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# ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

## Goals and Standards

The Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) was founded in 1969 by a small group of scholars seeking a forum for exploring methodological and pedagogical issues in the new field of Jewish Studies. Since its founding, AJS has grown into the largest learned society and professional organization representing Jewish Studies scholars worldwide. As a constituent organization of the American Council of Learned Societies, the Association for Jewish Studies represents the field in the larger arena of the academic study of the humanities and social sciences in North America. AJS's mission is to advance research and teaching in Jewish Studies at colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning, and to foster greater understanding of Jewish Studies scholarship among the wider public. Its more than 1,800 members are university faculty, graduate students, independent scholars, and museum and related professionals who represent the breadth of Jewish Studies scholarship. The organization's institutional members represent leading North American programs and departments in the field.

AJS's major programs and projects include an annual scholarly conference, featuring more than 170 sessions; a peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *AJS Review*, published by Cambridge University Press; a biannual magazine, *AJS Perspectives*, that explores methodological and pedagogical issues; *Positions in Jewish Studies*, the most comprehensive listing of Jewish Studies job opportunities; *AJS News*, AJS's monthly digital newsletter; *Resources in Jewish Studies*, an online guide to Jewish Studies programs, grant opportunities, professional development resources, electronic research tools, and doctoral theses; the Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards, which recognize outstanding research in the field; the Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships and Early Career Fellowships, which fund research on the North American Jewish Community; and the Distinguished Lectureship Program, which brings leading AJS scholars to audiences across North America.

Membership in the association is open to individuals whose full-time vocation is teaching, research, or related endeavors in academic Jewish Studies; to other individuals whose intellectual concerns are related to the purposes of the association; and to graduate students concentrating in an area of Jewish Studies. Institutional membership is open to Jewish Studies programs and departments, foundations, and other institutions whose work supports the mission of AJS.

In order to maintain a professional and comfortable environment for its members, conference registrants, and staff, the association requires certain standards of behavior. These standards include, without limitation, courtesy of discourse, respect for the diversity of AJS members and conference attendees, and the ability to conduct AJS business and participate in the AJS Conference in a nonthreatening, collegial atmosphere. AJS members and conference participants who do not uphold these standards may jeopardize their membership or conference participation. If you have any questions, please speak with an AJS staff person at the conference registration desk; AJS's Executive Director, Rona Sheramy; the Vice President for Conference Program, Pamela S. Nadell; or the President of the Association for Jewish Studies, Jonathan D. Sarna.

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# ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

## Message from the Conference Chair

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to present the program for the Forty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies. Below is important information for planning your conference experience.

**HOTEL, REGISTRATION, BADGES, MEALS:** All sessions take place at the Hilton Baltimore. Please consult the hotel floor plans on pages 14–16 of this program book for meeting room locations. The sessions-at-a-glance table on pages 17–24 provides a summary of events with their room assignments and times. Program books, conference totes, and badge covers are available in the Key Ballroom South Foyer. There you may also register for the conference on-site, and join AJS for the 2014–2015 membership year. Badges and kosher meal confirmations were sent to US and Canadian addresses for those who registered and paid all fees by the November 14 deadline. For those coming from outside North America: please pick up your badges, meal confirmations, and program books at the AJS Registration Desk in the Key Ballroom South Foyer. Conference badges must be worn at all times for admission to all sessions and to the Exhibit Hall. Security personnel located outside the book exhibit and also throughout the hotel are authorized to check badges and instructed only to admit registered attendees to sessions and the Exhibit Hall.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** The AJS Annual Business Meeting takes place on Sunday, December 14 at 12:45 pm in Tubman. All AJS members are invited to attend. Voting for nominees to the AJS Board of Directors occurs at this meeting.

**WELCOME RECEPTION, ANNUAL GALA BANQUET, AND PLENARY:** Please join us at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 14 in the Exhibit Hall for the Welcome Reception, sponsored by the University of Maryland's Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies. The AJS Annual Gala Banquet follows at 7:00 pm. We encourage you to dine with us and thank our many banquet sponsors whose generosity makes possible the banquet's reduced ticket price. (See page 139 for a list of banquet sponsors.) The Gala Banquet is capped by our plenary, with AJS President Jonathan Sarna delivering the Presidential Address: "Whither Jewish Studies? The 2014 AJS Survey of the Field." AJS Executive Director Rona Sherry will share introductory comments on the implications of the survey for the work of the AJS.

**FILMS:** Thanks to the AJS Conference Film Committee, recent international films with Jewish topics will be screened in Holiday Ballroom 2 on Sunday and Monday. Featured are *Ida* (2013), *When Comedy Went to School* (2013), and *Dancing in Jaffa* (2013). See page 87 for screening details.

**DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOP:** Please join us on Monday, December 15 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Key Ballroom South Foyer for the AJS Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities Workshop. This informal and interactive workshop features presentations about digital research and teaching projects, and other born-digital projects. Presenters are on hand to explain their digital initiatives as attendees circulate from one monitor station to the next.

**AJS HONORS ITS AUTHORS:** On Monday, December 15 at 4:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall, AJS hosts a reception honoring its 2014 book authors and their presses. Stop by to celebrate our AJS member authors and publishers. Members' books will be on display at the Jewish Book Council booth #200. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize.

**EXHIBIT HALL:** As you plan your conference itinerary, please make time to visit the Exhibit Hall and meet our exhibitors. Their participation supports AJS. The Exhibit Hall will be open on Sunday from 1:00 pm to 7:15 pm; on Monday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; and on Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Browse our exhibitors' books, journals, and films and learn about fellowships, grants, and job opportunities. The Exhibit Hall is located in the Key Ballroom on the second floor of the hotel.

**INTERVIEWS:** AJS has set aside rooms where institutions may conduct job interviews in comfortable surroundings. AJS policy strictly prohibits using private guest rooms for interviews and offers confidential scheduling of interviewing facilities. Pre-reservation with the AJS office is required.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** Conference participants who wish to organize religious services may do so in Key 2 (traditional) and Chase (egalitarian) at 4:00 pm on Sunday, 7:00 am and 4:30 pm on Monday, and 7:00 am on Tuesday.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** Having attended my first AJS meeting as a graduate student, when the conference was so small that there was often but a single session in any time slot, I have watched AJS grow from conference to conference and from strength to strength over the years. I am proud to report that AJS routinely draws more than half our membership to our annual meeting, making us the envy of many other learned societies. We come to learn together, to be energized by new directions in our disciplinary fields, to share the fruits of our scholarship, and to catch up with old friends and colleagues and to make new ones. Our annual conference demonstrates AJS's enormous effort and success in supporting Jewish Studies in contemporary academic, cultural, and scientific settings. That success rests on the extraordinary contributions of the AJS staff, led by AJS Executive Director Rona Sheramy, and on the dedicated service of our division chairs, the Program Committee, and the AJS Board and its Executive.

Not content to rest on the success of our conferences of years past and cognizant of the changing nature of academic conferences in the twenty-first century, we have made changes to this year's program. This year all conference sessions are ninety minutes long, and our conference concludes at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, December 16. There are a variety of session formats. Of course, we have traditional panels of papers and roundtables. But there are also "flipped panels," the Digital Humanities session, and lightning sessions, which this year are open to all scholars, not only to graduate students. We also will continue our multisession seminars with precirculated papers and invite attendees, who are not taking part in the full seminar, to observe the conversation.

Even as AJS's membership and programs have burgeoned in parallel with the extraordinary growth of Jewish Studies over the past half century, our conference continues to foster our sense of community as scholars of Jewish Studies. Each year I look forward to our annual conference. See you in Baltimore!

Sincerely,  
Pamela S. Nadell  
Vice President for Program

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES

### **Hilton Baltimore**

401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201  
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## EXHIBITS

### *Key Ballroom*

Visit over 40 publishers and booksellers in the Exhibit Hall.

### **WELCOME RECEPTION**

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Sunday, December 14, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Join other AJS members for two Exhibit Hall coffee breaks:**

Monday, December 15  
from 10:00 am – 10:30 am

and

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
(AJS Honors Its Authors, sponsored by  
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## VISITING BALTIMORE

The AJS website has extensive information about visiting Baltimore, including transportation to and from the airport, cultural sites and activities, and kosher and vegetarian restaurants near the hotel.

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Rabbinic Literature and Culture ~  
**Chaya Halberstam** (University of Western Ontario) *and*  
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Modern Hebrew Literature ~ **Shachar Pinsker** (University of Michigan)  
Medieval Jewish Philosophy ~ **Aaron Hughes** (University of Rochester)  
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Modern Jewish Thought and Theology ~ **Steven Kepnes** (Colgate University)  
Jewish History and Culture in Antiquity ~ **Hayim Lapin** (University of Maryland)  
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**Adam Shear** (University of Pittsburgh)  
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**James Loeffler** (University of Virginia) *and* **Kenneth Moss** (Johns Hopkins University)  
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Social Science ~ **Shelly Tenenbaum** (Clark University)  
Jewish Languages and Linguistics ~ **Norman Stillman** (University of Oklahoma)  
Interdisciplinary, Theoretical, and New Approaches ~  
**Ari Kelman** (Stanford University) *and* **Vanessa Ochs** (University of Virginia)  
Wildcard Division: Jews and Labor ~ **Tony Michels** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Pedagogy ~  
**Lori Lefkowitz** (Northeastern University) *and* **David Shneer** (University of Colorado Boulder)

**DON'T FORGET: MONDAY, 12/15, 4:30 – 5:00 PM**

Select Division Meetings to discuss 2015 conference themes. See page 66 for details.

# BERMAN FOUNDATION DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

in Support of Research  
in the Social Scientific Study of the  
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AJS is pleased to announce the 2015 Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in Support of Research in the Social Scientific Study of the Contemporary American Jewish Community. The Berman Fellowships—two awards of \$16,000 each—will support doctoral work in the social scientific study of the North American Jewish community during the 2015–2016 academic year.

Applicants must be PhD candidates at accredited higher educational institutions who have completed their comprehensive exams and received approval for their dissertation proposals (ABD).

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

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# BERMAN FOUNDATION EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS

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in the Social Scientific Study of the  
Contemporary American Jewish Community

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AJS is pleased to announce the Berman Foundation Early Career Fellowships in Support of Research in the Social Scientific Study of the Contemporary American Jewish Community. The Berman Early Career Fellowships—awards up to \$8,000 for the 2015–2016 academic year—will provide funds to offset scholars’ expenses in turning their dissertations into monographs or refereed journal articles. These awards aim to help recent PhDs make significant contributions to the field at an early point in their academic career, as well as help position early career scholars to secure a tenure-track position or achieve tenure.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

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For further information, including eligibility requirements and application instructions, please visit the AJS website at [ajsnet.org](http://ajsnet.org).

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## **2014 JORDAN SCHNITZER BOOK AWARDS**

**Sunday, December 14 9:15 pm, Key 1**

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award winners and honorable mentions.*

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Information and application procedures for the 2015 competition  
will be available February 2015.



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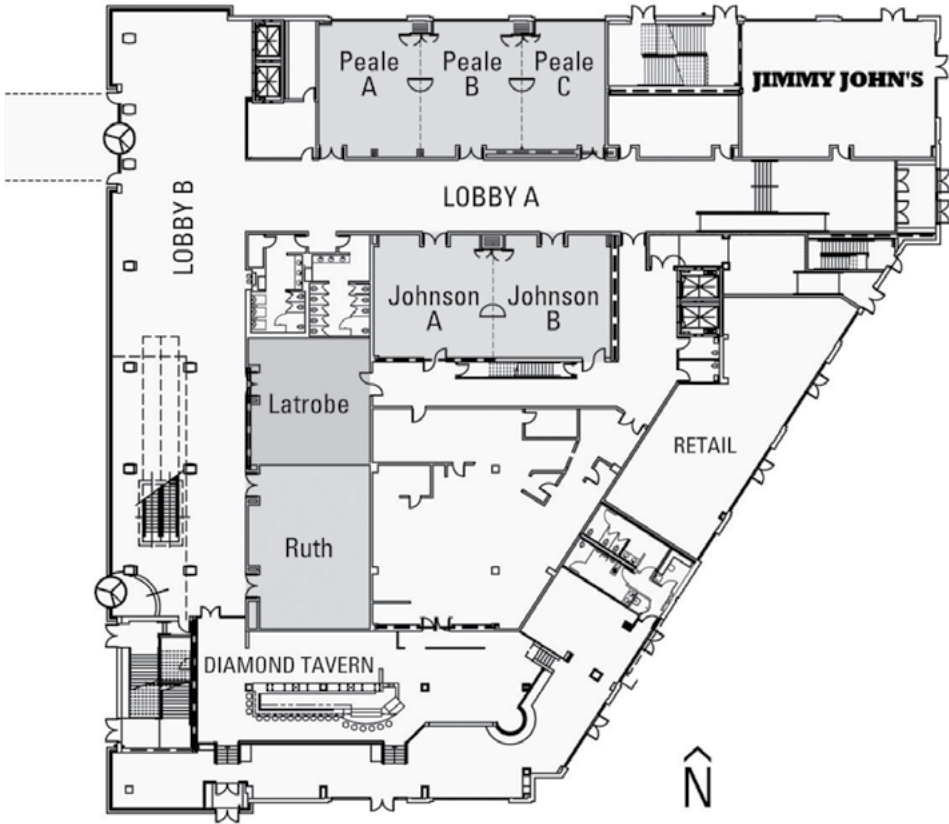
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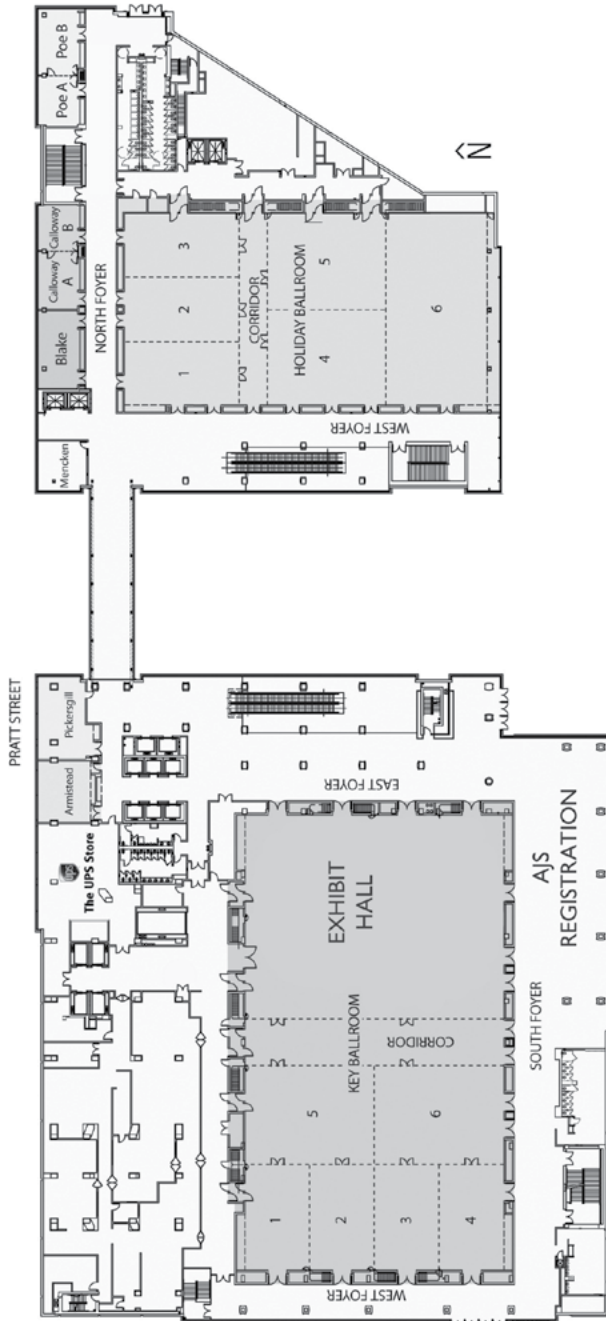
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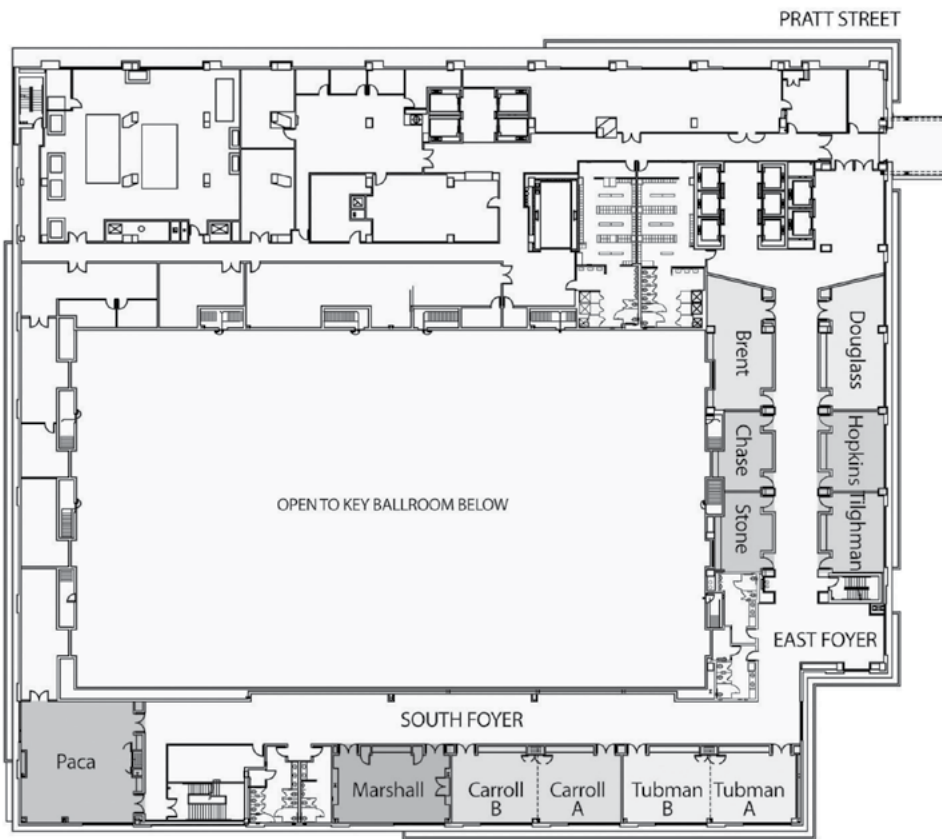
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SUNDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Key 6  GENERAL BREAKFAST	<i>Holiday 4</i>	1.1 Flipping the Classroom	2.1 Museum of the History of Polish Jews
	<i>Holiday 5</i>	1.2 Jews Judging Jews after the Holocaust	2.2 Jewish-Muslim Relations
	<i>Holiday 1</i>	1.3 YIVO & Jewish Social Science	2.3 Teaching Glücker
	<i>Holiday 3</i>	1.4 Jewish Responses to Refugee Crises	2.4 17th-Century Portuguese Rabbinate
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Key Foyer  REGISTRATION	<i>Key 4</i>	1.5 Converso/Sephardic History Approaches	2.5 War & Nationalism: Sephardim/Mizrahim
	<i>Key 3</i>	1.6 Whither Jewish College Students?	2.6 “Legal Turn” in Jewish Philosophy
	<i>Key 1</i>	1.7 20th-Century Jewish Social Thought	2.7 Learning in Jewish Studies
	<i>Ruth</i>	1.8 Zionism & Literature	2.8 Pneumatic & Bodily Experiences in Mysticism
	<i>Peale A</i>	1.9 Studies in Kabbalistic Manuscripts	2.9 Languages & Literary Praxis
	<i>Poe A/B</i>	1.10 Israeli Domestic & Foreign Policy	2.10 Art Exploring Women in Tanakh & Talmud
	<i>Johnson A</i>	1.11 Constructions of Gender/Marriage	2.11 American Jewry & Israel
	<i>Johnson B</i>	1.12 Ethics & Theology	2.12 Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context
	<i>Latrobe</i>	1.13 From Bible to Bavli	2.13 Composition of Rabbinic Texts
	<i>Armistead</i>	1.14 Antisemitism & Racism (Meeting 1)	
	<i>Calloway A/B</i>		2.14 Maimonides on Creation, Mitzvot, and Middot
	<i>Peale C</i>		2.15 Amplifying the Yiddish Canon
<i>Pickersgill</i>		2.16 Jews in Postwar America (Meeting 1)	

SUNDAY AFTER-NOON	MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
12:45 PM – 1:15 PM <b>Tubman B</b> AJS BUSINESS MEETING	<i>Holiday 6</i>	<del> </del>	4.1 Passing & Assimilation in Modern Jewish History
	<i>Holiday 4</i>	3.1 New Jewish Museums in Europe	4.2 Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture
	<i>Holiday 5</i>	3.2 African American Anti/Philosemitism	4.3 Curriculum of Amsterdam's Ets Haim Yesiba
	<i>Holiday 1</i>	3.3 Anti-Jewish Violence in the 20th Century	4.4 Careers Outside of Academia
1:00 PM – 7:15 PM <b>Key Ballroom</b> EXHIBITS	<i>Holiday 3</i>	3.4 Oral & Written Word in Hasidism	4.5 Responses to the Holocaust
	<i>Key 4</i>	3.5 American Haredi Orthodoxy in Transition	4.6 G-D Project of Helène Aylon
	<i>Key 3</i>	3.6 The Use of Self in the Classroom	4.7 Teaching Sholem Aleichem
	<i>Key 1</i>	3.7 Jewish Politics, Jewish Thought	4.8 Liminal Identities at a Time of War
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM <b>Key 6</b> GENERAL LUNCH	<i>Ruth</i>	3.8 The Future of Yiddish Studies	4.9 Jews in Late Antiquity
	<i>Peale A</i>	3.9 American Jewish Politics	4.10 Development of Kabbalistic Traditions
	<i>Poe A/B</i>	3.10 Displaying American Jewish Identity	4.11 Attitudes toward Gender in Ancient World
	<i>Johnson A</i>	3.11 Rabbinic Texts in Comparative Culture	4.12 Who Speaks for the Jews?
	<i>Johnson B</i>	3.12 Youth, Culture, & Politics: Polish Jews	4.13 Modern Jewish Thought/Philosophy
	<i>Latrobe</i>	3.13 Changing Landscape of Jewish Fiction	4.14 Teaching Hebrew in American Universities
	<i>Calloway A/B</i>	3.14 Jews, Christians in Early Modern Italy	4.15 Jewish Mediterranean Languages & Linguistics
	<i>Peale C</i>	3.15 Israel in the Third World	4.16 Socrates, Philosophers & Kings, Medieval Judaism
<i>Armistead</i>	3.16 Archiving Modern Hebrew Lit. (Meeting 1)	<del> </del>	
<i>Pickersgill</i>	3.17 Grad Student Lightning Session – Interdisciplinary	<del> </del>	

SUNDAY EVENING	MONDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
<p><b>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b> <b>Key Ballroom</b></p> <p>WELCOME RECEPTION</p> <p>See p.44 for details and other early evening receptions.</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM</b> <b>Key 6</b></p> <p>GENERAL BREAKFAST</p>	<p><i>Holiday 6</i></p>	<p>5.1 Health, Illness, &amp; Jewish Studies</p>
<p><b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Key 5 – 6</b></p> <p>GALA BANQUET</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> PLENARY ADDRESS</p>	<p><b>7:00 AM – 8:30 AM</b> <b>Key 5</b></p> <p>WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST</p>	<p><i>Holiday 4</i></p>	<p>5.2 Jewish Artists Negotiating Marketplace</p>
<p><b>9:15 PM – 10:45 PM</b> <b>Holiday 2</b></p> <p>FILM SCREENING <i>Ida</i></p>	<p><b>8:30 AM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>Key Foyer</b></p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p><i>Holiday 5</i></p>	<p>5.3 Levinas Studies</p>
<p><b>9:15 PM</b></p> <p>LATE EVENING RECEPTIONS</p> <p>See pp. 45–46 for details.</p>	<p><b>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b> <b>Key Ballroom</b></p> <p>EXHIBITS</p>	<p><i>Holiday 1</i></p>	<p>5.4 Jewish Motherhood</p>
		<p><i>Holiday 3</i></p>	<p>5.5 Jewish History &amp; Historical Imagination</p>
		<p><i>Key 4</i></p>	<p>5.6 Digital Yiddish Theatre Project</p>
		<p><i>Key 3</i></p>	<p>5.7 New Directions in French Jewish History</p>
		<p><i>Key 1</i></p>	<p>5.8 Law, Politics, &amp; Nation in Late Imperial Austria</p>
		<p><i>Ruth</i></p>	<p>5.9 Reflections on Hasidic Thought</p>
		<p><i>Peale A</i></p>	<p>5.10 Americans, Only More So?</p>
		<p><i>Poe A/B</i></p>	<p>5.11 Acts of Memory in Holocaust Lit. &amp; Yizkor Books</p>
		<p><i>Johnson A</i></p>	<p>5.12 Varieties &amp; Ideologies of American Orthodoxy</p>
		<p><i>Johnson B</i></p>	<p>5.13 Medieval Biblical Interpretation</p>
		<p><i>Latrobe</i></p>	<p>5.14 Contesting Gender Categories in Marriage</p>
		<p><i>Calloway A/B</i></p>	<p>5.15 Medical Ethics</p>
		<p><i>Armistead</i></p>	<p>5.16 Grad Student Lightning Session – Rabbinics</p>
		<p><i>Pickersgill</i></p>	<p>5.17 Jews in Postwar America (Meeting 2)</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM</p>
<p><b>Key Ballroom</b></p> <p>EXHIBIT HALL COFFEE BREAK</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM</p>
<p>6.1</p> <p><b>Key South Foyer</b></p> <p>JEWISH STUDIES &amp; DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOP</p>



MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
<i>Holiday 6</i>	7.1 Jewish Responses to State Coercion in Eastern Europe
<i>Holiday 4</i>	7.2 Jewish Studies & Material Culture
<i>Holiday 5</i>	7.3 Zionism as Transnational Politics
<i>Holiday 1</i>	7.4 Muslims as Proponents of Anti-Judaism
<i>Holiday 3</i>	7.5 Teaching with Social Media
<i>Key 4</i>	7.6 Mapping Digital Jews
<i>Key 3</i>	7.7 Judah Halevi: His Oeuvre and Its Reception
<i>Key 1</i>	7.8 Miscommunication, Militancy, & Mysticism: Buber and Americans
<i>Ruth</i>	7.9 Transformations of Masculinity
<i>Peale A</i>	7.10 Urbanism, Urban Jews, & Jewish Identity (Part 1)
<i>Poe A/B</i>	7.11 Eroticizing the Sephardic & Mizrahi Body
<i>Johnson A</i>	7.12 Hasidim as Exceptions
<i>Johnson B</i>	7.13 Reading Texts from Early Modern Ashkenaz
<i>Latrobe</i>	7.14 Contextualizing Babylonian Judaism
<i>Calloway A/B</i>	7.15 Weakness as Resistance in Hebrew Literature
<i>Peale C</i>	7.16 The Residue of Religion in German Jewish Modernism
<i>Armistead</i>	7.17 Antisemitism & Racism (Meeting 2)

<p><b>MONDAY LUNCHTIME</b> 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM</p>
<p><b>Carroll A/B</b></p> <p>AAJR FELLOWS LUNCH</p>
<p><b>Tubman A/B</b></p> <p>SEPHARDI/ MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH</p>
<p><b>Key 6</b></p> <p>GENERAL LUNCH</p>
<p>LUNCHTIME MEETINGS</p> <p>See p. 57 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>Holiday 6</i>	8.1 After <i>The Jew in the Lotus</i>	9.1 New Approaches to Teaching Jewish History	<b>Exhibit Hall Key Ballroom</b>  AJS HONORS ITS AUTHORS  <i>Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize</i>
<i>Holiday 4</i>	8.2 Intimate Research	9.2 Modern Jewish Spaces, Memory, & Identity	
<i>Holiday 5</i>	8.3 Civility & Incivility in Jewish Discourse	9.3 American Jewry in Light of the Pew Survey	
<i>Holiday 1</i>	8.4 What is Bavli? State of the Field	9.4 Redefining the Jewish Agenda in American Terms	
<i>Holiday 3</i>	8.5 Holocaust Testimonies in the Age of Postmemory	9.5 Jewish Studies Pedagogy in the New Media Classroom	
<i>Key 4</i>	8.6 Jews, Labor, & Politics of Work	9.6 Mixing Musics: Istanbul Jews & Their Sacred Songs	
<i>Key 3</i>	8.7 New Perspectives on the Right Wing in Israel	9.7 Sabbateanism & Antisabbateanism	<b>Key 5</b>  DIVISION MEETINGS  <i>See p. 66 for details.</i>
<i>Key 1</i>	8.8 Josephus in Modern Jewish Culture	9.8 Jews in the Greco-Roman World	
<i>Ruth</i>	8.9 The Schnorrer, the Nebbish, & the Schlemiel	9.9 New Readings in Modern Hebrew Fiction	
<i>Peale A</i>	8.10 Yiddish Culture – Post World War II	9.10 Yiddish Modernisms	
<i>Poe A/B</i>	8.11 The Jewish Nations of the Americas	9.11 New Research on Survival in the Camps	
<i>Johnson A</i>	8.12 The Bible & the Dead Sea Scrolls	9.12 German-Jewish Book Collections in Israel	
<i>Johnson B</i>	8.13 Perceptions of Time in Modern Historiography	9.13 Passover, Prayer, & the Meaning of Intention	X
<i>Latrobe</i>	8.14 Transnational Jewish Families & Mobility	9.14 Josephus & Other Ancient & Medieval Sources	
<i>Calloway A/B</i>	8.15 The Reception of Gersonides	9.15 The Intersection of Philosophy & Mysticism	
<i>Peale C</i>	8.16 Religious Identity in American Judaism	9.16 H.G. Adler's Rediscovered Shoah Trilogy	

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
<i>Holiday 6</i>	10.1 Between Tradition & Modernity
<i>Holiday 4</i>	10.2 Very Marginal Holocaust Texts
<i>Holiday 5</i>	10.3 The Shtetl Revisited
<i>Holiday 1</i>	10.4 Jewish Studies & the Community
<i>Holiday 3</i>	10.5 Ethical Standards & the Kosher Meat Industry
<i>Key 4</i>	10.6 Transnational Identities, Intersections, & Contexts
<i>Key 3</i>	10.7 “Holy Envy”?: Judeo-Christian Borderland
<i>Key 1</i>	10.8 Adorno & Scholem
<i>Ruth</i>	10.9 Teaching Jewish Studies
<i>Peale A</i>	10.10 Jewish Visuality in Medieval Iberia
<i>Poe A/B</i>	10.11 Reading Josephus through Josephus
<i>Johnson A</i>	10.12 Re-Envisioning the Ancient Book
<i>Johnson B</i>	10.13 The Development of Rabbinic Law
<i>Latrobe</i>	10.14 New Perspectives on Rosenzweig & Baeck
<i>Armistead</i>	10.15 Archiving Modern Hebrew Lit. (Meeting 2)

MONDAY EVENING
<p><b>6:30 PM – 7:30 PM</b></p> <p>EARLY EVENING RECEPTIONS</p> <p>See p. 71 for details.</p>
<p><b>7:30 PM</b> <b>Key 6</b></p> <p>GENERAL DINNER</p>
<p><b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Holiday 2</b></p> <p>FILM SCREENINGS</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> <i>When Comedy Went to School</i></p> <p><b>9:00 PM</b> <i>Dancing in Jaffa</i></p>
<p><b>8:00 PM</b> <b>Key 3</b></p> <p>A CONVERSATION WITH LEON WIESELTIER</p>
<p><b>8:00 PM</b> <b>Peale B</b></p> <p>THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE</p> <p><i>Etty</i></p>

TUESDAY MORNING	MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	TUESDAY 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Key 6 GENERAL BREAKFAST	<i>Holiday 4</i>	11.1 Polish Jewish Experience during the Holocaust	12.1 Revisiting Jews & American Capitalism
	<i>Holiday 5</i>	11.2 The Problem of Trust in Jewish History	12.2 From Ivory Tower to Museum Gallery
	<i>Holiday 1</i>	11.3 Memory & Rabbinic Literature	12.3 Is Jewishness Whole without Zionism?
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Key Foyer REGISTRATION	<i>Holiday 3</i>	11.4 Law in Modern Jewish Life	12.4 Jewish Identities: Interdisciplinary Approaches
	<i>Key 4</i>	11.5 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Jewish Identity	12.5 New Readings of Talmudic Phrases
	<i>Key 3</i>	11.6 The Future of the Academic Book	12.6 History & Politics in Modern Hebrew Fiction
	<i>Key 1</i>	11.7 German Jewish Thought & the Bible	12.7 Using Oral History in the University Classroom
	<i>Ruth</i>	11.8 Religious Authority between Judaism & Islam	12.8 Nationalism in Jewish Vilna, 1915–1923
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Key Ballroom EXHIBITS	<i>Peale A</i>	11.9 The Holocaust in Hungary	12.9 Crossing Boundaries
	<i>Poe A/B</i>	11.10 Art & the Politics of Zionism	12.10 Changing Memory: Holocaust in the Soviet Union
	<i>Johnson A</i>	11.11 Urbanism, Urban Jews, & Jewish Identity, Part 2	12.11 Performing & Representing the New Nation
	<i>Johnson B</i>	11.12 The Social Landscape of Yiddish Literature	12.12 Jewish Law & Practice in Medieval Islamic World
	<i>Latrobe</i>	11.13 Jews & International Political Crises	12.13 African & Indian Jewish Identities
	<i>Calloway A/B</i>	11.14 Jewish Studies & the New Posthumanities	12.14 Pedagogic Issues in Israel Education
	<i>Peale C</i>	11.15 Israel through the Eyes of Non-Jewish Americans	12.15 Knowledges & Ideas across Borders
	<i>Armistead</i>		12.16 Antisemitism & Racism (Meeting 3)
	<i>Pickersgill</i>		12.17 Jews in Postwar America (Meeting 3)

MEETING ROOM	TUESDAY 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
<i>Holiday 4</i>	13.1 New Approaches to Jewish Rhetorics
<i>Holiday 5</i>	13.2 Challenges to Jewish Studies in the Future
<i>Holiday 1</i>	13.3 Transnational Judaism
<i>Holiday 3</i>	13.4 Holocaust Memory & Memorialization
<i>Key 4</i>	13.5 Hungarian Jewish Responses to Long Great War
<i>Key 3</i>	13.6 Rethinking Jewish Power in the Mediterranean
<i>Key 1</i>	13.7 Amsterdam Scholars in the Early 18th Century
<i>Ruth</i>	13.8 Jewish Shape-Shifting & Modernity
<i>Peale A</i>	13.9 Germany, Jews, & Arts from Weimar to Nazi Period
<i>Poe A/B</i>	13.10 Jewish Education – For What?
<i>Johnson A</i>	13.11 Cultural Mobility in Jewish Literature
<i>Johnson B</i>	13.12 Eschatology & Divine Justice
<i>Latrobe</i>	13.13 The Bible & Second Temple Literature
<i>Calloway A/B</i>	13.14 Zionism, the Political, & the Social
<i>Peale C</i>	13.15 Medieval & Early Modern Legal History
<i>Pickersgill</i>	13.16 Works-in-Progress Group in Jewish Studies

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
<p><b>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</b>  <b>Key 6</b></p> <p>GENERAL LUNCH</p>



# ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014

<b>GENERAL BREAKFAST</b>	<b>8:30 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Key 6</b>
<i>By prepaid reservation only</i>		
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>8:30 am – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Key Foyer</b>

Sunday

## SESSION 1, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

1.1 *Holiday 4*



### FLIPPING THE JEWISH STUDIES CLASSROOM

*Moderator:* Lori Hope Lefkovitz (Northeastern University)  
*Discussants:* Rachel Adelman (Hebrew College)  
 David M. Freidenreich (Colby College)  
 Giuseppe Prigiotti (Duke University)

1.2 *Holiday 5*

### JEWES JUDGING JEWS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

*Chair:* Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

#### Jews Judging Jews: Trials of Kapos in the Jewish Honor Court in Postwar Poland

Gabriel Natan Finder (University of Virginia)

#### Jews Denouncing Jews: Denunciations of Alleged Collaborators in Jewish Honor Courts

Katarzyna Person (Jewish Historical Institute)

#### “Wicked Victims”? Israel Tries Alleged Jewish Collaborators with the Nazis, 1950–1964

Dan Porat (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

### KEY TO ICONS:



= digital media session



= pedagogy session



= lightning session



= seminar session

1.3

Holiday 1

**YIVO AND JEWISH SOCIAL SCIENCE: THE STANDARDIZATION OF PRACTICE AND COMMUNITY***Chair:* Roberta Newman (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research)**The Joys of Yiddish Standardization: How the YIVO Linguists Reinvented the Language**

Alec Eliezer Burko (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**“Holy Collection Work”: The Relationship between YIVO and Its *Zamlers***

Sarah Zarrow (New York University)

**Creating a Comparative Social Science: Yiddish Research and African American Research on “Culture and Personality”**

Leila Zenderland (California State University–Fullerton)

*Respondent:* Cecile E. Kuznitz (Bard College)

1.4

Holiday 3

**CRITICAL CROSSROADS: JEWISH RESPONSES AND EXPERIENCES DURING THE REFUGEE CRISES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY***Chair and Respondent:* Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)**From Philanthropy to Politics: The World Jewish Congress and the Refugee Crisis of the 1930s**

Zohar Segev (University of Haifa)

**Celebrating Quanza: The Strange Voyage of the Not-So-Damned Ship of Jewish Refugees, and Its Stranger Story since**

Eric Michael Mazur (Virginia Wesleyan College)

**Beneficiaries and Benefactors: The Refugee Crisis and Moroccan Safe Haven**

Alma Rachel Heckman (University of California, Los Angeles)

**“I Could Have Mistaken Him for a Norman!”: Jews and Farming in Interwar France**

Erin Melissa Corber (University of Maine)

**In Their Words: Jewish Refugees and the French Internment Camp System**

Meredith Scott-Weaver (University of Delaware)

**The Response of the Zionist Movement and American Jewry to the Pogroms in the Ukraine, 1918–1920: A Comparative Outlook**

Gur Alroey (University of Haifa)

1.5

Key 4

**APPROACHING CONVERSO AND WESTERN SEPHARDIC HISTORY***Chair:* Flora Cassen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)**Suing across the Atlantic: Litigation by and among Jews and New Christians in Late Sixteenth- and Early Seventeenth-Century Brazil, Portugal, and Netherlands**

Daniel Strum (University of São Paulo)

**Teacher or Student?: Juan Pacheco de Leon’s Encounter with the Crypto-Jews of Mexico City**

Mayer Juni (Yeshiva University)

**The Myth of Converso Modernity**

Miriam Bodian (University of Texas)

1.6

Key 3

**WHITHER JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS?***Chair:* Ariela Keysar (Trinity College)**Religiosity, Spirituality, and Secularity among American Jewish College Students**

Barry A. Kosmin (Trinity College)

**From Generation to Generation to Generation: The Influence of Grandparents on the Jewish Identity of College Students**

Ariela Keysar (Trinity College)

**The Jewish “Talented Tenth”: The Jewish Identities of Undergraduates at Elite Institutions**

Matthew E. Boxer and Fern Chertok (Brandeis University)

1.7

Key 1

**RACE, PLACE, AND RUPTURE IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY JEWISH SOCIAL THOUGHT***Chair:* Maurice Samuels (Yale University)**Ghetto Times: Premodern, Early Modern, and Modern**

Daniel B. Schwartz (George Washington University)

**Between “Distorted Social Consciousness” and the “New Kantian Imperative”: Theories of Antisemitism in the Development of the Frankfurt School, 1928–1974**

Eric Oberle (Arizona State University)

**Between Jerusalem and the “Little Jerusalem”: Archives and Identity Politics in Postwar Germany**

Jason Lustig (University of California, Los Angeles)

1.8

Ruth

**READING, REPRESENTING, AND CREATING THE NATION: ZIONISM AND LITERATURE***Chair:* Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Jewish Peoplehood in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction: Narration and Imagined Identity in Herzl’s *Altneuland***

Amit Assis (McGill University)

**The Decline of the Kibbutz Dream in Oded Hirsch’s Hallucinatory Video Art**

Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Louisville)

**The Death of Blessed Memory: A Crisis of Israeli Secular Identity in Yaakov Shabtai’s “Departure”**

Corinne E. Blackmer (Southern Connecticut State University)

1.9

*Peale A***STUDIES IN KABBALISTIC MANUSCRIPTS***Chair:* Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**The Contribution of Medieval Manuscripts to the Understanding of the Emergence of the Kabbalah**

Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**Representing Esoteric Knowledge: Paratext in the Ashkenazic Mystical Manuscripts**

Agata Paluch (The British Library)

**An Unknown Version of Sifra Di-zni'uta**

Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv University)

1.10

*Poe A/B***MEETING POINTS IN ISRAELI DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY***Chair:* Dov Waxman (Northeastern University)**Bahā'is and Jews in the Holy Land, 1917–1957: Symbiosis and Scholarship**

D. Gershon Lewental (University of Oklahoma)

**The Establishment and Dissolution of a Separate Christian Arab Unit in the Israel Defense Forces, 1955–1956**

Randall Stafford Geller (University of Toronto)

**The "Lavon Affair," the Peace Process, and Power Politics: THE Turning Point in Israeli History?**

Jerome A. Chanes (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

1.11

*Johnson A***LEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS OF GENDER AND MARRIAGE***Chair:* Eliyana R. Adler (Pennsylvania State University)**A Jurisprudential Quandary: Jewish Marriage in Postseparation France**

Zvi Jonathan Kaplan (Touro College)

**'Agunot in Eastern Europe and North America, 1900–1914**

Haim Sperber (Western Galilee College)

**Difference and the Modern State: Debates on the Emancipation of Jews and Women**

Christine Achinger (University of Warwick)

**Navigating the Civil and Religious Worlds: Jewish Marriage and Divorce in France and the United States, 1880s–1930s**

Geraldine Guddefin (Brandeis University)

1.12

Johnson B

**ETHICS AND THEOLOGY***Chair:* Cass Fisher (University of South Florida)**Catholic Hopes for Changes in Post-Shoah Jewish Theologies of Christianity**

Adam Gregerman (Saint Joseph's University)

**Human-Animal Relations and the Theological Significance of the Rabbinic Concept of the Image of God: From Classical Sources to Contemporary Culture**

Daniel Haskell Weiss (University of Cambridge)

**Love in Jewish Feminist Theology: A Maternalist Intervention**

Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)

**Moral Philosophy in the Bible: The Ethics of Deception**

Shira Weiss (Yeshiva University)

1.13

Latrobe

**SHAPING EARLIER SOURCES: FROM BIBLE TO BAVLI***Chair:* Judith Hauptman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)***Bat Kol* in Post-Tannaitic Documents: Tradition and Innovation**

Jay Rovner (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Torah and Folk Wisdom: Proverbs in the Babylonian Talmud**

Jonathan Pomeranz (Yale University)

**Contested Notions of *Lashon Ha-ra'* among the Early Rabbis**

Charles Bernsen (University of Memphis)

1.14

Armistead

**ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM: THEORY, HOLOCAUST STUDIES, AND POSTCOLONIALISM (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Scott Ury (Tel Aviv University)

*Participants:* Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College), Arie M. Dubnov (University of Haifa), Sol Goldberg (University of Toronto), Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa), Ilse Josepha Lazaroms (Center for Jewish History), Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Purdue University), Kalman Weiser (York University), Hannah Pollin-Galay (Tel Aviv University), Julie Kalman (Monash University), Bryan H. Cheyette (University of Reading), Hanan Harif (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), David Feldman (Birkbeck, University of London), Isabel Enzenbach (Technische Universität Berlin), Felix Axster (Technische Universität Berlin)

*Daily seminar schedule available at Registration Desk and at [ajsnet.org](http://ajsnet.org).*

## SESSION 2, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

2.1 Holiday 4**MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS: CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS***Moderator:* Moshe Rosman (Bar-Ilan University)*Discussants:* Samuel D. Kassow (Trinity College)  
Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)  
Shana Penn (Graduate Theological Union)  
Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)  
Adam Teller (Brown University)2.2 Holiday 5**GLOBAL CONFLICTS, LOCAL PEACE: JEWISH-MUSLIM RELATIONS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD***Chair:* Andrea Dara Cooper (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)**Jews and Muslims Down Under: The Untold Story**

Dvir Abramovich (University of Melbourne)

**Importing Conflict: Jewish-Muslim Relations in Contemporary Russia**

Kiril Feferman (Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center)

**“There Are No Terrorists in My Village”: Negotiating Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia**

Yulia Egorova (Durham University)

**Breaking the Silence of the Shoah in Palestinian Society: A Jewish Response**

Yudit K. Greenberg (Rollins College)

2.3 Holiday 1**TEACHING GLÜCKEL***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* Bernice A. Heilbrunn (University of Houston)*Discussants:* Judith R. Baskin (University of Oregon)  
Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)  
Bernard D. Cooperman (University of Maryland)  
Robin E. Judd (The Ohio State University)  
Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)2.4 Holiday 3**POWER AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY PORTUGUESE RABBINATE***Chair:* Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)**Beyond the Rabbinic Curriculum: Secular Education in Jewish Amsterdam**

Aaron L. Katchen (Brandeis University)

**Who was a Ḥakham? The Differentiation of Scholarly Status in the *Talmud Torah* Community of Amsterdam**

Anne Albert (University of Pennsylvania)

**Rabbi Jacob Sasportas and the Ets Haim Yesiba**

Yaacob Dweck (Princeton University)

2.5

Key 4

**WAR AND NATIONALISM: SEPHARDIM/MIZRAHIM IN BETWEEN***Chair:* Devi Mays (University of Michigan)**A Tale of Segregation: The Story of Sephardic-Mizrahi Settlements in Colonial Palestine**

Yehuda Sharim (Rice University)

**Defining Displacement: The Politics of Arab Jewish Refugee Discourse**

Shayna Zamkane (University of Chicago)

**Jews of the East and Zionism: A. S. Yahuda in Spain and a Lesson from World War I**

Saeko Yazaki (University of Glasgow)

**Being an Ottoman Citizen in a Time of Ambivalence: The Case of Jewish Immigrants during the Last Decades of the Ottoman Empire**

Yeliz Baloğlu Cengay (Brandeis University)

2.6

Key 3

**IS THERE A "LEGAL TURN" IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY?***Moderator:* Dana Hollander (McMaster University)*Discussants:* Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

Yonatan Yisrael Brafman (Princeton University)

Paul W. Franks (Yale University)

Vivian Liska (University of Antwerp)

Randi Lynn Rashkover (George Mason University)

2.7

Key 1

**WHAT DOES LEARNING LOOK LIKE IN JEWISH STUDIES?***Chair:* Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University)**Teenagers Studying Talmud in *Havruta*: Learning to Be a Reader of a Culture**

Sharon Avni (Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY)

**Can Students Learn to Read Painful Rabbinic Texts in Redemptive Ways?**

Sarra Lev (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

**Learning to Read the Bible Critically**

Jon A. Levisohn (Brandeis University)

2.8

Ruth

**PNEUMATIC AND BODILY EXPERIENCES IN JEWISH MYSTICISM***Chair:* Pinchas Giller (American Jewish University)**Radical Self-Flagellation in Sixteenth-Century Safed: Fact or Fiction?**

Patrick Benjamin Koch (University of Hamburg)

**Three Maggidim**

Matt Goldish (The Ohio State University)

**A Second Existence: A. Almi, Spiritualism, and the Search for a Secular Jewish Mysticism**

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

**Wine Drinking in Hasidism: A Kabbalistic Practice?**

Vadim Putzu (Missouri State University)

2.9

Peale A

**LANGUAGES AND LITERARY PRAXIS***Chair:* Alan Astro (Trinity University)**"At Home in Distorted Life": Kafka and Benjamin on Yiddish and Translation**

Roni Henig (Columbia University)

**Quotation Theory and Jewish Praxis**

Michael Marmor (HUC-JIR)

**"Dem Bukh, Vos Er Hot Geshribn Vi a Yid un Argentin'er": Reading the Yiddish Afterlife of Alberto Gerchunoff's *Los Gauchos Judios***

Joanna Beth Meadvin (University of California, Santa Cruz)

**Filling Lexical Voids in the Film *Fill the Void***

Shira Leibowitz Schmidt (Michlalah Jerusalem College)

2.10

Poe A/B

**CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS EXPLORING WOMEN IN TANAKH AND TALMUD***Moderator:* Vivian Beth Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary)*Discussants:* Matthew Baigell (Rutgers University)

Richard McBee (Jewish Art Salon)

Ben Schachter (Saint Vincent College)

Ruth Weisberg (University of Southern California)

2.11

Johnson A

**AMERICAN JEWRY AND ISRAEL***Chair:* Emily Alice Katz (University of California, Irvine)**My Cheese Guy: How Relationships and Interactions with Israelis Influence American Rabbinic Identity Formation**

Katherine Light Soloway (Boston University)

**The Origins of the Redemption in Occupied Suburbia? Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and the Jewish American Makings of the West Bank Settlement of Efrat, 1973–2014**

Sara Yael Hirschhorn (University of Oxford)

**The Three Fs' *Shtadlanut* on Capitol Hill: A Perspective on the Influences of Abraham Feinberg, Myer Feldman, and Max Fisher on US-Israel Relations**

Natan Aridan (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

2.12

Johnson B

**THE BIBLE IN ITS ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CONTEXT***Chair:* Jonathan Kaplan (University of Texas)**Dinah, Priestly Victim**

Alison Joseph (Villanova University)

**The Autonomous Curse in Zechariah 5:1–4 and Assyro-Babylonian Incantations**

Isabel Cranz (University of Pennsylvania)

**The Creation of Historical Narrative in the Biblical Book of Chronicles: The War of Jehoshaphat**

Shawn Zelig Aster (Bar-Ilan University)



2.13

*Latrobe***THE COMPOSITION OF RABBINIC TEXTS***Chair and Respondent:* Jonathan Milgram (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**"Halakhah Circumvents Scripture": The Dispute between the Schools of R. Ishmael and R. Akiva on the Legitimacy of Midrashic Methods**

Assaf Rosen-Zvi (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Versions and Variations: A New Window on How the Bavli Was Shaped by Its Sources**

Joshua Cahan (Solomon Schechter School of Westchester)

**You Told It Wrong: Locally Modified Stories in the Babylonian Talmud**

Daniel Rosenberg (New York University)

**Orality and the Two Voices of the Talmud**

Ari Bergmann (Columbia University)

2.14

*Calloway A/B***PURPOSE AT THE COSMIC AND HUMAN LEVELS: MAIMONIDES ON CREATION, MITZVOT, AND MIDDOT***Chair and Respondent:* Yehuda Halper (Tulane University)**Does the Universe Have a Purpose? Abravanel's Solution to a Maimonidean Problem**

Daniel Davies (University of Cambridge)

**Parables, *Peshat*, Prescriptions, and the Purpose of the *Guide for the Perplexed***

Lawrence J. Kaplan (McGill University)

**Maimonides on Perfecting Perfection**

Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)

2.15

*Peale C***BEYOND *DI KLASSIKER*: AMPLIFYING THE YIDDISH CANON***Chair:* Marsha Dubrow (The Graduate Center, CUNY)**Failed Messiah: *Der Golem* and the Question of Redemption**

Melissa Sarah Weininger (Rice University)

**Raising Red Cavalrymen and Red Greenhorns: Politics and Poetics in Yiddish Children's Literature**

Miriam Udel (Emory University)

**Shared Glances and Mixed Dancing: Figuring Dance as a Literary Motif in *Opatoshu* and *Shtok***

Sonia Gollance (University of Pennsylvania)

**"*Mi Segunda Patria*": Languages and Homelands in the Yiddish Hatuey**

Rachel Rubinstein (Hampshire College)

2.16

Pickersgill

**JEWES IN POSTWAR AMERICA, 1945–1965: NEW APPROACHES (MEETING 1)***Chairs:* Rachel Gordan (University of Toronto)

Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)

*Discussants:* Rachel Kranson (University of Pittsburgh), Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University), Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University), Jodi Eichler-Levine (University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh), Dean Franco (Wake Forest University), Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University), Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan), Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

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<b>AJS BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>12:45 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<i>Tubman B</i>
<b>EXHIBITS</b> <i>(List of Exhibitors, p. 89)</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 7:15 pm</b>	<i>Exhibit Hall Key Ballroom</i>
<b>GENERAL LUNCH</b> <i>By prepaid reservation only</i>	<b>1:15 pm – 2:15 pm</b>	<i>Key 6</i>
<b>AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>1:15 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<i>Carroll A/B</i>

**SESSION 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014      2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

3.1

Holiday 4

**NEW JEWISH MUSEUMS IN POST-COMMUNIST EUROPE***Chair:* David Shneer (University of Colorado–Boulder)

**Theatre of History: Evolution of the Core Exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews**

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

**Jews in Museums: Narratives of Nation and “Jewishness” in Post-Communist Hungarian Public Memory**

Anna Manchin (University of Toronto)

**Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow: Old Wine in New Bottles?**

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

3.2

*Holiday 5***AFRICAN AMERICAN ANTISEMITISM AND PHILOSEMITISM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY***Chair and Respondent:* Jonathan Karp (Binghamton University, SUNY)**Prejudice and Respect: Alain Locke and the Jews**

David Weinfeld (Queens College, CUNY)

**They Cared a “Bunche”: Ralph Bunche and Israel's Place in the History of Black Philosemitism**

Gabrielle Alissa Goldberg (New York University)

**Jesse Jackson, the Left, and the Antisemitism Crisis of 1984**

Robert Greene (University of South Carolina)

3.3

*Holiday 1***ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: EXPERIENCES, RESPONSES, NARRATIVES***Chair:* Samuel D. Kassow (Trinity College)**Gendered Narrative of Violence during Pogroms in Ukraine**

Irina Astashkevich (Brandeis University)

**Explaining the Pogroms of 1941 in Eastern Poland**

Jeffrey Kopstein (University of Toronto)

**“There Is Human Blood in the Synagogue!”: A Ritual Murder Accusation in Lviv, 1945**

Elissa Bemporad (Queens College, CUNY)

**Choice and Survival: Jewish Behavior during the Holocaust**

Evgeny Finkel (George Washington University)

3.4

*Holiday 3***THE ORAL AND WRITTEN WORD IN THE EARLY SPREAD OF HASIDISM***Chair:* Arthur Green (Hebrew College)**“Beyond the Letters”: Orality and the Limits of Language in the Sermons of R. Dov Baer of Mezritch**

Ariel Mayse (Harvard University)

**Spatial Theory in Early Hasidism**

Uriel Gellman (Bar-Ilan University)

**The Tzaddik as Performer: Hasidic Oral Teachings in Context**

Gadi Sagiv (The Open University of Israel)

**“My Children Have Defeated Me”: Divine Limitation and Mystical Activism in the *Kedushat Levi***

Or Rose (Hebrew College)

3.5

Key 4

**AMERICAN HAREDI ORTHODOXY IN TRANSITION***Chair:* Samuel Heilman (Queens College, CUNY)**Beyond Sectarianism: The Realignment of American Orthodox Judaism**

Adam S. Ferziger (Bar-Ilan University)

***Frum* Unity, *Frum* Diversity: The Orthodox Continuum in Popular Culture**

Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)

**Lakewood and Current Trends in American Ultra-Orthodoxy**

Moshe Krakowski (Yeshiva University)

**The *Kiruv* Industry, the Internet, and the Ultra-Orthodox in New York**

Ayala Fader (Fordham University)

3.6

Key 3

**THE USE OF THE SELF IN THE CLASSROOM***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* Katja Vehlow (University of South Carolina)*Discussants:* Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University)

Natalia Aleksium (Touro College)

Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Temple University)

Devorah Schoenfeld (Loyola University Chicago)

3.7

Key 1

**JEWISH POLITICS, JEWISH THOUGHT***Chair:* Randi Lynn Rashkover (George Mason University)**Law and Religious Freedom: Implications of the Jew's Free School Case**

Louis P. Blond (University of Cape Town)

**When German Patriotism Shaped Jewish Law: Rabbi David Tsvi Hoffmann's Attitude toward Military Service**

Emmanuel Bloch (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Could Israel Have Been a Theocracy?**

Alexander Kaye (The Ohio State University)

3.8

Ruth

**THE FUTURE OF YIDDISH STUDIES***Moderator:* Eitan Kensky (Harvard University)*Discussants:* Ofer Dynes (Harvard University)

Ester-Basya Vaisman Schulman (Hampshire College / Yiddish Book Center)

Zohar Eeda Weiman-Kelman (University of Toronto)

Saul Zaritt (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

3.9

Peale A

**AMERICAN JEWISH POLITICS***Chair:* Ronit Stahl (Washington University in St. Louis)**How Big Is the Tent? The Political Boundaries of the American Jewish Community**

Dov Waxman (Northeastern University)

**The Structure of Political Divisions among American Jews**

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Jewish Federations of North America)

**The US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Conflict in the Middle East**

Paul Burstein (University of Washington)

3.10

Poe A/B

**DISPLAYING AMERICAN JEWISH IDENTITY VIA SCULPTURE, SANCTUARY, AND STAGE***Chair:* Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville)**Jewish Art for Modern Architecture: Amalie Rothschild, Percival Goodman, and the Tactics of Accommodation at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 1950-1952**

Jeremy Kargon (Morgan State University)

**Modern Jewesses: The Biblical Heroine and Feminism in American Dance**

Rebecca Rossen (University of Texas)

**Moses Jacob Ezekiel's *Religious Liberty* (1876) and the Jewish American Experience**

Samantha Baskind (Cleveland State University)

3.11

Johnson A

**RABBINIC TEXTS IN COMPARATIVE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE***Chair:* Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)**Reinventing Enoch in Sasanian Babylonia in Light of Zoroastrian and Manichaean Traditions**

Yishai Kiel (Yale University)

**The Mesopotamian Talmud: Good Demons and Evil Gods in Rabbinic, Zoroastrian, Manichean, and Babylonian Textual Traditions**

Sara Ronis (Yale University)

**Jerome, Josephus and Bereshit Rabbah: Comparative Study in Service of Textual Criticism**

Yifat Chaya Monnickendam (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- 3.12 *Johnson B*  
**YOUTH, CULTURE, AND POLITICS AMONG POLISH JEWS IN THE 1930S**  
*Chair:* Scott Ury (Tel Aviv University)  
**Faithful but Transgressive? Political Consciousness and Patterns of Cultural Consumption among Jewish Youth in Interwar Poland**  
 Kamil Kijek (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
**Politics across Borders: Mapai and the Mobilization of Polish Jewish Youth**  
 Rona Yona (Tel Aviv University)  
**Terror on the Jewish Street? Poland's Zionist Press on Violence, Generational Conflict, and the Limits of Youth Politics**  
 Daniel Kupfert Heller (McGill University)  
*Respondent:* Kenneth B. Moss (Johns Hopkins University)
- 3.13 *Latrobe*  
**THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF JEWISH FICTION IN NORTH AMERICA**  
*Chair:* Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)  
**What We Talk about When We Talk about American Jewish Literature**  
 Mark Shechner (Independent Scholar)  
**Contemporary American Jewish Writers and the Literary Return to the Shoah**  
 Victoria Aarons (Trinity University)  
**The Use of Midrash in Recent Wallant Award-Winning Novels**  
 Ezra Cappell (University of Texas–El Paso)
- 3.14 *Calloway A/B*  
**JEWS, CHRISTIANS, AND CONNECTIONS IN EARLY MODERN ITALY**  
*Chair:* Adam B. Shear (University of Pittsburgh)  
**The Apologetic Purpose of Messer Leon's Hebrew Rhetoric**  
 Arthur M. Lesley (Towson University)  
**The Sausage in the Jews' Pantry: Food and Jewish-Christian Relations in Renaissance Italy**  
 Flora Cassen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
**The City of Science: Padua and Its Jewish Medical Society**  
 Debra Glasberg (Columbia University)  
**Shmuel Bukh after Italy: Renaissance Editing and the Rabbinic Intertext**  
 Rachel A. Wamsley (University of California, Berkeley)
- 3.15 *Peale C*  
**ISRAEL IN THE THIRD WORLD: ZIONIST EXPERTISE AND DEVELOPMENT AID TO AFRICA IN THE 1960S**  
*Chair:* Daniel J. Schroeter (University of Minnesota)  
**Paving the Road to Africa: Solel Boneh and *Haluziyut* in Israeli-African Relations**  
 Ayala Levin (Columbia University)  
**Israel Eyeing Africa: National Identity and New Frontiers of Ocular Expertise**  
 Anat Mooreville (University of California, Los Angeles)  
**In the Naḥal Settlement in Africa: Zionism and Pioneering in the Jungle**  
 Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
*Respondent:* Yehuda Sharim (Rice University)

3.16

Armistead

**SEMINAR: ARCHIVING MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE (MEETING 1)***Chair:* Adriana X. Jacobs (University of Oxford)

*Discussants:* Adriana X. Jacobs (University of Oxford), Barbara E. Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University), Lilach Nethanel (Bar-Ilan University), Giddon Ticotsky (Stanford University), Sunny Yudkoff (Harvard University), Tamar S. Hess (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)

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3.17

Pickersgill

**GRADUATE STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PANEL**

*Moderators:* Pinchas Giller (American Jewish University), Howard Lupovitch (Wayne State University), Joshua Schreier (Vassar College), Michael Swartz (The Ohio State University)

**Colonial Citizens / Colonial Subjects: Rethinking Representations of Jewish-Muslim Relations during the Algerian Revolution, 1954–1962**

Sara Traci Jay (Washington University in St. Louis)

**Sectarian History and Biblical Exegesis: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Pesharim**

Matthew David Hom (New York University)

**Social Justice and Identity: The Reconstruction of Jewish Identity among Jewish Young Adults in Hungary**

Gergo Vaczi (Eotvos Lorand University / Utrecht University)

**Taking Evil Personally: Luzzatto's Ethical-Mystical Teleology as an Exposition of Rambam**

Alexander Seinfeld (Towson University)

**Tracing Patterns of Diasporic Culture: Henna, Minhag, and Halakhah**

Noam Sienna (University of Toronto)

**"I Sing to God with All That I Can": Striving for Intensity and the Intensity of Striving in the Writings of Rebbe Nahman of Bratslav**

Joshua Simon Schwartz (New York University)

**"Jewish Adjustment" and the Professionalization of Jewish Social Work**

Avigail S. Oren (Carnegie Mellon University)

**The Anti-Zionism of Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum and the Convergence of German Neo-Orthodoxy and Hungarian Ultra-Orthodoxy**

Moshe Y. Miller (Yeshiva University)

## SESSION 4, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

4.1 Holiday 6**PASSING AND ASSIMILATION IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY***Chair:* Jay Geller (Case Western Reserve University)**Assimilation, Jewish Identity, and Polish Nationalism in the Nineteenth Century**

Karen Auerbach (Monash University / University of North Carolina)

**“I Never Pretend That I’m Not Jewish”: Debates over Name Changing and Passing in the United States after World War II**

Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University)

**Semite Like Me: When Gentiles Pose as Jews**

Elliot Ashley Ratzman (Temple University)

**Gender and Passing in *Die Stadt ohne Juden***

Lisa Silverman (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee)

**The Ambivalent Valences of Passing in Recent Jewish American Fiction**

Jennifer Glaser (University of Cincinnati)

4.2 Holiday 4**MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL LECTURE***Sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ)**Chair:* Steven M. Cohen (HUC–JIR)**American Jewishness Today: Identity and Transmissibility in an Open World**

Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)

*Respondents:* Sergio DellaPergola (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
 Bethamie Horowitz (New York University)  
 Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt University)

4.3 Holiday 5**THE FOUNDATION, CURRICULUM, AND PEDAGOGY OF AMSTERDAM’S ETS HAIM YESIBA***Chair:* Matt Goldish (The Ohio State University)**The Founding and Pedagogy of Ets Haim**

Julia R. Lieberman (Saint Louis University)

**Books from the East in Schools of the West: Rabbinic Education in Ex-  
Converso Amsterdam**

Benjamin Fisher (Towson University)

**How the Netherlands Produced *Poskim***

Daniel Frances (University of Toronto)

4.4 Holiday 1**PH.D.S ACROSS THE PROFESSIONS: CAREERS OUTSIDE OF ACADEMIA***Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies**Moderator:* Rona Sheramy (Association for Jewish Studies)

*Discussants:* Joshua Cahan (Solomon Schechter School of Westchester)  
 Stephen Kidd (National Humanities Alliance)  
 Emily Swafford (American Historical Association)



4.5

Holiday 3

**PERFORMANCE, RESISTANCE, WRITING: RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST***Chair:* Daniel H. Magilow (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)**“Good” and “Bad” Performance in the Warsaw Ghetto**

Michael C. Steinlauf (Gratz College)

**Rescue as Resistance: The *Kashariyot* in the Jewish Resistance Who Saved Jews on the “Aryan Side” in Nazi-Occupied Poland**

Lenore J. Weitzman (George Mason University)

**Linguistics and Translation in a Holocaust-Era Diary**

Gabriel Mayer (University of Haifa)

4.6

Key 4

**VISUAL ART TRANSMITTING AND SUBVERTING JEWISH TEXT: HELÈNE AYLON’S “THE G-D PROJECT”****A Performance/Analysis***Featured Artist:* Hélène Aylon*Moderator:* Deborah J. Glanzberg-Krainin (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)*Discussant:* Sally A. Gottesman (Moving Traditions)  
Lori Hope Lefkowitz (Northeastern University)  
Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)

4.7

Key 3

**INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM: REWARDS AND CHALLENGES***Moderator:* Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)*Discussants:* Marc Caplan (Center for Jewish History)  
Jeremy Asher Dauber (Columbia University)  
Ato Quayson (University of Toronto)  
Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)  
Kalman Weiser (York University)

4.8

Key 1

**LIMINAL IDENTITIES AT A TIME OF WAR: JEWISH REFUGEES, PROTECTED SUBJECTS, AND ALIENS***Chair:* Lisa Leff (American University)**Jewish Refugees in Lisbon, the “Port of Last Resort,” 1941–45**

Marion Kaplan (New York University)

**Becoming National, Turning Transnational: The Jews of Salonica and the Politics of Refugee Relief, 1912–1922**

Paris Papamichos Chronakis (Brown University)

**Citizens of a Fictional Nation**

Sarah Abrevaya Stein (University of California, Los Angeles)

*Respondent:* Jeffrey Veidlinger (University of Michigan)

4.9

*Ruth***JEWS IN LATE ANTIQUITY: PERSPECTIVES OF LAW, ART, AND IMPERIAL POLICY***Chair:* Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)**The Constitutio Antoniniana as a Catalyst of the Rabbinic Movement**

Joshua Ezra Burns (Marquette University)

**The Jews of Syrian Antioch and Emperor Julian's Pagan Program**

Ari Finkelstein (University of Cincinnati)

**Timing and Context: Why Did Jewish Art Flourish in Late Antiquity?**

Lee I. Levine (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

4.10

*Peale A***THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION OF KABBALISTIC TRADITIONS***Chair:* Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv University)**The Medical Microcosm in Kabbalah**

Marla Segol (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

**Esotericism and Divine Unity in Early Kabbalah**

Jonathan Dauber (Yeshiva University)

**The Use of Sacred Names in the Later Strata of the Zohar**

Pinchas Giller (American Jewish University)

**Two Theologies of Evil: The Zohar and Ma'arekhet Ha'Elohut**

Andrea Gondos (Tel Aviv University)

4.11

*Poe A/B***ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER IN THE ANCIENT WORLD***Chair:* Sarra Lev (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)**"Grandchildren/Grandsons Are Considered Children/Sons" (Tosfeta****Yevamot 8:4): Gendered and Nongendered Amoraic Readings of a Tannaitic Tradition**

Aaron Amit (Bar-Ilan University)

**The Social Boundaries of Gender: The Epicene as Obscene**

Andrew W. Higginbotham (HUC-JIR)

**Adultery for the Rabbis and the Romans**

Matthew A. Boersma (HUC-JIR)

4.12

*Johnson A***WHO SPEAKS FOR THE JEWS? UNCONVENTIONAL CLAIMS ABOUT THE JEWS AS RELIGION AND NATION***Chair:* Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)**Emancipating the Jewess: Queen Esther's Unfinished Business in Modern France**

Katherine D. Eade Guenoun (University of Wisconsin)

**Countering Zionism: Agudas Yisroel between Religious Affiliations and the Nation**

Daniel Mahla (Israel Institute)

**Religious Tensions within Zionist Thought: Judaism and Islam**

Hanan Harif (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**The PLO and the Pittsburgh Platform: Palestinian Nationalism's Reform Judaism**

Jonathan Gribetz (Princeton University)

4.13

Johnson B

**MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT/PHILOSOPHY AND THE POLITICS OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES***Chair and Respondent:* Aaron W. Hughes (University of Rochester)**Has Jewish Thought Ever Been “Modern”? Periodization and Queer Temporality**

Larisa Reznik (University of Chicago)

**Justifying Normativity in Modern Jewish Thought**

Martin Kavka (Florida State University)

**The Orientalist Foundations of Modern Jewish Thought**

Robert A. Erlewine (Illinois Wesleyan University)

4.14

Latrobe

**TEACHING HEBREW IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TODAY: CHALLENGES, PRACTICES, AND THE PROFESSION***Moderator:* Shiri Goren (Yale University)*Discussants:* Dror Abend-David (University of Florida)

Ronit Engel (University of Pennsylvania)

Naama Harel (Emory University)

Rina Kreitman (Columbia University)

Vardit Ringvald (Institute for the Advancement of Hebrew)

4.15

Calloway A/B

**JEWISH LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD***Chair:* Norman A. Stillman (University of Oklahoma)**Language Variation in Algerian Judeo-Arabic**

Ofra Tirosh-Becker (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**“The Chain Will Tear Us Apart”: The Case of the Judeo-Provençal “Confonant Sift”**

Adam Strich (Harvard University)

**The Treatment of Homonyms in Hebrew Lexicography in the Middle Ages: Between Yonah ibn Janāḥ and Joseph ibn Kaspi**

Moshe Kahan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

4.16

Peale C

**SOCRATES, PHILOSOPHERS, AND KINGS IN MEDIEVAL JEWISH PHILOSOPHY***Chair:* Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)**Socrates, Divine Worship, and the Good Ruler in Part 3 of Halevi’s *Kuzari***

Yehuda Halper (Tulane University)

**Gersonides’s Allegory of Moses as Critique of the Philosopher-King**

Alexander Green (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

**Statesman and Law in Book 1 of Joseph Albo’s *Sefer Ha-‘ikarim***

Seth Appelbaum (Tulane University)

*Respondent:* Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 EVENING PROGRAM

**WELCOME RECEPTION****6:00 pm – 7:00 pm***Exhibit Hall  
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Madeleine H. Berman Foundation. Open to all conference registrants.***UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
RECEPTION****6:00 pm – 7:00 pm***Tubman**Honoring Larry and Judy Tanenbaum for their support of the Centre for Jewish Studies.  
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8:15 pm

Key 5 – 6

*Introductory Remarks:* Pamela Nadell, AJS Vice President for Program  
 (American University)  
 Rona Sheramy (Association for Jewish Studies)

*Presidential Address:* “Whither Jewish Studies? The 2014 AJS Survey of the Field”  
 Jonathan D. Sarna, AJS President (Brandeis University)

## FILM

9:15 pm

Holiday 2

### IDA

*Introductory Remarks:* Sara Horowitz (York University)  
*Directed by* Pawel Pawlikowski (2013), 82 minutes. Polish with English subtitles.  
*Distributor:* Music Box Films. See film description on p. 87.

## JORDAN SCHNITZER

9:15 pm

Key 1

### BOOK AWARD RECEPTION

*Honoring the 2014 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award recipients and honorable mentions.*  
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## RECEPTION IN HONOR

9:15 pm

Tubman

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

<b>WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST</b>	<b>7:00 am – 8:30 am</b>	<i>Key 5</i>
<b>AJS REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>7:00 am – 8:30 am</b>	<i>Marshall</i>
<b>GENERAL BREAKFAST</b> <i>By prepaid reservation only</i>	<b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b>	<i>Key 6</i>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>8:30 am – 6:00 pm</b>	<i>Key Foyer</i>
<b>EXHIBITS</b> <i>(List of Exhibitors, p. 89)</i>	<b>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<i>Exhibit Hall Key Ballroom</i>

Sunday

Monday

## SESSION 5, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

5.1

*Holiday 6***HEALTH, ILLNESS, AND JEWISH STUDIES: A TRANSNATIONAL APPROACH***Chair:* Robert Moses Shapiro (Brooklyn College, CUNY)**Selling Tzedakah: Jewish Disability and Fundraising Appeals from Palestine**

Susanna Danielle Klosko (Brandeis University)

**Bodily Regeneration in Zionism and Irish Nationalism**

Aidan Joseph Beatty (University of Chicago)

**Seeing Syphilis in the Bible: Modern Diagnosis of an “Ancient” Disease**

Mitchell B. Hart (University of Florida)

**The Hekdesh: Home for the Infirm of Jewish Eastern Europe**

Natan M. Meir (Portland State University)

5.2

*Holiday 4***JEWISH ARTISTS NEGOTIATING THE CREATIVE MARKETPLACE***Chair:* Samantha Baskind (Cleveland State University)**Drawing Jews: The Jewish Presence in the Soviet Animation Industry**

Maya Balakirsky Katz (Touro College)

**The Theater Sets of Boris Aronson: Pathos and Passion of Modern Life**

Lauren B. Strauss (George Washington University)

**Jewish-Muslim Romance in French Film**

Shaina Judith Hammerman (Graduate Theological Union)

5.3

*Holiday 5***LEVINAS STUDIES***Chair:* Kenneth R. Seeskin (Northwestern University)**Ethics against Politics: Levinas and the Refusal of Political Theology**

Benjamin Stahlberg (Colgate University)

**Judaism and the Politics of Solidarity: Levinas, Apophasis, and Self-Sacrifice**

Charles H. T. Lesch (Harvard University)

**Levinas and Kant: The Primacy of Ethics**

Richard A. Cohen (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

5.4

*Holiday 1***JEWISH MOTHERHOOD: CULTURAL IMAGES AND PRACTICES FROM ANTIQUITY TO MODERNITY***Sponsored by the AJS Women’s Caucus**Moderator:* Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)*Discussants:* Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)

Melissa R. Klapper (Rowan University)

Sharon Faye Koren (HUC-JIR)

Caryn Tamber-Rosenau (Vanderbilt University)

Wendy Zierler (HUC-JIR)

5.5

Holiday 3

**JEWISH HISTORY AND JEWISH HISTORICAL IMAGINATION**

*Chair and Respondent:* Benjamin Fisher (Towson University)

**Ephemeral Texts and Material Memory: Prague Processions of the Early Eighteenth Century and Local Jewish Historical Imagination**

Rachel Greenblatt (Harvard University)

**The Meaning of Medieval Persecution in the Third Reich**

Eugene R. Sheppard (Brandeis University)

**Khazars in the Hungarian Jewish Imagination**

Michael Laurence Miller (Central European University)

**The Shift in Authority Paradigms among Jewish Historians**

Bernard D. Cooperman (University of Maryland)

5.6

Key 4

**A CASE STUDY FOR THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES: THE DIGITAL YIDDISH**



**THEATRE PROJECT (#digitalyiddish)**

*Moderator:* Debra Caplan (Baruch College, CUNY)

*Discussants:* Zachary M. Baker (Stanford University)  
 Barbara Henry (University of Washington)  
 Faith Jones (University of British Columbia)  
 Amanda Seigel (New York Public Library)  
 Michael C. Steinlauf (Gratz College)

5.7

Key 3

**NEW DIRECTIONS IN FRENCH JEWISH HISTORY**

*Moderator:* Daniella Doron (Monash University)

*Discussants:* Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)  
 Lisa Leff (American University)  
 Maurice Samuels (Yale University)  
 Joshua Schreier (Vassar College)

5.8

Key 1

**LAW, POLITICS, AND THE NATION IN LATE IMPERIAL AUSTRIA**

*Chair and Respondent:* Hillel J. Kieval (Washington University in St. Louis)

**An Enduring Alliance: Jews and German Liberals in Moravia, 1867–1918**

Marsha L. Rozenblit (University of Maryland)

**Law, Culture, and Jews in Fin de Siècle Austria: Baron Moritz Koenigswarter, Joseph Samuel Bloch, and the *Religionsgesetz* of 1890**

Jess Olson (Yeshiva University)

**The Jewish Club: Negotiating Nationhood in the Austrian Parliament**

Joshua Shanes (College of Charleston)



5.9

Ruth

**REFLECTIONS ON HASIDIC THOUGHT***Chair:* Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)**Reflection on an Early Hasidic Cosmic Tree—'Ilan: MS #–4 from the Wm Gross Collection**

Menachem Emanuel Kallus (University of Haifa)

**Kabbalah in the Thought of the Tosher Rebbe**

Justin Jaron Lewis (University of Manitoba)

**Non-Jews in the Redemptive Project of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liady, the Founder of Chabad**

Wojciech Tworek (University College London)

**Matzah, Manna, and Cities of Refuge: Decontextualization in Hasidic Homily Texts**

Aryeh J. Wineman (Independent Scholar)

5.10

Peale A

**AMERICANS, ONLY MORE SO?: A NEW LOOK AT AMERICAN JEWISH DISTINCTIVENESS***Chair:* Shuly Rubin Schwartz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**"I'm Not White, I'm Jewish": Patterns of American Jewish Distinctiveness over Time**

Shira Fishman (Brandeis University) and Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University)

**American Jewish Converts and the Formation of a New American Judaism**

Genevieve Okada Goldstone (University of California, San Diego)

**Revisiting Assimilation: Implications for Studying Identity and Culture among Contemporary American Jews**

Bethamie Horowitz (New York University)

5.11

Poe A/B

**ACTS OF MEMORY IN HOLOCAUST LITERATURE AND YIZKOR BOOKS***Chair and Respondent:* Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern University)**Before Auschwitz: Babi Yar and Holocaust Literature in the Soviet Union**

Naya Lekht (University of California, Los Angeles)

**The Voyage of the Author Binyamin Tenenboim (Tene) to Poland following the Holocaust**

Raquel Stepak (Tel Aviv University)

**Will the Holocaust Please Hush?: Social and Historical Incongruity in Savyon Liebrecht's "Hayuta's Engagement Party"**

Corinne E. Blackmer (Southern Connecticut State University)

**Memory as Art—Art as Memory in Yizkor Books**

Michlean Lowy Amir (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

**Rachel Auerbach's Pursuit for Yizkor on Behalf of Polish Jewry**

Rosemary Horowitz (Appalachian State University)

**Leopold Buczkowski's *Black Torrent*: A Yizkor Book for the Shtetl**

Rachel F. Brenner (University of Wisconsin)

5.12

*Johnson A***THE VARIETIES AND IDEOLOGIES OF AMERICAN ORTHODOXY***Chair:* Alan T. Levenson (University of Oklahoma)**American Orthodox Engagement with Evolution in the 1960s and '70s**

Rachel Schulder Abrams Pear (Bar-Ilan University)

**Fiddling with the Rules: Shlomo Carlebach Playing on the Margin of the Jewish Orthodox World**

Moshe David HaCohen (University of Haifa)

**Programming for Professionals: The Organization of Orthodox Outreach in America**

Ariel Stein (Brandeis University)

**Rabbi Jacob Joseph (1840–1902): Revisited, Reconsidered, Recontextualized**

Kimmy Caplan (Bar-Ilan University)

5.13

*Johnson B***MEDIEVAL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION***Chair:* Jason Kalman (HUC–JIR)**Radak's Lexical *Shorashim* and His Biblical Commentaries: A Comparison of His Biblical Interpretations between the Two Works**

Naomi Grunhaus (Yeshiva University)

**The Limits of Maimonideanism in Radak's Commentary on Creation**

Yitzhak Berger (Hunter College, CUNY)

**Yefet ben 'Eli on Proverbs 8: A Close Reading**

Ilana Sasson (Tel Aviv University)

**"That You Will Set before Them" Like a Prepared Table: Text Awareness in Rashi's Torah Commentary**

Yedida Eisenstat (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

5.14

*Latrobe***CONTESTING GENDER CATEGORIES IN MARRIAGE***Chair:* Gail Labovitz (American Jewish University)**His Manhood Is Great: Sexual Penetration and the Subversion of Sexual Violence in the Bavli**

Michael Rosenberg (Hebrew College)

**The "Power" of Men**

Marcus Mordecai Schwartz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Voices Protesting: Formulae of Marriage Repudiation (*Me'un*)**

Tirzah Meacham (University of Toronto)

5.15

*Calloway A/B***MEDICAL ETHICS***Chair:* Steven D. Kepnes (Colgate University)**Is Autonomy Dependent on Communication? The Patient's "I Must Eat" in Mishnah Yoma 8:5 in the Light of Contemporary Bioethics**

Zackary Berger (Johns Hopkins University)

**Reading for Ethics in the Bavli**

Mira Beth Wasserman (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

**The Controversy over the Infinite Value of Human Life in Jewish Thought**

Joshua Cypess (Brandeis University)

5.16

*Armistead*
**GRADUATE STUDENT LIGHTNING SESSION: RABBINIC LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

*Chair:* Elizabeth Shanks Alexander (University of Virginia)

**Samael: A Satan or THE Satan?**

Alexander Seinfeld (Towson University)

**"If It Were Not for the *Ma'amadot* Heaven and Earth Would Not Be Established": Fasting, Praying, and Torah in Early Rabbinic Sources**

Sophia Avants (Claremont Lincoln University)

**Reversing the Metaphor: The Masculinization of Israel in Song of Songs Rabbah**

Nicholas James Schaser (Vanderbilt University)

**Visuality as a New Legal Criterion**

Agnes Veto (New York University)

**Exploring the Boundaries of Law: Rabbinic Legal Theories and the Idea of *Lifnim Mi-shurat Ha-din***

Deborah Barer (University of Virginia)

5.17

*Pickersgill*
**JEWS IN POSTWAR AMERICA, 1945–1965: NEW APPROACHES (MEETING 2)**

*Chairs:* Rachel Gordan (University of Toronto)

Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)

*Discussants:* Rachel Kranson (University of Pittsburgh), Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University), Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University), Jodi Eichler-Levine (University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh), Dean Franco (Wake Forest University), Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University), Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan), Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

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**EXHIBIT HALL****10:00 am – 10:30 am***Exhibit Hall***COFFEE BREAK***Key Ballroom*

**SESSION 6, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

6.1

South Foyer

**JEWISH STUDIES AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOP (#ajsdigital)**

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

**Encountering Digital History: Using YIVO's Digital Resources in the Classroom**

Roberta Newman (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research) and Jennifer Young (New York University)

**American Jewish Population Project**

David Manchester (Brandeis University)

**Memories/Motifs: Approaching Early Holocaust Memory Online**

Rachel Deblinger (University of California, Santa Cruz)

**Teaching the Holocaust Digitally: A Source Study Approach**

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

**The Eugene Grant Research Program on Jewish History: Toward a Comprehensive Digital Database for Jewish Historical and Legal Sources**

Piergabriele Mancuso (Medici Archive Project)

**RELMIN Project (ERC)—Interdisciplinary Database of Legal Texts on the Status of Religious Minorities in Medieval Europe**

Jerzy Adam Mazur (Université de Nantes)

**Yiddish Book Center's Wexler Oral History Project: A Growing Digital Archive**

Christa Whitney (National Yiddish Book Center)

**SESSION 7, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

7.1

Holiday 6

**JEWISH RESPONSES TO STATE COERCION IN EASTERN EUROPE**

*Chair and Respondent:* David E. Fishman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Prison Letters from Velizh: Emotions and the Belief in a Russian Border Town**

Eugene Avrutin (University of Illinois)

**The Garment of Torah: Clothing Decrees and the Warsaw Career of the First Gerer Rebbe**

Glenn Davis Dynner (Sarah Lawrence College)

**Gulag *Golus*: The Rhetoric and Reality of Polish Jewish Refugees in the USSR**

Eliyana R. Adler (Pennsylvania State University)

7.2

Holiday 4

**JEWISH STUDIES AND MATERIAL CULTURE**

*Sponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research (AAJR)*

*Moderator:* Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University)

*Discussants:* Vivian Beth Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

Jeffrey Shandler (Rutgers University)

David Stern (University of Pennsylvania)

7.3

Holiday 5

**ZIONISM AS TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS***Chair:* Asher D. Biemann (University of Virginia)**Palestinism and Postdiasporism in 1930s Polish Jewish Political Culture**

Kenneth B. Moss (Johns Hopkins University)

**“The Famous Trinity of 1917”: Minority Rights and Internationalism in Interwar Zionist Thought**

James Loeffler (University of Virginia)

**Anglo-Zionism, Empire, and Jewish Transnational Politics: The Curious Cases of Lucien Wolf, Lewis B. Namier, and Leon Roth**

Arie M. Dubnov (University of Haifa)

7.4

Holiday 1

**MUSLIMS AS PROPONENTS—AND OBJECTS—OF ANTI-JUDAISM***Chair:* Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)**Modern Muslim Antisemitism and the Rise of the Salafi Movement**

Younus Yaqub Mirza (Allegheny College)

**Anti-Judaism and Pope Benedict XVI's Depiction of Islam**

David M. Freidenreich (Colby College)

**Down the Lizard Hole: Sectarian Polemic and Judaizing in Islam**

Michael Pregill (Elon University)

7.5

Holiday 3

**TEACHING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA (#ajsteachsocial)***Moderator:* Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)*Discussants:* Debra Caplan (Baruch College, CUNY)

Laura Leibman (Reed College)

Francesco Spagnolo (University of California, Berkeley)

7.6

Key 4

**MAPPING DIGITAL JEWS (#digitaljews)***Chair:* Ashley Passmore (Texas A&M University)**Virtually Mapping "Home" for Jews of the Middle East**

Galeet Dardashti (Rutgers University)

**Making Pornography (In)visible in the Religious Jewish Online Discourse**

Ruth Tsuria (Texas A&amp;M University)

*Respondent:* Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

7.7

Key 3

**JUDAH HALEVI: HIS OEUVRE AND ITS RECEPTION***Chair:* Margot Behrend Valles (Michigan State University)**Unapproved Cognitive Methodologies and the Mistakes They Generate in Halevi's *Kuzari***

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

**The Impact of Halevi in Medieval Ashkenaz**

Ephraim Kanarfogel (Yeshiva University)

**Julius Guttmann and the Reception of the *Kuzari* in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Germany**

George Yaakov Kohler (Bar-Ilan University)

7.8

Key 1

**MISCOMMUNICATION, MILITANCY, AND MYSTICISM: BUBER AND THE AMERICANS**

*Chair:* Claire Elise Katz (Texas A&M University)

**Mordecai Kaplan and Martin Buber’s Miscommunication**

Randy L. Friedman (Binghamton University, SUNY)

**Dialogue For Radicals: Buber and Alinsky in/on Conversation**

William Plevan (Princeton University)

**Buber and Heschel Reading the Prophets**

Claire Sufrin (Northwestern University)

*Respondent:* Martin Kavka (Florida State University)

7.9

Ruth

**AMERICAN JEWS AND THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF MASCULINITY**

*Chair:* Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

**New York City Cafés as Spaces of Modern Jewish Masculinity**

Shachar M. Pinsker (University of Michigan)

**American Jewish Men and the Anxieties of Breadwinning**

Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania)

**Afternoon Calisthenics at Woodbine: American Jewish Agriculture and the Male Body**

Sarah Imhoff (Indiana University)

7.10

Peale A

**URBANISM, URBAN JEWS, AND JEWISH IDENTITY, PART 1: QUANTITATIVE STUDIES**

*Chair:* Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

**Jewish Geography**

Bruce A. Phillips (HUC-JIR)

**The Importance of Neighborhood Characteristics to the Jewish Engagement of Young Adults and Baby Boomers**

Jennifer Rosenberg (UJA-Federation of New York)

**The Miami Beach Jewish Community Remains Strong in an “Urban” Setting**

Ira Martin Sheskin (University of Miami)

7.11

Poe A/B

**EROTICIZING THE SEPHARDIC AND MIZRAHI BODY**

*Chair:* Ranen Omer-Sherman (University of Louisville)

**The Mizrahi Body in Avni-Levy’s Novella “The One Who Doesn’t Know How to Ask”**

Oren Segal (College of Charleston)

**Home is an/Other: Eroticism, Sexuality, and the Ashkenazi-Mizrahi Queer Relationship in *Home Is You***

Shirly Bahar (New York University)

**Painting the “New Woman”: Maxa Nordau and the Art of the Intimate**

Allyson Gonzalez (Brandeis University)

7.12

*Johnson A***HASIDIM AS EXCEPTIONS AND THE EXCEPTIONALITY OF YIDDISH***Chair:* Justin Jaron Lewis (University of Manitoba)**Between Liberal Satire and Socialist Roots: I. L. Peretz's Hasidic Creations of the 1890s**

Adi Mahalel (University of Maryland)

**The Hasid as Other in Yiddish Literature**

Alyssa E. Masor (Columbia University)

**The Hasidic Sermon and Yiddish**

Daniel Reiser (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

7.13

*Johnson B***READING FORMULAIC TEXTS FROM EARLY MODERN ASHKENAZ: THREE CASE STUDIES IN LAW AND ECONOMICS***Chair and Respondent:* Yaacob Dweck (Princeton University)**Interpretive Trends in Early Modern Ashkenazic Responsa: Cases of Social and Economic Conflict**

Jay R. Berkovitz (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

**“Although I Have Seen but a Few Pages ...”: Reputation and Patronage in Approbations to Jewish Books**

Joshua Z. Teplitsky (Stony Brook University)

**Safe Conducts: From Passport to Currency**

Debra Kaplan (Bar-Ilan University)

7.14

*Latrobe***CONTEXTUALIZING BABYLONIAN JUDAISM THROUGH THE SYRIAC PERSIAN MARTYR ACTS***Chair:* Christine Hayes (Yale University)**The Persian Martyr Acts: A Survey of the Sources for the Study of Babylonian Judaism**

Adam Becker (New York University)

**The Babylonian Talmud and the Persian Martyr Acts**

Jeffrey L. Rubenstein (New York University)

**Jewish-Christian Relations in Northern Mesopotamia toward the End of the Sasanian Period: A View from the Syriac History of *Abda Damshikha***

Aaron Michael Butts (The Catholic University of America) and Simcha Gross (Yale University)

7.15

Calloway A/B

**WEAKNESS AS RESISTANCE IN HEBREW LITERATURE AND BEYOND***Chair:* Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University)**The Failure to Write in Modern Hebrew Literature**

Eyal Bassan (University of California, Berkeley)

**The Weak Prophetic Body in Hezy Leskly's AIDS Poems**

Yosefa Raz (University of California, Berkeley)

**Writing Unlike a State: Failure and Materiality in Contemporary Hebrew Protest Poetry**

Chana Morgenstern (Brown University)

**How to Bottom in Yiddish**

Zohar Eeda Weiman-Kelman (University of Toronto)

*Respondent:* Sunny Yudkoff (Harvard University)

7.16

Peale C

**AFTER THE LAW: THE RESIDUE OF RELIGION IN GERMAN JEWISH MODERNISM***Chair:* Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)**Cabaret for the German Jewish Masses: The Modern Megillah of Clementine Krämer's *Esther***

Kerry Wallach (Gettysburg College)

**Arnold Schoenberg's Jewish *Trauerspiel*: The Status of Language, Law, and Symbol in *Moses und Aron***

Marc Caplan (Center for Jewish History)

**A Suspended *Altneuland*: Tradition, Modernity, and Violence in Soma Morgenstern's *Sparks in the Abyss***

Kata Gellen (Duke University)

*Respondent:* Jonathan S. Skolnik (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

7.17

Armistead

**ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM: THEORY, HOLOCAUST STUDIES, AND POSTCOLONIALISM (MEETING 2)***Chair:* Scott Ury (Tel Aviv University)

*Participants:* Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College), Arie M. Dubnov (University of Haifa), Sol Goldberg (University of Toronto), Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa), Ilse Josepha Lazaroms (Center for Jewish History), Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Purdue University), Kalman Weiser (York University), Hannah Pollin-Galay (Tel Aviv University), Julie Kalman (Monash University), Bryan H. Cheyette (University of Reading), Hanan Harif (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), David Feldman (Birkbeck, University of London), Isabel Enzenbach (Technische Universität Berlin), Felix Axster (Technische Universität Berlin)

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
**GENERAL LUNCH** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Key 6*  
*By prepaid reservation only*

**AAJR LUNCH** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Carroll A/B*  
*For the Fellows of the American Academy for Jewish Research*

**SEPHARDI-MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Tubman A/B*  
*By prepaid reservation only*

**AJS'S DIGITAL FUTURE (#ajsdigital)** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Brent*  
*What online resources should AJS provide? What role should AJS play in the future of digital media in Jewish Studies? Join Ayala Fader, Ken Koltun-Fromm, Laura Leibman, and Francesco Spagnolo for discussion and snacks, and help influence the future.*

**PARENTS, CHILDREN, PARTNERS, AND COLLEAGUES: BALANCING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Peale B*  
*Moderator: Laura Levitt (Temple University)*  
*Striking a balance between personal and professional responsibilities poses an ongoing challenge for many people. How do these seemingly private issues bleed into our careers and affect our ability to succeed and thrive in different academic jobs and settings? This meeting will open a conversation about how we can navigate these murky personal and professional waters. Keren R. McGinity, Ted Merwin, Stephanie B. Siegmund, Hartley W. Lachter, and Katja Vehlow will help get the conversation started. Please bring your own lunch. Sponsored by the AJS Women's Caucus.*

**PEDAGOGY WORKING GROUP IN JEWISH STUDIES** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Douglass*  
 *Chair: Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)*  
*Join a discussion of how AJS can support its members' work as teachers. Light refreshments will be served.*

**SESSION 8, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM**

8.1 *Holiday 6*

**AFTER THE JEW IN THE LOTUS: AMERICAN JEWS, EASTERN RELIGIONS, AND A NEW CULTURE OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY**

*Chair: Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University)*

**Jewish Buddhist Encounters in America since 1893: A Historical Overview**

Emily Sigalow (Brandeis University)

**The Ambivalent American Jew in the Lotus**

Daniel M. Bronstein (Congregation Beth Elohim)

**Jewish Lights Publishing and the Formation of Jewish Spiritual Reading and Feeling Publics**

Arielle Levites (New York University)

*Respondent: Rodger Kamenetz (Louisiana State University)*

8.2

*Holiday 4*

**INTIMATE RESEARCH**

*Chair:* Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

**The Heavyweight Champion and a String of Pearls: Postmemory, Family Archives, and Historical Fictioning**

Jenna Brager (Rutgers University)

**On Microhistory and Memory**

Julia Creet (York University)

**“You Know”: Haunted Recall among German Jewish Refugees and Their Descendants**

Judith Gerson (Rutgers University)

*Respondent:* Diane L. Wolf (University of California, Davis)

8.3

*Holiday 5*

**THE ACADEMIC IN THE JEWISH PUBLIC SQUARE: CIVILITY AND INCIVILITY IN CONTEMPORARY JEWISH DISCOURSE**

*Moderator:* Barbara E. Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

*Discussants:* Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

Aaron W. Hughes (University of Rochester)

Shaul Magid (Indiana University)

8.4

*Holiday 1*

**WHAT IS BAVLI? STATE OF THE FIELD**

*Chair:* Marina Rustow (Johns Hopkins University)

**Approaching the Bavli's Structure**

Michal Bar-Asher Siegal (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and Shai Secunda (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Approaching the Bavli's Contexts**

Sergey Dolgopolski (University at Buffalo, SUNY) and Moulie Vidas (Princeton University)

*Respondent:* Christine Hayes (Yale University)

8.5

*Holiday 3*

**“BEYOND INDIVIDUAL RECALL”: HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES IN THE AGE OF POSTMEMORY**

*Chair:* Joanne Weiner Rudof (Yale University)

**And You Shall Tell Your Children: Examining “Second Generation” Holocaust Testimony**

Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)

**The Role of Holocaust Memory in Transcarpathian Jewish Life between 1945 and 1978**

Anya Quilitzsch (Indiana University)

**Assessing Holocaust Testimonies**

Lawrence L. Langer (Simmons College)

*Respondent:* Noah Shenker (Monash University)

8.6

Key 4

**JEWS, LABOR, AND THE POLITICS OF WORK***Chair:* David Slucki (College of Charleston)**Creating the Labor Zionist Family: Masculinity and Marriage among Urban Labor Zionist Men in Mandatory Palestine**

Matan Boord (Tel Aviv University)

**Global Oil and the Nationalization of Labor**

Rachel Havrelock (University of Illinois–Chicago)

**Tradesmen or Religious Functionaries? Laboring *Shehitah* in Early Twentieth-Century Chicago**

Susan Roth Breitzer (National Coalition of Independent Scholars)

8.7

Key 3

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE RIGHT WING IN ISRAEL***Chair and Respondent:* Yechiam Weitz (University of Haifa)**Fighting for the Right's Last Bastion: Municipal Elections in Tel Aviv during the 1950s**

Arnon Golan (University of Haifa)

**Notes on the Sources of Menachem Begin's Ideology**

Arye Naor (Hadassah Academic College)

**The Attitude of the Revisionist Right Wing toward Jerusalem during 1948–1951**

Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky (Zefat Academic College / University of Haifa)

8.8

Key 1

**JOSEPHUS IN MODERN JEWISH CULTURE***Chair:* David J. Sorkin (Yale University)**The Reception of Josephus in Jewish Culture since 1750**

Martin David Goodman (University of Oxford)

**Josephus between Eastern Europe, the United States and *'Erez Yisra'el*: The Case of Zvi Hirsch Masliansky**

Tessa Rajak (University of Oxford)

**From Amsterdam to Lemberg: Josephus in Jewish Chronicles and Their Supplements**

Andrea Schatz (King's College London)

*Respondent:* Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

8.9

Ruth

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE SCHNORRER, THE NEBBISH, AND THE SCHLEMIEL***Chair:* Jonathan Freedman (University of Michigan)**The Nebbish Spectrum**

Jennifer Caplan (Syracuse University)

**The Artful Dodge: the Yiddish Schnorrer in German Literature**

Ashley Passmore (Texas A&amp;M University)

**The Essentially Existential Schlemiel**

Menachem Feuer (York University)

8.10

Peale A

**FROM POPULAR TO ELITIST: YIDDISH CULTURE IN POST-WORLD WAR II BERLIN, VILNA, AND MOSCOW***Chair and Respondent:* James Loeffler (University of Virginia)**Singing between Two Worlds: Lin Jaldati and Yiddish Music in Cold War Europe and Divided Berlin, 1945–1953**

David Shneer (University of Colorado–Boulder)

**The Politics of Yiddish Culture in Soviet Lithuania, 1944–1949**

David E. Fishman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**From Gulag to Ghetto: The Yiddish Poetry of Moyshe Teyf, 1904–1966**

Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)

8.11

Poe A/B

**THE JEWISH NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS: SUBETHNIC IDENTIFICATION, ORGANIZATION, AND GLOBAL NETWORKS THROUGH THE TWENTIETH CENTURY***Chair:* Adriana Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)**Failure to Launch: Jews and Their Coethnic Others in Twentieth-Century Mexico**

Devi Mays (University of Michigan)

**"Be Loyal to Poland!": Argentinian *Landsmanshaftn* of Polish Jews and Their Attitudes toward the Old Homeland**

Mariusz Kalczewiak (Tel Aviv University)

**"Czech-Jewish Activists" in America, 1933–1994: Subethnic Identification and the Politics of Multiple Diasporas**

Jacob Ari Labendz (Washington University in St. Louis)

*Respondent:* Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University)

8.12

Johnson A

**THE BIBLE AND THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS***Chair:* Zev Israel Farber (Project TABS)***Sefer Mosheh* or *Sefer Morashah*? Reconsidering "the Torah" in 4QMMT**

Jonathan Kaplan (University of Texas)

**The Double-Derivative Text: CD II.14–18 as Rewritten Proverbs 7:24–27 and 1QS I:3–9**

Edmond Isaac Zuckier (Yale University)

**A Cautionary Tale: The Damascus Document and the Dating of Biblical Texts**

David Z. Moster (New York University)

8.13

*Johnson B***PERCEPTIONS OF TIME IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORIOGRAPHY AND LITERATURE***Chair:* Nitzan Itzhak Lebovic (Lehigh University)**The Epistemology of Time in Hebrew Encyclopedias, 1888–1914**

Dan Tsahor (New York University)

**Beyond Secularization: On the Political Theological Difference as a Temporal One from Moses Mendelssohn to Walter Benjamin**

Yuval Krennitzer (Columbia University)

**"Once Again, the Same Old Images": Time and History in Yaakov Steinberg's Poetry**

Elhanan Elazar (Columbia University)

8.14

*Latrobe***TRANSNATIONAL JEWISH FAMILIES AND MOBILITY IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD: CHALLENGES, METHODOLOGIES, SOURCES***Moderator:* Debra Kaplan (Bar-Ilan University)*Discussants:* Francesca Bregoli (Queens College, CUNY)

Joseph M. Davis (Gratz College)

Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)

Francesco Spagnolo (University of California, Berkeley)

8.15

*Calloway A/B***THE RECEPTION OF GERSONIDES IN LATER MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY***Chair:* Yonatan Feintuch (Bar-Ilan University)**Some Remarks on the Reception History of Gersonides's Logical Writings**

Charles Manekin (University of Maryland)

**On the Study of the Supercommentaries of Gersonides and His Students on Averroes's Commentaries on Aristotle's Books on Natural Science**

Steven Harvey (Bar-Ilan University)

**Gersonides and His Sephardic Critics**

Seymour N. Feldman (Rutgers University)

8.16

*Peale C***BORDERLINES AND BLURRED LINES: RELIGIOUS IDENTITY IN AMERICAN JUDAISM***Chair:* Michael R. Cohen (Tulane University)**Between Reform and Conservative: American Judaism as Seen through the Marcus Jastrow-Isaac M. Wise Controversy**

Michal Galas (Jagiellonian University)

**The Contest for "Modern Orthodoxy" and the Beginnings of Conservative Judaism in the Interwar Period**

Zev Eleff (Brandeis University)

**The Conservative Movement in a Post-Movement Age**

Elliot N. Dorff (American Jewish University)

*Respondent:* Shuly Rubin Schwartz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**SESSION 9, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

9.1 Holiday 6



**RETHINKING THE CANON: NEW SOURCES AND APPROACHES TO TEACHING JEWISH HISTORY**

*Moderator:* Nathaniel Deutsch (University of California, Santa Cruz)

*Discussants:* Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt University)

ChaeRan Y. Freeze (Brandeis University)

Jessica Goldberg (University of California, Los Angeles)

Tony E. Michels (University of Wisconsin)

Sarah Abreveya Stein (University of California, Los Angeles)

9.2 Holiday 4

**MODERN JEWISH SPACES, MEMORY, AND IDENTITY**

*Chair:* Esther Schor (Princeton University)

**Ghetto Matters: Modern Jewish Spaces in the Light of the Venice Ghetto**

Murray Baumgarten (University of California, Santa Cruz)

**Cities of Jewish Memory: “Multidirectional Memory” and Monumental Spaces in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Argentina and Peru**

Katharine Gillian Trostel (University of California, Santa Cruz)

**Dreaming Presently: Modern Re-presentations of Contested Histories in Motti Mizrachi’s *Herzl Meets the Emperor Wilhelm II* Gates of Mikve Israel Sculpture**

Amanda Kaye Sharick (University of California, Riverside)

*Respondent:* Todd Presner (University of California, Los Angeles)

9.3 Holiday 5

**AMERICAN JEWRY IN LIGHT OF THE PEW SURVEY: DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES, POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Chair and Respondent:* Rachel Monroe (The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation)

**Are American Jews Assimilating? Reassessment of the 2013 Pew Survey**

Theodore Sasson (Middlebury College) and Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)

**Revisiting Rabbinic Responses on Marriage, Procreation, and Conversion**

Elliot Joe Cosgrove (Park Avenue Synagogue)

**The Shrinking Jewish Middle: New Contours for American Jewry**

Steven M. Cohen (HUC-JIR)

Monday

9.4

Holiday 1

**REDEFINING THE JEWISH AGENDA IN AMERICAN TERMS: RECALCITRANT RABBIS, PATRIOTIC YESHIVAS, AND A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT**

*Chair:* Jeffrey S. Gurock (Yeshiva University)

**“The Pernicious Custom of the Russian Jews Must Not Be Transplanted upon American Soil”:** Divorce Law and the American Rabbinate, 1861–1920

Laura Shaw Frank (University of Maryland)

**Gentleman's Agreement and the Renegotiation of American Jewish Identity**

Rachel Gordan (University of Toronto)

**“Steadfast in Her Religion and Loyal to American Ideals”:** Making Orthodox Day School Education American

Leslie Ginsparg Klein (Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School)

*Respondent:* Melissa R. Klapper (Rowan University)

9.5

Holiday 3



**JEWISH STUDIES PEDAGOGY IN THE NEW MEDIA CLASSROOM (#newmediacolabJS)**

*Moderator:* Jeremy Asher Dauber (Columbia University)



*Discussants:* Samuel Ball (Citizen Film)  
Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)  
Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)  
Laurence Roth (Susquehanna University)

9.6

Key 4

**MIXING MUSICS: ISTANBUL JEWS AND THEIR SACRED SONGS**

**A Performance/Analysis**

*Featured Artist:* Münir Beken (University of California, Los Angeles)

*Moderator:* Maureen Barbara Jackson (University of Washington)

*Discussant:* Mark Loren Kligman (University of California, Los Angeles)  
Devi Mays (University of Michigan)

9.7

Key 3

**SABBATEANISM, ANTISABBATEANISM, AND HISTORIOGRAPHY**

*Chair:* Miriam Bodian (University of Texas)

**Anti-Sabbatean Documents and Their Influence on Historiography of Sabbateanism**

Shinichi Yamamoto (Kyoto University)

**Rabbi Jonathan Eibeschuetz and the Jesuit Art of Lying**

Pawel Maciejko (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**What Is the Meaning of Frankist Sexual Antinomianism?**

Jay Michaelson (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

9.8

Key 1

**JEWS IN THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD BETWEEN TEXT AND HISTORY***Chair:* Benjamin Gordon (Duke University)**Josephus and Philo on the Rebellion of Korah: Hellenisms not Hellenizations**

Matthew A. Kraus (University of Cincinnati)

**Rediscovering Wayward Jews in the Greco-Roman Diaspora: The Construction of Jewish Normativity in *Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum***

Christopher Cornthwaite (University of Toronto)

**Between *Jewish War* and the Arch of Titus: Josephus's Experience of the Flavian Triumphus**

Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)

9.9

Ruth

**NEW READINGS IN MODERN HEBREW FICTION***Chair:* Shiri Goren (Yale University)**Rachel Faygenberg on the Margins of Hebrew Literature**

Naomi Brenner (The Ohio State University)

**Egon Bruner, a Nazi and the Jews: A. B. Yehoshua's *Mr. Mani* and Israeli Holocaust Fiction of the Second Generation**

Or Rogovin (Bucknell University)

**Jews and Poles in the Agnon Imaginary**

Alan L. Mintz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

9.10

Peale A

**YIDDISH MODERNISMS***Chair:* Kata Gellen (Duke University)**Avrom Sutzkever's Storytelling: Jewish Literature on the Margins**

Jan Schwarz (Lund University)

**The Yiddish Spy Novel: Aaron Tseytlin's *Brenendike Erd***

Sarah Ponichtera (Columbia University)

**Yankev Glatshteyn's *Emil and Karl* (1940): Women and Children in the Spotlight of Jewish Plight**

Nick Block (Emory University)

9.11

Poe A/B

**NEW RESEARCH ON SURVIVAL IN THE CAMPS***Chair:* Lenore J. Weitzman (George Mason University)**Family Fragments, Pairs, and Small Groups: Another Look at Social Relations in the Nazi Camps**

Kenneth A. Waltzer (Michigan State University)

**The Essence of Survival: How Jewish Doctors Survived Auschwitz**

Ross William Halpin (Sydney University)

**The Holocaust in Minsk: Shirokaia Street Concentration Camp**

Polly Zavadvikver (University of Delaware)



- 9.12 *Johnson A*  
**PORTABLE HOMELAND? GERMAN JEWISH BOOK COLLECTIONS IN ISRAEL**  
*Chair:* Albert Lichtblau (Universität Salzburg)  
**Two Different Pasts: The German versus the Hebrew Book Collection of the Schocken Library**  
 Stefanie Mahrer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
**Past versus Future: The Salvage of German Jewish Book Collections to Israel after 1945**  
 Elisabeth Gallas (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
**Too Much Presence of the Past: The Dispersal of Émigré Book Collections in Israel**  
 Caroline Jessen (Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach)
- 9.13 *Johnson B*  
**EXAMINING RITUAL: PASSOVER, PRAYER, AND THE MEANING OF INTENTION**  
*Chair:* Beth A. Berkowitz (Barnard College)  
**Cultural Functions of the Paschal Offering in Tannaitic Sources**  
 Rachel Scheinerman (Yale University)  
**The Meaning of *Yishtabah* in the Light of Its Formation and Function in the Liturgy**  
 Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)  
**The Relegation of Intention in Talmudic Ritual Law**  
 Shana A. Strauch Schick (Haifa University)
- 9.14 *Latrobe*  
**HABENT SUA FATA LIBELLI: JOSEPHUS AND OTHER ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL SOURCES**  
*Chair:* Gaia Lembi (National Library of Israel)  
**Josephus and Hippolytus on the Essenes**  
 Albert I. Baumgarten (Bar-Ilan University)  
**"Heaven Has Ordained This Nation to Reign": The Opposition to a Revolt against Rome in Rabbinic Literature and the Works of Josephus**  
 Meir Ben Shahar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
**Lessons for the Community: Jewish and Christian Readers and Their Perception of Josephus/Josippon as an Early Political Thinker**  
 Katja Vehlow (University of South Carolina)
- 9.15 *Calloway A/B*  
**THE INTERSECTION OF PHILOSOPHY AND MYSTICISM**  
*Chair:* James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo)  
**Kabbalah, Neo-Platonism, and the Derivation of the *Sefirot***  
 Edward Halper (University of Georgia)  
**Accentuate the Positive: Cosmology as a *Via Positiva* in Maimonides's Guide**  
 David Seidenberg (Independent Scholar)  
**Rhymed Prose in the Works of Isaac ibn Latif**  
 Guadalupe Gonzalez Dieguez (Indiana University–Bloomington)  
**Spinoza's Maimonidean Therapy of the Emotions: From Free Will to the Necessity of Freedom**  
 Heidi Morrison Ravven (Hamilton College)

9.16

Peale C

**LOOKING FORWARD TO LOOK BACK: H. G. ADLER'S REDISCOVERED SHOAH TRILOGY**

*Chair and Respondent:* Leslie Morris (University of Minnesota)

**The Uses, Misuses, and Abuses of Biography in H. G. Adler's Shoah Trilogy**

Peter Filkins (Bard College at Simon's Rock)

**The Archive and the Image: H. G. Adler's Snapshots of Traumatic History**

Dorota Glowacka (University of King's College)

**Rediscovered Gems: H. G. Adler's Fiction Then and Now**

Sara R. Horowitz (York University)

**AJS HONORS ITS  
AUTHORS**

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

*Exhibit Hall  
Key Ballroom*

*A coffee reception in honor of AJS members who have published books in 2014.*

*Author books on display at the Jewish Book Council booth #200. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council Sami Rohr Prize. Open to all conference registrants.*

**DIVISION MEETINGS**

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

*Key 5*

*An opportunity to meet with division heads to discuss themes for the 2015 conference and other issues in your subfield.*

**All meetings will take place in Key Ballroom 5.**

Pedagogy

Rabbinic Literature and Culture

Modern Jewish Literature and Culture

Jewish Mysticism

Modern Jewish Thought and Theology

Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History, Literature, and Culture

Modern Jewish History in the Americas

Holocaust Studies

Jews, Film, and the Arts

Interdisciplinary, Theoretical, and New Approaches

## SESSION 10, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

10.1

Holiday 6

**BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY: DAVID ELLENSON AND THE  
RETHINKING OF AN OLD OPPOSITION***Chair:* David N. Myers (University of California, Los Angeles)**New Waters in an Old Vessel**

Michael A. Meyer (HUC-JIR)

**Complicating a Jewish Modernity: The Jewish Theological Seminary,  
Columbia University, and the Rise of a Jewish Counterculture in 1968**

Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

**The Touro Monument Controversy: Aniconism versus Anti-Idolatry in a Mid-  
Nineteenth-Century American Jewish Religious Dispute**

Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University)

*Respondent:* Michael Marmor (HUC-JIR)

10.2

Holiday 4

**VERY MARGINAL HOLOCAUST TEXTS: ALTERNATIVE TROPES AND  
TRADITIONS***Chair:* Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University)**Espionage, Exile, and the Question of Holocaust Memory**

Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern University)

**A Holocaust Survivor on Mars**

Gary Weissman (University of Cincinnati)

**Nazisplotation, Neo-Nazisplotation, and the Margins of Holocaust Film**

Daniel H. Magilow (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

10.3

Holiday 5

**THE SHTETL REVISITED***Chair:* Kathryn A. Hellerstein (University of Pennsylvania)**Queering the Shtetl: The Androgyne and the Cross-Dresser in the Work of  
Isaac Bashevis Singer**

Alexandra Tali Herzog (Brandeis University)

**Women's Rites and Resistances: "A Dancer" on the Jewish Hysterical Stage**

Rebecca Z. Namnik (University of West Florida)

**Sacralizing the Shtetl: On the Post-Holocaust Poetry of Chaim Grade and Itsik  
Manger**

Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan)

10.4

Holiday 1

**JEWISH STUDIES AND THE COMMUNITY: THE CHALLENGES AND  
OPPORTUNITIES OF CONNECTING***Moderator:* Brian D. Amkraut (Case Western Reserve University)*Discussants:* Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University)Marc Terrill (The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of  
Baltimore)

Barry Scott Wimpfheimer (Northwestern University)

Carole Ruth Zawatsky (Washington DC JCC)

10.5 Holiday 3

**ETHICAL STANDARDS AND THE KOSHER MEAT INDUSTRY**

*Chair:* Jennifer Thompson (California State University–Northridge)

**Humane Slaughter and the Enduring Crisis of Kosher Beef since the 1970s**

Roger Horowitz (Hagley Museum and Library)

**Orthodox Rabbinic Discourse on Kosher Meat Slaughtering**

Jody Myers (California State University–Northridge)

**Agriprocessors and the Implications of Moral Myopia**

Moses Pava (Yeshiva University)

*Respondent:* Aaron Saul Gross (University of San Diego)

10.6 Key 4

**TRANSNATIONAL JEWISH IDENTITIES, INTERSECTIONS, AND CONTEXTS**

*Chair:* Carl S. Ehrlich (York University)

**Diasporic Liminality from France to Montréal: Renegotiating Jewish Identity in Intercultural and Multicultural Contexts**

Robert Kenedy (York University)

**Globalization, Location, and Identity: Determinants and Consequences of Modern Jewish Geography**

Sergio DellaPergola (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Jewish Life Facing New Challenges: Diaspora and Transnationalism Revisited**

Judit Bokser Liwerant (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

10.7 Key 3

**“HOLY ENVY”? : THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN BORDERLAND AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR JEWISH STUDIES**

*Moderator:* Jonathan Freedman (University of Michigan)

*Discussants:* Amy-Jill Levine (Vanderbilt University)

Laura S. Levitt (Temple University)

Jeffrey Spencer Shoulson (University of Connecticut)

Maeera Shreiber (University of Utah)

Neta Stahl (Johns Hopkins University)

10.8 Key 1

**STRANGE BEDFELLOWS: ADORNO AND SCHOLEM, BUDDHISM AND WEIMAR**

*Chair:* Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)

**Adorno, Judaism, and Theology**

Martin Shuster (Avila University)

**Jewish Responses to the Influx of Buddhism into German Thought during the Wilhelmine Era and the Weimar Republic**

Sebastian Musch (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg)

**The Antimonies of Jewish (Non-)Identity: On the Philosophical Interrelations and Letter Correspondence between Adorno and Scholem**

Asaf Angermann (University of Toronto)

**“Melancholy Redemption”: Scenes of Loss in the Nascent Zionist Place**

Mazalit Haim (New York University)

10.9

Ruth



**TEACHING JEWISH STUDIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: QUESTIONS OF MEDIALITY**

*Moderator:* Nora Glickman (Queens College, CUNY)  
*Discussants:* Edna Aizenberg (Marymount Manhattan College)  
 Regina Igel (University of Maryland)  
 Alexandru V. Lefter (University of Pittsburgh)  
 Naomi E. Lindstrom (University of Texas)

10.10

Peale A

**NEW APPROACHES TO JEWISH VISUALITY IN MEDIEVAL IBERIA: WORD AND IMAGE**

*Chair:* Hartley W. Lachter (Lehigh University)  
**Looking Backward, Looking Forward: The Meaning of Style in the Barcelona and Kaufmann Haggadahs**  
 Abby Kornfeld (The City College of New York, CUNY)  
**Imagining a Female Audience for Illuminated Haggadot in Medieval Iberia**  
 Julie Ann Harris (Spertus Institute)  
**Research Methodologies in the Iconography of Manuscripts Illuminated for Jews in Medieval Iberia: Speculations and Limitations**  
 Marc Michael Epstein (Vassar College)

10.11

Poe A/B

**READING JOSEPHUS THROUGH JOSEPHUS: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE WITHIN HIS WORKS**

*Chair:* Vered Noam (Tel Aviv University)  
**Jewish History in a Greco-Roman World: Polemics, Apologetics, Competition**  
 Gaia Lembi (National Library of Israel)  
**Josephus's *Against Apion*: Continuities or Change and Innovation?**  
 Nadav Sharon (University of Toronto)  
**On the Limitations of Kingship: Josephus as Political Philosopher**  
 Jacob Feeley (University of Pennsylvania)

10.12

Johnson A

**RE-ENVISIONING THE ANCIENT BOOK**

*Chair:* Reuven R. Kimelman (Brandeis University)  
**Is the Minor Tractate Tzitzit Early or Late?**  
 Harry Fox (University of Toronto)  
**Modelling a Scholarly Digital Edition of a Classical Hebrew Text: The Case of the Mishnah**  
 Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)  
**The Early History of the Hebrew Book, Second to Ninth Centuries CE: A Presentation of the Physical Evidence**  
 Marc Bregman (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

10.13

*Johnson B***EXAMINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RABBINIC LAW***Chair:* Joshua Cahan (Solomon Schechter School of Westchester)**The Formulation and Transmission of Legal Cases in the Talmud: Three Examples**

Roni Shweka (Harvard University)

**The Romanization of Early Rabbinic Law in a Provincial Context**

Yair Furstenberg (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**From Conceptualization to Casuistics: The Development of the Talmudic *Lavud***

Leib Moscovitz (Bar-Ilan University)

10.14

*Latrobe***NEW PERSPECTIVES ON ROSENZWEIG AND BAECK***Chair:* Louis P. Blond (University of Cape Town)**Faith and Possibility: A Rosenzweigian Reading of the Expression “My Beloved Is Mine and I Am His” in the Song of Songs**

Abi Doukhan (Queens College, CUNY)

**Franz Rosenzweig and the Great War**

Yoel Wachtel (Georgetown University)

**Theological Hematology: Franz Rosenzweig and the Question of Survival**

Adam Stern (Harvard University)

**Against Marcionism: Leo Baeck’s Covert Dialogue with Harnack**

Yaniv Feller (University of Toronto)

10.15

*Armistead***SEMINAR: ARCHIVING MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE (MEETING 2)***Chair:* Adriana X. Jacobs (University of Oxford)

*Discussants:* Adriana X. Jacobs (University of Oxford), Barbara E. Mann (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Allison Hope Schachter (Vanderbilt University), Lilach Nethanel (Bar-Ilan University), Giddon Ticotsky (Stanford University), Sunny Yudkoff (Harvard University), Tamar S. Hess (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Naama Rokem (University of Chicago)

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 EVENING PROGRAM**


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**AJS PERSPECTIVES**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Marshall*  
**EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING**

**GRADUATE STUDENT**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Brent*  
**RECEPTION**

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

**RECEPTION IN HONOR**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Paca*  
**OF DAVID ELLENSON**

*Honoring David Ellenson, Chancellor of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and celebrating the volume of essays in his honor: Between Jewish Tradition and Modernity: Rethinking an Old Opposition, Essays in Honor of David Ellenson (Wayne State University Press, 2014). Sponsored by HUC-JIR and Wayne State University Press. Open to all conference registrants.*

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Carroll*  
**SEMINARY RECEPTION**

*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.*

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Douglass*  
**HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES RECEPTION**

*Celebrating the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, recently relocated to central Oxford after 40 years in Yarnton Manor. Come mark this new chapter in the history of the Centre, which has welcomed an array of international scholars, including many AJS members, over the past decades. Open to all conference registrants.*

**POSEN FOUNDATION**                      **6:30 pm**                      *Tubman*  
**RECEPTION**

*Celebrating the premiere of the Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization online. Sponsored by the Posen Foundation. Open to all conference registrants.*

**FILM** **7:00 pm** *Holiday 2*  
**WHEN COMEDY WENT TO SCHOOL**  
*Introductory Remarks:* Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)  
*Directed by* Mevlut Akkaya, Ron Frank, and Lawrence Richards (2013), 77 minutes. English.  
*Distributor:* First Run Features. See film description on p. 87.

**GENERAL DINNER** **7:30 pm** *Key 6*  
*Prepaid reservation required*

**INSIDE, OUTSIDE:** **8:00 pm** *Key 3*  
**REFLECTIONS ON JEWISH STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE—  
 A CONVERSATION WITH LEON WIESELTIER**  
*Moderator:* Abraham Socher (Oberlin College)  
*Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Jewish Review of Books.*

**ETTY** **8:00 pm – 9:00 pm** *Peale B*  
*Performance based on the diaries and letters of Dutch diarist and Holocaust victim,  
 Etty Hillesum. Adapted and performed by Susan Stein. Directed by Austin Pendleton.  
 Discussion to follow.*

**FILM** **9:00 pm** *Holiday 2*  
**DANCING IN JAFFA**  
*Introductory Remarks:* Dalit Katz (Wesleyan University)  
*Directed by* Hilla Medalia (2013), 90 minutes. Hebrew, Arabic, English with English  
 subtitles.  
*Distributor:* IFC Films. See film description on p. 87.

Monday

Tuesday

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**

**GENERAL BREAKFAST** **7:30 am – 8:30 am** *Key 6*  
*By prepaid reservation only*

**DIVISION CHAIR AND** **7:45 am – 10:00 am** *Carroll A/B*  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**REGISTRATION** **8:30 am – 2:00 pm** *Key Foyer*

**EXHIBITS** **9:00 am – 2:00 pm** *Exhibit Hall*  
*(List of Exhibitors, p. 89)* *Key Ballroom*



## SESSION 11, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

11.1

Holiday 4

**NEW RESEARCH ON THE POLISH JEWISH EXPERIENCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND IN ITS AFTERMATH***Chair:* Rochelle L. Millen (Wittenberg University)**Understanding Women's Voices: Testimonies from the Jewish Bunkers in Eastern Galicia**

Natalia Aleksion (Touro College)

**Refusing to Give Up: Maintaining Polish Jewish Life after 1968**

Rachel Rothstein (University of Florida)

**"Khurbn Yiddish": Language, Everyday Life, and Jewish Responses to Persecution during the Holocaust**

Karen Auerbach (Monash University / University of North Carolina)

**First Encounters: The Curve of Jewish Memory of Polish Neighbors**

Monika Rice (Seton Hall University)

11.2

Holiday 5

**ON THE WORD OF A JEW: THE PROBLEM OF TRUST IN JEWISH HISTORY***Moderator:* Nina Caputo (University of Florida)*Discussants:* Marco Di Giulio (Franklin & Marshall College)

Hasia R. Diner (New York University)

Stefanie Fischer (Potsdam University)

Rachel Furst (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Joshua Z. Teplitsky (Stony Brook University)

11.3

Holiday 1

**MEMORY AND RABBINIC LITERATURE***Chair and Respondent:* Lynn Kaye (The Ohio State University)**Memories of Egypt in Midrashic Texts**

Rivka Ulmer (Bucknell University)

**Encounters with the Poor as a Field of Rabbinic Memory**

Krista N. Dalton (Columbia University)

**Remember the Past or Know What Was: Certainty in Knowing, Witnessing, and Remembering in the Bavli**

Sergey Dolgopolski (University at Buffalo, SUNY)

**The Rise of Historical Consciousness in Rabbinic Literature**

Meir Ben Shahar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Creating the Second Temple Past: Exemplarity and Memory in the Talmud Yerushalmi and the Aggadic Midrashim**

Nathan Schumer (Columbia University)

**"So That the Children Should Not Forget": Rabbinic Ritual as Mnemonic**

Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert (Stanford University)

11.4

Holiday 3

**STATES OF LEGALITY: LAW IN MODERN JEWISH LIFE***Sponsored by the Center for Jewish History**Chair:* Elissa Bemporad (Queens College, CUNY)**Legal Drama: Galician Jews, Imperial Law, and the First Modern Yiddish Play**

Ofer Dynes (Harvard University)

**The Blood Libel on Trial: Jews and the Emergence of Colonial Law in Egypt**

Jeffrey Culang (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

**“The Hebrews Are Going to Court in Great Numbers”: Max J. Kohler and the Advent of Immigration Lawyering in the United States**

Brittany P. Tevis (University of Wisconsin)

*Respondent:* David J. Sorkin (Yale University)

11.5

Key 4

**INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO JEWISH IDENTITY: WHAT COUNTS AS “JEWISH” IN OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND IN THE PIONEERING WORK OF FEMINIST HISTORIAN GERDA LERNER?***Moderator:* Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)*Discussants:* Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)

Rachael Kamel (Temple University)

Debra Renee Kaufman (Northeastern University)

Sharon Leder (Nassau Community College)

11.6

Key 3

**THE FUTURE OF THE ACADEMIC BOOK: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PRESSES***Sponsored by the Association for Jewish Studies**Moderator:* Zachary Baker (Stanford University)*Discussants:* Eric Brandt (Stanford University Press)

Phyllis Deutsch (Brandeis University Press / University Press of New England)

Jennifer Hammer (New York University Press)

Marlie Wasserman (Rutgers University Press)

11.7

Key 1

**REIMAGINING SCRIPTURE: GERMAN JEWISH THOUGHT AND THE BIBLE***Chair:* Claire Sufrin (Northwestern University)**Nineteenth-Century Biblical Commentaries and the Constitution of Subjectivity**

Alexandra Zirkle (University of Chicago)

**"Ewig...ewig...": The Name of God in German Jewish Bibles**

Abigail Esther Gillman (Boston University)

**Exegesis Contested: Moses Mendelssohn, Nachman Krochmal, and the Reception of German Jewish Hermeneutics**

Elias Sacks (University of Colorado–Boulder)

*Respondent:* Michah S. Gottlieb (New York University)

11.8

*Ruth***RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY IN PRECEDENCE AND PROPHETHOOD BETWEEN JUDAISM AND ISLAM***Chair:* Carol Bakhos (University of California, Los Angeles)**Children of Israel: The Qur'ān's Treatment of Jewish Ancestry**

Hamza Zafer (University of Washington)

**Prophecy / Prophethood in Judaism and Islam**

Abed el-Rahman Tayyara (Cleveland State University)

**The Jewish Sages Who Infiltrate Muhammad's Community: The Problematic of Prophecy and Precedent with Newly Emergent Religion**

Reuven Firestone (HUC-JIR)

11.9

*Peale A***THE HOLOCAUST IN HUNGARY, 1944–2014: CULTURE, GENDER, LITERATURE, CINEMA***Chair:* Dragan Kujundzic (University of Florida)**Antisemitism and the Politics of Exclusion: The Hungarian Film Arts Chamber, 1938–1939**

Susan M. Papp (University of Toronto)

**The Fate of Hungarian Homosexuals during World War II**

Anita Kurimay (Bryn Mawr College)

**Pulp Memory: The Hungarian Holocaust in Mass-Market Socialist Literature, 1956–1968**

Richard Sherman Esbenshade (University of Illinois)

**The Holocaust in Hungary: The Cinematic Representations**

Catherine Portuges (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

11.10

*Poe A/B***ART AND THE POLITICS OF ZIONISM***Chair:* Dina Roginsky (Yale University)**Dan Almagor's Jerusalem: Zionism and Ambivalence**

Michael A. Figueroa (University of Chicago)

**Dor Guez's *Pendant Letters*: Aesthetic Archives and Post-Zionist Critique**

Elisabeth Friedman (Illinois State University)

**Shylock and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Edna Nahshon (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

11.11

*Johnson A***URBANISM, URBAN JEWS, AND JEWISH IDENTITY, PART 2: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND SOCIAL HISTORY***Chair:* Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)**The Jews and the City of Chicago: A Changing but Continuing Presence**

Peter Friedman (Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago)

**Jewish Institutional Revival in Downtown Toronto: What, How, and Why**

Randal F. Schnoor (York University)

**The Urban and Suburban Landscape of Jewish Identity in Baltimore**

Stuart Schoenfeld (Glendon College, York University)

11.12

*Johnson B***THE SOCIAL LANDSCAPE OF YIDDISH LITERATURE***Chair:* Miriam Udel (Emory University)**Abraham Cahan and the Advent of “Public Service” Features in the *Forverts***

Ellen Deborah Kellman (Brandeis University)

**Yiddish Modernist Manifestos**

Alexandra Hoffman (University of Michigan)

**It's Simple, Tevya**

Theodore L. Steinberg (SUNY Fredonia)

11.13

*Latrobe***JEWS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CRISES***Chair:* Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)**From Berlin into Exile and Back: Nahum Goldmann and Joachim Prinz as Emissaries for the Jewish People in Postwar Germany**

David Jünger (Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg)

**No Place Like Home: Familialism, Nationalism, and Wartime Refugee Youth in America**

Daniella Doron (Monash University)

**Zionism as a Form of Racism at the United Nations (1975) and the Tourism Boycott of Mexico**

Ariela Katz Gugenheim (Universidad Iberoamericana)

11.14

*Calloway A/B***THE HUMAN/ANIMAL BINARY FROM THE TALMUD TO THE SHOAH AND BEYOND: JEWISH STUDIES AND THE NEW POSTHUMANITIES***Chair:* Aaron Saul Gross (University of San Diego)**Suffering Rabbis and Other Animals: Gender, the Bestial, and Rabbinic Self-Critique in Bavli Aggadah**

Julia Watts Belser (Georgetown University)

**Shame, Subjectivity, and the Human-Animal Divide: The Question of Gentile Bestiality in Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 55a-b**

Beth A. Berkowitz (Barnard College)

**"It's Clear as the Light of Day": The Shoah in the Light of the Human-Animal Great Divide**

Jay Geller (Vanderbilt University)

**Silence, Sacrifice, and the Animal/Human in Post-Shoah Ethics**

Andrea Dara Cooper (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

11.15

Peale C

**ISRAEL THROUGH THE EYES OF NON-JEWISH AMERICANS***Chair:* Gur Alroey (University of Haifa)**“What Then Is the Truth about Zionism as It Appears to a Non-Jew?”: Harry Emerson Fosdick and Liberal Protestant Perspectives on Palestine**

Amy Weiss (New York University)

**“Be Sure to Remember ... How They Treat You over There”: J. Ida Jiggetts's *Israel to Me* and the Question of Color in 1950s Israel**

Emily Alice Katz (University of California, Irvine)

**“Tough Jews” Make Strong Allies: The PLO and American Perceptions of Israeli Toughness**

Caitlin Elisabeth Carenen (Eastern Connecticut State University)

**SESSION 12, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

12.1

Holiday 4

**LOCATION, TIMING, AND LUCK: REVISITING JEWS AND AMERICAN CAPITALISM***Chair and Respondent:* Jerry Z. Muller (Catholic University of America)**Accepting Exceptionalism: Jewish Commerce in the Literature of American Economic Thought**

Jonathan Karp (Binghamton University, SUNY)

**Reconciling Proclivity and Environment: Jewish Niche Economies and the American Gulf South**

Michael R. Cohen (Tulane University)

**Destructive Creators: Max Kobre and the 1914 Failures That Doomed the World of Immigrant Banking**

Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University)

12.2

Holiday 5

**FROM IVORY TOWER TO MUSEUM GALLERY: PRESENTING JEWISH HISTORY TO THE PUBLIC***Moderator:* David Weinstein (Independent Scholar)*Discussants:* Pamela S. Nadell (American University)

Josh Perelman (National Museum of American Jewish History)

Annie Polland (Lower East Side Tenement Museum)

Jenna Weissman Joselit (George Washington University)

12.3

Holiday 1

**IS JEWISHNESS WHOLE WITHOUT ZIONISM?***Chair:* H. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)**Zionism: Essential Normatively for Jewishness, Philosophically for Humanness**

James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo)

**Zionism's Achilles Heel: David Ben-Gurion's Three Miscalculations**

Shaul Magid (Indiana University-Bloomington)

**The Incongruity of Zionism without Judaism: A Third Way**

David Novak (University of Toronto)

12.4

Holiday 3

**JEWISH IDENTITIES: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES***Chair:* Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)**Complexities and Contradictions: Ethnographic Reflections on American Jewish Identity**

Gila Silverman (University of Arizona)

**Imagining Jewish Geography: New Orleans as Self and Other**

Moshe Kornfeld (University of Michigan)

**Judaism Is Not a Religion**

Charles Kadushin (Brandeis University)

**The Hebraization of American Jewish Identity through Hillel T-Shirts**

Anne Grant (Vanderbilt University)

12.5

Key 4

**NEW READINGS OF TALMUDIC PHRASES***Chair:* Marjorie Lehman (The Jewish Theological Seminary)**"Overturning the 'Table'": The Hidden Meaning of a Talmudic Metaphor for Coitus**

Noah Benjamin Bickart (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**"The Law according to (the Daughters of) Israel": Revisiting Rabbinic and Other Late Antique Sources**

Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham University) and Mika Ahuvia (University of Washington)

**What Does It Mean to Uproot a Radish?**

Zvi Septimus (Cornell University)

12.6

Key 3

**HISTORY AND POLITICS IN MODERN HEBREW FICTION***Chair:* Tamar S. Hess (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)**Levi Aryeh Arieli's "In the Light of Venus" and the Political Dimension of Hebrew Modernist Fiction**

Philip Hollander (University of Wisconsin)

**The Utopian Dystopia: Igal Mossinsohn's *The Way of a Man*, and the Allegoric Icon of the Kibbutz in the 1950s**

Lior Libman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Between Historical Fiction, Family Saga and *Künstlerroman*: Yehudit Katzir's *Tzillah***

Elisa Carandina (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales)

**The Hassidic-Mitnagdi Clash in *Memories of My Childhood or a View of Dvinsk* by Sarah Feiga Foner: Historic Testimony versus Personal Bias**

Michal Fram Cohen (Bar-Ilan University)

12.7

Key 1

**USING ORAL HISTORY IN THE UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM***Sponsored by the AJS Pedagogy Working Group**Moderator:* Joyce Antler (Brandeis University)*Discussants:* Jayne K. Guberman (Adoption and Jewish Identity Project)

Dan Leshem (University of Southern California)

Judith Rosenbaum (Jewish Women's Archive)

Sebastian Z. Schulman (Indiana University)

Christa Whitney (National Yiddish Book Center)

12.8

Ruth

**TRANSLATION AND CULTURAL NATIONALISM IN JEWISH VILNA, 1915–1923***Chair:* Cecile E. Kuznitz (Bard College)**Translating Russian-Jewish Engraving into Jewish Folk Art in Wartime Vilna**

Andrew N. Koss (Colgate University)

**Yiddish Opera, Russian Culture, and the Jerusalem of Lithuania**

Sara Feldman (University of Michigan)

**Translating Jewish Themes into Art Music in 1920s Vilna: Coda or Continuation?**

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

12.9

Peale A

**CROSSING BOUNDARIES***Chair:* Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)**Contextualizing a Jewish Identity: The Integration and Incorporation of Latino Jewish Immigrants in the United States**

Laura Limonic (SUNY College at Old Westbury)

**Empathetic Listening in Jewish Tourist Encounters with Palestinians**

Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt University)

**Exit Protocols: Religious Deviance and the Conflict over Narratives in Lubavitch and Satmar**

Schneur Zalman Newfield (New York University)

12.10

Poe A/B

**CHANGING MEMORY: COMMEMORATION AND MEMORIALIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST IN THE SOVIET UNION AND POST-SOVIET COUNTRIES***Chair:* Jeffrey Veidlinger (University of Michigan)**Discovering and Discussing the Killing Camps: How the Soviets Reported on Majdanek and Auschwitz**

Zvi Yechiel Gitelman (University of Michigan)

**Memorialization of the Holocaust in Minsk and Kiev**

Victoria Khiterer (Millersville University)

**The Intersection of Two Memory Holes: Babi Yar between the Holocaust and Great Patriotic War, 1953–1976**

Shay Arie Pilnik (Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center)

*Respondent:* Naya Lekht (University of California, Los Angeles)

12.11

Johnson A

**PERFORMING AND REPRESENTING THE NEW NATION***Chair:* Arieh Bruce Saposnik (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)***Masekhet* in the Kibbutz: Jewish Theatrical Performances in Palestine**

Dina Roginsky (Yale University)

**The Attitude of Agudas Yisroel's Daily *Hamodia* towards Israel's Independence Day, 1951–1990**

Yair Halevy (Bar-Ilan University)

**Shaping Jewish Nationalism in Synagogues in 'Erez Yisra'el during the British Mandate Period**

Reuven Gafni (Yad Ben-Zvi)

**Visualizing History from the Temple to the Six-Day War: Photography and Historical Narrative of Jerusalem in Jewish Encyclopedias**

Jessica Leigh Carr (Lafayette College)

12.12

Johnson B

**JEWISH LAW AND PRACTICE IN THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD***Chair:* Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University)**A "Fiqh" Description of Halakhah: Al-Maqdisi's Attempt to Understand Jewish Law**

David Zvi Kalman (University of Pennsylvania)

**Three Arabic Terms in Maimonides's *Book of the Commandments***

Marc Herman (University of Pennsylvania)

**David ben Joshua Maimuni's Commentary on the Liturgy: Preliminary Observations**

Arnold Franklin (Queens College, CUNY)

12.13

Latrobe

**POWER, RACE, GENETICS, AND THE COLONIAL LEGACY IN SCHOLARSHIP ON AFRICAN AND INDIAN JEWISH IDENTITIES***Chair and Respondent:* Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell University)**Caste, Race, and the Kerala Jews of India: The Problematic Legacy of American Jewish Anthropologist David Mandelbaum**

Barbara C. Johnson (Ithaca College)

**Incommensurability Matters: Sub-Saharan African and Rabbiniically Related Jewish Exchanges**

Marla Brettschneider (University of New Hampshire)

**DNA Research, Jewish Identity, and Race Politics across Time and Space**

Noah Miralaine Tamarkin (The Ohio State University)

12.14

Calloway A/B

**PEDAGOGIC ISSUES IN THE FIELD OF ISRAEL EDUCATION***Chair:* Ilan Troen (Brandeis University)**Israel Literacy: Creating a Construct**

Rachel Fish (Brandeis University)

**Moving from Vision to Practice in the Preparation of Emerging Israel Educators**

Ofra Arieli Backenroth (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**Israel Education in North America as a Ritual of Performance**

Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting)



12.15

Peale C

**KNOWLEDGES AND IDEAS ACROSS BORDERS***Chair:* Naomi Grunhaus (Yeshiva University)**Was There a Medieval Mediterranean Jewry?: The Case of Occitania, Epicenter of the Maimonidean Controversies**

Tamar Ron Marvin (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

**“To Know Supernal Knowledge”: The Pedagogic Motivation in Isaac Israeli’s *Yesod ‘Olam***

Israel Moshe Sandman (University College London)

**Books about, for, and by Early Modern Jewish Women**

Moshe Rosman (Bar-Ilan University)

12.16

Armistead

**ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM: THEORY, HOLOCAUST STUDIES, AND POSTCOLONIALISM (MEETING 3)***Chair:* Scott Ury (Tel Aviv University)

*Participants:* Jonathan Judaken (Rhodes College), Arie M. Dubnov (University of Haifa), Sol Goldberg (University of Toronto), Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa), Ilse Josepha Lazaroms (Center for Jewish History), Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Purdue University), Kalman Weiser (York University), Hannah Pollin-Galay (Tel Aviv University), Julie Kalman (Monash University), Bryan H. Cheyette (University of Reading), Hanan Harif (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), David Feldman (Birkbeck, University of London), Isabel Enzenbach (Technische Universität Berlin), Felix Axster (Technische Universität Berlin)

*Daily seminar schedule available at Registration Desk and at [ajsnet.org](http://ajsnet.org).*

12.17

Pickersgill

**JEWES IN POSTWAR AMERICA, 1945–1965: NEW APPROACHES (MEETING 3)***Chairs:* Rachel Gordan (University of Toronto)

Joshua Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)

*Discussants:* Rachel Kranson (University of Pittsburgh), Kirsten L. Fermaglich (Michigan State University), Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State University), Jodi Eichler-Levine (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh), Dean Franco (Wake Forest University), Lila Corwin Berman (Temple University), Julian A. Levinson (University of Michigan), Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

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## SESSION 13, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

13.1

*Holiday 4***NEW APPROACHES TO JEWISH RHETORICS***Chair:* Susan Zueske (University of Wisconsin–Madison)**Rhetorical Criticism, Rabbinic Authority, and the Persuasiveness of Talmudic Discourse**

Richard Hidary (Yeshiva University)

**The Yeshiva in Hard Copy: How ArtScroll Teaches the Babylonian Talmud**

Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell University)

**Jewish Identity in America and the Rhetoric of the Exception**

Jennifer Glaser (University of Cincinnati)

13.2

*Holiday 5***CHALLENGES TO JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE***Sponsored by the Network of Directors of Jewish Studies Programs and Centers**Moderators:* Ellen M. Umansky (Fairfield University)

Kenneth A. Waltzer (Michigan State University)

*Discussants:* Jean Axelrad Cahan (University of Nebraska–Lincoln)

Gabriel Natan Finder (University of Virginia)

Todd Presner (University of California, Los Angeles)

Barry Scott Wimpfheimer (Northwestern University)

13.3

*Holiday 1***TRANSNATIONAL JUDAISM: RELIGION IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES***Chair:* Dinah Assouline Stillman (University of Oklahoma)**Charisma across Borders: Soviet and Hasidic Jews in Transnational Perspective**

Sebastian Z. Schulman (Indiana University)

**New World, New Ways?: A "Glocal" Perspective**

Hilit Surowitz-Israel (Rutgers University)

**Of Pools, *Peyos*, and Protests: Global Haredi Jewry and the 1958 Jerusalem Pool Controversy**

Shayna Weiss (New York University)

**Ethnographic Approaches to Studying Jews: Local and Translocal Perspectives**

Alanna Esther Cooper (Case Western Reserve University)

- 13.4 *Holiday 3*  
**HOLOCAUST MEMORY AND MEMORIALIZATION THROUGH THE PRISMS OF RACE, APARTHEID, AND EXPRESSIONISM**  
*Chair:* Daniel B. Schwartz (George Washington University)  
**Willi Lammert's Memorial to the Deported Jews (1953/1985): A Rethinking of Holocaust Memory in the German Democratic Republic**  
 Natasha Goldman (Bowdoin College)  
**Holocaust Memory in Post-Apartheid South Africa**  
 Shirli Gilbert (University of Southampton)  
**Holocaust Testimony and *Twelve Years a Slave***  
 Nancy A. Harrowitz (Boston University)
- 13.5 *Key 4*  
**VIOLENCE, VIRTUE, AND VATERLAND: HUNGARIAN JEWISH RESPONSES TO THE LONG GREAT WAR**  
*Chair:* Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Purdue University)  
**"The Most Tragic of All the European Jewries": The JDC and Hungary's White Terror, 1919–1922**  
 Emily R. Gioielli (Central European University)  
**"We Are Looking with Confidence into the Unknown Future": Orthodox Jews and the Border Provinces in Postwar Hungary**  
 Ilse Josepha Lazaroms (Center for Jewish History)  
**Losing Ground? Hungarian Jewish Business Elites Facing the Fall of the Austro-Hungarian Empire**  
 Mate Rigo (Cornell University)
- 13.6 *Key 3*  
**AUTHORITY BEYOND AUTONOMY: RETHINKING JEWISH POWER IN THE MEDIEVAL AND MODERN MEDITERRANEAN**  
*Chair and Respondent:* Jonathan Ray (Georgetown University)  
**Medical Authority and Jewish Power in Fifteenth-Century Venetian Crete**  
 Rena Nechama Lauer (Oregon State University)  
**Jews, Power, and Commerce in Oran, 1820–1831**  
 Joshua Samuel Schreier (Vassar College)  
**Fearing Jewish Plaintiffs: International Intervention and Jewish Power in Nineteenth-Century Morocco**  
 Jessica M. Marglin (University of Southern California)
- 13.7 *Key 1*  
**AMSTERDAM SCHOLARS IN THE EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**  
*Chair:* Francesca Bregoli (Queens College, CUNY)  
**An Ets Haim Graduate in Mid-Eighteenth-Century Curaçao: Ḥakham Semuel Mendes de Solla and the Struggle for Rabbinical Authority**  
 Evelyne Oliel Grausz (Université Paris Sorbonne)  
**From Rabbinical Student to Enlightenment Polemicist: Abraham Gomes Silveyra (1656–1741) and His Theological Work**  
 Carsten L. Wilke (Central European University)  
**A Welcome Visitor: Documents on Moses Hayim Luzzatto at the Ets Haim Yesiba**  
 David Sclar (University of Toronto)

13.8

Ruth

**JEWISH SHAPE-SHIFTING AND MODERNITY***Moderator:* Rachel Rubinstein (Hampshire College)*Discussants:* Adriana X. Jacobs (University of Oxford)

Esther Schor (Princeton University)

Cheryl Spinner (Duke University)

13.9

Peale A

**GERMANY, JEWS, AND THE ARTS FROM WEIMAR TO THE NAZI PERIOD***Chair:* Gilya Gerda Schmidt (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)**Jewish Jazz Culture and Social Practices in Nazi Germany**

Linda Braun (Johns Hopkins University)

**Magicians, Crooks, and Lunatics: Images of Jews in German Expressionist Film**

Hanna Schmidt Hollaender (University of Virginia)

***Dumela Marena: Irma Stern, the Galerie Fritz Gurlitt, and Jewish Art in Weimar Berlin***

LaNitra Berger (George Mason University)

13.10

Poe A/B

**JEWISH EDUCATION—FOR WHAT? TWENTIETH-CENTURY ANSWERS COMPARED***Chair:* Joseph Reimer (Brandeis University)**Towards a Science of American Jewish Childhood: The Impact of Early Twentieth-Century Pedagogy on Reform Education**

Laura Tomes (Hillel International)

**Accentuate the Positive: Kurt Lewin's Influence on American Jewish Education**

Joshua J. Furman (University of Maryland)

**On the Origins and Persistence of the Jewish Identity Industry in Jewish Education**

Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University)

**The Anatomy of an "Assimilated Jew": Existential Education in Postwar America**

Matthew Williams (Stanford University)

13.11

Johnson A

**CULTURAL MOBILITY IN JEWISH LITERATURE***Chair:* Anne Golomb Hoffman (Fordham University)**Folklore and the Location of Jewish Identity: The Case of Heinrich Heine**

Angela Botelho (Graduate Theological Union)

**Is There a Jewish Flâneur? Jewish Walkers and the New York Cityscape**

Benjamin Pollak (University of Michigan)

**Parallel Universes: Multiple Identities in the Russian Jewish American Memoir**

Anna Katsnelson (Medgar Evers College, CUNY)

**Rooted Cosmopolitans: Charles Reznikoff, Louis Zukofsky, and the Ethics of Place**

Joshua Logan Wall (University of Michigan)

13.12

*Johnson B***ESCHATOLOGY AND DIVINE JUSTICE***Chair:* Chaya Halberstam (King's University College, University of Western Ontario)**The Sin of Protesting God in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature**

Dov Weiss (University of Illinois)

**Rabbinic Eschatology and Self-Reflection in Late Antiquity**

Jenny R. Labendz (Drew University)

**"Letters Flying Upward": Art and Artistry in the Death of R. Hanina ben Teradion**

Wendy Aviva Amsellem (New York University)

13.13

*Latrobe***THE BIBLE AND SECOND TEMPLE LITERATURE***Chair:* Stephen Garfinkel (The Jewish Theological Seminary)***Assumptio Mosis* and the Hadrianic Persecutions: A New Argument for an Old Dating**

Zev Israel Farber (Project TABS)

**The Biblical Bathing Beauty Who Asked for It: Bathsheba, Susanna, Judith, and the Manipulation of the Male Gaze**

Caryn Tamber-Rosenau (Vanderbilt University)

**Violence in Philo: Between Exegesis and Self-Fashioning**

Yonatan Miller (Harvard University)

13.14

*Calloway A/B***ZIONISM, THE POLITICAL, AND THE SOCIAL: A RECONSIDERATION OF HERMANN COHEN AND MARTIN BUBER***Chair:* Dana Hollander (McMaster University)**Which Ships Pass in the Night? The Buber-Cohen Debate on Zionism Reconsidered**

Samuel Hayim Brody (University of Kansas)

**The Friend, the Enemy, and the Noahide: Of Jewish Political Myth in Carl Schmitt and Hermann Cohen**

Paul E. Nahme (Brown University)

**The Fellowman and the Interhuman: The Jewish Political-Social of Hermann Cohen and Martin Buber**

Shira Nomi Billet (Princeton University)

13.15

*Peale C*

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN LEGAL HISTORY**

*Chair:* Jay R. Berkovitz (University of Massachusetts–Amherst)

**Denaturalizing Medieval Rabbinic Law: Two Case Studies from the Cairo Geniza**

Eve Krakowski (Yale University)

**Legal Representation: The Depiction of Litigious Women in Medieval Responsa**

Rachel Furst (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Perception of Jewish Law by Non-Jewish Jurists in Early Modern Ashkenaz**

Birgit Elke Klein (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg)

**The Increasing Reliance on Ritual Handbooks: Minhagim Books and Halakhic Manuals in Preprint-Era Ashkenaz**

Rachel Zohn Mincer (New York University)

13.16

*Pickersgill*

**WORKS-IN-PROGRESS GROUP IN JEWISH STUDIES**

*Chairs:* Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati)

Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt University)

**GENERAL LUNCH**

*By prepaid reservation only*

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

*Key 6*

**AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

*Carroll A/B*

# AJS 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Holiday 2

**9:00 PM**

### IDA

Directed by Pawel Pawlikowski (2013, 82 min; Poland, Denmark, France, UK; Polish w/ English subtitles)

Distributor: Music Box Films

Introduction by Sara Horowitz (York University)

*Poland, 1962. Anna is a novice, an orphan brought up by nuns in the convent. She has to see Wanda, the only living relative, before she takes her vows. Wanda tells Anna that Anna is Jewish. Both women start a journey to find not only their family's tragic story, but who they really are and where they belong. They question their religions and ideas they believed in. Both are trying to go on living but only one of them can.*

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holiday 2

**7:00 PM**

### WHEN COMEDY WENT TO SCHOOL

Directed by Mevlut Akkaya, Ron Frank & Lawrence Richards (2013, 77 min, USA; English)

Distributor: First Run Features

Introduction by Josh Lambert (Yiddish Book Center / UMass Amherst)

*Why are there so many Jewish comedians? When Comedy Went to School answers this question with an entertaining portrait of this country's greatest generation of comics—including Jerry Lewis, Sid Caesar, Jackie Mason, Mort Sahl, and Jerry Stiller, all of whom appear in the film, sharing hilarious and personal experiences. The answer is also found in upstate New York's Catskill Mountains, aka the Borscht Belt, which provided the setting for a remarkable group of young Jewish American comedians to hone their craft and become worldwide legends.*

**9:00 PM**

### DANCING IN JAFFA

Directed by Hilla Medalia (2013, 90 min, USA; Hebrew, Arabic, English w/English subtitles)

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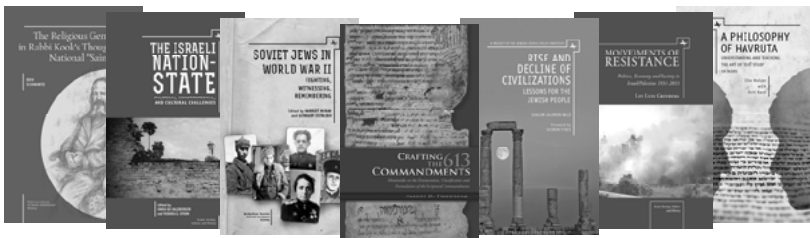
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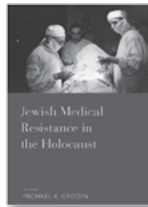
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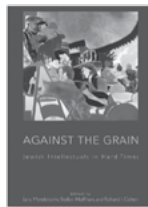
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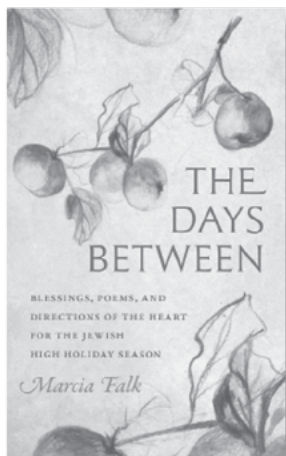


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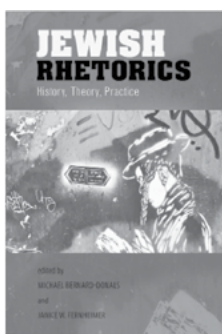
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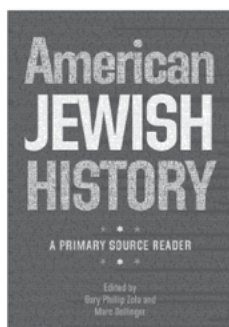
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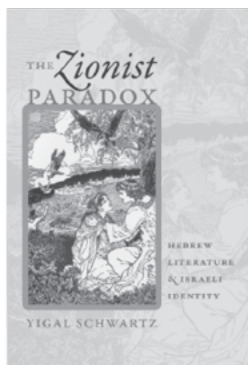


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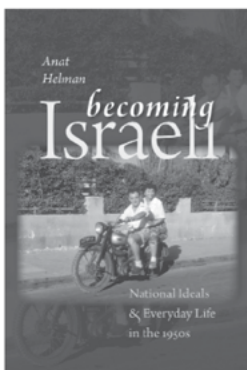
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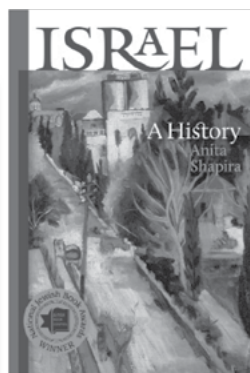
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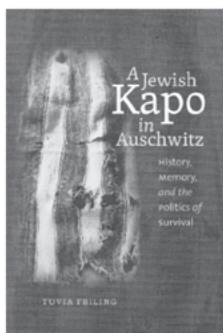
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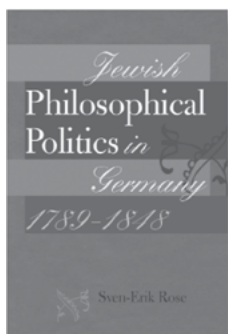
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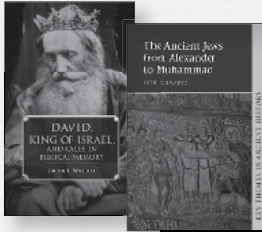
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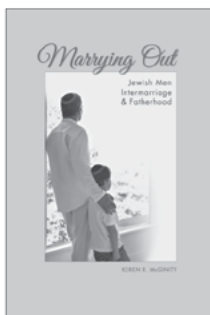
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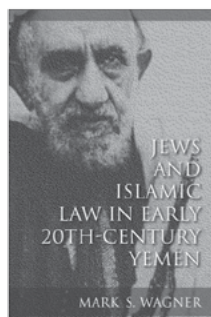
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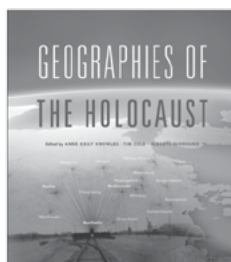
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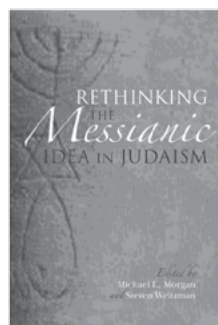
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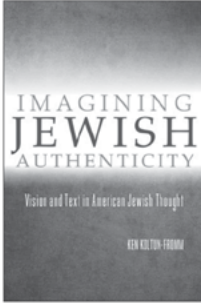


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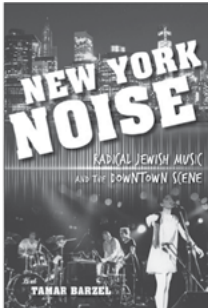
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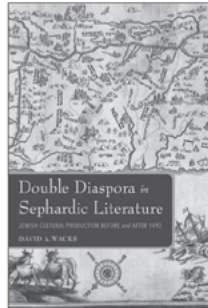
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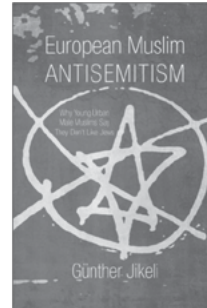
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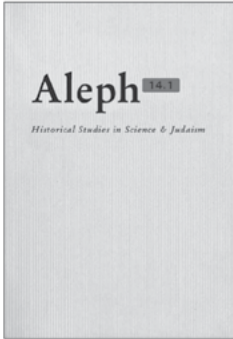


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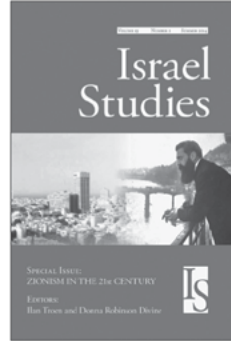
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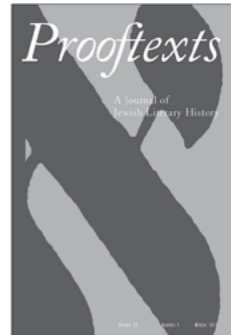
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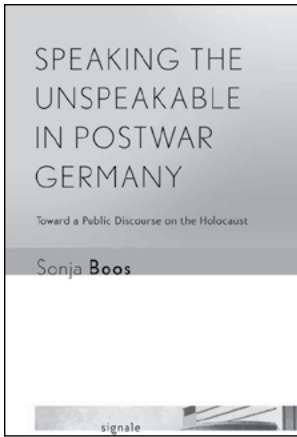
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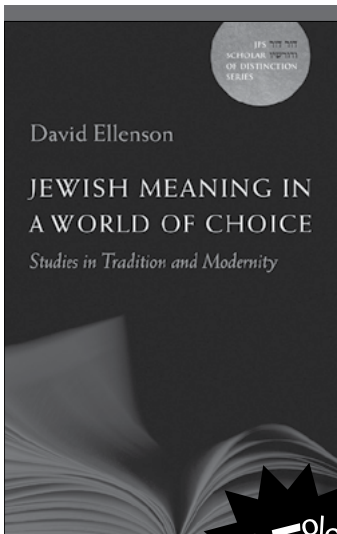
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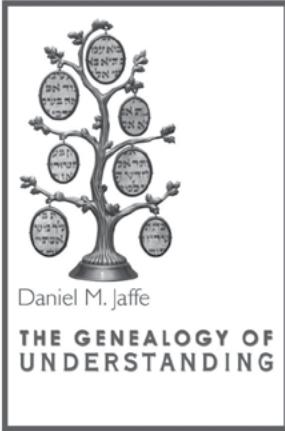
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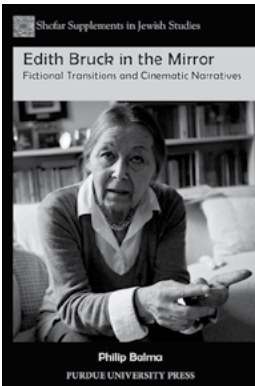
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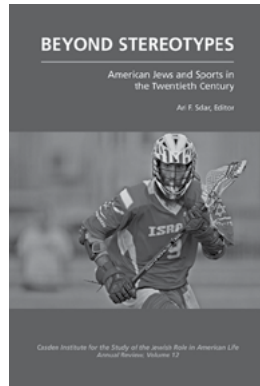
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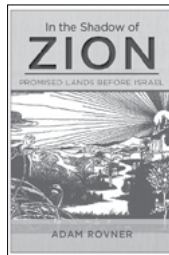
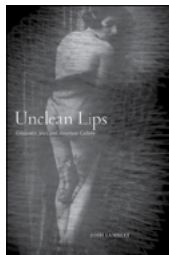
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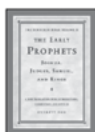
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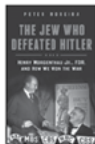
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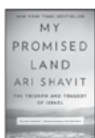
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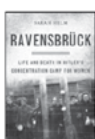
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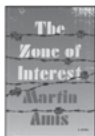
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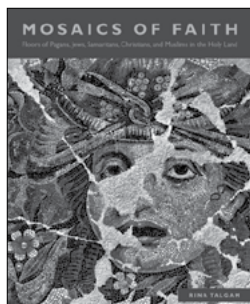
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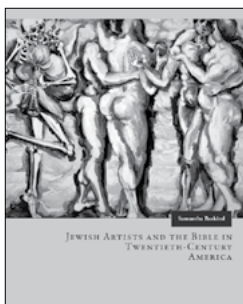
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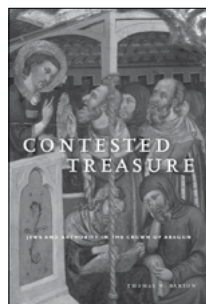
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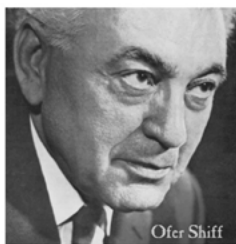
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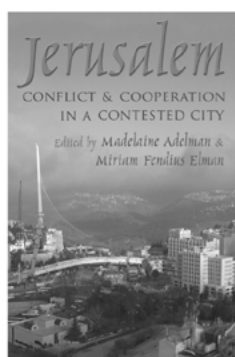


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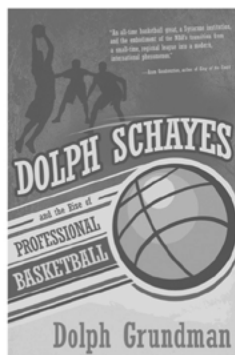


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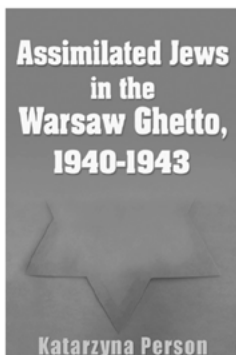


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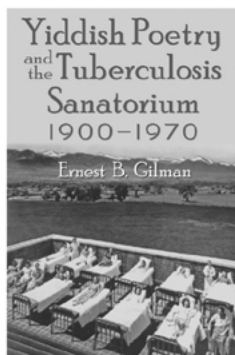
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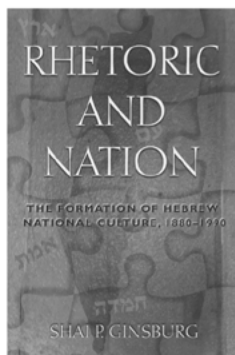
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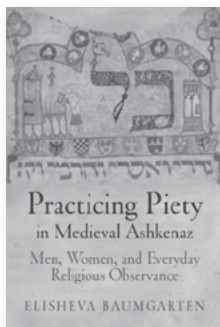
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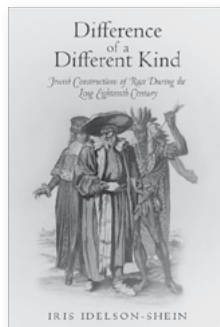
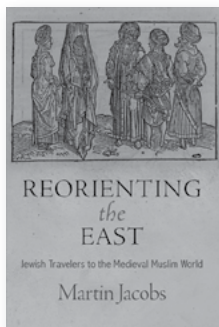
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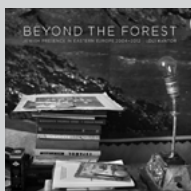
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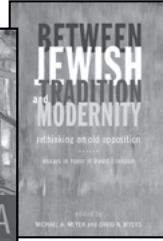
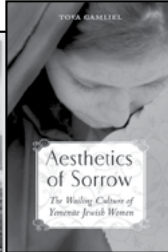
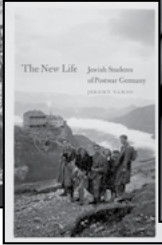


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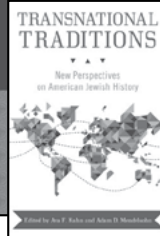
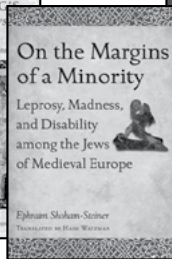
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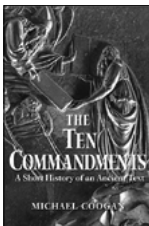
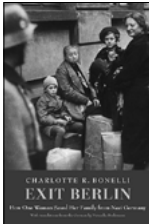
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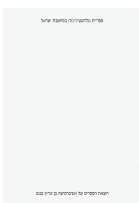


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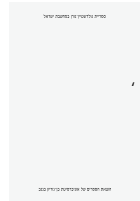


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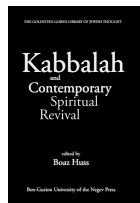


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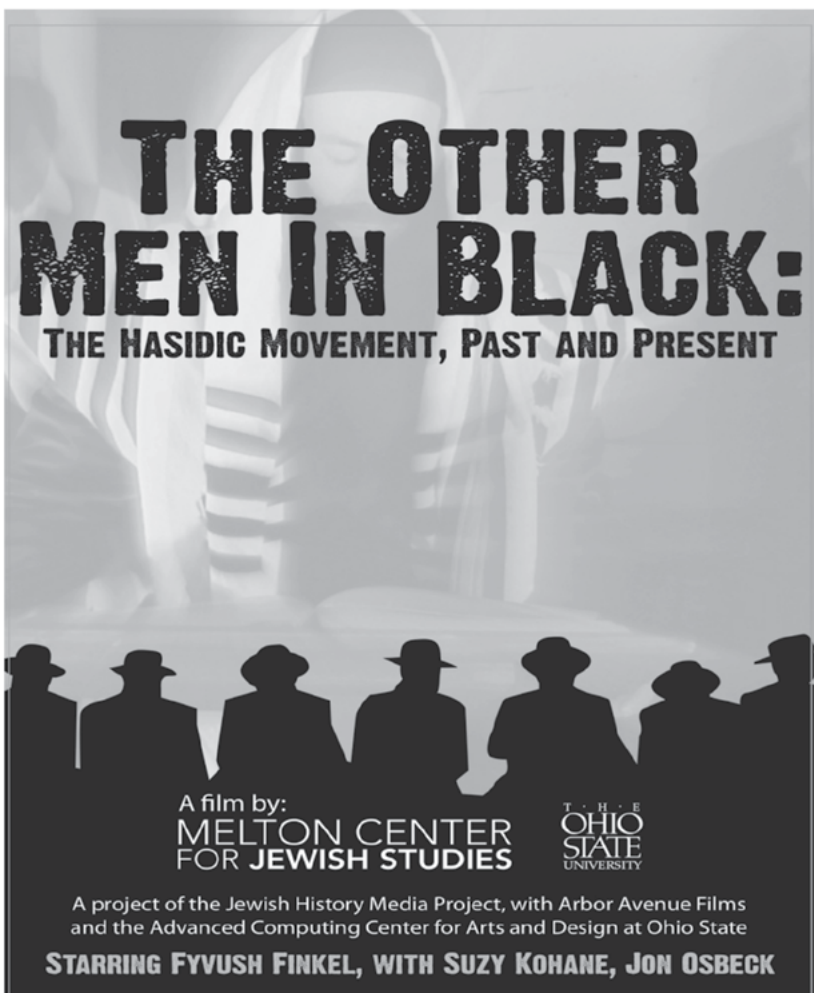
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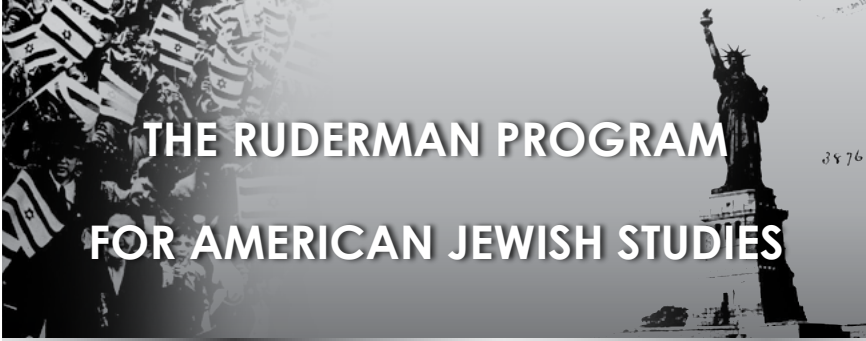
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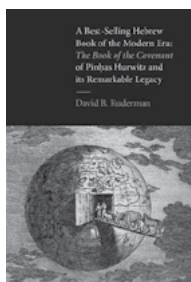
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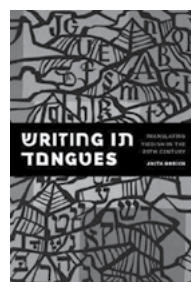


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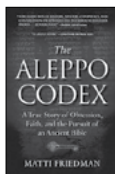
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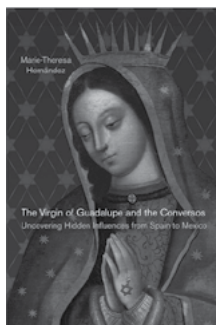
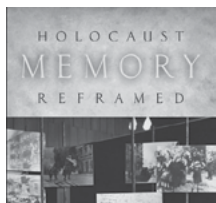
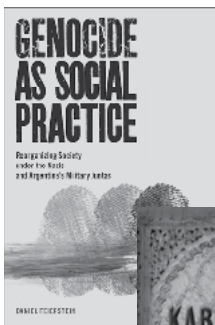
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