewish Thought in Russian Context

Chair and Respondent: Jonathan Frankel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Vladimir Solov'yov and the Jews:

Between Romanticism and Enlightenment

Dmitrij Belkin (Universität Tübingen)

Answering the Jewish Question:

Chaim Zhitlovsky and Racial Conceptions of *Yiddishkayt*

Matthew B. Hoffman (University of California at Davis)

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

Lecture: The Place of Freedom and the Halakhah

Yochanan D. Silman (Bar-Ilan University)

Sephardi/Mizrahi Caucus (*Lunch additional: by paid reservation only*)

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Chair: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

Meeting of Directors of Jewish Studies Programs

Moderator: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut at Storrs)

Retirement Planning Workshop (*tentative*)

This workshop is designed for audience participation.

12:15 P.M.–1:15 P.M. 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

Session 6, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

6.1

Kaddish: Mourning as a 'Delirium of Study'

Chair: Robert B. Alter (University of California at Berkeley)

The Rabbinic Perspective

Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

The Mystical/Hasidic/Philosophical Perspective

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

Agnon: A Modern Classical Medieval Perspective

James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo)

The Author Responds:

Leon Wieseltier (Washington, DC)

6.2

Jews and Non-Jews in North American Society

Chair: Moshe Hartman (Voorhees, New Jersey)

Hasidim and their French-Canadian Neighbors: Claims and Counterclaims

William Shaffir (McMaster University)

Drawing the Line: Hasidic Jews and Public Space in Outremont, Quebec

Valerie Stoker (University of Pennsylvania)

A Societal Perspective on Patterns of Interreligious Mate Selection among American Jews

Ariela Keysar (CUNY Graduate Center)

(Egon Mayer (Brooklyn College-CUNY) *and*

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

Processing Ethno-Religious Identities:

Revisions and Renegotiations in Mixed-Married Jewish Households

Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)

6.3

Jews of the West: Scholarship and Public History (*A Roundtable*)

Chair and Commentator: Moses Rischin (San Francisco State University)

Go West Young Mentsh:

Patterns of Migration and Settlement in the American West

Ellen Eisenberg (Willamette University)

Jews in the West: The View from New York

Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

Jewish Merchants and Civic Integration

William Toll (University of Oregon)

Generation to Generation:

Western Jewish Life, Scholarship, and Public History

Ava F. Kahn (University of California at Berkeley)

6.4

Holocaust Memoirs

Chair: David Engel (New York University)

Jewish Diary Writing during the Holocaust and the Problem of the Therapeutic

Alexandra Garbarini (UCLA)

A Multilanguage Holocaust Diary

Batsheva Ben-Amos (University of Pennsylvania)

"Zamelt un farshraybt! Helft shraybn di geshikhte fun letstn khurbn!":

The Central Historical Commission in Munich

Laura Jockusch (New York University)

6.5

Yiddish: Sixteenth- to Eighteenth-Century Literary Culture

Chair: Rakhmiel Peltz (Drexel University)

From Warming Cholent to Reciting Kol Nidre:

Food and Prayer in a North Italian Yiddish Book of Customs

Diane B. Wolfthal (Arizona State University)

Women of the *Bove Bukh*

Jennifer R. Goodman (Texas A&M University)

Readers and Readings in Ashkenazic Society: Translations of the Bible into Yiddish

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

6.6

New Dimensions in Israel Studies

Chair: Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)

Rethinking Women, Religion, and Politics in Israel

Hanna Herzog (Tel-Aviv University)

Revelations of '67: New Research in the Six-Day War

Michael Oren (Jerusalem, Israel)

A Language Both Foreign and Grating?

The Attitude toward Yiddish in Israel during the 1950s

Rachel Rojanski (University of Haifa)

Near-Eastern Immigrant Intellectuals in Israel—Modernity and Identity
Yonit Efron (Tel-Aviv University)

6.7

In the Wake of the Holocaust

Chair: Alvin H. Rosenfeld (Indiana University)

The Politics and Poetics of Vatican Holocaust Discourse

Ariella Lang (Columbia University)

Jewish DPs and Zionism: The Kibbutz in Postwar Germany

Avinoam Patt (New York University)

Postwar Yiddish Travelogues to Poland and the Struggle for a Usable Past

Jack Kugelmass (Arizona State University)

"You Bloody Enemy Alien!": Jewish Refugees in British Internment Camps

Judith F. Rosen (CUNY Graduate Center)

6.8

History and Historiography in the Bible and Late Antiquity

Chair: Ziony Zevit (University of Judaism)

A Reassessment of the Jeroboam Narratives

According to the Masoretic Text and the Septuagint

Marvin A. Sweeney (School of Theology at Claremont)

The Unintended Consequences of Omride Reform

Daniel Kirsch (Johns Hopkins University)

The Ten Lost Tribes in History and Tradition

Pamela Barmash (Washington University)

Josephus vs. Josephus as Biblical Historian

Louis H. Feldman (Yeshiva University)

6.9

Definitions and Redefinitions: French Jews in Moments of Change

Chair and Commentator: Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville)

**Strategic Friendships: Jewish Intellectuals, the Abbé Grégoire,
and the French Revolution**

Alyssa G. Sepinwall (California State University, San Marcos)

Couscous or Gefilte Fish?—Jews from Algeria and French Jewish Identity

Sarah Sussman (Stanford University)

Self-definition and Self-defense:

Jewish Racial Identity in Nineteenth-Century France

Lisa Moses Leff (Southwestern University)

Earmarking Money and Defining Judaism in Nineteenth-Century France

Jeffrey Haus (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

6.10

Perceptions of Christianity among Soviet and post-Soviet Jews

Chair and Respondent: Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan)

Society at the Window: The Boundaries of Judaism and Jewish Life, Secularism, and Christianity

Rebecca L. Golbert (Los Angeles, CA)

Can a `Mentsh' Go to Church?: Perceptions of Christianity among post-Soviet Elderly Moscow Jews

Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)

The Soviet Jewish Intelligentsia and Christianity:

Russian Orthodox Belief among Refusniks

Matvey Chlenov (University College, London)

6.11

Spinoza

Chair: Michael Rosenthal (Grinnell College)

Effeminate vs. Manly Jews: Spinoza's proto-Zionism as a Rethinking of Machiavelli's Image of Modern Enlightenment

Martin D. Yaffe (University of North Texas)

Maimonides, Lodewijk Meyer, and Spinoza on the Interpretation of Scripture

Carlos Fraenkel (McGill University)

Cohen vs. Spinoza on a Passage in Maimonides' *Mishneh Torah*

Mark A. Kaplowitz (New York University)

Spinoza and Negative Theology

Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Yale University)

6.12

Models of Rabbinic Construction: Texts and Social Categories

Chair: David M. Goodblatt (University of California, San Diego)

"The Purchase of His Money":

Wives and Slaves in the Rabbinically Imagined Household

Gail Labovitz (Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Ritual of Lending a Shoulder:

Distribution and Signification in Talmudic Times

Uri Ehrlich (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

The Transmission of the Talmud in Post-Structuralism

Serguei Dolgopolskii (University of California at Berkeley)

Respondent:

Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

6.13

Social Structures and Spirituality in the pre-Modern Period

Chair: Rochelle L. Millen (Wittenberg University)

'I am a poor foreigner': Letters from Medieval Jewish Women

Cheryl Tallan (University of Toronto)

Medieval Jewish Women's Pathways to the Divine

Emily Taitz (Adelphi University)

Kinship Ties, *Hevrah Kaddisha* Membership, and the Structure of Power

David Wachtel (Columbia University)

Remedies of the Early Hasidim

Jonathan L. Seidel (University of Oregon)

6.14

The Social Context of Jewish Language Use

Chair: TBA

Taboo and Jewish Languages

Maria Mayer Modena (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Impressing the Opposite Sex:

The Use of Quotations by Orthodox Jewish Females

Aliza Sacknovitz (Georgetown University)

Religious Lexical Engineering

Ghil'Ad Zuckermann (Cambridge University)

Session 7, 3:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

7.1

Conceptions of Revelation in Ancient Judaism

Chair: Benjamin D. Sommer (Northwestern University)

The Revelation of Hermeneutics at Mount Sinai

Bernard M. Levinson (University of Minnesota)

Panelists:

Tikva Frymer-Kensky (University of Chicago)

James L. Kugel (Harvard University)

Response:

Marc Zvi Brettler (Brandeis University)

7.2

Canon and Creativity in Postmodern Literature

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

Canon Wars: The Bible and Its Discontents in Contemporary Jewish Writing in English

Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

Canon, Scripture, and Yiddish Poetry

Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)

Creation and Creativity: Genesis Revisited

Anne Lapidus Lerner (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Respondent:

Robert B. Alter (University of California at Berkeley)

7.3

Framing Jewish Space and Memory:

Art, Politics, and Architecture

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

Towards an Iconography of Diaspora Synagogues

Vivian B. Mann (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Ashkenazi Multiculturalism: The Wall Paintings

from Eighteenth-Century Polish Wooden Synagogues

Thomas C. Hubka (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)

Jewish Art and the Politics of Holocaust Memory:

Bruno Schulz's Mural in Drohobycz

Elke Heckner (University of Oregon)

Memory-Projects | Memory-Works

Julian Bonder (Roger Williams University)

7.4

Sixteenth-Century Safedian Kabbalah

Chair: Lawrence B. Fine (Mount Holyoke College)

The Conversion of Islam and Christianity in Kabbalah

Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)

The Zohar and Lurianic Kabbalah:

Between Apophatic Transcendence and Salvific Cataphasis

Menachem Emanuel Kallus (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

"And Adam's Sin Was (Too) Great": Original Sin in Lurianic Exegesis

Shaul Magid (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Another Jewish Version of Original Sin: Chaim Vital on Leviticus 12

Alan M. Cooper (Jewish Theological Seminary)

7.5

Intellectual Jewish Women, German and Austrian Legacies 1880–1945

Chair: Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

German-Jewish Women as Consumers

Darcy C. Buerkle (Smith College)

On the Fringes of Academia: Jewish Women as University Faculty in the Mid-Twentieth Century

Harriet Pass Freidenreich (Temple University)

Jewish Intellectual Women in Interwar Vienna: Eugenie Schwarzwald, Berta Zuckerkandl, and Alice Schalek

Lisa D. Silverman (Yale University)

"The Serpent deceived me, and I ate": Jewish Women Artists in Austria between Recognition and Rejection

Birgit Ben-Eli (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

7.6

Rhetorical Diatribe: Making Sense of Matthew 23

Chair and Respondent: Zev Garber (Los Angeles Valley College)

The Rhetorical Genesis of Hate:

Matthew 23 in a Jewish and Non-Jewish Context

Samuel M. Edelman (California State University, Chico)

"What Does This Have To Do With Us?"—Rethinking Matthew 23

James F. Moore (Valparaiso University)

Responding to the Litany of Hate: Intrafamily vs. Interfamily

Steven L. Jacobs (University of Alabama)

7.7

Queer Jewish Studies

Chair: Naomi Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)

God Trouble: Queer Theory and Rabbinic Texts

Gwynn Kessler (University of Florida)

The Intersection of Homosexuality and Ethnic Identity:

Gay Jewish Men Tell Their Stories

Randal F. Schnoor (McGill University)

Queer Jews Remapping Diaspora

Caryn Aviv (University of California, San Francisco) *and*

David Shneer (University of Denver) *Coauthors*

'Aime Qui Est Aimée': Can Levinas' Beloved Be Queer?

Robin Podolsky (Los Angeles, CA)

Respondent:

Ann Pellegrini (University of California at Irvine)

7.8

The National Jewish Population Survey 2000–2001:

Major Findings and Critical Issues

Chair: Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)

Defining Who is a Jew: A New Framework

Jim Schwartz (United Jewish Communities)

The Social, Economic, and Political Characteristics of Jews and Non-Jews: A Comparative Analysis

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (United Jewish Communities)

Jewish Identity: Connections to Religion and Ethnicity

Vivian Klaff (University of Delaware)

**Jewish Connections over the Life-Course:
Informal and Institutional Linkages**
Frank Mott (Ohio State University)

7.9

Anxieties and Influences in the Writings of the Masters

Chair: Arnold J. Band (UCLA)

The Early Modern Hebrew Sonnet: A Dialogue with Modernity

Cheryl Goldstein (UCLA)

Body as Intertext in the Fiction of Agnon and Yehoshua

Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)

Teresa vs. Shunra: Female Models

in the Poetry of Dalia Ravikovitch and Yona Wallach

Zafrira Lidovsky-Cohen (Stern College)

Counter-Narratives of Exile and Homecoming in Devorah Baron's Fiction

Shachar M. Pinsker (Harvard University)

Memory and Redemption in Hebrew Poetics:

Eden in Bialik's *The Pool* and Pedayah's *A Golden Molten Stream*

Aubrey L. Glazer (University of Toronto)

7.10

Macro-Analysis of Rabbinic Texts

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

Uncovering Recurring Themes in TB `Avodah Zarah

Alyssa Gray (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Kallah Rabbati and the Nature of Oral Transmission in Amoraic Babylonia

David Brodsky (New York University)

7.11

Jewish Nationality and the Transformation of Language

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

From Judeo-Provencal to Judeo-Piedmontese and Western Yiddish

George Jochnowitz (College of Staten Island)

Some Observations on Judeo-Italian Syntax

Seth Jerchow (University of Pennsylvania)

**Language, Companion of Empire:
Spanish pro-Sephardism, the Alliance, and Zionism**

Stacy N. Beckwith (Carleton College)

Nation, Territory, and the School in the Synthesis of Modern Spoken Hebrew

Miryam Segal (University of California at Berkeley)

7.12

Varieties of Jewish Leadership in the Medieval Mediterranean World

Chair: Elka B. Klein (University of Cincinnati)

Facing the Challenge:

Personal Contact and the Exercise of Communal Leadership

Arnold E. Franklin (New York University)

Profiat Duran: Leadership in a Time of Crisis

Maud Kozodoy (Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Court Jew in Medieval Portugal: The Office of the *Arrabi-Mor*

Jonathan Ray (Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Family Ties: The Illuminated Manuscripts
of the Gallico and Norsa Families**

Evelyn M. Cohen (Yeshiva University)

7.13

Rabbis and Politics in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Russian Jewry

Chair: Steven J. Zipperstein (Stanford University)

**Community Rabbis in Nineteenth-Century Russia:
An Examination of Political and Religious Authority**

Tamar Kaplan (University of Pennsylvania)

**To Write Is to Fight: Rabbinic Responses to the Emergence of
the Modern Hebrew Press in Eastern Europe**

Yael M. Levi (Columbia University)

The Communal Politics of the Jews of Kiev, 1900–1914

Natan M. Meir (Columbia University)

From Political Struggle to Cultural Work:

The Bund in the Last Years of the Czarist Empire, 1907–14

Joshua Zimmerman (Yeshiva University)

7.14a

Philosophical Exegesis of Scripture

[The first of two sessions (lasts one hour)]

Chair: Abraham Melamed (University of Haifa)

**Reasons for the Commandments
and the Medieval Jewish Philosophers of Provence**

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

'It Ain't Necessarily So':

The Long Life of the Ancients in Medieval Jewish Philosophy

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

7.14b

Lesser-known Figures in Science and Philosophical Exegesis

[The second of two sessions (lasts half an hour)]

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

Philosophical Allusions in Ephraim of Luntshits' *Keli Yakar*

Leonard S. Levin (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Monday Evening

December 16, 2002

Program

5:45–6:15 P.M. Section Meetings

6:00 P.M. Graduate Student Reception

A Social Hour Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies

6:30 P.M. Dinner

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

7:45 P.M.

The Sixth Annual AJS Distinguished Lecture

Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)

Deuteronomy and the Invention of Collective Memory

Robert B. Alter

(Class of 1939 Professor of Comparative Literature, University of
California at Berkeley)

9:30 P.M. Concert

Rabbi Haim Louk and his Orchestra

***Hillulim* ‘To the Glory of God’: Songs from the Sephardic Tradition**

Presented through the generosity of the **Maurice Amado Foundation**

10:30 P.M. *Film Screening*

Jewish Teenagers on Gender and Tradition: A Video Documentary Approach

Chair: Stuart Z. Charmé (Rutgers University)

Discussants:

Lisa Kors (Los Angeles, CA)

Shaul Kelner (Brandeis University)

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Breakfast 7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M.

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AJS Program Committee and Section Coordinators

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

AJS Review Editorial Board 7:45 A.M.

Chair: Jay M. Harris (Harvard University)

Exhibits 8:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Session 8, 8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

8.1

Jews and Romans in Society and Imagination

Chair: Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Jewish Involvement in Ancient Civic Life and Its Implications for Jewish History

Gary Gilbert (Claremont McKenna College)

P.Yadin 37: Jewish or Gentile Marriage Practices?

Ranon Katzoff (Bar-Ilan University)

Ritual Survival under Roman Eyes

Steven P. Weitzman (Indiana University)

The Heavenly Cult of the Martyrs: Rituals of Intercession

in the Story of the Ten Martyrs and Hekhalot Rabbati

Ra'anana S. Abusch (Princeton University)

8.2

Rereading the Sources: New Perspectives on Jewish Women's History

Cosponsored by the AJS Women's Caucus

Chair: Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)

New Findings on Doña Gracia Nasi: A Sixteenth-Century Jewish Woman's Life

Andrée Brooks (Yale University)

Rachel Calof's Texts: Collaboration on the Prairie

Kristine Peleg (University of Arizona)

The Status of Women at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 1922–55

Deborah Waxman (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

Respondent:

Miriam Beth Peskowitz (Temple University)

8.3

Polish-Jewish Relations after Jedwabne

Chair: Gabriel N. Finder (University of Virginia)

The Memory of the Dark Past: Intellectuals on Jedwabne

Joanna B. Michlic (Yad Vashem)

Polish-Jewish Relations: A View from Within

Helene Sinnreich (University of Lodz)

Compiling a Reader on the Jedwabne Debate: The Main Problems

Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

A Survey of the Attitudes of Polish-American and Jewish-American Activists toward the Holocaust

Robert Cherry (Brooklyn College—CUNY)

8.4

**The "Other" in Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah:
A Text-learning Session**

Chair: Tamar Rudavsky (Ohio State University)

**Attitudes Towards 'Others' in Medieval Jewish Thought:
Between Gender and Color**

Abraham Melamed (University of Haifa)

The "Other" in Kabbalah—Selected Texts

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

8.5

American Jewry from War to Postwar

Chair: Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

Halakhic Stringency vs. Service to One's Country:

JWB Responsa for Jewish Military Personnel, 1941–55

Joan Friedman (American University)

The View from 1954: Celebrating 300 Years of American Jewish Life

Karla A. Goldman (Jewish Women's Archive)

**From DPs to New Americans: The Resettlement of Holocaust Survivors
by the American Jewish Community**

Beth Cohen (Clark University)

8.6

Biblical Women, Feminist Revisions

Chair: Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

Histoires d'amour, Pouvoirs de l'horreur—

Female Transgression as the Work of God in Biblical Narrative

Gerda Elata-Alster (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

'La Belle Dame Sans Merci': Lilith, the Woman of Consequence

Sandra Collins (University of Pittsburgh)
Respondent: Esther Fuchs (University of Arizona)

8.7

Reconsidering the Relationship of the Mishnah and the Tosefta

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

Traces of a Royal Redaction:

The pro-Monarchic Orientation of the Mishnah

David Flatto (Harvard University)

Tosefta as a Commentary on an Even Earlier Collection

Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Preliminary Observations on the Source of the Mishnah and Tosefta

David Freidenreich (Columbia University)

Respondent: Martin S. Jaffee (University of Washington)

8.8

Redefining the *Bet Midrash*: Jewish Adult Educators as Agents of Social Change

Chair: Aryeh Davidson (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Ladies, Girls, and Mothers: Defining Jewish Womanhood in the Settlement House

Miriam Heller Stern (Stanford University)

Meaning-Making at the Melton Mini-Schools: Intersections in Adult Jewish Learning

Diane Tickton Schuster (Claremont Graduate University) *and*

Lisa D. Grant (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion) *Coauthors*

Three Cheers for Anna: A Portrait of Anna G. Sherman

Carol K. Ingall (Jewish Theological Seminary)

8.9

Aesthetics

Chair: Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)

Aesthetics, Romantics, and Jews

Leah Hochman (University of Florida)

After Rosenzweig and Lessing: The Place of the Picture

Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

Jewish *Bibelwissenschaft*?:

The Turn to the Literary in Rosenzweig's Biblical Hermeneutics

Mara Hillary Benjamin (Stanford University)

System is Not Architecture:

Rosenzweig's (De)Construction of a System of Philosophy

Benjamin Pollock (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

8.10

Perspectives on Christian Hebraism in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries

Chair: Bernard D. Cooperman (University of Maryland)

The Christian Reception of *Sefer ha-Kuzari*: Buxtorf and Beyond

Adam B. Shear (University of Pittsburgh)

The Holy Tongue: Jewish and Christian Attitudes toward the Hebrew Language in the Sixteenth Century

Deena Aranoff (Columbia University)

The Institutionalization of Christian Hebraism:

The Case of the Strasbourg Gymnase

Debra Kaplan (University of Pennsylvania)

Jewish Messianism and Christian Hebraism: A Quiet Partnership?

Daniel Kokin (Harvard University)

8.11

Pentateuch and Prophets

Chair: **William H. Propp** (University of California, San Diego)

Leviticus 2:1–10: The Vegetal Offering—An Exegetical Challenge

Paul Heger (University of Toronto)

Interspecies Sexual Relations in the Holiness Code and Hittite Law

David T. Stewart (Southwestern University)

Reading the Seams: Inner Biblical Dialogue in the Book of Numbers

Adriane Leveen (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Perceptions of Dreams in Prophetic and Wisdom Literature

Shaul Bar (University of Memphis)

8.12

After the Fact: Recovering the Past

Chair: Janet Burstein (Drew University)

After Czernowitz: Jewish Spaces of East Central Europe

Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

Phosphorescent Stories: On Anne Michaels' *Fugitive Pieces*

Alan Rosen (Bar-Ilan University)

Asserting One's Self Aggressively:

Jewish Writing in the Netherlands in the 1990s

Pascale R. Bos (University of Texas)

Truth, Fiction, and History: The Life and Memoirs of Sara Nomberg-Przytyk

Holli Levitsky (Loyola Marymount University)

8.13

Crisis and Community:

The Jewish Search for Order in the Early Twentieth Century

Chair: David N. Myers (UCLA)

Death in the City: Narrating and Navigating Turn-of-the-Century Warsaw

Scott Ury (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Beyond Kishinev: Masculinity and Modernity in Bialik's *ba-`Ir ha-haregah*

Philip A. Hollander (Columbia University)

Conflict, Community, and Revolution

in the East European Jewish Cultural Sphere, 1917–21

Kenneth Moss (Stanford University)

Extirpating "Rot and Decay":

Crisis and the Nationalization of the Yishuv, 1903–14

Arieh Bruce Saposnik (New York University)

8.14

German Jewry in the Age of Enlightenment and Reform

Chair: Gilya Gerda Schmidt (University of Tennessee at Knoxville)

Becoming Orthodox: The Adoption and Transformation of a German Lutheran Term by German Jews

Jeffrey C. Blutinger (UCLA)

Conceptualizing a Jewish World History Before Graetz

Louise Hecht (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Rabbi Moses Sofer's Polemic Against Rabbi Aaron Choriner and Early Reform Judaism in Germany

Nathan D. Rabinowich (Hofstra University)

Session 9, 10:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M.

9.1

Women, Gender, and the Natural World: Emerging Scholarship

Chair: Aryeh Cohen (University of Judaism)

A Jewish Perspective on Ecofeminism

Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (Arizona State University)

The Rivers of Eden: The Womb's Connection to the World in Biblical and Rabbinic Sources

Natan Margalit (Bard College)

Excavating Jewish Feminine Ecology

Irene Diamond (University of Oregon)

Respondent:

David Seidenberg (Jewish Theological Seminary)

9.2

Contemporary Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Pragmatism

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Society for Textual Reasoning

Chair: Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

The Transportation and Transformation of Values:

A Study in Rabbinic Pragmatism

Peter W. Ochs (University of Virginia)

Respondents:

Jonathan W. Schofer (University of Wisconsin)

William Plevan (Princeton University)

Laurie Zoloth (San Francisco State University)

9.3

**New Genres for Representing the Holocaust
in American Popular Culture**

Chair: Oren Baruch Stier (Florida International University)

Not in Kansas Anymore: Children's Films about the Holocaust

Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)

Traumatic Memory and Family Photos in MAUS

Andrea Liss (California State University, San Marcos)

Holocaust Humor in American Popular Culture

Lynn Rapaport (Pomona College)

Dariusz Jablonski's *Fotoamator*

and the Impossibility of Believing in the Documentary

Tomasz Lysak (GSSR, Polish Academy of Science)

9.4

Texts Over Time: Synchronic and Diachronic Studies of Rabbinic Tropes

Chair: Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

**Ba-Rishonah: A Preliminary Typology of
Self-Conscious Halakhic Change in Rabbinic Literature**

Aaron D. Panken (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Trajectory of a Trope: Tending the Yavneh Vineyard

Robert Daum (University of British Columbia)

"A Convert Is like a Newborn Child":

The History of the Concept in Its Halakhic and Aggadic Contexts
Moshe Lavie-Levkovitch (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

9.5

Re-Visioning Jewish Mothers

Chair: Rela Mintz Geffen (Baltimore Hebrew University)

How (Not) to be a Jewish Mother: Lessons from Parent Education, Popular Culture, and Social Science

Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

Hidden Stories/Living Memories:

A New Look at Jewish Mothers' Lives in Seattle and Baltimore

Jayne K. Guberman (Jewish Women's Archive)

Peak Time: A Case Study of Progressive Jewish Mothers and the PTA of P.S. 153, 1946–56

Vicki Gabriner (Brookline, Massachusetts)

9.6

Applying Social Network Analysis to the Study of Jewish Life

Chair and Respondent: Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)

Social Network Analysis *`al Regel 'achat'*

Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)

School Friends and Camp Friends:

The Social Networks of Jewish Teenagers

Shaul Kelner (Brandeis University)

Six Degrees from Elijah the Prophet:

Sampling Jews Through Seder Networks

Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)

9.7

Postwar Configurations of Jewish Thought:

Rawidowicz, Glatzer, and Taubes

Chair: Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University)

'I am a memory come alive': Nahum Glatzer and the Legacy of German-Jewish Thought in America

Eugene Sheppard (Brandeis University)

Simon Rawidowicz and the Arabs of Israel:

An Unpublished Chapter from *Bavel vi-Yerushalayim*

David N. Myers (UCLA)

The Figuration of Paul in Jacob Taubes' Philosophy of Religion

Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford University)

**Hannah Arendt and Gershom Scholem's Critique of Liberalism:
A German Jewish Response to the Enlightenment**
Raluca Munteanu (Yale University)

9.8

The Aftermath of the Holocaust

Chair: Paula E. Hyman (Yale University)

Was Life Beautiful?: Italians Confront Their Holocaust Past

Susan Glazer (Brandeis University)

Restitution or 'Blood Money'? The Debate on the 'Edge of the Diaspora'

Suzanne D. Rutland (University of Sydney)

Closing the Last Chapter of the Holocaust?

Daniela Loewenthal (Brandeis University)

9.9

**East European Jewish Political Leaders
and Their Yiddish Research Agenda after 1905**

Chair: Cecile E. Kuznitz (Georgetown University)

The Politics of Ber Borokhov's Research on Yiddish Language

Rakhmiel Peltz (Drexel University)

Revolutionary Scholarship: The Political Origins of *Yidishe Visnshaft*

Barry Trachtenberg (UCLA)

Language Research and the Nationalist Ideology of Noyekh Prilutski

Kalman Weiser (York University)

Respondent:

Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan)

9.10

Encountering the Other in Medieval Literary Texts

Chair: Robert Chazan (New York University)

Religious Polemic and the Images of Jews in the Hadith

Reuven Firestone (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

In the Bosom of Abraham

Shmuel Shepkaru (University of Oklahoma)

Jacob ben Reuben's *Sefer Milhamot ha-Shem* and

Nicholas de Lyra's *Responsio contra quemdam Iudaeum*

Joshua L. Levy (New York University)

Reading the Rabbis:

Nicholas de Lyra's Reception of Medieval Jewish Texts

Deeana Klepper (Boston University)

9.11

Ritual and Its Discourse in the Wake of the Temple

Chair: Elliot N. Dorff (University of Judaism)

The Ritual of Study and the Study of Ritual:

The Passover Seder and the Establishment of Rabbinic Authority

Adiel Schremer (Bar-Ilan University)

"If I forget you, O Jerusalem": Reading Rabbinic Rituals of Commemoration for the Destruction of the Temple

Elsie R. Stern (Fordham University)

Ritual Efficacy and the Function of Sacrifice in Early Rabbinic Judaism:

The Case of Yom Kippur

Michael D. Swartz (Ohio State University)

9.12

Constructing Identity: Personal, Collective, Familial

Chair: Donald Weber (Mount Holyoke College)

Aging, Writing, and Belief: Alfred Kazin's Late Life Judaism

Steven Weiland (Michigan State University)

Money, Manners, and Love: Difference in 1920s American Jewish Fiction

Esther F. Romeyn (Arizona State University)

Securing Kinship with My Kind: Reading Jewish Difference in Henry Roth's *Mercy of a Rude Stream*

Sarah Alisa Braun (University of Michigan)

Louis Zukofsky among Three Fathers: Pinkhos, Yehoash, and Pound

Dror Abend-David (Bilkent University)

9.13

Hermeneutical Reflections on Early Kabbalah

Chair: Pinchas Giller (University of Judaism)

A Bright Light in the East—The Babylonian Stratum in *Sefer ha-Bahir*

Ronit Meroz (Tel-Aviv University)

R. Ezra of Gerona's Influence on Nahmanidean Kabbalah

Yakov M. Travis (Siegal College of Judaic Studies)

Esoteric Commentary in Nahmanides' Job

Herbert Basser (Queen's University)

9.14

Teaching Jewish Studies: Strategies and Struggles

Chair: Harriet Pass Freidenreich (Temple University)

The Tanakh: A New Old Testament?

Lesleigh Cushing (Colgate University)

Approaches to Jewish Studies: Teaching a Methods Course

Leah Hochman (University of Florida)

Teaching Modern Jewish Thought

Michael E. J. Zank (Boston University)

1:00 P.M. Conference Adjournment

Lunch 1:00 P.M.

AJS Board of Directors Lunch Meeting 1:00 P.M.

Session 10, 2:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

N.B.: Session 10.2 follows the conclusion of Session 10.1

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10.1

**Bridging Academics and Social Competence in the Jewish Classroom:
Theory, Research, and Methods**

Chair: Jeffrey S. Kress (Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Arts in Jewish Education:

Building Personal Intelligence and Connections to Jewish Texts

Ofra Backenroth (Jewish Theological Seminary)

Social and Emotional Competence Training in Jewish Education:

A Model for Curricular Integration

Ian Cohen (Temple University)

**Didactics and Dialectics: Viewing Emotional Intelligence
Through the Lens of Talmud Instruction**

Marjorie S. Lehman (Jewish Theological Seminary)

(Jeffrey Kress, *Coauthor*)

Using Dialogical Hermeneutics to Teach the ‘Matsav’:

Buber, Zakovitch, and the Knesset
Alex Sinclair (Jewish Theological Seminary)

10.2

Issues in Religious and Supplementary Education

Some Dilemmas of Supplementary Education: Reflections on the Future

(Follows the conclusion of Session 10.1)

Stuart Schoenfeld (Glendon College of York University) *and*

Alex Pomson (York University) *Coauthors*

Teaching about the Holocaust in a Fundamentalist Christian School

Simone Schweber (University of Wisconsin)

Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Tours and Museum Visits

We have arranged visits to the [HUC-JIR Skirball Museum](#), the [Autry Museum of Western Heritage](#) and its current exhibition *Jewish Life in the American West: Generation to Generation*, the [Museum of Tolerance](#), and a guided tour of Jewish Los Angeles.

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