

ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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SUNDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Republic A GENERAL BREAKFAST	<i>Constitution B</i>	1.1 Eliezer Schweid as Jewish Thinker & Scholar	2.1 The Numbers Controversy & American Jewry
	<i>Back Bay A</i>	1.2 Social Justice Pedagogies	2.2 Jews & Muslims in France
	<i>Back Bay B</i>	1.3 Religion & Society in Israel	2.3 Mystical Motifs & Techniques in Kabbalah
	<i>Back Bay C</i>	1.4 Russian-Speaking Jews in Russia & Ukraine	2.4 Jews & Ukrainians in Interwar Era & WWII
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM Grand Ballroom Foyer REGISTRATION	<i>Commonwealth</i>	1.5 Beyond Parenting & into Retirement	2.5 Eating Empires: Late Antique Narrative Discourses
	<i>Hampton A/B</i>	1.6 Cultural Narratives in the Yishuv	2.6 Hebrew at American Jewish Summer Camps
	<i>Fairfax B</i>	1.7 “Fievel Goes West”: Jewish Literature in West	2.7 Beyond Freedom Summer
	<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	1.8 Filming Europe’s Jews in 1940–1941	2.8 The Sounds of Silence
	<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	1.9 Beyond the Assimilation Thesis	2.9 Engaging the Secular
	<i>Dalton A/B</i>	1.10 Does Family Matter? Roles in Jewish Education	2.10 Gender, Sexuality, & Commerce
	<i>Jefferson</i>	1.11 Eco-Criticism & Eco-Judaism	2.11 German Jewish Political Philosophy
	<i>Gardner A</i>	1.12 The Originality of Joseph Ibn Kaspi	2.12 Translating Yiddish in the 21st Century
	<i>Gardner B</i>	1.13 Migration & Memory	2.13 Israeli Culture through the Archive
	<i>Beacon A</i>	1.14 The Rabbis in Early Roman Palestine	2.14 Gender Norms & Binaries
	<i>Beacon B</i>	1.15 Revisiting the Early Medieval Period	2.15 Lions, Angels, & Labyrinths
	<i>Beacon D</i>	1.16 Practice & Materiality of Death (1)	2.16 Intersectionalities in Jewish Thought (1)
<i>Beacon E</i>	X	2.17 Modern Jewish Scholarship in Context (1)	

SUNDAY AFTER-NOON	MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM Grand Ballroom EXHIBITS	<i>Back Bay A</i>	3.1 The Poetic Legacy of Yehuda Amichai	4.1 Getting the Dissertation Published
	<i>Back Bay B</i>	3.2 The Pitch of Jewish Voices in America	4.2 Marshall Sklare Lecture: Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett
	<i>Back Bay C</i>	3.3 Inner Dimensions of Medieval Jewish Philosophy	4.3 Early Modern Letters & Transregional History
	<i>Commonwealth</i>	3.4 Rabbinization in Late Antiquity	4.4 Teaching Palestine in Jewish Studies Context
	<i>Hampton A/B</i>	3.5 Israeli Domesticity & National Belonging	4.5 Buber & Postwar Quest for Renewal of Judaism
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM Exeter AJS BUSINESS MEETING	<i>Fairfax B</i>	3.6 Boundaries in Mishnah Bikkurim	4.6 Can the Mediterranean be a Category of Analysis?
	<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	3.7 Migration, Relief, & Aid in Postwar World	4.7 The Rise of Holocaust Consciousness
	<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	3.8 Intermarriage & Jewish American Culture	4.8 Interpretation in Dead Sea Scrolls
	<i>Dalton A/B</i>	3.9 Jewish Petitions during the Holocaust	4.9 Some of My Best Friends are Nones
	<i>Jefferson</i>	3.10 Icons of Emancipation & Modernization	4.10 Jewish Languages & Logic
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM Republic A GENERAL LUNCH	<i>Gardner A</i>	3.11 Manasseh Ben Israel (1604–1657)	4.11 Law & Philosophy in the Middle Ages
	<i>Gardner B</i>	3.12 Sin, Punishment, & Atonement	4.12 Jews on the Move
	<i>Beacon A</i>	3.13 Genres of Kadia Molodowsky	4.13 A Writer of Many Facets: Isaac Bashevis Singer
	<i>Beacon B</i>	3.14 Rescue, Survival, Memory	4.14 Perspectives on the Rabbis & the Synagogue
	<i>Beacon D</i>	3.15 Home & Homeland in Israeli Literature (1)	4.15 Jerusalem Temple & Priesthood (1)
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Beacon B WORKSHOP: GIVING ACADEMIC TALKS	<i>Beacon E</i>	3.16 The Hasidic Rebbe as Boundary Crosser (1)	4.16 New Voices in Israeli Culture (1)
	<i>Beacon F</i>	3.17 Career Options: Jewish Studies Scholars	X

SUNDAY EVENING	MONDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
<p>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Grand Ballroom Foyer</p> <p>WELCOME RECEPTION <i>Sponsored by Beandeis University</i></p> <p>See p.46 for details and other early evening receptions.</p>	<p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Republic A</p> <p>GENERAL BREAKFAST</p>	<p><i>Constitution A</i></p>	<p>5.1 Failure in Modern Jewish Politics</p>
<p>7:00 PM Constitution</p> <p>GALA BANQUET</p> <p>8:00 PM PLENARY ADDRESS "The Scholar in the Public Sphere"</p>	<p>7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Republic B</p> <p>WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST</p>	<p><i>Constitution B</i></p>	<p>5.2 Communicating across Boundaries</p>
<p>6:00 PM Public Garden</p> <p>FILM SCREENING: <i>18 Voices Sing Kol Nidre</i></p> <p>9:15 PM FILM SCREENING: <i>A Borrowed Identity</i></p>	<p>8:30 AM – 6:00 PM Grand Ballroom Foyer</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p><i>Back Bay A</i></p>	<p>5.3 Chairs & Directors of Jewish Studies Roundtable</p>
<p>9:15 PM</p> <p>LATE EVENING RECEPTIONS</p> <p>See p. 47 for details.</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 1:30 PM 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Grand Ballroom</p> <p>EXHIBITS</p>	<p><i>Back Bay B</i></p>	<p>5.4 Politics, Foreign Policy, & Statecraft in Israel</p>
		<p><i>Back Bay C</i></p>	<p>5.5 Situated Others: Modern Jewish Thought</p>
		<p><i>Commonwealth</i></p>	<p>5.6 Teaching beyond the Canon</p>
		<p><i>Hampton A/B</i></p>	<p>5.7 Epigraphy & Linguistic Issues in Biblical Israel</p>
		<p><i>Fairfax B</i></p>	<p>5.8 Across the Divides: Life of Abraham S. Yahuda</p>
		<p><i>Berkeley A/B</i></p>	<p>5.9 American Experience in Art & Music</p>
		<p><i>Clarendon A/B</i></p>	<p>5.10 American Jews & the Long 1960s</p>
		<p><i>Dalton A/B</i></p>	<p>5.11 Crossing Religious & Geographic Borders</p>
		<p><i>Jefferson</i></p>	<p>5.12 We Remember with Ambivalence</p>
		<p><i>Gardner A</i></p>	<p>5.13 Jewish Communal Surveys in Postwar America</p>
		<p><i>Gardner B</i></p>	<p>5.14 Studies in Zoharic & Related Literature</p>
		<p><i>Beacon A</i></p>	<p>5.15 Parochial No More: Jews & Literary Modernism</p>
		<p><i>Beacon B</i></p>	<p>5.16 Intersections between Christianity & Rabbinic Judaism</p>
		<p><i>Beacon D</i></p>	<p>5.17 Practice & Materiality of Death (2)</p>
		<p><i>Beacon E</i></p>	<p>5.18 Why Theology? (1)</p>

MONDAY 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<i>MEETING ROOM</i>	MONDAY 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY LUNCHTIME 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
<p>Grand Ballroom</p> <p>EXHIBIT HALL COFFEE BREAK</p>	<i>Constitution A</i>	7.1 Cycle of Life in Sasanian Iran	<p>Independence East</p> <p>AAJR FELLOWS LUNCH</p>
	<i>Constitution B</i>	7.2 The Politicization of Jewish Studies	
	<i>Back Bay A</i>	7.3 Senses, Affect, & Emotions in Modern Jewish History	
	<i>Back Bay B</i>	7.4 Journeys of Possibility: Jewish Studies in Artistic Works	
	<i>Back Bay C</i>	7.5 Modern Muslim-Jewish Encounters in North Africa	<p>Republic B</p> <p>SEPHARDI/ MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH</p>
	<i>Commonwealth</i>	7.6 Teaching “Goodbye, Columbus”	
	<i>Hampton A/B</i>	7.7 Writing Biblical Biography	
	<i>Fairfax B</i>	7.8 Peoples, Persons, & States: Modern Jewish Sovereignty	
MONDAY 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	7.9 New Social Science Questions about Jewish Life	<p>Republic A</p> <p>GENERAL LUNCH</p>
<p>6.1</p> <p>Liberty Ballrooms</p> <p>JEWISH STUDIES & THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOP</p>	<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	7.10 Yiddish Orality in Print: New Approaches	
	<i>Dalton A/B</i>	7.11 Jewish Feminists Facing Antisemitism & Anti-Zionism	
	<i>Jefferson</i>	7.12 Witnessing & Imagination: Soviet Jewish Writing	
	<i>Gardner A</i>	7.13 The Soul in Medieval Jewish Philosophy	
	<i>Gardner B</i>	7.14 Graduate Student Lighting Session: Modern Jewish History	
	<i>Beacon A</i>	7.15 Mysticism & Hasidism in the Modern Period	
	<i>Beacon B</i>	7.16 Spaces of Memory & Countermemory	
	<i>Beacon D</i>	7.17 Home & Homeland in Israeli Literature (2)	
	<i>Beacon E</i>	7.18 Modern Jewish Scholarship in Context (2)	
	<i>Beacon F</i>	7.19 Take that Journalist’s Call	<p>LUNCHTIME MEETINGS</p> <p>See p. 60 for details.</p>

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM	MONDAY 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	MONDAY 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	
<i>Constitution A</i>	8.1 Pedagogy & Politics of Teaching Israel & Palestine	9.1 One Holocaust Survivor, Multiple Testimonies	<p align="center">Grand Ballroom</p> <p>AJS HONORS ITS AUTHORS</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize</i></p>	
<i>Constitution B</i>	8.2 Fortepiano-Harpsichord Duos in the Circle of Levy	9.2 Redacting the Two Talmuds		
<i>Back Bay A</i>	8.3 Teaching Approaches: Jews & Muslims in France	9.3 Teaching Jewish Studies without Jewish Students		
<i>Back Bay B</i>	8.4 Documents from the Cairo Geniza	9.4 Before Mizrahi Culture: Arab Jewish Literature		
<i>Back Bay C</i>	8.5 The Relation of Philosophy to Theology	9.5 View across the Ocean: American Jewry in Israel		
<i>Commonwealth</i>	8.6 Middle Eastern Foodways	9.6 Silences in the Archive		
<i>Hampton A/B</i>	8.7 Interrogating Identity	9.7 Modern Jewish Philanthropy		
<i>Fairfax B</i>	8.8 Legalizing Emotions across Jewish History	9.8 Contingent Employment in Jewish Studies		
<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	8.9 Jewish Publishing Cultures	9.9 Soviet Jews & Antisemitism after WWII		
<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	8.10 Prayer in Antiquity: Text, Performance	9.10 Hasidism beyond Eastern Europe		<p align="center">DIVISION MEETINGS</p> <p><i>See p. 70 for details & locations.</i></p>
<i>Dalton A/B</i>	8.11 Jewish Playwrights & the American Stage	9.11 Philosemitism & Antisemitism		
<i>Jefferson</i>	8.12 Flight & Survival: Narratives of Survival	9.12 Midcentury American Jewish Thought		
<i>Gardner A</i>	8.13 Not What It Seemed: Modern Hebrew Prose	9.13 Graduate Student Lightning Session: Rabbinics		
<i>Gardner B</i>	8.14 Teaching the Haggadah	9.14 Israel: Land, Nature, Environment		
<i>Beacon A</i>	8.15 Generations & Succession in Hasidism	9.15 The Literary Forms of Medieval Jewish Philosophy		
<i>Beacon B</i>	8.16 The Holocaust in Early Postwar Jewish Literature	9.16 Graduate Student Lightning Session: Multidisciplinary		
<i>Beacon D</i>			9.17 Jerusalem Temple & Priesthood (2)	
<i>Beacon E</i>			9.18 New Voices in Israeli Culture (2)	

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY EVENING
<i>Constitution A</i>	10.1 Schechter's Legacy for American Judaism	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM EARLY EVENING RECEPTIONS See p. 76 for details.
<i>Constitution B</i>	10.2 The Problem of Moses's Incomparability	
<i>Back Bay A</i>	10.3 Jewish History or the History of the Jews?	
<i>Back Bay B</i>	10.4 Exclusive Knowledge in Medieval Kabbalah	7:30 PM Republic A GENERAL DINNER
<i>Back Bay C</i>	10.5 Studying the Talmud in Sasanian Contexts	
<i>Commonwealth</i>	10.6 Teaching Rabbinic Literature	
<i>Hampton A/B</i>	10.7 New Interpretations of 20th-Century Pogroms	7:00 PM Public Garden FILM SCREENING: <i>The Guardians of Remembrance</i> 9:15 PM FILM SCREENING: <i>The Dove Flyer</i>
<i>Fairfax B</i>	10.8 On the Very Idea of Jewish Philosophy of Religion	
<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	10.9 Teaching through Film: Cinema of the Holocaust	
<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	10.10 "Arab" Jews in North America	8:15 PM Riverway <i>AUTHORS IN CONVERSATION</i> <i>Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize</i>
<i>Dalton A/B</i>	10.11 Troubles at Home: The Yishuv	
<i>Jefferson</i>	10.12 Transnational Jewish Giving to Zion	
<i>Gardner A</i>	10.13 Jewish American Literature & Its Histories	8:15 PM Back Bay B SINGING AGAINST FASCISM
<i>Gardner B</i>	10.14 Analytical Approaches to Jewish Languages	
<i>Beacon A</i>	10.15 Conversion to & from Judaism across Medieval Europe	
<i>Beacon B</i>	10.16 Yiddish Folklore & Philology	
<i>Beacon D</i>	10.17 Intersectionalities in Jewish Thought (2)	
<i>Beacon E</i>	10.18 The Hasidic Rebbe as Boundary Crosser (2)	

TUESDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	TUESDAY 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM
<p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Republic A</p> <p>GENERAL BREAKFAST</p>	<i>Constitution A</i>	11.1 Jews in the Crosshairs of Empire	12.1 New Approaches: Hermann Cohen
	<i>Constitution B</i>	11.2 Orthodoxy, Gender, & the Body	12.2 Jewish Youth between Zionism & the New Left
	<i>Back Bay A</i>	11.3 The Jewish Studies Classroom	12.3 Languages of Success
	<i>Back Bay B</i>	11.4 New Perspectives in the Study of the Zohar	12.4 Expanding Horizons: Teaching Abroad
<p>8:30 AM – 1:30 PM Grand Ballroom Foyer</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<i>Back Bay C</i>	11.5 The People of the Book	12.5 Sabbatianism: A New Religion?
	<i>Commonwealth</i>	11.6 Teaching the Bible as Literature	12.6 On the Margins: The Other in Israel's Politics
	<i>Hampton A/B</i>	11.7 Antisemitism & the United States	12.7 Medicine & the Body
	<i>Fairfax B</i>	11.8 Transmission or Invention	12.8 Jewish Muslims in Muhammad's Community
<p>9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Grand Ballroom</p> <p>EXHIBITS</p>	<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	11.9 Jewish-Zionist-Israeli: Women Artists	12.9 The Other America: Jews & the Canadian Experience
	<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	11.10 Reading the Rabbinic Discourse on Divorce	12.10 Iranian Refuge: Jewish Relief during WWII
	<i>Dalton A/B</i>	11.11 Genealogies in Jewish Latin American Arts	12.11 Alternative Jewish Locations after the Shoah
	<i>Jefferson</i>	11.12 The Nation & the Jews in Eastern & Southern Europe	12.12 Josephus & Jewish Society
	<i>Gardner A</i>	11.13 Antisemitism: Historical Perspectives	12.13 Biblical Exegesis in Rabbinic & Medieval Sources
	<i>Gardner B</i>	11.14 Acculturation Through Yiddish Newspapers & Media	12.14 Jews as Subject in Film
	<i>Beacon A</i>	11.15 The Yishuv in Empire	12.15 Israeli Poet Dahlia Ravikovitch in Retrospect
	<i>Beacon B</i>	11.16 Rituals in Ancient Judaism, Pre- & Post- 70 CE	12.16 Childhood, Youth, & the Literary Imagination
	<i>Beacon D</i>	11.17 Practice & Materiality of Death (3)	12.17 Jerusalem Temple & Priesthood (3)
	<i>Beacon E</i>	11.18 Why Theology? (2)	X

MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
<i>Constitution A</i>	13.1 Modern Orthodox Jewish Thought
<i>Constitution B</i>	13.2 Teaching with TV
<i>Back Bay A</i>	13.3 Urban Geography & Identity
<i>Back Bay B</i>	13.4 Religion, Zionism, & Pedagogy in Israel & North America
<i>Back Bay C</i>	13.5 Inventions of Modern Jewish Identity
<i>Commonwealth</i>	13.6 Holocaust & Moving Images
<i>Hampton A/B</i>	13.7 Medieval Texts in Manuscript & Print
<i>Fairfax B</i>	13.8 German, Yiddish, Hebrew, and the Jewishness of Language
<i>Berkeley A/B</i>	13.9 Politics of Vulnerability in Hebrew & Israeli Culture
<i>Clarendon A/B</i>	13.10 Transfer & Transformation: German Jewish Immigration
<i>Dalton A/B</i>	13.11 From the Shtetl to the <i>Pletzl</i>
<i>Jefferson</i>	13.12 Works-in-Progress Group in Jewish Studies
<i>Gardner A</i>	13.13 New Approaches to Ancient Texts
<i>Gardner B</i>	13.14 Divination & Prophecy in the Bible
<i>Beacon A</i>	13.15 Jewish Boundaries & Border Crossings
<i>Beacon B</i>	13.16 Women, Identity, & Gender in <i>Der Tog</i>

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
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SESSION 1, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

1.1

Constitution B

ELIEZER SCHWEID AS JEWISH THINKER AND SCHOLAR

Chair: Leonard S. Levin (Academy for Jewish Religion)

Eliezer Schweid's Judaism of Prayer

Gershon Greenberg (American University)

The Interaction of Scholarship and Philosophy in Eliezer Schweid's Thinking on Jewish Culture in Modernity and Postmodernity

Joseph Turner (Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies)

The Place of the Holocaust in Schweid's Thought

Tirza Rotkovitch (Bar-Ilan University)

Respondent: Yehoyada Amir (HUC-JIR)

1.2

Back Bay A



SOCIAL JUSTICE PEDAGOGIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION

Moderator: Marla Brettschneider (University of New Hampshire)

Discussants: Carol Conaway (University of New Hampshire)

Karla Goldman (University of Michigan)

Susan Martha Kahn (Harvard University)

Caroline E. Light (Harvard University)

KEY TO ICONS:



= digital media session



= pedagogy session



= lightning session



= seminar session

1.3

*Back Bay B***RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN ISRAEL***Chair and Respondent:* Jerome A. Chanes (The Graduate Center, CUNY)**The Attitude of Orthodox Men toward Orthodox Women Who Serve in the Israeli Military**

Ephraim Tabory (Bar-Ilan University)

Individualizing Judaism: The Jewish Renewal Movement in Israel and Other Jewish Cultural Forms

Rachel Werczberger (Tel Aviv University)

Zionism as *Teshuvah* and *'Apikorsut*: Historical and Historiographical Discourse of Zionism as Conversion

Anne Perez (University of California, Davis)

1.4

*Back Bay C***LOST SHARED FUTURE? RUSSIAN-SPEAKING JEWS IN CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA AND UKRAINE***Chair:* Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)**Diasporas, Civic Jewish Identities, and the Ukrainian Crisis**

Olena Bagno Moldavsky (Bar-Ilan University)

Contemporary Narratives about Ukrainian-Jewish Relations

Amelia Mukamel Glaser (University of California, San Diego)

Responses of Ukrainian and Russian Jewish Religious Leadership to the Ukrainian Crisis

Kiril Feferman (University of Southern California)

Respondent: Timothy Snyder (Yale University)

1.5

*Commonwealth***BEYOND PARENTING AND INTO RETIREMENT: MULTIFACETED ENGAGEMENT IN JEWISH LIFE DURING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE***Chair:* Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)**The Emerging Jewish Boomer Landscape**

Stuart Himmelfarb (B3/The Jewish Boomer Platform)

The Importance of Israel to American Jewish Adults

Janet Krasner Aronson (Brandeis University)

Building Community, Seeking Meaning, Finding Focus: Patterns and Trends in Adult Jewish Learning during Midlife and Beyond

Lisa D. Grant (HUC-JIR)

- 1.6 *Hampton A/B*
CULTURAL NARRATIVES IN THE YISHUV: HEBREW LITERATURE, SATIRE, HUMOR, AND NATION BUILDING
Chair: Edna Nahshon (The Jewish Theological Seminary)
Literature at Work: Reevaluating Hebrew Zionist Realism of the 1920s and 1930s
 Oded Nir (The Ohio State University)
Jewish Humor and Satire in the Yishuv: Towards Israeliness, 1925–1948
 Yonith Benhamou (L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)
What Does the Word Lesbian Mean in Palestine in 1923?
 Ofer Nordheimer Nur (Tel Aviv University)
- 1.7 *Fairfax B*
“FIEVEL GOES WEST”: JEWISH LITERATURE IN THE AMERICAN WEST
Moderator: Caroline Luce (University of California, Los Angeles)
Discussants: Jessica Anne Kirzane (Columbia University)
 Rebecca Eileen Margolis (University of Ottawa)
 Sunny Yudkoff (University of Chicago)
- 1.8 *Berkeley A/B*
BEFORE THE STORM: FILMING THE CHARACTER AND FATE OF EUROPE'S JEWS IN 1940–1941
Chair: Jessica Lang (Baruch College, CUNY)
Censoring the Jewish Question, 1940: The Case of *The Mortal Storm*
 Alexis Esther Pogorelskin (University of Minnesota–Duluth)
Alerts and Allusions: Referencing Nazi Antisemitism in Hollywood Films of the 1940s
 Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)
The Cinematic Rescue of the Jews
 Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern University)
- 1.9 *Clarendon A/B*
BEYOND THE ASSIMILATION THESIS: NEW WORK ON GERMAN JEWISH CULTURE
Chair: Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)
Gertrud Kolmar's *Tier* Trauma: Animal Dreams / Jewish Laments
 Jay Geller (Vanderbilt University)
Modern Marrano: Voices from the Margins
 Angela Botelho (Graduate Theological Union)
The Jewish Buddha of Europe: The Curious Case of Lion Feuchtwanger
 Sebastian Musch (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg)

1.10

*Dalton A/B***DOES FAMILY MATTER? THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS IN JEWISH EDUCATION***Chair and Respondent:* Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)**The Roles of Grandparents in the Education and Socialization of Young Jews**

Jack Wertheimer (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

What Does Life-Course Change in the Jewish Family Look Like? Assumptions Revealed by the Evolution of a Coding Script

Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting)

If You Stop Going to Hebrew School, You're Not Allowed to Horseback Ride:**How Do Parents Influence Their Children's Involvement in Religious School?**

Ilana Horwitz (Stanford University)

1.11

*Jefferson***ECO-CRITICISM AND ECO-JUDAISM***Chair:* Gail Sherman (Reed College)**Reading Nature in Saul Bellow and Bernard Malamud**

Federica K. Clementi (University of South Carolina)

Toward a Green(er) Reading of Jewish American Literature

Michael Oil (Farmingdale State College, SUNY)

Sacred Soil: The Contemporary Cultivation of Sustainable Jewish Agriculture in the United States

Adrienne Krone (Duke University)

1.12

*Gardner A***THE ORIGINALITY OF JOSEPH IBN KASPI?***Chair:* Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)**Logic Compared to Grammar: Al-Fārābī in Fourteenth-Century Provence**

Moshe Kahan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Maimonides for the Masses? A Reevaluation of Ibn Kaspi's Commentaries on the *Guide of the Perplexed*

Igor Holanda De Souza (McGill University)

Power, Prophecy, and History in the Thought of Joseph Ibn Kaspi

Alexander Green (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

Respondent: Charles Manekin (University of Maryland)

1.13

*Gardner B***MIGRATION AND MEMORY***Chair:* Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)**The Migration of Objects, Material Culture, and the Transmission of Memory**

Jeffrey Wallen (Hampshire College)

Levantinism, Youth Aliyah, and the Image of Jacqueline Kahanoff: The Authorship of *Ramat-Hadassah-Szold: Youth Aliyah and Classification Centre*

Chelsie Simone May (University of Chicago)

Vera Călin: Identity in Migration

Michaela Mudure (Babeş-Bolyai University)

1.14

*Beacon A***THE RABBIS IN EARLY ROMAN PALESTINE***Chair:* Jonathan Milgram (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**Hierarchies in the House of Study in Tannaitic Literature**

Shimon Fogel (Yad Ben Zvi / University of Haifa)

Incompetent Witnesses and Political Thought in Early Talmudic Law

Orit Malka (Tel Aviv University)

***Minim*, Heretics, and Sectarians in Early Roman Palestine**

David M. Grossberg (Cornell University)

When to Date Shir Ha-shirim Zuta?

Harry Fox (University of Toronto)

1.15

*Beacon B***REVISITING THE EARLY MEDIEVAL PERIOD***Chair:* Eve Krakowski (Princeton University)**Reconsidering Geonic Approaches to the Oral Torah**

Marc Herman (University of Pennsylvania)

A Popular Cycle: Reiterative Calendar in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Manuscripts

Nadia Vidro (University College London)

S. D. Goitein's "World of Women" Revisited

Renee Levine Melammed (Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies)

From the Rising of the Sun in the East ... to Where It Sets in the West: Jewish Migration from Iraq in the Early Middle Ages

Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University)

1.16

Beacon D**THE PRACTICE AND MATERIALITY OF JEWISH DEATH (MEETING 1)**

Chairs : Sean P. Burrus (Duke University)

Gail Labovitz (American Jewish University)

Discussants: Carolin Aurian Aronis (Independent Scholar), Philippe Blanchard (INRAP), Tim Corbett (Center for Jewish History), Brian A. Coussens (University of North Carolina), Sarah Cunningham Garibova (University of Michigan), Sylvie Anne Goldberg (EHESS), Eve Jochowitz (New York University), Derek Robert Miller (University of Richmond), Daniel Rosenthal (University of Haifa), Kerry Sonia (Brown University), Alan Todd (Duke University)

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SESSION 2, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

- 2.1 *Constitution B*
THE NUMBERS CONTROVERSY AND AMERICAN JEWRY: DISCERNING THE TRENDS AND THEIR MEANING
Chair: Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)
Cultures of Enumeration
 Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)
The Shrunken Jewish Middle and Its Implications
 Steven M. Cohen (HUC-JIR)
Demography Is Not Destiny: Use and Misuse of Population Statistics to Predict the Jewish Future
 Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)
- 2.2 *Back Bay A*
JEWES AND MUSLIMS IN FRANCE BEFORE AND AFTER CHARLIE HEBDO AND HYPER CACHER
Moderator: Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College)
Discussants: Kimberly Arkin (Boston University)
 Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)
 Sandrine Sanos (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi)
 Matt Sienkiewicz (Boston College)
- 2.3 *Back Bay B*
MYSTICAL MOTIFS AND TECHNIQUES IN KABBALAH AND HASIDISM
Chair: Pinchas Giller (American Jewish University)
Tracing the Body Divine: Sefer Yezirah, Shi'ur Komah, and 'Adam Kadmon
 Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)
Mystical Techniques, Mental Processes, and States of Consciousness in the Kabbalah of Abraham Abulafia: A Reassessment
 Vadim Putzu (Missouri State University)
The Practice of Silence in Jewish Mystical Tradition
 Lawrence B. Fine (Mount Holyoke College)
- 2.4 *Back Bay C*
JEWES AND UKRAINIANS IN THE INTERWAR ERA AND DURING WORLD WAR II
Chair: Elissa Bemporad (Queens College, CUNY)
Jews, Ukrainians, Soviets: Backstage in the Yiddish Theatres of Soviet Ukraine
 Mayhill C. Fowler (Stetson University)
Ukrainians, Jews, and Racial Science between the World Wars
 Sofiya Grachova (European University Institute)
Ukrainians and Jews, 1939–1944: Good Times, Bad Times
 Omer Bartov (Brown University)

2.5

*Commonwealth***EATING EMPIRES: NARRATIVE DISCOURSES ON BODY, FASTING, DIET, AND REGIMEN IN LATE ANTIQUE JUDAISM***Chair:* Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert (Stanford University)**Fasting and Flesh: Disability, Rehabilitation, and Resistance in Rabbinic Destruction Narratives**

Julia Watts Belser (Georgetown University)

Ravenous Hunger and Bowel Trouble: Babylonian Rabbinic Concepts for a Healthy Way of Life

Tanja Hidde (Freie Universität Berlin)

Medical Treatments in the Bavli: Are They for Real?

Monika Amsler (University of Zurich)

Respondent: Lennart Lehmann (Freie Universität Berlin)

2.6

*Hampton A/B***HEBREW AT AMERICAN JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS: THE ROLE OF ISRAEL AND ISRAELIS***Moderator:* Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt University)*Discussants:* Sharon Avni (Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY)

Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)

Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University)

Shuly Rubin Schwartz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

2.7

*Fairfax B***BEYOND FREEDOM SUMMER: COMPLICATING NARRATIVES OF AMERICAN JEWISH INVOLVEMENT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AT MIDCENTURY***Chair:* Judith Ellen Smith (University of Massachusetts Boston)**The Boundaries of Brotherhood and Sisterhood: The Jewish Greek System and Grassroots Civil Rights Efforts in the 1950s**

Shira M. Kohn (Center for Jewish History)

“The Problem of Economic Reconstruction”: Jews, Economic Justice, and Civil Rights in the Interwar Years

Katie Rosenblatt (University of Michigan)

Brooklyn Women Work for Unity: Jewish, Italian, and African American Cooperation in the Brownsville Women’s Non-Partisan Committee for Civic Rights, 1944

Allan Amanik (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

Layers of Bureaucracy: Jewish Name Changing and the Struggle for Civil Rights after World War II

Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University)

2.8

*Berkeley A/B***THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE? NEW PERSPECTIVES ON HOLOCAUST
COMMEMORATION IN POSTWAR EUROPEAN CULTURE***Chair and Respondent:* James Loeffler (University of Virginia)**Defending the Homeland and Grieving the Dead: Soviet Yiddish Songs,
1942-1947**

Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)

**Sounding the Inexpressible: Arnold Schoenberg and the Birth of Postwar
Musical Memory**

Jeremy Eichler (Columbia University)

**“Shostakovich and the Jews?”: Music, Memory, and Soviet Jewish Identity
after World War II**

Rebecca Mitchell (Oberlin College)

2.9

*Clarendon A/B***ENGAGING THE SECULAR: SIGMUND FREUD, WALTER BENJAMIN, AND
MUHAMMAD ASAD***Chair:* Yotam Yadin Hotam (University of Haifa)**The Joke and Its Relation to Freud: The Dialectics of Irony and Identity**

Yotam Yadin Hotam (University of Haifa)

**Unsecular Criticism: Walter Benjamin and the Technologies of Critical
“Religion”**

Ajay Singh Chaudhary (Brooklyn Institute for Social Research)

Seeking a Whole Life: From Leopold Weiss to Muhammad Asad

Suzanne Schneider (New York University / Brooklyn Institute for Social Research)

Respondent: Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

2.10

*Dalton A/B***GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND COMMERCE***Chair:* Federica Francesconi (The College of Idaho)**Mary and Helena: Gender, Motherhood, and Power in the *Toldot Yeshu*
Narratives**

Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham University)

**Sluck – Königsberg – Moscow – Berlin: The Commercial Network of the
Ickowicz Brothers**

Maria Cieśla (Deutsches Historisches Institut Warschau)

**The Economic Role of Diasporas in Early Modern Times: Jews and Conversos
along the Sugar Route Revisited (Brazil, Portugal, and the Netherlands,
1595-1618)**

Daniel Strum (University of São Paulo)

**Sexuality, Communal Space in Stories about Marriage of Men and She-
Demons**

David Rotman (Tel Aviv University / Achva College)

2.11

*Jefferson***GERMAN JEWISH POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY***Chair:* Asaf Angermann (Yale University)**Arendt, Cavell, and the Contours of a Jewish Philosophy of the Ordinary**

Daniel Brandes (University of King's College)

Between Hiroshima and Eichmann: The Philosophy of Günther Anders

Adi Armon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Conscious Inhibitions: Freud, Antisemitism, and the End of Hobbesian Freedom

Gilad Sharvit (University of California, Berkeley)

2.12

*Gardner A***FARTAYTSHT UN FARBESERT? TRANSLATING YIDDISH IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY***Moderator:* Saul Zaritt (Washington University in St. Louis)*Discussants:* Zackary Berger (Johns Hopkins University)

Barbara Harshav (Independent Scholar)

Anita Norich (University of Michigan)

Sarah Ponichtera (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research)

Sasha Senderovich (University of Colorado)

2.13

*Gardner B***SEEING ISRAELI CULTURE THROUGH THE ARCHIVE***Chair:* Natasha Goldman (Bowdoin College)**Antagonist Optics: Photographs of Jewish Palestine and the Nazi German Gaze**

Rebekka Grossmann (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Touring Exoticisms: Inbal Dance Theater's 1958 and 1962 Performances in the United States

Hannah Kosstrin (The Ohio State University)

"We Always Talk about War": Dor Guez's Aesthetic Archives

Elisabeth Friedman (Illinois State University)

2.14

*Beacon A***CONSTRUCTING AND CHALLENGING GENDER NORMS AND BINARIES***Chair:* Chaya Halberstam (King's University College, University of Western Ontario)**Encountering the *Androgynus*: The Paradox of Sex/Gender**

Sarra Lev (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

He Found a Hair and It Bothered Him: Female Pubic Hair Depilation in the Bavli

Noah Benjamin Bickart (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Jewish Women, Gentile Cattle, and the Problems with Binary Thinking about Non-Jews in the Bavli

Mira Beth Wasserman (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

2.15

Beacon B

LIONS, ANGELS, AND LABYRINTHS: IMAGES IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS*Chair:* Katja Vehlow (University of South Carolina)**Lions and Serpents, a Rabbi and a *Parnas*: The Clash over Synagogue Decorations in Medieval Cologne***Ephraim Shoham-Steiner* (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Reigning Cats and Dogs: Animals, Astrology, and Angelology in Late Medieval Ashkenaz***David I. Shyovitz* (Northwestern University)**The Jericho Labyrinth: The Evolution and Meaning of a Jewish Visual Trope***Daniel Stein Kokin* (University of Greifswald)

2.16

Beacon D

**INTERSECTIONALITIES IN JEWISH THOUGHT (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Santiago Slabodsky (Hofstra University)

Discussants: Allyson Gonzalez (Florida State University), Yonit Naaman (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Temple University), Larisa Reznik (University of Chicago), Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University), Adam Stern (Harvard University)

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2.17

Beacon E

**COUNTERHISTORIES: MODERN JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP IN CONTEXT—RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT (MEETING 1)**

Sponsored by the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Chair: Andreas Braemer (Institute for the History of German Jews)

Discussants: Natalia Aleksiu (Touro College), Yitzhak Conforti (Bar-Ilan University), Michal Friedman (Carnegie Mellon University), H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College), Katalin Franciska Rac (University of Florida), Dorothea M. Salzer (University of Potsdam), Mirjam Thulin (Leibniz Institute of European History), Deborah Hope Yalen (Colorado State University)

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EXHIBIT HALL STROLL <i>(List of exhibitors, p. 15)</i>	4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	
AJS BUSINESS MEETING	1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	<i>Exeter</i>
GENERAL LUNCH <i>By prepaid reservation only</i>	1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<i>Republic A</i>
DO ACADEMIC TALKS HAVE TO BE BORING? <i>Join Ilana Abramovitch, AJS Program Associate and professor of speech communication, for a workshop on how to transform your academic talk into an engaging and accessible presentation.</i>	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>Beacon B</i>
AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	1:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Independence East</i>

SESSION 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

3.1 *Back Bay A*

THE POETIC LEGACY OF YEHUDA AMICHAI (1924–2000)

Moderator: Chana Kronfeld (University of California, Berkeley)

Discussants: Robert B. Alter (University of California, Berkeley)
Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)

3.2 *Back Bay B*

THE PITCH OF JEWISH VOICES IN AMERICA

Chair: Alec Eliezer Burko (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Yiddish-Influenced List Intonation in the Jewish English Repertoire

Rachel Steindel Burdin (The Ohio State University)

Hello, Jews Calling? Telephone Comedy and the Jewish Voice

Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The Jew's Mouth through the Jew's Nose: Nasality, *Mauscheln*, and Alternative Masculinities

Adam Zachary Newton (Yeshiva University)

Respondent: Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)

3.3

*Back Bay C***INNER DIMENSIONS OF MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY***Chair:* Daniel J. Lasker (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Between Philosophy and Peshat: The Earliest Supercommentaries on Abraham Ibn Ezra's Torah Commentary**

Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Reading for Gender in Jewish Philosophy: Maimonides

Susan Ellen Shapiro (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

Who Are the Animals in *Sefer Ba'ale Ha-ḥayim* by Kalonymus ben Kalonymus?

Kalman P. Bland (Duke University)

The Currency of Justice: Divine Justice and Human Suffering

Edward Halper (University of Georgia)

3.4

*Commonwealth***RABBINIZATION IN LATE ANTIQUITY: NEW APPROACHES***Chair:* Sergey Dolgopolski (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**Between Jew and Me: Dialogic Patterns of Identity Formation and the Question of "Rabbinization" in Seder 'Eliyahu**

Lennart Lehmhaus (Freie Universität Berlin)

The Expansion of the Rabbinic Milieu: The Case of Pirkei de-Rabbi Eliezer

Katharina Keim (University of Manchester)

Rabbinization in Late Antiquity: How Do We Know It When We See It?

Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

3.5

*Hampton A/B***ISRAELI DOMESTICITY AND THE FISSURES OF NATIONAL BELONGING***Chair:* Sara Yael Hirschhorn (University of Oxford)**Balconies and Communication in Tel Aviv: A Historical Analysis**

Carolin Aurian Aronis (Independent Scholar)

"Like Any Good Leftie, Your Children Also Have a Foreign Passport": The Second Passport as a New Social Division in Contemporary Israeli Society

Gil Ribak (Oberlin College)

Beta Israel Mother-Daughter-Grandmother Narratives

Ruby K. Newman (York University)

3.6

*Fairfax B***BOUNDARIES OF TEXT, GENDER, AND SPACE IN MISHNAH BIKKURIM***Moderator:* Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert (Stanford University)*Discussants:* Naftali S. Cohn (Concordia University)

Pratima Gopalakrishnan (Yale University)

Andrew W. Higginbotham (HUC-JIR)

John Mandsager (University of South Carolina)

Max Strassfeld (University of Arizona)

3.7

*Berkeley A/B***MIGRATION, RELIEF, AND AID IN THE POSTWAR WORLD: DEFINING A NEW TRANSNATIONAL JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MISSION***Chair:* Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)**A Plea for Heartstrings and Purse Strings: The 1945 Battle for Combined American Jewish Fundraising**

Rachel Deblinger (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Homes for the “Hard Core”: The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee’s Efforts to Resettle the Last Jewish Inhabitants of Camp Föhrenwald

Kierra Mikaila Crago-Schneider (Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany)

The Mass Trachoma Project: Jews and Global Health in Morocco, 1949–1956

Anat Mooreville (University of Washington)

Respondent: Natalia Aleksion (Touro College)

3.8

*Clarendon A/B***INTERMARRIAGE AND JEWISH AMERICAN CULTURE***Chair and Respondent:* Keren R. McGinity (Brandeis University)**“A Grave Experiment”: Intermarriage Plots in the Fiction of Emma Wolf and Bettie Lowenberg**

Lori Harrison-Kahan (Boston College)

“A Little More Jewish, Please”: Interracial Intermarriage in the Fiction of Erica Jong and Fran Ross

Eli Bromberg (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

JewAsian: Intermarriage through the Lens of Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Difference

Helen Kim (Whitman College)

3.9

*Dalton A/B***RETHINKING JEWISH PETITIONS DURING THE HOLOCAUST: TOWARDS INTEGRATED HISTORIES OF COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF CONTESTATION***Chair:* Marion Kaplan (New York University)**Petitioning the Ghetto: Negotiating Segregation in Hungary, 1944**

Tim Cole (University of Bristol)

Letters and Memoranda: Overlooked Jewish Means of Opposition and Protest against the Persecution in Nazi Germany

Wolf Gruner (University of Southern California)

Reconsidering the Spatial Terms of Jewish Historiography: Trans-European and Global Jewish Petitioning during the Shoah

Thomas Pegelow Kaplan (Appalachian State University)

3.10

Jefferson

ICONS OF EMANCIPATION AND MODERNIZATION, 1750–1900*Chair:* Andreas Braemer (Institute for the History of German Jews)**Between “Back to the Future” and “Remembrance of Things Past”: Toward an Understanding of Moses Mendelssohn's Relationship to Rabbinic Law and Culture in Eighteenth-Century Ashkenaz**

Tania Tulcin (Yeshiva University)

Why *Ghetto* and Not *Gasse*? The Significance of Rome in the Semantic History of the Word *Ghetto*

Daniel B. Schwartz (The George Washington University)

Remembering Hirsch: Baron Maurice de Hirsch, Philanthropy, and a Global Moment in Jewish History

Matthias B. Lehmann (University of California, Irvine)

3.11

Gardner A

MENASSEH BEN ISRAEL (1604–1657): EXEGETE, MYSTIC, AND MILLENARIAN*Chair:* Miriam Bodian (University of Texas)**The *Conciliador* and the Jewish Exegetical Tradition**

Aaron L. Katchen (Brandeis University)

Magic and Science in Menasseh ben Israel's *Nishmat Hayim*

Matt Goldish (The Ohio State University)

***Piedra Gloriosa*: Menasseh ben Israel on History and the End of Times**

Sina Rauschenbach (University of Potsdam)

3.12

Gardner B

SIN, PUNISHMENT, AND ATONEMENT IN BIBLICAL AND SECOND TEMPLE LITERATURE*Chair:* Mark Leuchter (Temple University)**Hellenistic Evil in the Treatise on the Two Spirits**

Jared Wesson Saltz (HUC–JIR)

A Righteous Community? Sin and Identity in the Damascus Document and the Community Rule

Miryam T. Brand (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research)

The Priestly *Karet* Penalty in Context and Reception

Charles Huff (University of Chicago)

3.13

Beacon A

THE MANY GENRES OF KADIA MOLODOWSKY*Chair:* Anita Norich (University of Michigan)**Embodied Knowing in Molodowsky's *Dzshike Gas***

Lauren Benjamin (University of Michigan)

“Like Jumping into Hell”: Dance and Americanization in Kadia Molodowsky's *From Lublin to New York*

Sonia Gollance (University of Pennsylvania)

The Art of Correspondence: Kadia Molodowsky and Rokhl Korn

Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University)

Respondent: Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)

3.14

Beacon B

**RESCUE , SURVIVAL, MEMORY***Chair:* Victoria Khiterer (Millersville University)**Who Is to Blame? Conflicting Claims of Perpetrator, Victor, and Victim in Soviet Holocaust Testimony**

Alexis M. Zimberg (University of Toronto)

“Never Another Word about Them”: How Italian Jews Searched for, Mourned, and Remembered the Victims of the Holocaust

Anna Koch (University of York)

Sans the Women, No Hasidut Sanz: The Paradigm Shift of the Sanz-Klausenberg Rebbe after the Holocaust

Shira Leibowitz Schmidt (Michlalah Jerusalem College)

Saving Jewish Girls: Ultra-Orthodox Gendered Efforts to Rescue and Rehabilitate Child Survivors

Beth Cohen (California State University, Northridge)

DELAEM: Jews Rescuing Jews in Fascist Italy

Elizabeth Levi-Senigaglia (Independent Scholar)

3.15

Beacon D

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON HOME AND HOMELAND IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI LITERATURE (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Adia Mendelson Maoz (The Open University of Israel)*Discussants:* Moran Benit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shiri Goren (Yale University), Masha Itzhaki (INALCO), Chen Edrei Mandel (University of Maryland), Adia Mendelson Maoz (The Open University of Israel), Tamar Mishmar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shirli Sela-Levavi (Rutgers University)*Daily seminar schedule available at registration desk and ajsnet.org*

3.16

Beacon E

**THE HASIDIC REBBE AS BOUNDARY CROSSER (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Ira Robinson (Concordia University)*Discussants:* Shmary Brownstein (University of California, Berkeley), Andrea Gondos (Tel Aviv University), David C. Jacobson (Brown University), Andrea Kogan (Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo), Yitzhak Lewis (Columbia University), Alyssa E. Masor (Columbia University), Ariel Mayse (Harvard University), Sebastian Z. Schulman (Indiana University)*Daily seminar schedule available at registration desk and ajsnet.org*

3.17

Beacon F

WHOSE JOB IS IT ANYWAYS? PUTTING YOUR PHD TO USE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

Join Alexandra Lord, PhD, Chair and Curator of the Division of Medicine and Science at the National Museum of American History; founder of the online history journal, *The Ultimate History Project*; and award-winning author, for a session on how to find a career which reflects your passions and skills. This practical workshop explores how to research and identify a variety of career options and, most importantly, how to market yourself to employers in and outside the academy. Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies.

SESSION 4, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM4.1 *Back Bay A***GETTING IT PUBLISHED: TURNING YOUR DISSERTATION INTO A BOOK***Moderator:* Steven Feldman (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)*Discussants:* Kathleen McDermott (Harvard University Press)

Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

Noah Shenker (Monash University)

4.2 *Back Bay B***MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL LECTURE***Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry**Chair:* Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)**The Ethnographer in the Museum: Creating the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews**

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

Respondents: Samuel D. Kassow (Trinity College)

Jeffrey Shandler (Rutgers University)

4.3 *Back Bay C***EARLY MODERN LETTERS AND TRANSREGIONAL JEWISH HISTORY***Chair and Respondent:* Francesca Bregoli (Queens College, CUNY)**Social and Intellectual Processes among the Jews of Egypt in the Fifteenth Century in Light of Genizah Letters**

Dotan Arad (Bar-Ilan University)

Finding Jewish Voices in the Vatican Letters

Magda Teter (Fordham University)

"We Will Mention Them in Our Prayers": Early Modern Solicitations of Charity

Debra Kaplan (Bar-Ilan University)

4.4 *Commonwealth***TEACHING PALESTINE IN THE CONTEXT OF JEWISH STUDIES***Moderator:* Aaron J. Hahn Tapper (University of San Francisco)*Discussant:* Aomar Boum (University of California, Los Angeles)

Oren Kroll-Zeldin (University of San Francisco)

Shaul Magid (Indiana University)

Shira Robinson (The George Washington University)

4.5 *Hampton A/B***MARTIN BUBER AND THE POSTWAR QUEST FOR A RENEWAL OF JUDAISM***Chair:* Asher D. Biemann (University of Virginia)**Buber Abroad: His Journeys to America and Their Influence in the Humanities**

Martin Trembl (Center for Literary and Cultural Research, Berlin)

Affirmation or Aberration? Buber's Hasidica and the Response by Traditionalists and Post-traditional American Jewish Intellectuals

Markus Krahn (University of Potsdam)

The Hasidic Tzaddik as Theopolitical Leader

Yemima Hadad (University of Potsdam)

4.6

*Fairfax B***CAN THE MEDITERRANEAN BE A CATEGORY OF ANALYSIS FOR JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE?***Moderator:* Fred Astren (San Francisco State University)*Discussants:* Lucia Finotto (Brandeis University)
Federica Francesconi (The College of Idaho)
Rena Nechama Lauer (Oregon State University)
Jonathan Ray (Georgetown University)

4.7

*Berkeley A/B***THE RISE OF HOLOCAUST CONSCIOUSNESS***Chair:* Arlene Stein (Rutgers University)**Republics of Memory: American Jewish Survivor Networks and the Rise of Holocaust Consciousness**

David Slucki (College of Charleston)

“Such a Strange Nose”: The Political Culture of Czechoslovak Holocaust Film

Jacob Ari Labendz (Washington University in St. Louis)

The Rise of Jewish and Romani (Gypsy) Holocaust Consciousness

Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)

Respondent: Y. Michal Bodemann (University of Toronto)

4.8

*Clarendon A/B***BIBLICAL AND LEGAL INTERPRETATION IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS***Chair:* Miryam T. Brand (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research)**The Function of the Spirit in Qumran Biblical Exegesis**

Archibald T. Wright (Regent University)

Peshar and Prophecy in Daniel and Qumran

Shlomo Wadler (University of Notre Dame)

The Employment and Interpretation of Scripture in the “Minor” Legal Texts from Qumran

Moshe J. Bernstein (Yeshiva University)

4.9

*Dalton A/B***SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE NONES: UNDERSTANDING SECULAR AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF JEWISH IDENTITY***Chair:* Alan Mintz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**A New Form of Identity? The Trend towards Secularity and Secularism among Jewish American College Students**

Barry A. Kosmin (Trinity College)

Are you Pewish? Understanding “Jews of No Religion” in the 2013 Pew Survey of American Jews

Raquel Magidin de Kramer, Daniel Parmer, and Elizabeth Tighe (Brandeis University)

Becoming Jewish Adults: The Jewish Identity Work of Emerging Adults

Rachel Bernstein (Brandeis University)

4.10

*Jefferson***JEWISH LANGUAGES AND LOGIC***Chair:* Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)**The Kabbalistic Performative: Mystical Speech Acts and Scholem's Philosophy of Language**

Asaf Angermann (Yale University)

"From Every Limb": Language, Embodiment, and Historiography in Buber's Interpretation of Hasidism

Sam Berrin Shonkoff (University of Chicago)

Logical Methods in the Service of Nonrational Ethics: A View from Levinas
Nechama Juni (Brown University)

4.11

*Gardner A***LAW AND PHILOSOPHY IN THE MIDDLE AGES***Chair:* Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)**Did Maimonides Find Sacrifices Meaningful After All?**

David Gillis (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Sa'adiah Gaon and Ya'qūb al-Qirqisānī on the Logical Structure of Rational and Traditional Laws: Logic and Kalām in the Karaite-Rabbanite Controversy

Aviram Ravitsky (Ariel University)

The Active God and the Infinite Torah: Ḥasdai Crescas on Codification, Cosmology, and Creation

Ari Ackerman (Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies)

Maimonides on the Thirteen Divine Attributes

Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)

4.12

*Gardner B***JEWS ON THE MOVE***Chair:* Jennifer Sartori (Northeastern University)**From a Moment to a Movement: 1960s American Jewry from the Six-Day War to the Israeli Settler Movement**

Sara Yael Hirschhorn (University of Oxford)

In-Betweenness: Is Hungarian Aliyah a Migration Phenomenon?

Gergo Vaczi (Eötvös Loránd University)

Those Who Stayed Behind: The Impact of Immigration on Jewish Women and Jewish Family in Eastern Europe, 1870–1914

Haim Sperber (Western Galilee College)

4.13

Beacon A

A WRITER OF MANY FACETS: A CELEBRATION OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER'S WORK*Chair:* Agi Legutko (Columbia University)**“Myriads of Cows and Fowls ... Ready to Take Revenge”: Isaac Bashevis Singer’s Vegetarianism and His Treatment of Animals and Animal Slaughter in His Works**

Khayke Beruriah Wiegand (Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies)

Carnavalesque Laughter: Isaac Bashevis Singer’s Supernatural Journey

Alexandra Tali Herzog (Boston University)

Bashevis’s *Zaydlus*: Neither the First nor the Last Jewish Pope

Miriam Udel (Emory University)

4.14

Beacon B

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE RABBIS AND THE SYNAGOGUE*Chair:* Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)**A God with Breasts: Egyptian Motifs in Late Antique Mosaics and Rabbinic Texts**

Rivka Ulmer (Bucknell University)

The Babylonian Sages and the Synagogue

Jonathan Pomeranz (Yale University)

The Dating of *’Aleinu* and the Rejection of the *Heikhalot* Thesis

Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)

4.15

Beacon D

**THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE AND PRIESTHOOD IN HISTORY, MEMORY, AND LITURGY (MEETING 1)***Chairs:* Jane Kanarek (Hebrew College)

Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

Discussants: Joan R. Branham (Providence College), Naftali S. Cohn (Concordia University), Benjamin Gordon (University of Pittsburgh), Matthew Grey (Brigham Young University), Oded Irshai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College), Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Vivian Beth Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Adele Reinhartz (University of Ottawa), Nathan Schumer (Columbia University), Daniel R. Schwartz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Michael D. Swartz (The Ohio State University)*Daily seminar schedule available at registration desk and ajsnet.org*

4.16

Beacon E

**NEW VOICES IN ISRAELI CULTURE (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Yehuda Sharim (Rice University)*Discussants:* Shirly Bahar (New York University), Itay Eisinger (University of Texas), Rachel S. Harris (University of Illinois), Melissa Melpignano (University of California, Los Angeles), Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Louisville)*Daily seminar schedule available at registration desk and ajsnet.org*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 EVENING PROGRAM

WELCOME RECEPTION **6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** *Grand Ballroom Foyer*

SPONSORED BY BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Brandeis University welcomes AJS to Boston! Join us for refreshments and a special tribute to our dear friend and colleague, Professor Jonathan Sarna, as he concludes his term as 18th President of the Association for Jewish Studies. Open to all conference registrants and exhibitors.

ASSJ AWARDS RECEPTION **6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** *Independence East*

Honoring the 2015 Marshall Sklare Award recipient, Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett. Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry, Tisch School of the Arts of New York University, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies of New York University, Department of Performance Studies of New York University, the Forward, The Workmen's Circle, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Open to all conference registrants.

FILM **6:00 pm** *Public Garden*

18 VOICES SING KOL NIDRE

Directed by Allen Oren (2012, 40 min, USA; English). Distributor: Seventh Art Releasing. Introduction by composer Jewlia Eisenberg.

GALA BANQUET **7:00 pm** *Constitution*

By prepaid reservation only. See page 14 for a list of our Gala Sponsors.

PLENARY SESSION **8:00 pm** *Constitution*

Introductory Remarks: Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

Plenary: JEWISH STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

*Have Jewish Studies scholars ceded the public sphere to journalists and pundits? Jonathan Rosen, editor of Schocken's Nextbook series, and Brandeis University's Yehudah Mirsky, author of *Rav Kook: Mystic in Time of Revolution*, join American University's Lisa Moses Leff, author of *The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust*, for a conversation about what and how we write, who are our readers, present and future, and why that matters.*

JORDAN SCHNITZER 9:15 pm *Independence East*
BOOK AWARD RECEPTION

Honoring the 2015 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award recipients and finalists. Sponsored by the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation. Open to all conference registrants.

GRADUATE STUDENT 9:15 pm *Beacon G*
RECEPTION

Celebrating AJS graduate student members. Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies. Open to all graduate students.

UNIVERSITY OF 9:15 pm *Beacon F*
MICHIGAN FRANKEL CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

The Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan invites all conference registrants to attend a dessert reception in honor of past and present fellows at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies.

THE JACOB RADER 9:15 pm *Fairfax A*
**MARCUS CENTER OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
 AND AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

All AJS participants are invited to join The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the American Jewish Historical Society for a special joint reception to hear about their upcoming initiatives and to celebrate these two world-renowned repositories of the American Jewish past.

FILM 9:15 pm *Public Garden*
A BORROWED IDENTITY

Directed by Eran Riklis (Aravim Rokdim, 2014, 104 min, Israel; Hebrew w/English subtitles). Distributor: Strand Releasing. Introduction by Rachel S.Harris (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

WOMEN'S CAUCUS	7:00 am – 8:30 am	<i>Republic B</i>
BREAKFAST		
GENERAL BREAKFAST	7:30 am – 8:30 am	<i>Republic A</i>
<i>By prepaid reservation only</i>		
REGISTRATION	8:30 am – 6:00 pm	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
EXHIBITS	9:00 am – 1:30 pm	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
<i>(List of exhibitors, p. 15)</i>	2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	

SESSION 5, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

5.1 *Constitution A*

FAILURE IN MODERN JEWISH POLITICS: A GLOBAL RECONSIDERATION

Chair: Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin)

Leaving Zion: Jewish Emigration from Palestine and Israel after World War II

Ori Yehudai (McGill University)

In Search of Another Morocco: Communists, Jews, and Narratives of Failure in 1967

Alma Rachel Heckman (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Beyond Autonomy: Jewish Politics in Lithuania, 1918-1940

Michael Casper (University of California, Los Angeles)

Failure and the Writing of Jewish Economic History

Rebecca Amy Kobrin (Columbia University)

5.2 *Constitution B*



COMMUNICATING ACROSS BOUNDARIES: JEWISH WRITERS OF THE LONG NINETEENTH CENTURY

Chair: Sarah Gracombe (Stonehill College)

Crossing Lyric Boundaries

Karen Weisman (University of Toronto)

Jewish Historical Fiction in English, 1800-1850

Michael H. Scrivener (Wayne State University)

Presenting Nineteenth-Century Jewish Identity beyond the Boundary of Jewish Studies: The Case of Grace Aguilar

Judith W. Page (University of Florida)

Israel Zangwill on “the Jewish Race” at the Universal Races Congress, 1911

Meri-Jane Rochelson (Florida International University)

“A Map in One Color”: Zamenhof, Esperanto, and Jewishness

Esther Schor (Princeton University)

Amy Levy’s Necromancy

Susan David Bernstein (University of Wisconsin)

5.3

*Back Bay A***JEWISH STUDIES: CURRENT TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICES***Sponsored by the Network of Directors of Jewish Studies Programs and Centers**Moderator:* Michael E. J. Zank (Boston University)*Discussants:* Richard M. Golden (University of North Texas)

Lori Lefkovitz (Northeastern University)

Jeffrey Shoulson (University of Connecticut)

5.4

*Back Bay B***POLITICS, FOREIGN POLICY, AND STATECRAFT IN ISRAEL AND THE YISHUV***Chair:* Kimmy Caplan (Bar-Ilan University)**Holy War or Sacred Peace? Security and Territoriality in the Israeli Religious-Political Discourse regarding the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Process**

Ari Moshkovski (Brandeis University)

“Votes Are Not Weighed, They Are Counted”: Zionist Reactions to the Legislative Council Plan, 1928–1936

Nimrod Lin (University of Toronto)

The Representation of Women in Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic Postings in the Early Years of the State

Natan Aridan (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

5.5

*Back Bay C***SITUATED OTHERS: EMBODIMENT, ETHICS, AND ALTERITY IN MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT***Chair:* Claire Sufrin (Northwestern University)**Situating the Self, Situating the Other: Of Height, Proximity, and the Optics of the Moral Point of View in Cohen, Buber, and Levinas**

Michael Glen Gottsegen (Brown University)

Martin Buber on the Mother and Child Union

William Plevan (Princeton University)

Verticality and Intersubjectivity

Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)

5.6

Commonwealth**TEACHING BEYOND THE CANON: NEW APPROACHES TO THE JEWISH STUDIES CLASSROOM***Moderator:* Jodi Eichler-Levine (Lehigh University)*Discussants:* Andrea Dara Cooper (University of North Carolina)

Samira K. Mehta (Albright College)

Natan M. Meir (Portland State University)

Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Temple University)

Judith Rosenbaum (Jewish Women’s Archive)

5.7

Hampton A/B

EPIGRAPHY AND LINGUISTIC ISSUES IN BIBLICAL ISRAEL*Chair:* Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)**The Four Lands of Mesha: An Analysis of Transjordanian Geography**

David Z. Moster (Bar-Ilan University)

Literary Aspects of the Deir 'Alla Inscription: Sefer Bala'am

Shawn Zelig Aster (Bar-Ilan University)

"If God Had a Name, What Would It Be?": The Etymology of the Tetragrammaton Reconsidered

Adam Strich (Harvard University)

5.8

Fairfax B

ACROSS THE DIVIDES: THE LIFE AND WORK OF ABRAHAM S. YAHUDA*Chair:* Michal Friedman (Carnegie Mellon University)**A. S. Yahuda: Translating Judeo-Muslim Tradition from Al-Andalus to Mandatory Palestine**

Yuval Jacob Evri (Mandel Leadership Institute)

Abraham Shalom Yahuda and the Integration of Arabic Islamic Culture into the Hebrew Yishuv in Late Ottoman Palestine

Mostafa Hussein (Brandeis University)

Abraham S. Yahuda and the Politics of an "Erudite Oriental"

Allyson Gonzalez (Florida State University)

Abraham Shalom Yahuda's Contribution to Samaritan Studies

Stefan Schorch (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

5.9

Berkeley A/B

REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN ART AND MUSIC*Chair:* Judah M. Cohen (Indiana University)**Composing an American Minhag: The Organ, the *Union Hymnal*, and the Evolving Music of a New Promised Land**

Amanda Ruppenthal Stein (Northwestern University)

"If It's Good Enough for Mama ...": Representing the Jewish Mother in American Yiddish Theater Songs, 1900–1950

Devora Geller (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

A Marriage of Text and Image: Bernard Perlin's *Orthodox Boys* (1948), New York City, and the Changing Face of American Jewish Life

Samantha Baskind (Cleveland State University)

5.10

*Clarendon A/B***AMERICAN JEWS AND THE LONG 1960s***Chair:* Melissa R. Klapper (Rowan University)**Son of Madmen: Biographical/Autobiographical Reflections on Jews in Advertising**

Alan T. Levenson (University of Oklahoma)

World of Our Fathers and World of Our Sons: New York Intellectuals and Student Radicalism

Ronnie Avital Grinberg (University of Oklahoma)

Not Playing Indian: Race and the Terrain of Identity in Jewish Educational Summer Camps in the 1960s and 1970s

Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

5.11

*Dalton A/B***CROSSING RELIGIOUS AND GEOGRAPHIC BORDERS***Chair:* Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University)**Intermarriage, but Not Interfaith: The Latest Generations Redefine the Acceptable Jewish Family of the Twenty-First Century**

Samuel Richardson (University of Virginia)

Changing Communities or Changing Identities? A Comparative Perspective on Latin American Jewish Immigrants in the United States

Laura Limonic (SUNY College at Old Westbury)

In Good Times and Bad: The Experience of *Shlichim* at American Overnight Camps during a Time of Crisis

Amy L. Sales and Nicole Samuel (Brandeis University)

Obviousness: Conversion, Passing, and the Surprising Benefit of Phenotypic Dissimilarity

Adam L. Horowitz (Stanford University)

5.12

*Jefferson***WE REMEMBER WITH AMBIVALENCE: HOLOCAUST MEMORY AND MEMORIALIZATION AMONG ALLIED SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES***Chair:* Beth Cohen (California State University, Northridge)**German Jewish GIs and the Paradox of Memory Work in Postwar Germany**

Steven Paul Remy (Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY)

Memorialization of the Holocaust: German and Austrian Émigrés in the US Army

Patricia Kollander (Florida Atlantic University)

I Have Told My Story Many Times: Military Brides Remember the Holocaust

Robin E. Judd (The Ohio State University)

Respondent: Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

5.13

*Gardner A***JEWISH COMMUNAL SURVEYS IN POSTWAR AMERICA***Chair:* Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University)**Surveying Liberalism: Jewish Politics in the Age of Heightened Jewish Diversity**

Max D. Baumgarten (University of California, Los Angeles)

The Janowsky Survey and the Postwar Purpose of the Jewish Community Center

Avigail S. Oren (Carnegie Mellon University)

Jewish Communal Surveys at the American Jewish Historical Society

Susan Woodland (American Jewish Historical Society)

Respondent: Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University)

5.14

*Gardner B***STUDIES IN ZOHARIC AND RELATED LITERATURE***Chair:* Hartley W. Lachter (Lehigh University)**“The Hidden Book”: Anonymity, Pseudepigraphy, and Esotericism in Castilian Kabbalah prior to the Appearance of Sefer Ha-zohar**

Avishai Bar-Asher (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Medieval Struggle for Midrashic Community: Toward a New History of Early Zohar

Yosef Rosen (University of California, Berkeley)

An Unknown Version of the Zoharic Section titled Sifra Di-zeni'uta

Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv University)

A Typology of Character in Zoharic Narrative

Eitan P. Fishbane (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

5.15

*Beacon A***PAROCHIAL NO MORE: JEWS AND LITERARY MODERNISM***Chair:* Vered Weiss (University of Illinois)**Performing Jews Performing Blackface in the Modernist Avant-Garde**

Joshua Logan Wall (University of Michigan)

Walking the Rail: Writing in the Judeo/Christian Borderzone

Maera Shreiber (University of Utah)

Happy as a Jew in France: Exoticism, Social Justice, and Cultural Activism in Franco-Jewish Literature

Gayle Zachmann (University of Florida)

Circular Landscapes: Domesticity and Diaspora in Dvoyre Fogel's Poetry

Anna Elena Torres (University of California, Berkeley)

5.16

Beacon B

INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND RABBINIC JUDAISM*Chair:* Michal Bar-Asher Siegal (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**A Primitive Rabbinic Calendar from the Cairo Genizah: Talmudic Rules and Christian Cycles**

Sacha Stern (University College London)

Persecution Narratives and Minority Identity in the Sasanian Empire

Simcha Gross (Yale University)

Sins of the Parents in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature

Dov Weiss (University of Illinois)

5.17

Beacon D

**THE PRACTICE AND MATERIALITY OF JEWISH DEATH (MEETING 2)***Chairs :* Sean P. Burrus (Duke University)

Gail Labovitz (American Jewish University)

Discussants: Carolin Aurian Aronis (Independent Scholar), Philippe Blanchard (INRAP), Tim Corbett (Center for Jewish History), Brian A. Coussens (University of North Carolina), Sarah Cunningham Garibova (University of Michigan), Sylvie Anne Goldberg (EHESS), Eve Jochnowitz (New York University), Derek Robert Miller (University of Richmond), Daniel Rosenthal (University of Haifa), Kerry Sonia (Brown University), Alan Todd (Duke University)

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5.18

Beacon E

**WHY THEOLOGY? (MEETING 1)***Chairs:* Paul W. Franks (Yale University)

Daniel Haskell Weiss (University of Cambridge)

Discussants: Rachel Adelman (Hebrew College), James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo), Cass Fisher (University of South Florida), Shai Held (Mechon Hadar), Sam Fleischacker (University of Illinois at Chicago), Joshua Golding (Bellarmino University), Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University), Devorah Schoenfeld (Loyola University Chicago), Benjamin D. Sommer (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

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SESSION 6, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

6.1

Liberty Ballrooms**JEWISH STUDIES AND THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOP**

Join AJS members for an informal and interactive presentation of research projects, research tools, teaching tools, and other born-digital projects.

Communicating Memory: Maps, Discourse, and Jewish Studies

Murray Baumgarten (University of California, Santa Cruz), Amanda Kaye Sharick (University of California, Riverside), Erica Smeltzer (University of California, Santa Cruz), Katharine Gillian Trostel (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Footprints: Jewish Books through Time and Place

Michelle Chesner (Columbia University), Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Adam B. Shear (University of Pittsburgh), Joshua Z. Teplitsky (Stony Brook University, SUNY)

Healing the World, Sharing Our World: The JDC Archives Online

Jeffrey P. Edelstein (Joint Distribution Committee Archives)

Teaching the Holocaust Digitally: A Source Study Approach

Emil Kerenji and Leah Wolfson (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Medieval Testimonia to the Palestinian Talmud (Testimonia Mediaevalia zum Talmud Yerushalmi)

Andreas Lehnardt (University of Mainz)

The Mapping Jewish Los Angeles Project

Caroline Luce (University of California, Los Angeles)

The Knish Map

Laura Silver (Independent Scholar)

SESSION 7, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

7.1

*Constitution A***CYCLE OF LIFE IN SASANIAN IRAN: JEWISH TEXTS AND CULTURAL SUBTEXTS**

Chair: Shai Secunda (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Competing Discourses on Gestation in the Bavli and Vayikra Rabbah in Light of Their Cultural Context

Shana A. Strauch Schick (Haifa University)

Cross-Cultural Conceptions of the Fetus in Sasanian Babylonia

Sara Ronis (Yale University)

The Wizard of Āz and the Evil Inclination: The Talmudic *Yezer* in Its Zoroastrian and Manichaean Context

Yishai Kiel (Yale University)

Resistance and Appropriation: The Zoroastrian Context of the Book of Tobit

David Brodsky (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

7.2

*Constitution B***THE POLITICIZATION OF JEWISH STUDIES: PERSPECTIVES FROM CENTER DIRECTORS**

Moderator: Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)
Discussants: Ruth von Bernuth (University of North Carolina)
 Brett Ashley Kaplan (University of Illinois)
 Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

7.3

*Back Bay A***SENSES, AFFECT, AND EMOTIONS IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY AND THOUGHT**

Sponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research

Chair: Michael Brenner (American University)

The Sound of Jewish Modernity: Sephardic Hebrew and the Berlin Haskalah

John Efron (University of California, Berkeley)

The Afterlife of the Afterlife: Translating the Sense of (and Senses in) *Mehayeh Ha-metim*

Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)

Affective Zionism: Theodor Herzl's Display and Concealment of Emotion

Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto / University of Oxford)

7.4

*Back Bay B***JOURNEYS OF POSSIBILITY: THE ROLE OF JEWISH STUDIES IN DEVELOPING ARTISTIC WORKS**

Moderator: Michael Leavitt (American Society for Jewish Music)

Discussants: Judah M. Cohen (Indiana University)
 Mark Loren Kligman (University of California, Los Angeles)
 Jenna Weissman Joselit (George Washington University)

7.5

*Back Bay C***MODERN MUSLIM-JEWISH ENCOUNTERS AND EXCHANGE IN NORTH AFRICA**

Chair: Aomar Boum (University of California, Los Angeles)

"The Avowed Friend of the French and the Irreconcilable Enemy of England": The House of Bacri and Busnach and the International Community in Ottoman Algiers

Caitlin Maria Gale (University of Oxford)

The Polemics of Muslim-Jewish History in Late Colonial Algeria

Joshua Samuel Schreier (Vassar College)

Thread of a Community: The Zerrouf beyond Tlemcen, 1962–1973

Sara Traci Jay (Washington University in St. Louis)

Invisible Neighbors: Demonology between Jews and Muslims in North Africa

Noam Sienna (University of Toronto)

Medicine and Midwifery in Marrakesh

Jonathan G. Katz (Oregon State University)

7.6

Commonwealth



TEACHING “GOODBYE, COLUMBUS”

- Moderator:* Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Discussants:* Rachel Gordan (Brandeis University)
 Bettina Hofmann (University of Wuppertal)
 Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan)
 Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University)

7.7

Hampton A/B

WRITING BIBLICAL BIOGRAPHY

- Chair:* Alan T. Levenson (University of Oklahoma)
- Sage, Courtier, or Despot? Joseph from Character to Biography**
 Alan T. Levenson (University of Oklahoma)
- Solomon and Other Ideal Performers of Wisdom**
 Jacqueline Vayntrub (Harvard University)
- The Other David: Between the Tanakh and the Palmach**
 Eva Mroczek (Indiana University)
- Respondent:* Steven P. Weitzman (University of Pennsylvania)

7.8

Fairfax B

PEOPLES, PERSONS, AND STATES: MODERN JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY IN HISTORY, LAW, AND THEOLOGY

- Moderator:* Yehudah Mirsky (Brandeis University)
- Discussants:* Julie E. Cooper (Tel Aviv University)
 Alexander Lewis Kaye (The Ohio State University)
 James Loeffler (University of Virginia)
 Samuel Moyn (Columbia University)

7.9

Berkeley A/B

NEW SOCIAL SCIENCE QUESTIONS ABOUT JEWISH LIFE

- Chair:* Rela Mintz Geffen (Gratz College)
- Subcultural Diversity in American Cold War Culture: The Case of the Soviet Jewry Movement**
 Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt University)
- The Twentieth-Century Encounter of Judaism with “Eastern Spiritualities”: Challenges, Assets, and Everything in between**
 Mira Neshama Niculescu (L’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)
- Why Postcolonial Papua New Guineans Think They Are Jews—And What It Means for Jewish Studies**
 Eric Silverman (Wheelock College)
- American Judaism: The Interplay of Natural and Intentional Communities**
 Michael S. Berger (Emory University)

Monday

7.10

Clarendon A/B

YIDDISH ORALITY IN PRINT: NEW APPROACHES*Chair:* Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)**Jewspeak, or How the Jews Became the People of the Spoken Word**

David G. Roskies (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

A Disenchanted Elijah: Language, Voice, and the Dissimulation of Self in S. Ansky's *Destruction of Galicia*

Marc Caplan (Center for Jewish History)

***Khurbn* Yiddish: The Truth That Can Only Be Spoken**

Hannah Pollin-Galay (University of Pennsylvania)

Respondent: Justin Daniel Cammy (Smith College)

7.11

Dalton A/B

JEWISH FEMINISTS FACING ANTISEMITISM AND ANTI-ZIONISM: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, ISRAEL, AND SOUTH AFRICA*Chair:* Judith Rosenbaum (Jewish Women's Archive)**The Issue of Antisemitism in the United States and the Global Women's Movement: A Historical Perspective**

Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

Jewish Women, Zionism, and Apartheid

Marjorie N. Feld (Babson College)

Being Jewish and Feminist in France: Comparative Perspectives

Nelly Las (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

7.12

Jefferson

BETWEEN WITNESSING AND IMAGINATION: SOVIET JEWISH WRITING ON THE HOLOCAUST DURING THE WAR AND IN ITS IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH*Chair:* Jeffrey Veidlinger (University of Michigan)**Pavel Antokolsky as a Witness to the Shoah in Ukraine and Poland**

Maxim D. Shrayner (Boston College)

Boris Slutsky's "Notes about the War" as a Holocaust Text

Marat Grinberg (Reed College)

Vasilii Grossman, Ilya Ehrenburg, the War, and the Holocaust

Joshua Rubenstein (Harvard University)

Respondent: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

7.13

Gardner A

THE SOUL AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE SOUL IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY*Chair:* Haim Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Dominicus Gundissalinus and Ibn Daud on the Soul**

Amira Eran (Levinsky College)

Speaking Silence: Sa'adiah, Maimonides, 'Abd al-Jabbar and Al-As'hari on the Limitations of Knowledge

Ginger Hegedus (King's University College, University of Western Ontario)

Varieties of Jewish-Italian Philosophy: Hillel of Verona and Elijah del Medigo on the Nature of the Human Soul

Michael Engel (University of Hamburg)

7.14

Gardner B**GRADUATE STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY***Chair:* Zvi Jonathan Kaplan (Touro College)**“Nobody Was at the Docks to Greet Us”: The Early Postwar Dynamics of the San Francisco Jewish Community and Shanghai’s European Jewish Refugees**

Sara Halpern (The Ohio State University)

Raising the Nation: Nationalism in Jewish Education in Poland, 1918–1944

Hanna Schmidt Hollaender (University of Virginia)

The “James Bond” of Cherbourg: Imagining Israel in Gaullist France

Robert B. Isaacson (The George Washington University)

Respondents: Barry Trachtenberg (University at Albany, SUNY)

Ofer Nur (Tel Aviv University)

7.15

*Beacon A***MYSTICISM AND HASIDISM IN THE MODERN PERIOD***Chair:* Jeremy Phillip Brown (New York University)**Philosophy alongside Kabbalah: The Thought of R. Shaul Serero**

Michal Ohana (Ben-Gurion University)

Healing in Hasidism: From the Ba’al Shem Tov to Rabbi Menachem Scheerson, Combining the Rational and the Suprarational

Naftali Loewenthal (University College London)

Mystical Paradox in the Stories of R. Nahman of Bratslav: A Jamesian Overview

Dorit Lemberger (Bar-Ilan University)

A Twentieth-Century Apotheosis: Moses Guibbory and Jewish Apocalyptic Thought

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

7.16

*Beacon B***SPACES OF MEMORY AND COUNTERMEMORY***Chair:* Daniel B. Schwartz (The George Washington University)**Who is Carrying the Temple Menorah? A Modern Jewish Counteremory of the Arch of Titus Spolia Panel**

Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)

Salon, Theatre, Museum: On the Production and Consumption of Intercultural Jewish Spaces

Y. Michal Bodemann (University of Toronto)

“Hevyon”: An Epitaphic Anagram in a Jamaican Jewish Cemetery

Samuel J. Petuchowski (Independent Scholar)

“Never Bow Your Head, Be Helpful, and Fight for Justice and Righteousness”:**Nathan Rapoport and Philadelphia’s Holocaust Memorial (1964)**

Natasha Goldman (Bowdoin College)

7.17

Beacon D



NEW PERSPECTIVES ON HOME AND HOMELAND IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI LITERATURE (MEETING 2)

Chair: Adia Mendelson Maoz (The Open University of Israel)

Discussants: Moran Benit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shiri Goren (Yale University), Masha Itzhaki (INALCO), Chen Edrei Mandel (University of Maryland), Adia Mendelson Maoz (The Open University of Israel), Tamar Mishmar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shirli Sela-Levavi (Rutgers University)

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7.18

Beacon E



COUNTERHISTORIES : MODERN JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP IN CONTEXT—RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT (MEETING 2)

Sponsored by the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Chair: Andreas Braemer (Institute for the History of German Jews)

Discussants: Natalia Aleksiu (Touro College), Yitzhak Conforti (Bar-Ilan University), Michal Friedman (Carnegie Mellon University), H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College), Katalin Franciska Rac (University of Florida), Dorothea M. Salzer (University of Potsdam), Mirjam Thulin (Leibniz Institute of European History), Deborah Hope Yalen (Colorado State University)

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7.19

Beacon F


TAKE THAT JOURNALIST'S CALL!: A MEDIA TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR SCHOLARS

Join Jonathan Kaufman, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist who has been a reporter and senior editor at *The Boston Globe*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg News*. He now is director of Northeastern University's School of Journalism. The session will discuss how to speak to journalists, publish editorials, and convey your ideas to wider audiences. Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies.

GENERAL LUNCH 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Republic A*
By prepaid reservation only

AAJR LUNCH 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Independence East*
For the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research

SEPHARDI-MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Republic B*
By prepaid reservation only
The lunch program will feature “Mizrahi Sacred Songs (Piyyutim)—From Pulpit to Pop Chart,” a presentation/performance by Galeet Dardashti and Mark Kligman. Come learn how piyyutim composed by Jews living under Islam in the Middle Ages have been embraced by and popularized in the Israeli mainstream by secular rock singers with Mizrahi roots. Program will start promptly at 12:30 pm and is open to all conference registrants.

PEDAGOGY WORKING GROUP IN JEWISH STUDIES 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Riverway*
 Moderators: Lori Lefkovitz (Northeastern University) and David Shneer (University of Colorado)
Join a discussion of how AJS can support its members' work as teachers.

JEWISH STUDIES IN SMALL TOWNS 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Exeter*
Come share your thoughts about the distinctive challenges—and opportunities—that confront Jewish Studies programs and professionals in small-town settings. We'll also brainstorm ways to mutually benefit from networking and collaboration. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby College.

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SESSION 8, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

8.1

Constitution A
**PEDAGOGY AND POLITICS OF TEACHING ISRAEL AND PALESTINE ON
AMERICAN COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

Moderator: David Shneer (University of Colorado)

Discussants: Yael Aronoff (Michigan State University)
Corinne E. Blackmer (Southern Connecticut State University)
Michael Brenner (American University)
Liora Halperin (University of Colorado)
Dov Waxman (Northeastern University)

8.2

Constitution B
**“THEY OFFER THEIR HANDS TO ONE ANOTHER AS SISTERS”: FORTEPIANO-
HARPSICHORD DUOS IN THE CIRCLE OF SARA LEVY (1761–1854)**

A Performance/Analysis Session

Moderator: Yael Sela Teichler (The Open University of Israel)

Performance: Yi-heng Yang (Julliard School)

Discussants: Nancy Sinkoff (Rutgers University)
Yi-heng Yang (Julliard School)

8.3

Back Bay A
TEACHING APPROACHES: JEWS AND MUSLIMS IN FRANCE, 1962–PRESENT

Moderator: Nina Lichtenstein (The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute)

Discussants: Lia Nicole Brozgal (University of California, Los Angeles)
Yolande Jamila Cohen (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Marquesa Macadar (Indiana University)
Martin Messika (Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne / Université du Québec à Montréal)
Dinah Assouline Stillman (University of Oklahoma)

8.4

Back Bay B
DOCUMENTS FROM THE CAIRO GENIZAH: THE STATE OF THE FIELD

Moderator: Marina Rustow (Princeton University)

Discussants: Tamer el-Leithy (Johns Hopkins University)
Jessica Goldberg (University of California, Los Angeles)
Brendan G. Goldman (Johns Hopkins University)
Eve Krakowski (Princeton University)
Craig Perry (Princeton University)
Oded Zinger (Duke University)

8.5

Back Bay C
THE RELATION OF PHILOSOPHY TO THEOLOGY RECONSIDERED

Chair: Randi Lynn Rashkover (George Mason University)

Theology and Its Discontents

Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)

Theology and Philosophy: A Phenomenological Approach

David Novak (University of Toronto)

A Liturgical Model for Jewish Theology

Steven D. Kepnes (Colgate University)

8.6

*Commonwealth***MIDDLE EASTERN JEWISH FOODWAYS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT***Chair:* Hasia R. Diner (New York University)**A First Taste of the New State: American Jews and Israeli Food in the Postwar Period**

Emily Alice Katz (Duke University)

Israeli Food and Ethnic Identity in American Jewry

Ari Ariel (Boston University)

Crafting a Sephardic Culinary Tradition: Argentine “Jewish” and “Sephardic” Cookbooks, 1950–2000

Adriana Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

“God Forbid You Get an Ulcer!”: Food, Custom, and Place in South Tel Aviv

Gabrielle A. Berlinger (Indiana University)

8.7

*Hampton A/B***INTERROGATING IDENTITY: NEW APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF JEWISH ADULTS***Chair:* Debra Renee Kaufman (Northeastern University)**Traditional Jews: “Nones” on Religion**

Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University)

Under Construction: The Social Life of Jewish Identity

Tobin Belzer (University of Southern California)

At the Nexus of Multiple Identities: Young Adult Adoptees, Jewishness, and Birth Heritage

Jennifer Sartori (Northeastern University) and Jayne K. Guberman (Adoption and Jewish Identity Project)

8.8

*Fairfax B***LEGALIZING EMOTIONS ACROSS JEWISH HISTORY***Chair and Respondent:* Suzanne Last Stone (Yeshiva University)**Early Jewish and Christian Responses to the Biblical Commandment to Rebuke**

Matthew Goldstone (New York University)

Anger and Informing in Jewish Law in Thirteenth-Century Ashkenaz

Jesse Abelman (Yeshiva University)

The Affective Roots at the Heart of the Struggle between Hasidim and Mitnagdim

Joshua Simon Schwartz (New York University)

- 8.9 *Berkeley A/B*
JEWISH PUBLISHING CULTURES IN VERNACULAR LANGUAGES
Chair: Adam B. Shear (University of Pittsburgh)
Transferring Jewish Knowledge? F. A. Brockhaus as Publisher of Judaica and Orientalia
 Arndt Engelhardt (Simon Dubnow Institute)
A Jewish Publishing Family's Path to Conversion in Nineteenth-Century Poland
 Karen Auerbach (Monash University / University of North Carolina)
The Schocken *Almanach* (1933–1938) as a Response to the National Socialist Threat
 Stefanie Mahrer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 8.10 *Clarendon A/B*
PRAYER IN ANTIQUITY: TEXT, PERFORMANCE, AND CULTURE
Chair: Carol Bakhos (University of California, Los Angeles)
Rhetoric and Time in Piyyut and Midrash
 Tzvi Michael Novick (University of Notre Dame)
Petition in the Classical Liturgy: Imperative versus Jussive
 Bernard M. Septimus (Harvard University)
Prayer in Rabbinic and Monastic Texts: A Comparative Examination
 Michal Bar-Asher Siegal (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
- 8.11 *Dalton A/B*
JEWISH PLAYWRIGHTS AND THE AMERICAN STAGE
Chair: Ingrid Lisabeth Anderson (Boston University)
Dressing the Body Politic: Mordecai Manuel Noah's Clothing Dramas
 Laura Leibman (Reed College)
Messianism and Democracy in Sholem Asch's *Sabbatai Zevi*
 Nan Goodman (University of Colorado)
The Jewish Journey of Wendy Wasserstein
 Michael Taub (SUNY Purchase College)
- 8.12 *Jefferson*
FLIGHT AND SURVIVAL: TRANSNATIONAL NARRATIVES OF RESCUE DURING THE HOLOCAUST
Chair: Eliyana R. Adler (Pennsylvania State University)
Between Life and Death: Czernowitz Jews and Rescue during the Holocaust
 Natalya Lazar (Clark University)
Transnational Networks of Escape: An Avenue for Rescuing Jewish Children from German-Occupied Poland
 Joanna Sliwa (Clark University)
Unintentional Rescue? Polish and Soviet Jews on the Soviet Home Front
 Natalie Belsky (Higher School of Economics)
Respondent: Samuel D. Kassow (Trinity College)

8.13

*Gardner A***NOT WHAT IT SEEMED: VISITATIONS OF THE UNCANNY, THE ABJECT, AND THE FALSE IN MODERN HEBREW PROSE***Chair:* Shira Stav (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Dead Children, Mad Mothers, and the *Unheimlich* Domestic Space in Hebrew Literature**

Karen Grumberg (University of Texas)

New Dreams, Old Nightmares: Hayim Be'er and the Yom Kippur War

Yael Balaban (University of Pennsylvania)

The Rhetoric of Falsehood in the Work of Y. H. Brenner

Roni Henig (Columbia University)

8.14

Gardner B**ROUNDTABLE : TEACHING THE HAGGADAH***Moderator:* Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)*Discussants:* Ruth Langer (Boston College)

Francesco Spagnolo (University of California, Berkeley)

Wendy Ilene Zierler (HUC-JIR)

Mishael Zion (Bronfman Fellowship)

8.15

*Beacon A***GENERATIONS AND SUCCESSION IN HASIDISM: NEW ASPECTS***Chair:* Samuel Heilman (Queens College, CUNY)**Rabbi Nahman's Besht: Inheritance, Interpretation, and Construction**

Tsippi Kauffman (Bar-Ilan University)

Discipleship: The Formation of Spiritual Legacy in Early Hasidism

Uriel Gellman (Bar-Ilan University)

King Lear's *Einiklach*: Inheritance Disputes in Nineteenth-Century Hasidism

Gadi Sagiv (The Open University of Israel)

8.16

*Beacon B***THE HOLOCAUST IN EARLY POSTWAR JEWISH LITERATURE***Chair:* Ezra Cappell (University of Texas at El Paso)**Scandalizing Nazi Sexual Violence in Holocaust Literature, 1943–1961**

Pascale Rachel Bos (University of Texas)

The Holocaust in Yehudit Hendel's Stories in the 1940s

Raquel Stepak (Tel Aviv University)

From the Providential to the Excremental in Malamud's *The Fixer*

Holli Gwen Levitsky (Loyola Marymount University)

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9.1

*Constitution A***ONE HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, MULTIPLE HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES***Chair and Respondent:* Berel Lang (Wesleyan University)**Marek Edelman: Witnessing Jewish Behavior during the Holocaust**

Gabriel Natan Finder (University of Virginia)

The Last Ones on the Wall: The Early Postwar Testimonies of Zivia Lubetkin and Antek Zuckerman

Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)

Multiple Testimonies, Expectations, and Responses

Jennifer Geddes (University of Virginia)

9.2

*Constitution B***REDACTING THE TWO TALMUDS***Chair and Respondent:* Richard Kalmin (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**The Yerushalmi *Stam*: Some Preliminary Observations**

Leib Moscovitz (Bar-Ilan University)

“When One Rabbi Visits Another”: Analyzing the *'Ikla'a* Anecdotes in the Bavli

Judith Hauptman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Talmudic *Sugyot* and the Greco-Roman *Controversiae*

Richard Hiday (Yeshiva University)

9.3

Back Bay A**TEACHING JEWISH STUDIES WITHOUT JEWISH STUDENTS***Moderator:* Ellen M. Umansky (Fairfield University)*Discussants:* Jennifer Caplan (Syracuse University)

Daniel J. Clasby (King's College)

Sally Ann Drucker (Nassau Community College)

Carl S. Ehrlich (York University)

Robert P. Tabak (Independent Scholar)

9.4

*Back Bay B***BEFORE MIZRAHI CULTURE: ARAB JEWISH LITERATURE AND CINEMA, 1860s–1950s***Chair:* Jessica M. Marglin (University of Southern California)**Language Choice and Code-Switching in Iraqi Israeli Literature**

Sheera Talpaz (Princeton University)

Fire in the Camp: The Aesthetics of Arab Commitment in Mizrahi Transit Camp Literature

Chana Morgenstern (Brown University)

Chalom, Agent of Exchange: Performing Egyptian Jewish Identity in the Films of Togo Mizrahi

Deborah Starr (Cornell University)

Before Mizrahi Literature: Arab Jews and the Hebrew Press, 1863–1928

Lital Levy (Princeton University)

9.5

Back Bay C



THE VIEW ACROSS THE OCEAN: CONTEMPORARY RESEARCH OF AMERICAN JEWRY IN ISRAEL AND OF ISRAEL BY AMERICAN JEWS

Chair: Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

Israeli Jargon: Lost in Transliteration?

Nadav G. Molchadsky (University of California, Los Angeles)

“A Jewish-American Prophet in Jerusalem”: Religion in the Historiography of Judah L. Magnes

David Barak-Gorodetsky (University of Haifa)

Henrietta Szold: American Zionism in Palestine

Vardit Garber (University of Haifa)

The Past Is a Foreign Country? Archival Gazes of Jewish Studies across the Atlantic

Jason Lustig (University of California, Los Angeles)

Nationalism in a Magidic Key: Eastern European Propagandists and the Dissemination of Zionism in America during World War I

Judah Mark Bernstein (New York University)

The Struggle at America’s Zionist/Anti-Zionist “Front Line”: American Jewish Groups and the Organization of Arab Students, 1953-1977

Geoffrey Phillip Levin (New York University)

Respondent: Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)

9.6

Commonwealth

SILENCES IN THE ARCHIVE

Moderator: Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

Discussants: Lisa Marcus (Pacific Lutheran University)

Noah Shenker (Monash University)

Dawn Skorczewski (Brandeis University)

9.7

Hampton A/B



MODERN JEWISH PHILANTHROPY AND THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF JEWISH LIFE

Chair: Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)

1969: The Year That Rocked the Jewish Philanthropic World

Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University)

Jewish Philanthropy in the New Gilded Age

Moshe Kornfeld (University of Colorado)

Ethnography between Heritage and Inheritance: Working toward a Political Economy of Postvernacular Yiddish Language and Culture in the United States

Joshua Benjamin Friedman (University of Michigan)

Global Jewish Philanthropy and the Arts in Israel: From the State’s Early Years to Today

Galeet Dardashti (Rutgers University)

The Emergence of American Jewish Communal Philanthropy and of American Municipal Reform: The View from Cincinnati

Karla Goldman (University of Michigan)

Respondent: Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University)

Monday

9.8

Fairfax B

THE NEW NORMAL? CONTINGENT EMPLOYMENT IN JEWISH STUDIES*Sponsored by the AJS Women's Caucus**Moderator:* Jessica Cooperman (Muhlenberg College)*Discussants:* Stephen Garfinkel (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Marion Kaplan (New York University)

Emily Alice Katz (Duke University)

Michal Raucher (University of Cincinnati)

Rona Sheramy (Association for Jewish Studies)

9.9

Berkeley A/B

SOVIET JEWS AND ANTISEMITISM AFTER WORLD WAR II*Chair:* Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)**Soviet Antisemitism of the 1950s and 1960s**

Samuel Barnai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Jews and Antisemitism in Kiev in 1953–1970s

Victoria Khiterer (Millersville University)

Transcarpathian Jews vis-à-vis Antisemitism: A Story from the Periphery

Anya Quilitzsch (Indiana University)

Respondent: Maxim D. Shrayer (Boston College)

9.10

Clarendon A/B

HASIDISM BEYOND EASTERN EUROPE*Chair:* Arthur Green (Hebrew College)**Tiberian Hasidism: Sonic Theology and Communal Ecstasy in the Prayer Experiences of *Ketem Paz***

Nehemia Polen (Hebrew College)

Tiberean Hasidism: Mystical Fellowship and Infinite Trust in *Hesed Le-'Avraham*

Aubrey L. Glazer (Congregation Beth Sholom)

***Pri Ha-'arez*: Menahem Mendel of Vitebsk and His Devotional Distinctiveness in the Context of the Maggid's School**

Ariel Mayse (Harvard University)

Respondent: Yehudah Mirsky (Brandeis University)

9.11

Dalton A/B

PHILOSEMITISM AND ANTISEMITISM IN CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE*Chair:* Nancy Sinkoff (Rutgers University)**Microaggressions, "Jokes," and BDS: US Jews' Perceptions of and Experiences with Antisemitism**

Matthew E. Boxer and Matthew Brookner (Brandeis University)

Israel, American Jews, and Evangelicals

Bruce A. Phillips (HUC-JIR)

Antisemitism and Party Politics in Post-Communist Hungary

Csaba Nikolenyi (Concordia University)

Respondent: Jody Myers (California State University, Northridge)

9.12

Jefferson

MIDCENTURY AMERICAN JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair: Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

The Middlebrow Moment in American Jewish Thought

Rachel Gordan (Brandeis University)

Midcentury Modern American Jewish Visual Thinking: The Cover Art of Abraham Joshua Heschel and Will Herberg

Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

The Decline and Fall of the Essence of Judaism

Yaniv Feller (University of Toronto)

An Analysis of the Supranaturalist Theology of Mordecai Kaplan

Mel Scult (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

Respondent: Jonathan M. Hess (University of North Carolina)

9.13

Gardner A



NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF RABBINICS: GRADUATE STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION

Chairs: Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

Yonatan Miller (Harvard University)

“The Manner of Sewing the Columns Together Is a Law Revealed to Moses”: Legislating Scrolls in Yerushalmi Megillah

Anne F. Schiff (Yale University)

Sacrificial Atonement in Rabbinic Literature

Edmond Isaac Zuckier (Yale University)

The Development of Gentile Vessel Impurity: A New Reading of the Tannaitic Sources

Hallel Baitner (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

“For Whoever Disputes the Legitimacy of the Priesthood Immediately Falls”

(Sifre Devarim 352): A Proposal for the Evolution of Rabbinic Status

Andrew W. Higginbotham (HUC-JIR)

9.14

Gardner B

ISRAEL: LAND, NATURE, ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Shayna Zamkanei (University of Chicago)

Israel as a World Leader in Animal Protection

Naama Harel (Columbia University)

Israeli Hiking Trails: Past, Present, and Future

Shay Rabineau (Binghamton University)

Natural Catastrophes and Discourse in Contemporary Israel

Ari Ofengenden (Brandeis University)

Respondent: Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Louisville)

9.15

*Beacon A***THE LITERARY FORMS OF MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY***Chair:* James Theodore Robinson (University of Chicago)**The Introduction as a Literary Form in Post-Maimonidean Jewish Philosophy**

Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)

Verse Summaries of Medieval Scientific and Philosophical Prose Texts

Maud Kozodoy (New York University)

The Philosophical Epistle

Charles Manekin (University of Maryland)

9.16

Beacon B**GRADUATE STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION: SOCIAL SCIENCE AND LINGUISTICS***Chair:* Zvi Jonathan Kaplan (Touro College)**Access, Encounter, and Engagement: How Cocurricular Israel Experience Programs Influence American Rabbinic Identity**

Katherine (Katie) Light Soloway (Boston University)

The Ambivalence of State Power: Hasidic Education and Social Discipline in New York State

Matty Lichtenstein (University of California, Berkeley)

Threats, Resources, and Membership in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

Rottem Sagi (University of California, Irvine)

Phonological Variation in Mexican Jewish Spanish

Lily Schaffer (University of Colorado)

Respondents: Jon A. Levisohn (Brandeis University)

Amy Sales (Brandeis University)

*Beacon D***THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE AND PRIESTHOOD IN HISTORY, MEMORY, AND LITURGY (MEETING 2)***Chairs:* Jane Kanarek (Hebrew College)

Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

Discussants: Joan R. Branham (Providence College), Naftali S. Cohn (Concordia University), Benjamin Gordon (University of Pittsburgh), Matthew Grey (Brigham Young University), Oded Irshai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College), Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Vivian Beth Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Adele Reinhartz (University of Ottawa), Nathan Schumer (Columbia University), Daniel R. Schwartz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Michael D. Swartz (The Ohio State University)*Daily seminar schedule available at registration desk and ajsnet.org*

9.18

Beacon E

NEW VOICES IN ISRAELI CULTURE (MEETING 2)

Chair: Yehuda Sharim (Rice University)

Discussants: Shirly Bahar (New York University), Itay Eisinger (University of Texas), Rachel S. Harris (University of Illinois), Melissa Melpignano (University of California, Los Angeles), Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Louisville)

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4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Republic A

An opportunity to meet with division heads to discuss themes for the 2016 conference and other issues in your subfield.

All meetings will take place in Republic A.

Israel Studies

Jews, Film, and the Arts

Modern Hebrew Literature

Modern Jewish History in the Americas

Modern Jewish History in Europe, Asia, and Israel

Rabbinic Literature and Culture

Yiddish Studies*

* The Yiddish Studies meeting will memorialize two senior scholars who died this past summer: Janet Hadda, professor emerita in Yiddish at UCLA, and Shlomo Berger, professor in Yiddish Language and Culture at the University of Amsterdam.

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10.1

*Constitution A***SCHECHTER'S LEGACY FOR AMERICAN JUDAISM: REFLECTIONS ON THE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH***Moderator:* Shuly Rubin Schwartz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)*Discussants:* Arnold M. Eisen (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

David Ellenson (HUC-JIR)

Jeffrey S. Gurock (Yeshiva University)

Deborah Waxman (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

10.2

Constitution B**"NEVER AGAIN DID THERE ARISE IN ISRAEL A PROPHET LIKE MOSES ...": THE PROBLEM OF MOSES'S INCOMPARABILITY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE***Chair:* Nehemia Polen (Hebrew College)**The Making of Moses**

Zev Israel Farber (Project TABS)

Levites, Scribes and Sages Like Moses: The Pentateuch, the Prophets, and Moses in the Persian and Hellenistic Periods

Mark Leuchter (Temple University)

Moses and His Mirror Image

Ari Lobel (University of Sydney)

"No Prophet Like Moses": Muhammad's Claim to Prophethood and Early Jewish Reactions

Shari Lee Lowin (Stonehill College)

Mosaic Prophecy and Maimonidean Tradition

Elisha Russ-Fishbane (Wesleyan University)

10.3

*Back Bay A***JEWISH HISTORY OR THE HISTORY OF JEWS? SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE "INSIDE" AND THE "OUTSIDE" OF JEWISH STUDIES***Moderator:* Jessica M. Marglin (University of Southern California)*Discussants:* ChaeRan Y. Freeze (Brandeis University)

Abigail Jacobson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

David N. Myers (University of California, Los Angeles)

Steven Joseph Ross (University of Southern California)

10.4

*Back Bay B***EXCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE IN MEDIEVAL KABBALAH***Chair:* Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**Secrecy and Disclosure in Ezra ben Solomon of Gerona**

Jonathan Dauber (Yeshiva University)

On the Hypostatic Representation of *Teshuvah* in Early Kabbalah

Jeremy Phillip Brown (New York University)

The Theological Politics of Secrecy in Yosef Gikatilla

Federico Dal Bo (ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry)

Secrets of History: Kabbalistic Esotericism and the Reading of Jewish Experience

Hartley W. Lachter (Lehigh University)

10.5

*Back Bay C***STUDYING THE TALMUD IN SASANIAN CONTEXTS***Chair:* Isaiah Gafni (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)**Irano-Talmudica: The New Parallelomania?**

Robert Brody (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ephrem, the Yerushalmi, and the Bavli

Yifat Chaya Monnickendam (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Methods and Sources for the Study of the Talmud in Its Sasanian Context

Jason Sion Mokhtarian (Indiana University)

10.6

*Commonwealth***TEACHING RABBINIC LITERATURE: TEXTS, METHODS, AND CONTEXTS***Moderator:* Dana Hollander (McMaster University)*Discussants:* Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

Beth A. Berkowitz (Barnard College)

Sarra Lev (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

Zvi Septimus (Cornell University)

10.7

*Hampton A/B***NEW INTERPRETATIONS OF TWENTIETH-CENTURY POGROMS***Chair:* Natan M. Meir (Portland State University)**Comparing Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Pogroms: What's in a Word?**

Jeffrey Kopstein (University of Toronto)

6,000,000 Jews in Peril: The Pogroms of 1919 in Ukraine

Jeffrey Veidlinger (University of Michigan)

Lost in Translation: Russian and Yiddish Accounts of the Civil War Pogroms from Interwar Soviet Union

Elissa Bemporad (Queens College, CUNY)

Respondent: Simon Rabinovitch (Boston University)

10.8

*Fairfax B***ON THE VERY IDEA OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION***Chair:* Yonatan Yisrael Brafman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**What Can Jewish Thought Bring to Philosophy of Religion, and What Can Philosophy of Religion Bring to Jewish Thought?**

Paul W. Franks (Yale University)

Jewish Philosophy of Religion: Religious Life as the Subject

Howard Wettstein (University of California, Riverside)

Religion, Philosophy, Judaism

Nancy Levene (Yale University)

10.9

Berkeley A/B

**TEACHING THROUGH FILM: CINEMA OF THE HOLOCAUST***Chair:* Daniel Magilow (University of Tennessee–Knoxville)***The Unvanquished* (1945, USSR)**

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts)

***The Decalogue: VIII—Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness* (1989, Poland)**

Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

***Fateless* (2005, Hungary)**

Catherine Portuges (University of Massachusetts)

***Six Million and One* (2011, Israel)**

Dalit Katz (Wesleyan University)

10.10

Clarendon A/B

"ARAB" JEWS IN NORTH AMERICA*Chair:* Nadia Donna Malinovich (Université de Picardie / Sciences Po)**The New York Syrian Jewish Community as a Diaspora Social Group**

Mijal Bitton (New York University)

Syrian Jewish Religious Modernities in Mexico City

Evelyn Dean-Olmsted (University of Puerto Rico)

Sambusak Sundays: A Failed Ritual or a Preservation Commitment?

Norma Baumel Joseph (Concordia University)

Conceptualizing the Dislocation of Jews from the Middle East and North Africa

Shayna Zamkanei (University of Chicago)

10.11

Dalton A/B

TROUBLES AT HOME: SOCIAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL TENSIONS IN THE DOMESTIC SPHERE OF THE YISHUV*Chair:* Ilan Troen (Brandeis University)**Masculinity and the Domestic Division of Labor: The Case of the Jewish Labor Movement in Mandate Palestine**

Matan Boord (Tel Aviv University)

Is Sharing Caring? Neighborly Relations in Shared Apartments in the Jewish Urban Yishuv

Elia Etkin (Tel Aviv University)

Defense and Domesticity: The Making of the Private Air Raid Shelter in World War II Jewish Palestine

Hadas Fischer (Tel Aviv University)

Respondent: Liora Halperin (University of Colorado)

- 10.12 *Jefferson*
TRANSNATIONAL JEWISH GIVING TO ZION: COMMUNITY BUILDING, IDENTITY, AND AUTHORITY
Chair: Natan Aridan (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Cornering the Market on American Jewish Giving to Israel: The History of the Committee for the Control and Authorization of Campaigns
 Eric Fleisch (Brandeis University)
The *Shadar*-Host Economy in Early Modern Italy
 David Joshua Malkiel (Bar-Ilan University)
Gift Giving, Nationalism, and the Organization of Jewish American-Israel Relations
 Dan Lainer-Vos (University of Southern California)
- 10.13 *Gardner A*
JEWISH AMERICAN LITERATURE AND ITS HISTORIES: ALTERNATIVE THEORIES
Chair: Daniel Itzkovitz (Stonehill College)
The Twenty-First-Century Jewish American Novel: An Anatomy
 Gordon Hutner (University of Illinois)
Period and Canon: What Happened to Jewish American Literary History?
 Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University)
Jewish American Literature Historicizes Jewish Studies
 Dean Franco (Wake Forest University)
- 10.14 *Gardner B*
ANALYTICAL APPROACHES TO JEWISH LANGUAGES
Chair and Respondent: Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)
Judeo-Arabic Homilies from Ghardaïa (Algeria)
 Ofra Tirosh-Becker (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Rabbinic Hebrew Deponent: A Contact Linguistic Analysis
 Azzan Yadin-Israel (Rutgers University)
“Ikh hit mayn tsung zayt ven ikh bin yung”: Linguistic Prescriptivism for Hasidic Children
 Gabi Abramac (Sokrat Language Institute)
- 10.15 *Beacon A*
CONVERSION TO AND FROM JUDAISM ACROSS MEDIEVAL EUROPE: NEW PERSPECTIVES
Chair and Respondent: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Yeshiva University)
***Conversus Ego Sum?* Confusion and Ambiguity surrounding Coerced Conversions of Jews during the High Middle Ages**
 Irven M. Resnick (University of Tennessee)
Conversion, Circumcision, and Ritual Murder in the Thirteenth Century
 Paola Tartakoff (Rutgers University)
Making Converts in Summer 1391: Jews, Christians, and Soon-to-Be Christians in the Aftermath of the Tortosa Riots
 Benjamin R. Gampel (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

10.16

Beacon B

YIDDISH FOLKLORE AND PHILOLOGY*Chair:* Hannah Pollin-Galay (University of Pennsylvania)**The Chelm Canon: Collecting and Writing Tales of the Wise Men in the Twentieth Century**

Ruth von Bernuth (University of North Carolina)

The Players: Folklore of the Jewish Draft Dodgers of Galicia

Itzik Gottesman (University of Texas at Austin)

The Yiddish of the Future: How the YIVO Linguists Coined New Words

Alec Eliezer Burko (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Puns of the Lord: Paronomasia, Language, and Hermeneutics in *The Words of the Lord* (Zbiór Słów Pańskich)

Shay Alleson-Gerberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

10.17

Beacon D

**INTERSECTIONALITIES IN JEWISH THOUGHT (MEETING 2)***Chair:* Santiago Slabodsky (Hofstra University)

Discussants: Allyson Gonzalez (Florida State University), Yonit Naaman (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Temple University), Larisa Reznik (University of Chicago), Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University), Adam Stern (Harvard University)

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10.18

Beacon E

**THE HASIDIC REBBE AS BOUNDARY CROSSER (MEETING 2)***Chair:* Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

Discussants: Shmary Brownstein (University of California, Berkeley), Andrea Gondos (Tel Aviv University), David C. Jacobson (Brown University), Andrea Kogan (Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo), Yitzhak Lewis (Columbia University), Alyssa E. Masor (Columbia University), Ariel Mayse (Harvard University), Sebastian Z. Schulman (Indiana University)

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 EVENING PROGRAM

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RECEPTION

6:30 pm

Republic Foyer

The Wohl Office of Alumni Affairs of The Jewish Theological Seminary honors JTS faculty, students, and alumni presenting at the AJS Conference, and welcomes all JTS alumni in the area to reconnect with one another. Open to all conference registrants.

HERBERT D. KATZ CENTER FOR ADVANCED JUDAIC STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA RECEPTION

9:15 pm

Beacon F

Come learn more about the Katz Center and our upcoming events, meet with fellow Center alumni, hear about current and future research topics and our graduate summer program, and celebrate over twenty years of advanced research. Open to all conference registrants.

ELIE WIESEL CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES, BOSTON UNIVERSITY RECEPTION

6:30 pm

Fairfax A

Celebrating the launch of the Maccabees Project, an interdisciplinary exploration of fact and fiction behind one of Judaism's founding stories (see <http://sites.bu.edu/maccabees/>). With co-directors Andrea Berlin (Boston University) and Yonder Gillihan (Boston College). Open to all conference registrants.

ASSJ-BERMAN SERVICE AWARD

6:30 pm

Independence East

Honoring the 2015 Mandell L. Berman Service Award recipient, Barry Shrage, President, Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry. Reception sponsored by the Adelson Family Foundation.

FILM**7:00 pm***Public Garden***THE GUARDIANS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Directed by Boris Maftsir (Shomrei Hazikaron, 2014, 107 min, Israel; Russian and Hebrew w/English subtitles). Distributor: Ruth Diskin Films. Introduced by Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts Amherst).

GENERAL DINNER**7:30 pm***Republic A*

By prepaid reservation only

EVENT**8:15 pm***Riverway***A CONVERSATION WITH AYELET TSABARI, BORIS FISHMAN, AND REBECCA KOBRIN**

Join 2015 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature winner Ayelet Tsabari, author of The Best Place on Earth, and Boris Fishman, Sami Rohr Prize Fellow and author of A Replacement Life, for a discussion with Rebecca Kobrin, Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History at Columbia University, for a discussion about reading and writing Jewish fiction today. Dessert reception to follow. Sponsored by the Sami Rohr Book Prize, Jewish Book Council.

EVENT**8:15 pm***Back Bay B***SINGING AGAINST FASCISM: YIDDISH MUSIC, ANTI-FASCISM, AND THE POSTWAR WORLD**

Featuring two performers, Psoy Korolenko and Jewlia Eisenberg, and two historians, David Shneer (University of Colorado) and Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto), this event is an interactive-lecture performance. Participants will introduce little-known works of Yiddish music produced in the Communist world. If stars align, historians might even sing!

FILM**9:15 pm***Public Garden***THE DOVE FLYER**

Directed by Nissim Dayan (Mafriakh Yonim, 2014, 108 min, Israel; Arabic w/English subtitles). Distributor: Israeli Films. Introduced by Dalit Katz (Wesleyan University)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

GENERAL BREAKFAST <i>By prepaid reservation only</i>	7:30 am – 8:30 am	<i>Republic A</i>
DIVISION CHAIR AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING	7:45 am – 10:00 am	<i>Independence East</i>
REGISTRATION	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
EXHIBITS <i>(List of exhibitors, p. 15)</i>	9:00 am – 12:15 pm	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>

SESSION 11, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

11.1 *Constitution A*

JEWS IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF EMPIRE: BETWEEN COLONIAL PRIVILEGE AND ANTICOLONIAL REVOLT

Chair: Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

With Gandhi in South Africa: Sonja Schlesin

Harriet A. Feinberg (Independent Scholar)

Becoming Resisters: Algerian Jews and Operation Torch

Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)

International Jewish Politics and the End of French Civilization in North Africa

Nathan Kurz (Birkbeck, University of London)

Respondent: H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)

11.2 *Constitution B*

ORTHODOXY, GENDER, AND THE BODY

Chair: Jody Myers (California State University, Northridge)

Religious Defection and the Transformation of Bodily Practices

Lynn R. Davidman (University of Kansas)

Rid Yourself of Frigidity and Impotence: The Empowering Sexual Hygiene of Esther Jungreis's Orthodoxy

Matthew Williams (Stanford University)

Hishtadlut and Bitahon: Haredi Women Negotiate Bodily Autonomy and Divine Intervention

Michal Raucher (University of Cincinnati)

Serving God with My Naked Body

Cara Rock-Singer (Columbia University)

11.3

Back Bay A


THE JEWISH STUDIES CLASSROOM: PEDAGOGY, IDEOLOGY, AND IDENTITY

Moderator: Sarah Zarrow (New York University)
Discussants: Beverly Bailis (Brooklyn College, CUNY)
 Bethamie Horowitz (New York University)
 Eve Jochowitz (New York University)
 Willa M. Johnson (University of Mississippi)
 Jon A. Levisohn (Brandeis University)

11.4

Back Bay B

NEW SCHOLARLY PERSPECTIVES IN THE STUDY OF THE ZOHAR: POLEMICS, MESSIANISM, AND REDEMPTION

Chair: Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv University)
Counterhermeneutics: Reading the Zohar in Light of Jewish Anti-Christian Polemics of the High Middle Ages
 Jonatan Moshe Benarroch (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
King David from Biblical to Kabbalistic Literature: Sin and Redemption
 Ruth Kara-Ivanov Kaniel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Bell, Book, and Candle: Redemption and Damnation in the Zoharic Cave
 Nathaniel Berman (Brown University)

11.5

Back Bay C

THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK? THE RECEPTION OF THE HEBREW BIBLE AS “TEXT”

Chair: Devorah Schoenfeld (Loyola University Chicago)
Is There a “Text” in Second Temple Judaism?
 David Arthur Lambert (University of North Carolina)
Rabbinic Practices of (Bible) Reading and the Emergence of an Oral Bible
 Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg (University of Michigan)
“What Would Delaware?”: Aural Subversion in a Bavli Drinking Text
 Daniel Rosenberg (New York University)
Respondents: Stefan Schorch (Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
 Jacqueline Vayntrub (Harvard University)

11.6

Commonwealth


THE GRINCH, FAN FIC, AND PLEASANTVILLE: TEACHING THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE

Moderator: Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)
Discussants: Leah Hochman (HUC-JIR)
 Lynn Kaye (The Ohio State University)
 Michael E. J. Zank (Boston University)

11.7

*Hampton A/B***ANTISEMITISM AND THE UNITED STATES IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE***Chair:* Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)**Explanations for Varying Levels of Antisemitism in American Jewish Communities**

Ira Martin Sheskin (University of Miami)

Campus Antisemitism in the United States and United Kingdom

Ariela Keysar (Trinity College)

The Discourse of Global Contemporary Antisemitism: The Implications of US Foreign Policy

Charles Asher Small (Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy)

11.8

*Fairfax B***TRANSMISSION OR INVENTION? MODERN JEWISH WRITERS ON RELIGION***Chair:* Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)**Edmond Jabès and the Revival of Jewish Aniconism**

Thomas Coleman Connolly (Yale University)

From the Depths: On Some Desires of Modern Poetry

Efrat Bloom (University of Michigan)

The Law in the Work of Franz Kafka

Noam Pines (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

Jewish Literature as Jewish Thought: The Case of the Counternarrative

Claire Sufrin (Northwestern University)

11.9

*Berkeley A/B***JEWISH-ZIONIST-ISRAELI: WOMEN ARTISTS SHAPE AN ICONOGRAPHY***Chair:* Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)**Decoding Zionist Iconography: The Works of Israeli Artist Bracha Avigad**

Shahar Marnin-Distelfeld (Zefat Academic College)

A Theater of Her Own: Shulamit Bat-Dori Uses Theater to Construct a New Jewish Identity

Esther Carmel Hakim (University of Haifa)

Beyond the Halakhah: Gender, Ritual, and Video Art in Israel's Art Field

Yael Guilat (Oranim Academic College)

11.10

Clarendon A/B



READING THE RABBINIC DISCOURSE ON DIVORCE: SIX APPROACHES TO BT GITTIN 90

Chairs: Dov Weiss (University of Illinois)

Barry Wimpfheimer (Northwestern University)

“What Are They Arguing About?": Towards a Theory of the *Stam* as Legal Interpreter

Sarah Wolf (Northwestern University)

Women and Texts in Motion: The Further Talmudic Adventures of Tosefta Sotah 5:9

Shai Secunda (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Through Expression to Refutation: A Phenomenology of Sense in BT Gittin 90ab

Sergey Dolgopolski (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

Sex, Food, and Family in Early Rabbinic Literature: Spoiling the Dish

John Mandsager (University of South Carolina)

“The Heavens Are between Me and You”: The Wife, the Law, and the Other Woman

James Adam Redfield (Stanford University)

Word, Object, and Metaphor of the “Fly” in Bavli Tractate Gittin

Zvi Septimus (Cornell University)

11.11

Dalton A/B

GENEALOGIES IN JEWISH LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE, VISUAL ARTS, AND FILM

Chair: Adriana Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

Evita Perón and Anne Frank: The Dual Genealogies of Latin American Feminist Writers

Dalia Wassner (Brandeis University)

Changing Genealogies: Generational Attitudes towards Interfaith Relationships in US and Argentine Films

Nora Glickman (Queens College, CUNY)

Regenerated Genealogies in the Writing of Angelina Muñoz-Huberman

Naomi E. Lindstrom (University of Texas)

Family Trees and Jewish Mysticism in Alejandro Jodorowsky's Writings and Visual Art

Ariana Huberman (Haverford College)

11.12

*Jefferson***THE NATION AND THE JEWS IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE***Chair:* Matthias B. Lehmann (University of California, Irvine)**Zionism in Serbo-Croatian: Imagining Yugoslav Jewry, 1890–1940**

Emil Kerenji (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

A Zionist Lobby in 1920s Soviet Union: The Case of Po'alei Zion

Shimshon Ayzenberg (Stanford University)

***Mult Es Jovo*: Past and Future in the Writings of Theodore Herzl and Vilmos Vazsonyi**

Howard N. Lupovitch (Wayne State University)

11.13

*Gardner A***WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ANTISEMITISM: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES***Chair:* Ilan Peleg (Lafayette College)**Politics of Interpretation: The “Swastika Epidemic” of 1959–60**

Susan A. Glenn (University of Washington)

Rethinking the Ritual Murder Charge

Eugene Avrutin (University of Illinois)

American Anti-Zionism: When Does Criticism of a Jewish State Become a Form of Antisemitism?

Amy Weiss (New York University)

The *Schachtfrage* Revisited: Kosher Butchering as a Contested Ritual in Postwar Germany

Andreas Braemer (Institute for the History of German Jews)

11.14

*Gardner B***ACCULTURATION THROUGH YIDDISH NEWSPAPERS AND MEDIA***Chair:* Eitan Kensky (Harvard University)**Abraham Cahan and the Advent of “Public Service” Features in the *Forverts***

Ellen Deborah Kellman (Brandeis University)

Yiddish in Popular Culture: The Comic Strip

Leonard J. Greenspoon (Creighton University)

11.15

*Beacon A***THE YISHUV IN EMPIRE: NEW WORK ON JEWS AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN MANDATE PALESTINE***Chair and Respondent:* Donna R. Robinson Divine (Smith College)**Jewish Elites and the “British Question” in Mandate Palestine**

Elizabeth E. Imber (Johns Hopkins University)

“Mentally Abnormal Persons Ineligible for Palestine Citizenship”: British Immigration Policies and Social Welfare in the Yishuv

Susanna D. Klosko (Brandeis University)

Post-Holocaust Narratives on Zionism: The British, the Yishuv, and the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry

Norman J. W. Goda (University of Florida)

11.16

Beacon B

RITUALS IN ANCIENT JUDAISM, PRE- AND POST-70 CE*Chair:* Etka Liebowitz (Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies)**Birkat Ha-'Avodah and the Making of Post-Temple Judaism**

Isaac Landes (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Fasting on the Sabbath: An Ancient Jewish Stereotype Deconstructed

Joshua Ezra Burns (Marquette University)

Making Ritual Strange: The Temple Cult as the Foundation for Tannaitic Discourse on Idolatry

Avram Richard Shannon (Brigham Young University)

11.17

Beacon D

**THE PRACTICE AND MATERIALITY OF JEWISH DEATH (MEETING 3)***Chairs :* Sean P. Burrus (Duke University)

Gail Labovitz (American Jewish University)

Discussants: Carolin Aurian Aronis (Independent Scholar), Philippe Blanchard (INRAP), Tim Corbett (Center for Jewish History), Brian A. Coussens (University of North Carolina), Sarah Cunningham Garibova (University of Michigan), Sylvie Anne Goldberg (EHESS), Eve Jochnowitz (New York University), Derek Robert Miller (University of Richmond), Daniel Rosenthal (University of Haifa), Kerry Sonia (Brown University), Alan Todd (Duke University)

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11.18

Beacon E

**WHY THEOLOGY? (MEETING 2)***Chairs:* Paul W. Franks (Yale University)

Daniel Haskell Weiss (University of Cambridge)

Discussants: Rachel Adelman (Hebrew College), James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo), Cass Fisher (University of South Florida), Shai Held (Mechon Hadar), Sam Fleischacker (University of Illinois at Chicago), Joshua Golding (Bellarmine University), Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University), Devorah Schoenfeld (Loyola University Chicago), Benjamin D. Sommer (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

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SESSION 12, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

12.1

*Constitution A***NEW APPROACHES TO DIFFICULTIES IN THE THOUGHT OF HERMANN COHEN***Chair:* Ken Kolton-Fromm (Haverford College)**Cohen's Ontology and Heidegger's *Destruktion*: The Implications for the Religion of Reason**

Michael Millerman (University of Toronto)

Thinking Compassion: Hermann Cohen's Unintended Neo-Stoicism

Benjamin Cleveland Ricciardi (Northwestern University)

What to Do with Cohen's Mistake?

Jeremy Fogel (Tel Aviv University)

12.2

*Constitution B***JEWISH YOUTH BETWEEN ZIONISM AND THE NEW LEFT, 1967-1973: A COMPARATIVE LOOK***Chair:* Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)**Between Zionism and New Left: Americans for Progressive Israel (API), 1967-1973**

Tal Elmaliach (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

The Young "New Left" Groups and Their Impact on Israeli Society, 1967-1973

Anat Kidron (University of Haifa)

The Mordechai Anielewicz Brigade in Argentina between Zionism and the New Left, 1967-1973

Sebastian Klor (University of Texas)

12.3

Back Bay A**THE LANGUAGE OF SUCCESS: HOW TO PAVE THE ROAD TO A THRIVING ACADEMIC HEBREW PROGRAM***Moderator:* Shiri Goren (Yale University)*Discussants:* Dvir Abramovich (University of Melbourne)

Naama Harel (Columbia University)

Lily Okalani Kahn (University College London)

Rina Kreitman (Columbia University)

Vardit Ringvald (Institute for the Advancement of Hebrew)

12.4

Back Bay B**EXPANDING HORIZONS: TEACHING JEWISH STUDIES ABROAD***Moderator:* Justin Daniel Cammy (Smith College)*Discussants:* Robert J. Adler Peckerar (Yiddishkayt)

Jessica Lang (Baruch College, CUNY)

Lori Hope Lefkowitz (Northeastern University)

12.5

*Back Bay C***SABBATIANISM: A NEW RELIGION?***Chair:* Anne Albert (University of Pennsylvania)**Jacob Sasportas and Sabbatianism as a New Religion**

Yaacob Dweck (Princeton University)

“Torah Hadashah Me’iti Teze” (A New Torah Shall Go Forth from Me):**Renewal and Reinvention in a Sabbatian Faith**

Hadar Feldman Samet (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Hermeneutics of Nehemiah Hayon

Pawel Maciejko (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

12.6

*Commonwealth***ON THE MARGINS: THE OTHER IN ISRAEL’S POLITICS AND SOCIETY***Chair:* David Rotman (Tel Aviv University / Achva College)**A Minority Like Us? American Jews, the State of Israel, and Israeli-Arabs in the Shadow of the Military Government**

Hillel Gruenberg (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Crossing the Lines: The Security Border between Oriental Jews and Arabs

Abigail Jacobson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and

Moshe Naor (University of Haifa)

The Rise and Fall of Abu-Kabir: From a Thriving Village to the Southern Fringe of Tel Aviv

Arnon Golan (University of Haifa)

“Were the Jews Given a Divine Promise concerning Palestine?”: The PLO’s Questions after 1967

Jonathan Gribetz (Princeton University)

12.7

*Hampton A/B***MEDICINE AND THE BODY***Chair:* Susan Ellen Shapiro (University of Massachusetts Amherst)**Assisted Decision Making: Practice versus Algorithm in *Pesak Halakhah* and Medicine**

Zackary Berger (Johns Hopkins University)

Theological Constructions of the Female Person in Contemporary Discourse on Purity

Elizabeth Goldstein (Gonzaga University)

The Antivaccine Movement in Contemporary Judaism

Joshua Cypess (Brandeis University)

Orthodox by Design: Religiously Motivated Prenatal Sex Selection in Israel

Sarah Werren (University of Basel)

12.8

*Fairfax B***JEWISH MUSLIMS IN MUHAMMAD’S COMMUNITY***Moderator:* Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)*Discussants:* Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)

David M. Freidenreich (Colby College)

Michael Pregill (Boston University)

Abed el-Rahman Tayyara (Cleveland State University)

12.9

*Berkeley A/B***THE OTHER AMERICA: JEWS AND THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE***Chair:* Leonard Greenspoon (Creighton University)**Passages: Vera Frenkel's Canadian Jewish Diasporas**

Carol Zemel (York University)

YidLife Crisis: "Sex, Drugs, and Milk & Meat. In Yiddish"

Rebecca Eileen Margolis (University of Ottawa)

Searching for Identity in the Shadow of America: David Bezmozgis, Nancy Richler, Assimilation and the Jewish Canadian Dream

Ellen Beth Feig (Bergen Community College)

12.10

*Clarendon A/B***IRANIAN REFUGEE: JEWISH RELIEF AND RESCUE DURING WORLD WAR II***Chair:* Kiril Feferman (University of Southern California)**Teheran Central: Iran as a Site of Relief and Refuge for European Jews, 1933–1945**

Atina Grossmann (The Cooper Union)

"Refugees" to "Rescued": Polish Jewish Children in Iran

Mikhal Dekel (The City College of New York, CUNY)

Finding a Shelter in Iran and Remaking Its Jewish Communities: European and Iraqi Jewish Refugees during World War II

Lior Betzalel Sternfeld (University of Texas)

Respondent: Eliyana R. Adler (Pennsylvania State University)

12.11

*Dalton A/B***JERUSALEM NOR NEW YORK: "ALTERNATIVE" JEWISH LOCATIONS AFTER THE SHOAH***Chair:* Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Purdue University)**Fitting the Zeitgeist: Jewish Territorialism and Geopolitics, 1943–1960**

Laura Almagor (European University Institute / Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies)

Coming to Terms with the "Absence": Jewish Émigrés Return to Czechoslovakia after 1945

Jan Lanicek (University of New South Wales)

Between Expulsion and Rescue: The Transports for German-Speaking Jews of Czechoslovakia in 1946

Katerina Capkova (Institute for Contemporary History, Prague)

12.12 *Jefferson*

JOSEPHUS AND JEWISH SOCIETY BETWEEN ROME AND JERUSALEM

Chair: Albert I. Baumgarten (Bar-Ilan University)

Non-Jews Attracted to Judaism in the Writings of Josephus

Nadav Sharon (Harvard University)

Political Thought in Flavius Josephus's *Jewish Antiquities*: Josephus's Philosophy of Monarchical Rule

Jacob Feeley (University of Pennsylvania)

Similar but Different: A Comparison of Female Monarchal Succession in Hellenistic and Jewish Society in Antiquity

Etka Liebowitz (Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies)

12.13 *Gardner A*

BIBLICAL EXEGESIS IN RABBINIC AND MEDIEVAL SOURCES

Chair: Shawn Zelig Aster (Bar-Ilan University)

Is God in the Book of Esther?

Yitzhak Berger (Hunter College, CUNY)

Forsaken and Forgotten: Esther and Jesus as Speakers of Psalm 22

Emilie Eve Amar-Zifkin (Yale University)

When Rashi Disagreed with the Rabbis in His Torah Commentary: At Odds with the Law

Yedida Eisenstat (York University)

12.14 *Gardner B*

JEWS AS SUBJECT IN FILM

Chair: Samantha Baskind (Cleveland State University)

A Moabite Comes to Hollywood: Ethnicity and Faith in Henry Koster's *The Story of Ruth* (1960)

Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan)

"The Presence of an Absence": The Silent Theology in Claude Lanzmann's *Shoah*

Benjamin Stahlberg (Colgate University)

Perverse Sexualities and Antisemitism in Film: A Case Study of Opposed Visions

Carol Siegel (Washington State University–Vancouver)

12.15 *Beacon A*

ISRAELI POET DAHLIA RAVIKOVITCH IN RETROSPECT: BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Chair: Ilana Szobel (Brandeis University)

Dahlia Ravikovitch: Ex-centric Organic Poet

Laura Wiseman (York University)

The Young Dahlia Ravikovitch: A New Perspective

Giddon Ticotsky (Stanford University)

Ravikovitch and Zach: The Road Not Taken

Uri Hollander (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

12.16

Beacon B

CHILDHOOD, YOUTH, AND THE LITERARY IMAGINATION IN HOLOCAUST LITERATURE*Chair:* Barry Trachtenberg (University at Albany, SUNY)**Georges Perec's Imaginary Memory**

Ruth Malka (McGill University)

The Shattered Self: Hiding from the Nazis, Hiding in the Text

Carolyn Ariella Sofia (Stony Brook University, SUNY)

"But You Know, I Am Jewish": Jewish Identity in Relation to Nathalie Sarraute's *Childhood*

E. Nicole Meyer (Georgia Regents University)

The Class of 1939: The Last Students at the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums

Gilya Gerda Schmidt (University of Tennessee)

12.17

Beacon D

**THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE AND PRIESTHOOD IN HISTORY, MEMORY, AND LITURGY (MEETING 3)***Chairs :* Jane Kanarek (Hebrew College)

Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

Discussants: Joan R. Branham (Providence College), Naftali S. Cohn (Concordia University), Benjamin Gordon (University of Pittsburgh), Matthew Grey (Brigham Young University), Oded Irshai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College), Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Vivian Beth Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Adele Reinhartz (University of Ottawa), Nathan Schumer (Columbia University), Daniel R. Schwartz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Michael D. Swartz (The Ohio State University)

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SESSION 13, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

13.1

*Constitution A***NEW APPROACHES TO MODERN ORTHODOX JEWISH THOUGHT***Chair:* Joshua Cypess (Brandeis University)**Fallibilism: A New (Pragmatic) Name for Some Old Jewish Ways of Thinking**

Nadav Berman Shifman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Halakhic Practice as Critical Praxis: Cataphatic and Apophatic Forms of Bodily Resistance in Recent Jewish Thought

Yonatan Yisrael Brafman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

The Young Rav Kook and the German Neo-Orthodoxy

Ephraim Chamiel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

13.2

Constitution B**TEACHING WITH TV***Chair:* Sara Feldman (University of Michigan)**Transparent and Transgression in the Classroom**

Jeffrey Spencer Shoulson (University of Connecticut)

Lena Dunham's *Girls* and the Pedagogy of Controversy

Tahneer Oksman (Marymount Manhattan College)

Ilana, Abbi—and Alex: Teaching *Broad City* and *Portnoy's Complaint*

Sasha Senderovich (University of Colorado)

***Srugim* via *Sex and the City*: Teaching Israeli Television in Translation**

Shayna Weiss (Tel Aviv University)

Respondent: Jonathan Freedman (University of Michigan)

13.3

*Back Bay A***URBAN JEWISH GEOGRAPHY AND JEWISH IDENTITY***Moderator:* Stuart Schoenfeld (York University)*Discussants:* Peter Friedman (Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago)

Moshe Kornfeld (University of Colorado)

Patricia K. Munro (University of California, Berkeley)

Bruce A. Phillips (HUC-JIR)

Ira Martin Sheskin (University of Miami)

13.4

Back Bay B**RELIGION, ZIONISM, AND PEDAGOGY IN ISRAEL AND NORTH AMERICA***Chair:* Shay Rabineau (Binghamton University)**A Gift for the State: Commemorating Fallen Heroes in Israeli Children's Picture Books**

Dan Porat (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

How to Teach Politics as Religion: The Case of the Emunah Curriculum

Ilan Fuchs (Hebrew College)

"They All Lived Happily Ever After": American Jewish Children's Narrations of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Sivan Zakai (American Jewish University)

The Impact of Birthright Israel in Comparative Perspective: Evidence from the Pew Survey of US Jews

Rachel Friedberg (Brown University) and Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Jewish Federations of North America)

The Teaching of Other Religions in Israeli Education—An Analysis of Textbooks and Classroom Interactions

Michael Gillis (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

13.5

*Back Bay C***INVENTIONS OF MODERN JEWISH IDENTITY IN THE AMERICAS***Chair:* Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)**Horace Kallen's Cold War: A Secular Jewish Opposition to Communism and Catholicism**

David Weinfeld (Queens College, CUNY)

Yugntruf's *Mameloshn*: Yiddish, Youth, and Identity Politics in 1960s–1970s America

Sandra Fox (New York University)

"Where There Is Not Even a Shadow of Prejudice": European Jewish Immigrants and Brazilian National Identity, 1945–1955

Michael Rom (Yale University)

Forgetting and Remembering: American Jews and the Changing History of Zionism

Rachael Kamel (Temple University)

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*Commonwealth***RECENT THOUGHTS ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MOVING IMAGES***Chair:* Lisa Silverman (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee)**Avenging the Holocaust in Contemporary Film**

Daniel H. Magilow (University of Tennessee)

Fred Zinnemann's Landscape of Threat

Darcy Buerkle (Smith College)

Between Fact and Fiction: Architectures of Memory in the Video Work of Dani Gal

Jennie Hirsh (Maryland Institute College of Art)

Respondent: Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

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*Hampton A/B***MEDIEVAL TEXTS IN MANUSCRIPT AND PRINT***Chair:* Naomi Grunhaus (Yeshiva University)**The Consecration of European Parchment for Ritual Use: Ashkenazim in the Middle Ages between Differentiation and Acculturation**

Annett Martini (Freie Universität Berlin)

Transmission of Medieval Sephardic Scientific Works to Late Medieval / Early Modern Ashkenaz

Israel Moshe Sandman (University College London)

Forging Links across the Centuries: Medieval and Early Modern**Commentaries on Bereshit Rabbah in the 'Or Ha-sekhel of Abraham ben Asher**

Benjamin Williams (King's College London)

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*Fairfax B***"JARGON IST ALLES": GERMAN, YIDDISH, HEBREW, AND THE JEWISHNESS OF LANGUAGE***Chair:* Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)**"Yiddish Is Everything": Modernism and the Possibility of a Jewish Poetic Language**

Samuel Spinner (Johns Hopkins University)

David Vogel and the Allegory of Hebrew/German Dis-ease

Sunny Yudkoff (University of Chicago)

Operation Assimilation: Dissecting Language in Oskar Panizza's "Operated Jew"

Joela M. Jacobs (University of Arizona)

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*Berkeley A/B***POLITICS OF VULNERABILITY IN HEBREW AND ISRAELI CULTURE***Chair:* Efrat Bloom (University of Michigan)**Meager Offerings: Feminine Vulnerability as a National Trope**

Orian Zakai (Middlebury College)

Disability and Political Change in Israeli Dance

Ilana Szobel (Brandeis University)

The Voice of a Victim: Telling Incest in Contemporary Hebrew Literature

Shira Stav (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

- 13.10 *Clarendon A/B*
TRANSFER AND TRANSFORMATION: MIGRATION OF EXPERIENCES, KNOWLEDGE, AND BIAS IN GERMAN JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES AND MANDATE PALESTINE FROM THE 1930s TO THE 1950s
Chair: Atina Grossmann (The Cooper Union)
“Request Not to Be Put in the Same File as the Nazis”: German Jewish Refugees in Los Angeles and Enemy Alien Classification during World War II
 Anne Clara Schenderlein (German Historical Institute, Washington DC)
Re-encounter with the Past: Jewish Refugees from Nazi Germany and Their Struggle for Civil Rights in Postwar America
 David Jünger (Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg)
Caftan, Cravat, and Khaki: The Conflictual Re-encounter of *Yekkes* and *Ostjuden* in Mandate Palestine in the 1930s
 Viola Rautenberg-Alianov (Technische Universität Berlin)
Respondent: Tobias Brinkmann (Pennsylvania State University)
- 13.11 *Dalton A/B*
FROM THE SHTETL TO THE *PLETZL*: JEWISH DIVORCE, MUTUAL AID, AND THEATER IN INTERWAR FRANCE
Chair: Lisa Moses Leff (American University)
Shifting Borders: Eastern European Jews, Divorce, and French Law, 1918–1939
 Geraldine Gudefin (Brandeis University)
Landsmanshaftn as a Place for Mutual Aid and Integration in Montmartre
 Karin Lützen (Roskilde University)
A Workers’ Avant-Garde: Yiddish Theater and Transnational Jewish Culture in Interwar Paris
 Nicholas Underwood (University of Colorado)
Respondent: Barry Trachtenberg (University at Albany, SUNY)
- 13.12 *Jefferson*
WORKS-IN-PROGRESS GROUP IN JEWISH STUDIES
Chairs: Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)
 Jessica M. Marglin (University of Southern California)
Discussants: Rena Nechama Lauer (Oregon State University)
 Moria Paz (Stanford University)
- 13.13 *Gardner A*
NEW APPROACHES TO ANCIENT TEXTS
Chair: Yitzhak Berger (Hunter College, CUNY)
Arranging Jeremiah: A New Proposal for the Variant Orders of the Book of Jeremiah
 Nathan Mastnjak (Indiana University)
Fifty Shekels of Grey: Intermarriage in the Patriarchal Narratives
 Alison Joseph (Towson University)
The “Chosen People”: Insider-Outsider Stories from Dinah to the Samaritans
 Mark Francis Whitters (Eastern Michigan University)
John the Baptist and the Pharisees
 Albert I. Baumgarten (Bar-Ilan University)

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*Gardner B***DIVINATION AND PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE AND SECOND TEMPLE LITERATURE***Chair:* Jason Kalman (HUC-JIR)**“I Seer-ously Hate That Guy!”: Parallel Stories of Kings and Diviners in I Kings and the Iliad**

Mark D. Shaffer (HUC-JIR)

Narrative Analogy and the Composition of Jeremiah

David Andrew Teeter (Harvard University)

New Divination Ostraca from the Maresha Excavations

Esther Eshel (Bar-Ilan University)

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*Beacon A***JEWISH BOUNDARIES AND BORDER CROSSINGS IN PROTESTANT AMERICA***Chair and Respondent:* Michael A. Meyer (HUC-JIR)**Jews in Church: Rethinking Space and Identity in Nineteenth-Century America**

Shari Lisa Rabin (College of Charleston)

Dissecting the December Dilemma: Post-WWII Rabbis on American Jews and Christmas Celebrations

Joshua J. Furman (Rice University)

Reform Judaism’s Patrilineal Descent and the Shaping of Inter-marriage Discourse in American Judaism

Zev Eleff (Hebrew Theological College)

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*Beacon B***WOMEN, IDENTITY, AND GENDER POWER DYNAMICS IN *DER TOG****Chair:* Ellen Deborah Kellman (Brandeis University)**Gender in Joseph Opatoshu’s Stories of Interethnic Romance in *Der Tog***

Jessica Anne Kirzane (Columbia University)

Who’s Buying What? Advertisements for American Jewish Households in the Yiddish Press

Ayelet Brinn (University of Pennsylvania)

“*In Kamf Gegn Man*”: Women, Critics, and Gender Politics in *Der Tog*

Agi Legutko (Columbia University)

Respondent: Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Graduate Theological Union)**GENERAL LUNCH***By prepaid reservation only***1:30 pm – 2:30 pm***Republic A***AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****1:30 pm – 3:30 pm***Independence East*

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Public Garden

6:00 PM 18 VOICES SING KOL NIDRE

Directed by Allen Oren (2012, 40 min, USA; English). Distributor: Seventh Art Releasing
Introduction by Jewlia Eisenberg (Charming Hostess)

This is the first documentary to tell the prayer's rich story: how the Kol Nidre's words caused centuries of persecution, but how its poignant melody saved it from itself, how it became a Jewish anthem and an object of intense interest for non-Jews as well. The film weaves together voices of eighteen storytellers of varied age, gender, and denomination; some experts in history or music, others deeply affected by the prayer. Each voice is supported by impressionistic visuals and unique musical settings for the haunting melody.

9:15 PM A BORROWED IDENTITY

Directed by Eran Riklis (Aravim Rokdim, 2014, 104 min, Israel; Hebrew w/English subtitles)
Distributor: Strand Releasing
Introduction by Rachel S.Harris (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Based on Sayed Kashua's autobiographical novel, this film is a coming-of-age story of Eyad, a Palestinian Israeli boy, set in a prestigious Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem. There he discovers Hebrew literature and culture, falls in love with a Jewish girl, and develops a deep friendship with a Jewish boy suffering from terminal illness. As Eyad will learn, he will need to sacrifice his identity in order to be accepted in Israel.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Public Garden

7:00 PM THE GUARDIANS OF REMEMBRANCE

Directed by Boris Maftsir (Shomrei Hazikaron, 2014, 107 min, Israel; Russian and Hebrew w/English subtitles). Distributor: Ruth Diskin Films
Introduced by Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Throughout the Soviet era, the Holocaust had been silenced, and its victims had not been memorialized. Boris Maftsir's new documentary project aims to both document and commemorate the Holocaust victims in the former Soviet areas. The first part, The Guardians of Remembrance, is set in Belarus. Through detailed moving interviews with Jewish survivors, non-Jewish witnesses, and local activists, filmed on location at the extermination sites, the film offers a multidimensional picture of the tragic events in wartime Belarus, as well as a snapshot of contemporary memory politics there.

9:15 PM THE DOVE FLYER

Directed by Nissim Dayan (Mafriakh Yonim, 2014, 108 min, Israel; Arabic w/English subtitles). Distributor: IsraeliFilms
Introduced by Dalit Katz (Wesleyan University)

This intense family drama, based on the blockbuster novel by Eli Amir, is a rare tribute to a lost and treasured time, when some 130,000 Jews lived in Iraq. But now it's 1950, and Kabi and his family face an uncertain future, as do all Jews living in Baghdad. Each character in Kabi's circle has a different dream: his mother wants to return to the Muslim quarter where she felt safer; his father wants to immigrate to Israel; Salim, his headmaster, wants Arabs and Jews to be equal, and Abu just wants to care for his doves.

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