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For questions or help enrolling your institution, please contact Michelle Katz at mkatz@associationforjewishstudies.org or (917) 606-8249.
I am thrilled to welcome all of you to the AJS’s 52nd annual conference—especially this year!

Last spring, as we all slowly began to realize that an in-person gathering might not be possible even as far off as December, I began to worry about all sorts of alarming scenarios! Thanks to the flexibility of our members, the dedication of our staff, and the creativity of the AJS Program Committee and Online Program Task Force, my concerns were quickly replaced with a growing enthusiasm for what a digital conference could accomplish. After months of hard work and planning, I hope you will agree that this online conference succeeds in combining the intellectual and professional opportunities of our in-person conferences with several exciting innovations only possible in the online realm.

Special thanks to Vice President for Program Robin Judd for building a fantastic program and Online Program Task Force cochairs Sarah Bunin Benor and Shira Kohn, and task force member Josh Teplitsky, for taking on the challenge of transforming the format of our conference in a very tight timeframe! We all also owe tremendous gratitude to the amazing AJS staff, especially Warren Hoffman, Heather Turk, and Michelle Katz, who pivoted so effectively to a new format even as their own lives were disrupted by the pandemic.

I hope you will find the next few days productive and enjoyable. Next Year in Chicago!

Sincerely,
Noam Pianko, President

Welcome to the 52nd annual conference of the AJS! While this is not the conference any of us envisioned as we recently celebrated our semicentennial, we see the online format as providing multiple opportunities. First, it will enable participation from many who cannot attend in-person conferences due to cost, disabilities, or dependent-care commitments. Second, because session recordings will be available until January 3, 2021, participants will not feel the disappointment of opening the program book and seeing two sessions they want to attend scheduled at same time.

In envisioning how to best serve AJS members in a digital reality, we focused on what members told us was most meaningful about their conference experiences in years past: engaging with other members. To that end, we strove to create opportunities for members to come together and discuss the ideas of panels, to socialize with long-time acquaintances, and to meet new colleagues. Sessions all include not only a Q&A period but also a “Schmooze” period—our version of a virtual hallway. Outside of sessions, members can contact one another through our
It is a pleasure to welcome you to the AJS’s 52nd annual conference.

When we began planning this year’s conference, the Program Committee and Division Chairs considered how we might best implement the AJS’s strategic priority to “cultivate informed, active, and diversified membership.” With the help of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, we envisioned ways to diversify the program and its participants. We asked those who submitted proposals to share how they self-identified so that we could do better when organizing the program. We reached out to scholars in fields that traditionally had been underrepresented at the conference, developed a new session type, planned a plenary that would include Secretary of the Smithsonian Lonnie G. Bunch III and (AJS member) Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, created a robust way for members to find session matches, and set aside additional space for the inclusion of sessions that addressed themes concerning diversity and inclusion and underrepresented regions of study. We were excited to be in Washington DC, and we started to develop specific programs that would draw on the host city.

As March turned to April and then to May, we recognized that our vision for the conference needed to change radically. But our commitment to making the conference inclusive remained our guiding principle. As we moved to an online format, we considered new ways of guaranteeing inclusion, including opportunities for online networking, making some of our sessions available to a wider audience, and creating a second plenary. I am proud of this year’s program and its diverse and academically rigorous sessions and formats. I appreciate in advance your making an effort to contribute to a conference culture that is welcoming and accepting.

I hope that by December 2021, our world will look different and we will meet in person. However, while I had panicked when we started discussing the possibility of an online conference, I have come to realize that this year’s format offers us advantages I had not imagined. I am keen to work with you to identify the innovations and lessons we can take from this year’s conference into our in-person conferences in the future.

So many of you have worked to make this program a reality. Please join me in thanking Shira Kohn and Sarah Benor, the incredible co-chairs of the Online Conference Task Force, the Director of Membership and Conference Content Michelle Katz, and the amazing AJS staff, led by Executive Director Warren Hoffman. Thank you to the members of the Online Conference Task Force, the Program Committee, the Division Chairs, and members of the AJS Board and its Executive Committee. Finally, our tremendous thanks to those of you who submitted papers, volunteered for various roles, and are joining us from wherever you may be this December.

Sincerely,
Robin Judd, Vice President for Program
How to Attend

An online conference offers great opportunities for scholarly community building. We hope that all attendees will take advantage of the technology provided to share ideas, ask questions, and build our professional networks. Of course, conversation in the virtual realm can be a bit different than in person, and we want to clarify expectations so that everyone will have the most productive and enjoyable experience possible.

Access

ZOOM ROOM
You will access each session’s Zoom room from the conference website: http://bit.ly/ajs2020

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
If you have technical difficulties, you can seek assistance using the “Chat” widget on any page of the conference website: http://bit.ly/ajs2020. In case of a session-specific technical issue (e.g., someone’s video sound not working), you can send a message to the chair at any time via the Zoom chat.

RECORDING
Most sessions will be recorded and available on the conference website only to registered conference attendees until January 3, 2021.

ARRIVAL
Please do not enter a session more than two minutes before the start time, as presenters will be doing sound checks.

Self-presentation

NAME
Zoom should automatically list you with your first name, last name, and gender pronouns, as you submitted them during conference registration.

RENAMING
If your name is not accurate, you can rename yourself by clicking on the dots in the upper right-hand corner of your Zoom box and clicking “Rename.”

TITLES
Please avoid adding titles, affiliation, or other information.

CAMERA
To foster a culture of community, we encourage you to keep your camera on if possible. If this is not feasible, we invite you to include a photo of yourself (under your profile in Zoom settings).

Audience participation

MUTING
Audience members will be on mute during the presentations and Q&A period and will be allowed to unmute during the Schmooze session.

QUESTIONS
Audience members can ask questions through the chat, which will be visible only to the chair and presenters. To avoid distraction, chatting between audience members will not be available until the Schmooze session.

Except in case of technical difficulties, please refrain from writing in the chat
box during the presentations. Feel free to draft your questions in a separate document and then cut and paste them into the chat box during the silent comment period or Q&A.

SILENT COMMENT PERIOD
The chair will pause for one minute after each presentation to gather questions and comments.

Q&A
During the Q&A period, the chair will select some of the questions and voice them, along with the names of those who wrote them, for the presenters to answer. Additional questions can also be submitted during the Q&A period. Anonymous questions are not allowed.

The Q&A protocol is intended to promote a diverse array of questions and equitable time for each presenter. While there might not be time for the chair to voice all questions, presenters will see them and can contact those who asked them following the session.

SCHMOOZE
During the Schmooze session, audience members will have the opportunity to post public chat messages to all present or private chat messages to any presenter or audience member. They will also be able to unmute themselves to engage in public conversation.

The purpose of the Schmooze period is to enable audience members to connect with each other and with presenters and chairs. The private chat function and the ability to unmute may not be as enticing as schmoozing in the hallway after an in-person panel, but it is the most inclusive format available for approximating informal networking.

NETWORKING CHANNEL
The conversations do not have to end when the Schmooze period is over. Conference attendees can communicate through AJS’s conference messaging tool on the conference website: http://bit.ly/ajs2020

Etiquette

RESPECT
We welcome collegial debate in the pursuit of knowledge and urge attendees to maintain respect for all colleagues throughout the proceedings. Communication, especially jokes and constructive criticism, may be difficult to interpret in the virtual realm. Please take this into account by reviewing your communications to minimize misunderstanding.

CONDUCT
The AJS’s policies on professional and sexual misconduct apply online, just as they do in person. Please note that the AJS reserves the right to remove any attendee from the online proceedings who does not follow societal guidelines.

PATIENCE
As in any conference setting, there may be some glitches. We hope you will approach the proceedings with patience and good humor.
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Jews and the Arts: Music, Performance, and Visual
Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Forgotten Jews of Antiquity
KAREN B. STERN, Brooklyn College (Princeton University Press)

Modern Jewish History and Culture: Europe and Israel
Prince of the Press: How One Collector Built History’s Most Enduring and Remarkable Jewish Library
JOSHUA TEPLITSKY, Stony Brook University (Yale University Press)

Social Science, Anthropology, and Folklore
The Jews’ Indian: Colonialism, Pluralism, and Belonging in America
DAVID S. KOFFMAN, York University (Rutgers University Press)

FINALISTS

Biblical Studies, Rabbinics, and Jewish History & Culture in Antiquity
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EDWARD L. GREENSTEIN, Bar-Ilan University
(Yale University Press)

Jews and the Arts: Music, Performance, and Visual
Possessed Voices: Aural Remains from Modernist Hebrew Theater
RUTHIE ABELIOVICH, University of Haifa
(SUNY Press)

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The Rise of the Modern Yiddish Theater
ALYSSA QUINT, YIVO
(Indiana University Press)

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SARAH WILLEN, University of Connecticut
(University of Pennsylvania Press)

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AJS 2020 FILM FESTIVAL

Incitement/Yamin Noraim (dir. Yaron Zilberman, Israel 2019, Hebrew with English subtitles, 122 min)
This acclaimed historical drama follows the Israeli ultranationalist Yigal Amir in the year leading up to his assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995. Amir was a law student and Orthodox Jew outraged by Rabin’s announcement of the Oslo Accords. Based on careful historical research, the film masterfully reconstructs the process of Amir’s disturbing radicalization. Nominated for ten Ophir awards in Israel, the film was Israel’s submission to the 2020 Academy Awards for Best International Feature Film.
Distributor: Oded Horowitz oded@odedhorowitzfd.com
Available to stream: December 14, 10:00 AM – December 16, 10:00 AM
Q&A session with Yaron Zilberman: Wednesday, December 16, 10:00 AM

They Ain’t Ready for Me (dir. Brad Rothschild, USA 2020, English, 89 min)
Tamar Manasseh, the founder of MASK (Mothers Against Senseless Killings), is a mother and rabbinical student who dreams of becoming a rabbi. She has emerged as an important voice within Chicago’s Black community and a national symbol of grassroots activism. Each day, from the start of summer through Labor Day, she and her fellow MASK volunteers occupy the corner of 75th and South Stewart Streets on Chicago’s South Side to create a safe space for neighborhood children and residents, providing dinner to anyone in need. With her magnetic, self-assured energy, Tamar credits Judaism for instilling in her this sense of civic duty through tikkun olam, carried out through acts of kindness, activism, and charity. Timely and inspirational, this documentary demonstrates the challenges Tamar faces in both her Black and Jewish worlds.
Distributor: Menemsha Films, Neil Friedman neilf@menemshafilms.com
Available to stream: December 13, 5:15 PM – December 15, 5:15 PM
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**Plenary | Embracing Ambiguity: How History Matters**

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

A Conversation with Lonnie G. Bunch, III (Smithsonian Institution) and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (POLIN Museum) Moderated by Alice Greenwald (National September 11 Memorial & Museum)

Three individuals instrumental in the creation of major museums that have opened within the past seven years—each commemorating, documenting, and conveying traumatic history where there are conflicting notions of what the story is (or should be)—will discuss the challenges and opportunities of building institutions of public history that tackle contested topics in fraught contemporary contexts.

**Exhibitors**

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Association Book Exhibit, Brill, The Posen Library, Project MUSE, University of Toronto Press

**Session 1**

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1.1 Feuilletons between Politics and Culture
1.2 The World of Nature and Jewish Mystical Tradition
1.3 Women’s Holocaust Testimonies across Media and over Time: Toward New Patterns of Representation
1.4 Jews in Communist Poland, 1947-1968
1.5 “Some of My Best Friends”: Affinities with Jews
1.6 Inverting Orthodoxy
1.7 Jewish Mother: On Stage, Off Stage, and on a Page
1.8 Rabbis, Rhetorics, and Rereadings
1.9 People of the Helping Friendly Book: Jews, Judaism, and Phish
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| Coffee Break with JTS Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz |
| Sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary |
| 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM |
| Join Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz in conversation as she shares information about JTS, her goals for the upcoming year, and updates about the new campus and the greater JTS community. |

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Shai Cherry
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Graduate Student Seminar 2021

“Beyond Cultural Studies and Critical Theory”

Hosted and Co-Sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program at Cornell University

Faculty
Jonathan Boyarin, Diann G. and Thomas A. Mann Professor of Modern Jewish Studies, Cornell University
Naomi Seidman, Chancellor Jackman Professor of the Arts, University of Toronto

The AAJR is pleased to sponsor a seminar for graduate students in all areas of Jewish studies. The seminar will be held from Sunday evening, June 6, to the afternoon of June 9, 2021, at Cornell University (or online, if we cannot meet in person). The seminar aims to create a community in which graduate students can examine current scholarship in Jewish Studies, and the nature of the academic profession in general and Jewish studies in particular. The focus for this meeting will be on methodologies for Jewish Studies; we will ask whether the paradigms that were so influential in the past few decades (cultural studies, postcolonial studies, queer studies) continue to hold promise, or whether they are being supplanted by other models—and if so, which ones? Along with these shared questions, graduate students chosen to participate will be asked to present on their research plans.

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Enrollment in the seminar is competitive and limited to those who have completed at least one year of doctoral study in any Jewish Studies discipline or time period.

Applicants must submit:
- A three- to five-page description of their doctoral studies’ focus, their dissertation topic, and foreign language proficiency.
- A letter from their advisor
- A transcript
- A curriculum vitae
- A brief (250 word) description of the methodologies they use in their work

The submission deadline is January 29, 2021. Please email all materials to Ayla Cline, akc52@cornell.edu with “AAJR Seminar” in the subject line. Applicants will be notified in early March. For further information or questions, please contact jboyarin@cornell.edu or naomi.seidman@utoronto.ca.
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Deadline: Submissions must be received by January 31, 2021. The winner will be notified in late spring 2021.

When submitting a book for consideration, please have four copies sent, along with a statement of when and where the author received his or her Ph.D., to:

Cheri Thompson
American Academy for Jewish Research
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Grass Lake, Michigan 49240
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For further information, please contact Professor David Biale, Chair of the prize committee at dbiale@ucdavis.edu.
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The American Academy for Jewish Research is pleased to announce the winner of its annual Salo Baron Prize for the best first book in Jewish studies published in calendar year 2019. The prize honors:


Joshua Teplitsky’s *Prince of the Press* is a novel and intriguing exploration of premodern Jewish life across its political, cultural, and intellectual dimensions through an incisive examination of an extraordinary book collection. Teplitsky’s study advances our understanding of book history in all of its manifestations: book and manuscript acquisition practices, the materiality of books, book printing, and the various ways that users “interacted with their book and actively shaped their contents”. In addition, Telictsy gleans a wealth of information from inscriptions, marginalia, flyleaves, title pages, and broadside posters to paint a colorful portrait of not only its main character Rabbi David Oppenheim, Europe’s most renowned bibliophile, but of communal government and the intricate political and rabbinic culture swirling around him in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Teplitsky breathes life into a collection of 4,500 printed books and 1,000 manuscripts from whose pages he eloquently teases out the richness of Jewish life in early modern Central Europe. *Prince of the Press* presents an innovative model for future scholarship by demonstrating the critical role of Jewish books and libraries, and indeed books in general, as “important sites of political and cultural authority”.

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The Baron Prize honors the memory of the distinguished historian Salo W. Baron, a long-time president of the AAJR, who taught at Columbia University for many decades. It is one of the signal honors that can be bestowed on a young scholar in Jewish Studies and a sign of the excellence, vitality, and creativity of the field.
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Gershon Greenberg, Jewish Philosophy
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Sponsored by the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature  
Celebrate 2020 AJS authors and their books!  
Please join AJS past president and Sami Rohr Prize for Literature judge Pamela Nadell for a conversation with this year’s AJS authors about the writing, publishing, and reading of our books. |
| 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM | **Women’s Caucus Breakfast**  
Pre-registration is required. |
| 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM | **Exhibitors**  
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | **Session 4**  
4.1 Medieval and Early Modern Legal Imaginations  
4.2 Understudied Hasidic Texts and Literary Works from the Nineteenth Century to the Present  
4.3 History Writing and Its Popular Reception in Jewish Communities of Nineteenth-Century Central Europe  
4.4 Present Pasts: New Approaches to Memory in Modern Jewish Literature and Art  
4.5 The Jewish Encounter with Spiritualism in the Interwar Period  
4.6 Rethinking “Sephardic”/“Mizrahi” Migrations: A Global Outlook  
4.7 Time in Contemporary Hebrew Literature and Culture  
4.8 The Past and Future of Jewish Studies  
Sponsored by American Academy for Jewish Research  
4.9 The Pew Survey 2020: An Analysis, on the Occasion of the ASSJ Berman Service Award  
Sponsored by the Association for the Scientific Study of Jewry, American Jewish Year Book, and Berman Jewish Databank |
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- 4.11 Israel and Its Middle Eastern Contexts
- 4.12 Attitudes toward Public Health in the Haredi World
- 4.13 Histories of Jewish Prostitution
- 4.14 Biblical Poetry and “The Aesthetic Turn”

### Exhibitors
**12:15 PM - 12:30 PM**

### Session 5
**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM**

- 5.1 Graduate Student Lightning Session: Jewish Thought
- 5.2 Hebrew Language Ideologies: Identity and Resistance in Educational Settings and Beyond
- 5.3 Post-Soviet Jewish Writing: Transnational Perspectives
- 5.4 From Habsburg Legacy to Polish Reality: Cultural and Political Transitions of Galician Jews
- 5.5 The Jewish Home in Nazi Germany
- 5.6 The Practice of Holocaust Memory
- 5.7 Contemporary Jewish Communities within Their Host Societies
- 5.8 Land Gained, Land Lost in Israel/Palestine
- 5.9 Breach of Protocols: Revisiting Zion’s Elders (An Academic Performance)
- 5.10 Jews and the Mediterranean
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6.3 Canonical Texts and Their Nontextual Contexts
6.4 Remembering and Commemorating the Holocaust
6.5 Digital and Oral Pedagogies
6.6 The Bible, Ancient Near East, and Comparative Antiquity
6.7 Inventories in Jewish History: Material and Cultural Worlds in the Mediterranean
6.9 Prayer and Crime: An Introduction to the Cantorial “Golden Age”
6.10 Jewish Communal Responses to the Coronavirus Crisis
6.11 Performing Southern-ness, Performing Jewishness: Jewish Belonging in the American South
6.12 Building the Field of Jewish Philanthropy Studies
Sponsored by Jewish Philanthropy Research Initiative
6.13 Colonialism, the Shoah, and Algeria: History and Memory through Literature and Music

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**American Association for Jewish Research: Baron Book Prize Reception**  
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**Jewish Theological Seminary Reception**  
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM  
The Jewish Theological Seminary invites alumni and conference attendees to join us at the annual “JTS Alumni and Friends Reception.” This is an opportunity to hear from Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz and reconnect with one another. Please RSVP to Melissa Friedman at alumni@jtsa.edu.
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