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All sessions are at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Copley Square, Boston, Massachusetts (Tel. 617-267-5300). The hotel offers a full array of facilities and services, including dining rooms, child care, and parking. For information, contact the hotel directly.

Main Lobby:

Venetian Room
Ballroom Foyer
Directors' Room
Oval Room

Lower Level:

Forum Room
Back Bay Room
State Suite

Hotel reservations at the special conference rate must be received by the Copley Plaza Hotel by December 1, 1989.

The Conference at a Glance

Meeting Room	Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Sunday, 1:15 P.M.	Sunday, 3:30 P.M.
<i>Venetian Room</i>	The Shaping of Modern Jewish Identities (1)	Women between Tradition and Change (6)	American Jewish Farming Communities (11)
<i>State Suite</i>	Women, Writing, and Memory (2)	French Jewry before and after the Revolution (7)	The Jewish Body (12)
<i>Forum Room</i>	Medieval Literary Culture (3)	Roles of Jewish Studies Faculty (8)	Samuel Hugo Bergman (13)
<i>Directors' Room</i>	19th- and 20th-Century Religious Thought (4)	Biblical Studies (9)	Change, Migrations, and Adjustments in Modern Jewish History (14)
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<i>Back Bay Room</i>		Eastern Europe, Holocaust and Post-Holocaust Eras (25)	On Aging and the Aged (30)
<i>Oval Room</i>	Gender and Jewish Studies (16)		

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<i>Venetian Room</i>	Impact of the French Revolution (31)		Pre-Modern, Post- Modern Strains in Israeli Culture and Society (42)
<i>State Suite</i>	Mutual Images of Jews and Pales- tinians (32)	Jewish-Christian Relations (36)	Images of Women in Ancient Jewish Texts (43)
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<i>Back Bay Room</i>	Jewish Writers and the Avant Garde (35)	Recent Theological Currents (39)	
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<i>Venetian Room</i>	Ancient Hermeneu- tics and Midrash (46)	Ambivalent Jewish Nationalism of Central European Jewry (51)	Early Rabbinic Theology (56)
<i>State Suite</i>	Computers and Judaica (47)	Later Hasidism (52)	Studies in Jewish Eth- nography (57)
<i>Forum Room</i>	War and Destruc- tion in 20th- Century Jewish Literature (48)	Medieval Philosophical Exegesis (53)	East European and Hasidic Cus- tom and Ritual (58)
<i>Directors' Room</i>	The Other New York Jewish Intellectuals (49)	Non-Ashkenazi and Popular Ele- ments in Israeli Literature (54)	American Influences on 19th-Century Jew- ish Social Life (59)
<i>Back Bay Room</i>	Karaitica (50)	Jewish Magic (55)	Refugees, Refuge, and Recon- struction (60)

Sunday, December 17, 1989

10:30 A.M. Registration *Main Lobby*
Meeting of the AJS Board of Directors *State Suite Foyer*

1:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. Book Exhibits *Ballroom Foyer*

Session I, 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

11:00 A.M. Section 1 *Venetian Room*

The Shaping of Modern Jewish Identities

Chair: Mel Scult (Brooklyn College)

In a European Wilderness: Heinrich Heine's Moses Figures

Bluma Goldstein (University of California, Berkeley)

Herzl and the Dreyfus Legend

Jacques Kornberg (University of Toronto)

Sigmund Freud's Jewish Identity: Evidence from his Correspondence

Moshe Gresser (Colgate University)

The (Ir)relevance of Freud's Jewish Identity to the Origins of Psychoanalysis

José Brunner (Tel-Aviv University)

11:00 A.M. Section 2 *State Suite*

Representing the Holocaust: Women, Writing, and Memory (sponsored by the Women's Caucus)

Chair: Judith Meyers (Olympic College)

A Woman Poet's Response to the Holocaust: Nelly Sachs and "Streets of your body's music. . ."

Sharon Baris (Bar-Ilan University)

To Survive Outside the Law: The Place of Women's Enunciations in Survivor Narratives

Kitty Millet (University of Minnesota)

A Woman Yiddish Poet Witnesses the Holocaust: The Futility of Poems in Kadya Molodowsky's "Only King David Remained"

Kathryn Hellerstein (Annenberg Institute)

Scraps of Catastrophe: The Nature of Testimony in Ida Fink's "A Scrap of Time"

Sara R. Horowitz (University of Delaware)

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11:00 A.M. Section 3

Forum Room

Aspects of Medieval Literary Culture

Chair: Ephraim Kanarfogel (Stern College, Yeshiva University)

The Hebrew Verbal Root: Jonah ibn Janah's Terminology

Roger Jay Kaplan (Duke University)

The Poetry of Todros Halevi Abulafia as a Reflection of Two Cultures: Spanish and Hebrew

Aviva Doron (Tel-Aviv University)

The Microcosm Motif in the Hebrew Poetry of Medieval Spain

Adena Tanenbaum (Harvard University)

The Sin of Sloth (Spiritual Apathy) in Jewish and Christian Devotional Literature

Sol Schimmel (Hebrew College, Boston)

11:00 A.M. Section 4

Directors' Room

Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Jewish Religious Thought

Chair: Martin Yaffe (University of North Texas)

Philosopher of Revelation: S.L. Steinheim (on the Occasion of the 200th Anniversary of his Birth)

Joshua O. Haberman (Washington D.C.)

Abraham Geiger on the Origins of Christianity

Susannah Heschel (Southern Methodist University)

The Science of Judaism and the Mitzvot

Sol Tanenzapf (York University)

Heschel and the Problem of Alienation

Davin Wolok (Hebrew College, Boston)

11:00 A.M. Section 5

Back Bay Room

New Tendencies in Israeli Literature

Chair: Gila Ramras-Rauch (Hebrew College, Boston)

Two Encounters with Modern Idolatry in Post-Romantic Hebrew Literature: S.Y. Agnon's "The Lady and the Peddler" and Hanoah Levin's "The Eternal Patient and his Beloved"

Erella Brown (Pennsylvania State University)

The Fall of the Giants: Children of Heroes and Saints [in Hebrew]

Miri Kubovy (Yale University)

Yitzhak Ben Ner's Fiction of the Future

Gilead Morahg (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

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Session II, 1:00 P.M.—3:15 P.M.

1:00 P.M. Section 6

Venetian Room

Contemporary Jewish Women between Tradition and Change

Chair: Nitza Druyan (Hofstra University)

Thus Far and No Further: Libyan Jewish Women

Rachel Simon (University of Washington)

Surviving: Jewish Women in the Holocaust

Linda Gordon Kuzmack (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Ethnic Identity and Gender in Israeli Popular Music

Gila Flam (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Jewish Feminism and Orthodoxy

Rela Geffen Monson (Gratz College)

1:00 P.M. Section 7

State Suite

French Jewry Before and After the Revolution

Chair: Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

Toward a Reappraisal of Jewish Social and Religious Life in Alsace-Lorraine on the Eve of the Revolution

Jay R. Berkovitz (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

The Provincial Jewish Communities of Post-Revolutionary France: How Much Do We Know?

Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville)

For the Sake of France and Israel: The Jewish Community and the “Parti Colonial” in Late 19th-Century France

Antoine Halff (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

1:00 P.M. Section 8

Forum Room

The Role of Jewish Studies Faculty: Teachers or Preachers, Secularists or Spiritual Advisors?

Chair: Rochelle S. Elstein (Northwestern University)

The Role of Jewish Studies Faculty

Kenneth Seeskin (Northwestern University)

Teaching, Preaching, Doing History, Drawing Lessons: Finding the Holocaust

Kenneth Waltzer (Michigan State University)

The Role of the Jewish Professor of Judaica

Jeremiah Unterman (Barry University)

Jewish Studies in the University: Two Profiles or a Cup?

Annette Weinshank (East Lansing, Michigan)

Teaching Jewish-American Literature

Barry Gross (Michigan State University)

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1:00 P.M. Section 9

Directors' Room

Biblical Studies

Chair: Frederick E. Greenspahn (University of Denver)

Israel Eitan: A Forgotten Jewish Bible Scholar

S. David Sperling (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York)

Two Examples of "Hidden" Word-Play in the Book of Genesis

Philip D. Stern (New York University)

Structural and Thematic Density in the Pilgrimage Psalms

Daniel Grossberg (State University of New York, Albany)

The Language of Lying and the Vocabulary of Veracity: Implications for Biblical Morality

Ora Horn Prouser (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

1:00 P.M. Section 10

Back Bay Room

Reassessments of Israeli Writers

Chair: Anne Hoffman (Fordham University)

Agnon's "Ore'ah nata lalun": From Fact to Fiction

Dan Laor (Tel-Aviv University)

Amichai's Systems: Between Rhetoric and Philosophy

Chana Kronfeld (University of California, Berkeley)

Elements of Romance in A.B.Yehoshua's Molkho

Avraham Balaban (University of Florida, Gainesville)

Appelfeld Revisited: Fiction on the Edge of the Abyss

Gila Safran-Naveh (University of Cincinnati)

Session III, 3:30 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

3:30 P.M. Section 11

Venetian Room

American Jewish Farming Communities: Success or Failure? (conjointly with the American Jewish Historical Society)

Chair: Bernard Wax, American Jewish Historical Society

Jewish Farm Communities: Gateway to America

Joseph Brandes (William Paterson College of New Jersey)

Jewish Agrarianism in the West: The Colonizing Experience

Robert A. Goldberg (University of Utah)

"The Land Was Theirs": Presentation of a film-in-progress dealing with the Farmingdale, New Jersey community

Gertrude W. Dubrovsky (Documentary III, Princeton, New Jersey)

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3:30 P.M. Section 12

State Suite

Representations of the Jewish Body

Chair: Ellen Umansky (Emory University)

People of the Body: Conflicting Representations of the Body in Priestly and Rabbinic Judaism

Howard Eilberg-Schwartz (Temple University)

Reflections on the Symbolization of the Body in Qabbalistic Ritual

Elliot K. Ginsburg (Oberlin College)

Mitzvot Built into the Body: Tkhines for Niddah, Pregnancy, and Childbirth

Chava Weissler (Lehigh University)

“A glance at the nose”: The Inscription of Jewish Difference

Jay Geller (American Council of Learned Societies)

3:30 P.M. Section 13

Forum Room

Samuel Hugo Bergman and the Unfolding of Jewish Modernity

Chair: Alan Udoff (Baltimore Hebrew University)

The Significance of Salomon Maimon in the Work of Samuel Hugo Bergman

David R. Lachterman (Pennsylvania State University)

Bergman, Brod, Kafka: A Minor Literature between the Clockmaker and God

Steven Taubeneck (University of Washington)

Misconstruing the Mediation of Faith and Reason in Twentieth-Century Jewish Religious Thought: Bergman’s Exemplary Neglect of Mordecai Kapan

Charles Vernoff (Cornell College)

Bergman and Simone Weil

William Kluback (Kingsborough Community College, City University of New York)

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3:30 P.M. Section 14

Directors' Room

Change, Migrations, and Adjustments in Modern Jewish History

Chair: Jonathan Boyarin (New School for Social Research)

Recapturing a Village Past: The Jews of Rural Bavaria, 1800-1862

William Z. Tannenbaum (New York University)

Patterns of International Jewish Migration, Based upon a Continuing Analysis of the Records of the Poor Jews' Temporary Shelter in London between 1896 and 1914

Aubrey N. Newman (University of Leicester)

The "Palmach" Generation—Problems of Leadership

Anita Shapira (Tel-Aviv University)

Vilna on the Seine: The Influence of Lithuanian Jewish Thought on French Intellectuals of the Generation of 1968

Judith Friedlander (State University of New York, Purchase)

3:30 P.M. Section 15

Back Bay Room

Colloquium on the Journal *Khalyastre* (1922)

Chair: Ruth R. Wisse (McGill University)

A Structural Approach

Seth Wolitz (University of Texas, Austin)

A Post-Structuralist Approach

David Neal Miller (Ohio State University)

A Psychoanalytic Approach

Janet Hadda (University of California, Los Angeles)

A Cross-Cultural Approach

Delphine Bechtel (Columbia University)

5:45 P.M. Annual Business Meeting of the Association

State Suite

All members invited

6:30 P.M. Dinner

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8:00 P.M. Session IV

Oval Room

Chair: Jon Levenson (Harvard University)

The Place of Jewish Studies in Christian Theological Education

Krister Stendahl (Harvard University)

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Session V, 9:30 P.M.—10:30 P.M.

9:30 P.M. Section 16

Oval Room

Towards an Inclusive Curriculum: Gender and Jewish Studies (co-sponsored with the Women's Caucus)

Chair: Susan Shapiro (Syracuse University)

Panelists: Judith Baskin (State University of New York, Albany), Tikva Frymer-Kensky (Reconstructionist Rabbinic College), Ross Kraemer (Princeton University), Howard Adelman (Smith College), and others.

9:30 P.M. Section 17

Venetian Room

Constructive Jewish Theology Group

Chair: David Blumenthal (Emory University)

Roundtable Discussion: Issues in Jewish Theology in the 21st Century.

This year's session will focus on the agenda of a future Jewish theology, such as the roles of the Holocaust and the State of Israel, the nature of faith after Freud, the relationships between sexuality and spirituality and between theories of society and the prophetic challenge, and Judaism in the context of world pluralism.

9:30 P.M. Section 18

State Suite

Graduate Student Colloquium: What We Are Working On

Chairs: Rosalie Bachana and Bruce Ruben (City University of New York Graduate Center)

All graduate students registered for the Conference are invited to attend. Those willing to give a short report on their work-in-progress should write the chairs at the Center for Jewish Studies, City University of New York Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036-8099.

9:30 P.M. Section 19

Forum Room

The Sociological Study of Contemporary American Jewry

Chair: Egon Mayer (Brooklyn College, City University of New York)

The 1990 National Survey of American Jews: Why and How?

Barry Kosmin (City University of New York Graduate Center)

The Chosen People in South Florida

Henry Green (University of Miami)

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9:30 P.M. Section 20

Directors' Room

Jewish Forgeries

Chair: Sid Z. Leiman (Brooklyn College, City University of New York)

An Unknown Forgery of Rabbi Moses de Leon

Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)

Literary Forgery and Hasidic Judaism

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

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8:30 A.M.—5:30 P.M. Book Exhibits

Ballroom Foyer

Session VI, 9:00 A.M.—10:45 A.M.

9:00 A.M. Section 21

Venetian Room

Jewish Ethics: The State of the Discipline

Chair: Marvin Fox (Brandeis University)

Presentation: Eugene B. Borowitz (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York)

For a copy of an unpublished paper by him on Jewish ethics that will be the basis of the discussion, please write Eugene B. Borowitz, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, One West Fourth Street, New York, New York 10012.

Respondents: Louis E. Newman (Carleton College) and Joel Gereboff (Arizona State University)

9:00 A.M. Section 22

State Suite

Qabbalah

Chair: Lawrence Fine (Indiana University)

The Motif of the Book of Adam in the Zohar

Aryeh Wineman (Troy, New York)

Hagiographical Legends Pertaining to Rabbi Isaac Luria and his Qabbalistic Circle

Barry Hammer (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley)

9:00 A.M. Section 23

Forum Room

The Jewish Cinema

Chair: Sharon Pucker Rivo (National Center for Jewish Film)

The Changing Image of the Arab in Israeli Cinema

Eric A. Goldman (Ergo Media)

“Three Days and a Child”: The Novel and the Film

Nurith Gertz (The Open University, Israel)

Film in the Classroom: The Academic as Film Maker

Judith E. Doneson (St. Louis, Missouri)

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9:00 A.M. Section 24

Directors' Room

Immigrant Jewish Women in the United States

Chair: Shelly Tenenbaum (Clark University)

Becoming a Person: Work and Independence among Jewish Immigrant Women

Sydney Stahl Weinberg (Ramapo College of New Jersey)

Immigrant Mothers/American Daughters: Roles and Relationships

Corinne Azen Krause (University of Pittsburgh)

On and Off the Road: Jewish Women Organizers, 1905-1915

Harriet Davis-Kram (Queens College, City University of New York)

Discussant: Paula Hyman (Yale University)

9:00 A.M. Section 25

Back Bay Room

Eastern Europe, Holocaust and Post-Holocaust Eras

Chair: Richard Libowitz (Anne Frank Institute of Philadelphia)

The Bulgarian Deportation of the Jews of Macedonia, Pirot, and Thrace

Yitzhak Kerem (Aristotle University, Thessaloniki)

Broken Tablets and Jewish Memory in Poland

James E. Young (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Session VII, 11:00 A.M.—12:45 P.M.

11:00 A.M. Section 26

Venetian Room

Issues Affecting Research Methods in Jewish Studies

Chair: Charles Berlin (Harvard University)

Creating Judaica Research Collections

Linda Lerman (Yale University)

Preserving Judaica Research Resources

Zachary Baker (Yivo Institute)

Access to Jewish Studies Materials in an Automated Environment

Michael W. Grunberger (Library of Congress)

Historical Perspectives of Judaica Bibliography

Menahem Schmelzer (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

Discussant: Michael A. Meyer (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati)

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11:00 A.M. Section 27

State Suite

Contact and Conflict in Contemporary American Jewry (in cooperation with the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry)

Chair: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

The Partnership between Volunteer Lay Boards and the Professional Educational Leadership in Jewish Day Schools

Elaine R. S. Cohen (McGill University)

Old Wave, New Wave, Vacuum-Cleaners, and Nostalgia Cures

Fran Markowitz (Jewish Community Centers of Chicago)

Gender Representations and American Jewish Culture

Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

11:00 A.M. Section 28

Forum Room

Talmudic Studies

Chair: Burton L. Visotzky (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

The Relation between Intention and Culpability in Sabbath Law: The Contribution of the Bavli

Ruth S. Fagen (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

The Rhetoric of the Taqqanah

Martin S. Jaffee (University of Washington)

Yerushalmi Pesahim and Amoraic Palestine

Baruch M. Bokser (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

11:00 A.M. Section 29

Directors' Room

Presentation of Self in Literature and Biography

Chair: Arthur Lesley (Baltimore Hebrew University)

Jewish Autobiography in the Eighteenth Century: Megillat Sefer of Rabbi Jacob Emden

Jacob J. Schacter (New York)

Biography as a Literary Genre in the Haskalah: Isaac Euchel's Life-Study of Moses Mendelssohn

Moshe Pelli (University of Central Florida, Orlando)

Metamorphoses of the Mendeleyev Persona

Ken Frieden (Emory University)

Metaphor and Memory: The Essays of Cynthia Ozick

Sarah Blacher Cohen (State University of New York, Albany)

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11:00 A.M. Section 30

Back Bay Room

On Aging and the Aged

Chair: Maria Rosenbloom (Hunter School of Social Work)

American Jews and Caregiving for the Aged

Allen Glicksman (Philadelphia Geriatric Center)

Are Health Care Proxies and Living Wills Valid Within the Jewish Tradition?

Adena K. Berkowitz (Academy for Jewish Religion, New York)

Session VIII, 1:30 P.M.—3:15 P.M.

1:30 P.M. Section 31

Venetian Room

The Impact of the French Revolution on the Jewish Communities of Europe (in conjunction with the American Section of the International Association of Historical Societies for the Study of Jewish History)

Chair: Todd Endelman (University of Michigan)

France

Frances Malino (Wellesley College)

Germany

Steven Lowenstein (University of Judaism)

Habsburg Empire

Hillel J. Kieval (University of Washington)

1:30 P.M. Section 32

State Suite

Mutual Images of Jews and Palestinians

Chair: Samuel Heilman (Queens College, City University of New York)

Arabs and Palestinians in the Mind of American Jews

Steven M. Cohen (Queens College, City University of New York)

Jews and Israelis in the Mind of Palestinian Arabs

Fouad Moughrabi (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga)

Commentators: Naseer Aruri (Southeastern Massachusetts University) and Hanna Herzog (Tel-Aviv University)

1:30 P.M. Section 33

Forum Room

Maimonides

Chair: Jacob Staub (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

Anger as a Vice: A Maimonidean Critique of Aristotle's Ethics

Daniel H. Frank (University of Kentucky)

Judaism Without Superstition: Maimonides' Mishneh Torah

H. Norman Strickman (Touro College)

Maimonides on the End of the World

Roslyn Weiss (University of Delaware)

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1:30 P.M. Section 34

Directors' Room

Martin Buber

Chair: Richard C. Hertz (University of Detroit)

Silence, Speech, and Truth in Hasidic Myth: Martin Buber's Use of Language as an Analogy to Religion

S. Daniel Breslauer (University of Kansas)

Buber and Bakhtin: Toward a Dialogical Theory of Language and Interpretation

Steven Kepnes (Colgate University)

The Prophetic Encounter: Buber and Soloveitchik

Rochelle L. Millen (Wittenberg University)

1:30 P.M. Section 35

Back Bay Room

Jewish Writers and the Avant-Garde at the Turn of the Century

Chair: Jacob Kabakoff (Lehman College, City University of New York)

The Influence of Russian "Decadence" and Symbolism on Hebrew Literature, 1890-1910

Hamutal Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Y. L. Peretz and the "New" Yiddish Theater

Michael Steinlauf (Brandeis University)

Uri Zvi Greenberg and German Expressionism: A Second Look

Baruch Link (University of California, Los Angeles)

Session IX, 3:30 P.M.—5:15 P.M.

3:30 P.M. Section 36

State Suite

Jewish-Christian Relations (Dedicated to the Memory of Frank Talmage)

Chair: Barry Walfish (University of Toronto)

Aragonese and Catalan Converts to Christianity at the Time of the Expulsion from Spain

Mark D. Meyerson (University of Notre Dame)

The Patriarch of Venice and the Jewish Question, 1597

Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University)

The Karaites and Jewish-Christian Relations

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

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3:30 P.M. Section 37

Forum Room

When “The Holocaust” Went Public

Chair: Dennis B. Klein (International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League)

West Germany, East Germany, and Austria

Andrei S. Markovits (Boston University)

Law and History

Ruti G. Teitel (New York Law School) and Owen Kupferschmid (Holocaust/ Human Rights Research Project, Boston College Law School)

Politics and Public Affairs

Margot Stern Strom and Mary Johnson (The Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation)

Commentator: Isaiah Kuperstein (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council)

3:30 P.M. Section 38

Directors' Room

Judeo-Islamic Motifs

Chair: Jane Gerber (City University of New York Graduate Center)

The Five Ahkam of Islamic Law and their Talmudic Counterparts: Conflation of Law and Morality in Theocratic Systems

Judith Romney Wegner (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Difficulties in Keeping a Beautiful Wife: The Wife-Sister Motif in Jewish and Islamic Tradition

Reuven Firestone (Boston University)

A Dialogue between God and Satan in Shatin's Bereshit Namah (14th Century)

Vera Basch Moreen (Annenberg Research Institute)

3:30 P.M. Section 39

Back Bay Room

Recent Theological Currents

Chair: William Kaufman (Fall River, Massachusetts)

The Relationship between Christian Liberation Theology and Theologians and Jews and Judaism in Latin America

Richard A. Freund (University of Nebraska at Omaha)

Recent Orthodox Theology: The Tradition and Modernity Debate Revisted

Charles Selengut (Drew University)

In Search of a Contemporary Halakhic Anthropology: Landes on Hartman on Soloveitchik on Maimonides

Theodor Weinberger (Emory University)

3:30 P.M. Section 40

State Suite Foyer

Association for the Social Scientific Study of Judaism (annual business meeting)

Presiding: Rela Geffen Monson (Gratz College)

Monday, Dec. 18

5:30 P.M. Reception

Venetian Room

Hosted by the Wexner Foundation in honor of Robert Chazan, Chairman of its Graduate Fellowship Committee and President of the AJS

7:00 P.M. Dinner

Oval Room

Presidential Address: Robert Chazan

Session X, 8:00 P.M.—10:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Section 41

Oval Room

The Etiology of the Holocaust: Beyond Functionalism and Intentionalism

Chair: Henry L. Feingold (Baruch College)

Presentation: Leon A. Jick (Brandeis University)

Commentators: Henry Friedlander (Brooklyn College, City University of New York) and Charles S. Maier (Harvard University)

8:00 P.M. Section 42

Venetian Room

Pre-Modern, Post-Modern Strains in Israeli Culture and Society

Chair: Jack Jacobs (John Jay College)

Retreat from Modernity; The Ascendence of Jewish Nationalism in the Jewish State

Yoav Peled (Tel-Aviv University)

Israeli-Hebrew Nation or Jewish State? Some Questions on the Nature of Israeli Civil Society

Madeleine Tress (New York University)

Holy Land, Holy Language: Language and Territory in an Ultra-Orthodox Ideology

Lewis H. Glinert (University of London) and Yosseph Shilhav (Tel-Aviv University)

A Very This-Worldly Redemption: Towards a Sociology of Messianic Judaism in Israel

Uri Ram (New School for Social Research)

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8:00 P.M. Section 43

State Suite

Images of Women in Ancient Jewish Texts

Chair: Moshe J. Bernstein (Yeshiva University)

The Territorial Imperative, or Why Was Dinah Silenced?

Ita Sheres (San Diego State University)

Virtuous Deception or “By Indirection, Direction Find”: Biblical Women as Redeemers through Ruse

Emilie S. Passow (Swarthmore College)

“Woman Has No Wisdom Except at the Distaff”: An Analysis of Three Matrona-Stories in the Palestinian Talmud

Catherine Hezser (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

The Power of the Evil and the Good Eye in Midrashic Literature (with an Emphasis on Women)

Brigitte Kern-Ulmer (Cambridge, Massachusetts)

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Chair: Martin A. Cohen (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York)

Iberian “Natureza”: European Ideas of National Character and New Christianity in the 17th Century

Miriam Bodian (Yeshiva University)

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Marc Saperstein (Washington University)

Jews and the Criminal Justice System in Frankfurt-am-Main from 1562 to 1696

Maria Boes (Hunter College, City University of New York)

Jewish Apostates in the Post-Sabbatian Century

Elisheva Carlebach (Queens College, City University of New York)

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Mediating Inter/IntraGroup Relations

Chair: Norman Mirsky (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles)

Teaching Inter-Ethnic Group Relations

David Schoem (University of Michigan)

The Historical Significance and Future Prospects of Black-Jewish Relations

Marshall F. Stevenson, Jr. (Ohio State University)

Children Look at Kelal Yisrael: How Children in Jewish Schools View Other Jewish Movements

Daniel S. Steinmetz (University of Michigan School of Social Work)

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Ancient Hermeneutics and Midrash

Chair: Reuven Kimelman (Brandeis University)

Josephus' Portrait of Joshua

Louis H. Feldman (Yeshiva University)

The Selection of Proemial and Proof Texts in Early Rabbinic Exegesis

Irving Jacobs (Jews' College, London)

The Evolution of the Tanhuma-Yelammedenu Literature

Marc Bregman (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem)

9:00 A.M. Section 47

State Suite

Computers and Judaica

Chair: Nancy Pressman Levy (Princeton University)

Searching via Library Computers

Yael Penkower (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

The Geniza Project

Jay Rovner (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

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Irwin Rosenbaum (Judaica and Computers Institute, Chicago)

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War and Destruction in 20th-Century Jewish Literature

Chair: Alan L. Berger (Syracuse University)

A. M. Klein's "The Hitleriad": Against the Silence of the Apocalypse

Rachel Feldhay Brenner (York University)

Verfremdungseffekt in Joshua Sobol's Ghetto

Michael Taub (State University of New York, Binghamton)

Continuum and Rupture in Primo Levi's "Periodic Table"

Naomi Diamant (Columbia University)

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The Other New York Jewish Intellectuals

Chair: Deborah Dash Moore (Yivo Institute)

Chaim Greenberg

Robert M. Seltzer (Hunter College, City University of New York)

Maurice Samuel

Mark Shechner (State University of New York, Buffalo)

Marie Syrkin

Carole S. Kessner (State University of New York, Stony Brook)

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Karaitica

Chair: Moshe Sokolow (New York)

Kalam and Halakhah in the Legal Writings of Yusuf al-Basir

David Sklare (Harvard University)

The Pre-Sinaitic Commandments and Karaite Theories of Revelation

Daniel Frank (Oxford University)

Prayerbooks and Politics among Nineteenth-Century Russian Karaites

Philip E. Miller (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York)

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The Ambivalent Jewish Nationalism of Central European Jewry

Chair: Alexander Orbach (University of Pittsburgh)

Emigration of the "Other": The Jewish National Fund and Central European Jewry, 1901-1914

Michael Berkowitz (University of Judaism)

Nationalism, Zionism and the Juedische Volkspartei in Weimar Germany

Michael Brenner (Columbia University)

Samuel Hugo Bergman and the Foundation of the State of Israel: A Spiritual Vision and Political Concern

Miriam Dean-Otting (Kenyon College)

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Later Hasidism

Chair: Gershon Hundert (McGill University)

Personal Redemption in the Hasidism of Kotsk and Izbica

Morris M. Faierstein (Cornell University)

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Gershon Greenberg (American University)

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Nehemia Polen (Hebrew College, Boston)

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Derash in Spite of Peshat: Some Medieval Justifications for Creative Exegesis

Eliezer Segal (University of Calgary)

The Paradox of the Medieval Interpretation of the Torah in the Jewish-Averroistic Circle

Deborah Schechterman (Harvard University)

Ta'amey ha-Mitzvot and Ta'amey ha-Sippurim: Medieval Jewish Philosophers and the Rationale for Biblical Narrative

Barry Mesch (University of Florida)

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Non-Ashkenazi and Popular Elements in Israeli Literature

Chair: Stanley Chyet (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles)

The Altered Image of the Yemenites in Hazaz's "Hayoshevet Baganim," 1944/1968

Warren Bargad (University of Florida, Gainesville)

Iraqi-Israeli Writers and the Choice of Language

Nancy E. Berg (University of Pennsylvania)

From "Legend" to Black Humor: Popular Literature and Cultural Ambivalence in Israeli Society

Yael Zerubavel (University of Pennsylvania)

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Jewish Magic

Chair: Shimon Shokek (Baltimore Hebrew University)

Qefitzat ha-Derekh: From Motif to Magic

Mark Verman (St. John's University, Collegeville MN)

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Jonathan Seidel (Stanford University)

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Asher Finkel (Seton Hall University)

"Is There [Then] Anger Before the Holy One?" An Inquiry into the Theology of the "Stam"

Yaakov Elman (Yeshiva University)

Responses to Human Suffering in the Bavli

David Kraemer (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

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Studies in Jewish Ethnography

Chair: Joseph R. Rosenbloom (Washington University)

The Literature of the Beta Israel (the Falasha): Retrospect and Prospect

Steven Kaplan (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Assimilation, Jewish Identity, and the Soviet Mountain Jews: An Investigation in Historical Ethnography

Igor Kotler (University of California, Los Angeles)

At Europe's Door: The Jewish Community of Tangier at the End of the Nineteenth Century

Susan Gilson Miller (Harvard University)

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Gloria J. Ascher (Tufts University)

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Itzik Gottesman (University of Pennsylvania)

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Shifra Epstein (University of Texas, Austin)

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Janet S. Belcove-Shalin (Southern Illinois University)

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Luis Roniger (Hebrew University)

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Response to Modernity in American Jewish Orthodoxy, 1840-1870

Moshe D. Sherman (York University)

Kaufmann Kohler and the Ideal Jewish Woman

Karla Goldman (Harvard University)

The Tradition of American Jewish Women Writers

Diane Lichtenstein (Beloit College)

Di Shvartse Kherre: Jewish Prostitution in American Yiddish Popular Literature

Ellen Kellman (Yivo Institute)

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Refugees, Refuge, and Reconstruction: Efforts to Save during and after World War II

Chair: Allen Howard Podet (State University College, Buffalo)

British Immigration Control Procedures and Jewish Refugees, 1933-1945

Louise London (University of London)

French Jewry, the American Joint, and Israel: Efforts on Behalf of Jewish Refugees in France, 1948-1968

Michael M. Laskier (University of Judaism)

America and the Palestine Dilemma in World War II

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