



FUTURE TENSE

2020 Biennial Conference

Week of May 25 – 29

Tuesday, May 26

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

Followed by breakout Room

2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST

PANEL: Historians and Visionaries

Historiography in America and Visions of the American-Jewish Future, 1843-1906
Yitzchak Schwartz, New York University

Jacob Rader Marcus' and Salo W. Baron's Prognostications about the Fate of European Jewry

Jeffrey Gurock, Yeshiva University

Affect and Nurture in Time of Catastrophe: The Messianic Thought of Hadassah's Early Leaders

Cara Rock-Singer, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Chair: Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University

7:00 PM EST

Conference Welcome & Presentation of the Lee Max Friedman Medal

Opening Remarks From The Conference Chairs:

Jessica Cooperman, Muhlenberg College

Judah M. Cohen, Indiana University Bloomington

Welcome From Executive Director:

Dr. Annie Polland, American Jewish Historical Society

Presentation of the 2020 Friedman Medal to Riv-Ellen Prell

Presented By The Chair of the Academic Council:

Lila Corwin Berman, Temple University

Wednesday, May 27

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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PANEL: New Research on American Responses to the Holocaust

Well Worth Saving: American Universities' Life-and-Death Decisions on Refugees from Nazi Europe

Laurel Leff, Northeastern University

"The Jews Should Keep Quiet": Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and the Holocaust

Rafael Medoff, Wyman Institute

Prologue to Annihilation: American and British Responses to Nazism, 1930-1936

Stephen H. Norwood, University of Oklahoma

Chair and Respondent: Eunice G. Pollack, University of North Texas

Week of June 1- 5

Tuesday, June 2

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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ROUNDTABLE: Jews Across the Americas: New Trends in Pedagogy

Participants:

Ronnie Perelis, Yeshiva University

Hilit Surowitz-Israel, Rutgers University

Laura Leibman, Reed College

Dale Rosengarten, College of Charleston

Michael Hoberman, Fitchburg State University

Deborah Prinz, Independent Scholar

Noam Sienna, University of Minnesota

Chair: Adriana Brodsky, St. Mary's College

Wednesday, June 3

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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PANEL: Paths of Immigration

The migration of an elitist sport: Jewish fencers in the United States

Udi Carmi, School for Training Physical Education Teachers at Ohalo Academic College in Israel.

Strangers in a Strange Land: Indian Jewish Women, Work and Families in Canada

Kelly Amanda Train, Ryerson University

Respondent: David Koffman, York University

Chair: Linda Borish, Western Michigan University

Thursday, June 4

7:00pm EST

Free Public Program

PUBLIC PROGRAM: Art of The Jewish Family

In *The Art of the Jewish Family*, **Laura Arnold Leibman** examines five objects owned by a diverse group of Jewish women who all lived in New York in the years between 1750 and 1850. These objects, many of which are drawn from the AJHS Archives, offer intimate and tangible views into the lives of Jewish American women from a range of statuses, beliefs, and lifestyles—both rich and poor, Sephardi and Ashkenazi, slaves and slaveowners. Join us for a conversation with Laura Arnold Leibman about her new book, and the important role objects and material culture play in preserving the stories of women.

Week of June 8 - 12

Tuesday, June 9

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

Followed by breakout Room

2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST

PANEL: Historical Assessments of American Jewish Masculinity

“Merely-a-Man”: Gender, Audience, Advice, and Dos yidishes tageblat
Ayelet Brinn, Fordham University/Columbia University

“Strength Not Weakness, Courage Not Cowardice”: Jewish Militancy as a Masculine American Phenomenon

Miriam Eve Mora, The Center for Jewish History

The Kid Dropper: Boxing, Organized Crime, and Working-Class American Jewish Masculinity during the Progressive Era

Aaron Welt, City University of New York-Hunter College

Chair: Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

Wednesday, June 10

10:30am – 12:00pm EST

Followed by breakout Room

12:00 pm- 12:15 pm EST

PANEL: Refugees and Networks of Aid

The Major American Zionist Women's Organizations Response to European Jewish Fate, 1939-1944

Mira Katzburg-Yungman, Open University of Israel

Only a Trickle: Essex County, New Jersey Resettles and Assists Jewish Displaced Persons in the Postwar Period

Barbara Krasner, Gratz College

From Rescue to Advocacy, Jewish Agencies Confronting the Vatican: Expertise and Policy-making in the Area of Jewish-Christian Relations in the Aftermath of the Holocaust (1940s-1960s)

Claire Maligot, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes / Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (Paris)

Chair: Pamela Nadell, American University

Thursday, June 11

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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PANEL: *Jewish Identity in Music and Film*

Ideals in Conflict: Emma Goldman at the Opera
Samantha Madison Cooper, New York University

“The Illegals”: A Unique Overlooked Representation of Illegal Immigration
Liat Steir-Livny, Sapir College

*American Zionism's Musical Roots: A Look at the Past to Understand the Present
and Future of American Jewish-Israel Relations*
Eli Sperling, Emory University

Chair: Judah M. Cohen, Indiana University

Week of June 15 - 19

Tuesday, June 16

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST*

PANEL: “*Transnational Conduits of Knowledge: Jewish migrants between the United States and Eastern Europe, 1905-1953*”

The Many Roads of Max Goldfarb: Exile, Return, and the Pathways of Knowledge
Joshua Meyers, Harvard University

B.Z. Goldberg's Disillusionment with Russia: The Tog, Liberal Zionism, and the Soviet Union, 1935-1956
Daniel Soyer, Fordham University

‘Foreign-born:’ Anna and Rose Strunsky in Russia and in Love
Ashley Walters, Stanford University

Chair: Tony Michels, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wednesday, June 17

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

*Followed by breakout Room
2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST*

ROUNDTABLE: *Jews in the Multicultural West*

Participants:

Ellen Eisenberg, Willamette University
Max Modiano Daniel, University of California, Los Angeles
Maxwell E. Greenberg, University of California, Los Angeles
Lynne Marks, University of Victoria

Commenter: Jordan Stanger-Ross, University of Victoria

Chair: Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles

3:00pm – 4:30pm EST

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4:30 pm- 4:45 pm EST*

PANEL DISCUSSION: *Revolutionizing American Judaism: An Oral History of Selected Founders of the Havurah Movement*

Participants:

Beth S. Wenger, University of Pennsylvania

Michael Strassfeld, Jewish Counter-Culture Oral History Project

Jayne Guberman, Independent Scholar and Oral Historian

Chair and Commentator: Riv-Ellen Prell

Thursday, June 18

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST*

PANEL: *American Jewish Religious Identity: Changes and Challenges*

The Conversion of Judah Monis: Jews and Puritans in Colonial Massachusetts
Israel Ben-Porat, CUNY Graduate Center

Rabbi Norman Lamm and the Jewish Consensus on Homosexuality in the Pre-Stonewall Era

Gregg Drinkwater, University of Colorado, Boulder

Bringing Things Back to the Community: Postville, Ethics, and the Re-Emergence of Labor as a Jewish Issue

Susan Breitzer, Independent Historian

Chair: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

Week of June 22 - 26

Monday, June 22

3:00pm – 4:30pm EST

*Followed by breakout Room
4:30 pm- 4:45 pm EST*

PANEL: *Moving Jewish History: The Role of Dance in Responding to Jewish Pasts and Mobilizing Jewish Futures*

Dancing Testimony, Choreographing Survival: Representing Holocaust History and Testimony in Contemporary Dance

Rebecca Rossen, University of Texas at Austin

Kinesthetic Peoplehood: Futuring a Broad Jewish Diaspora

Hannah Kosstrin, Ohio State University

Ballet and Jewish Orthodoxy

Janet Ross, Stanford University

Chair: Laura Leibman, Reed College

Tuesday, June 23

12:30pm – 2:00pm EST

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2:00 pm- 2:15 pm EST*

PANEL: *American and Israelis Jews: Connections and Differences*

Between National Sovereignty and Transnational Solidarity: 1948 as a Test Case
Jonathan Dekel-Chen, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

David Ben-Gurion's 1960 Visit to Jewish-Sponsored American Institutions of Higher Education: An Early Chapter in the Relationship Between Israel and the American Academy

Adam Ferziger, Bar-Ilan University

American Jewish Students in Israel, 1967-73

Robert Tabak, Independent Scholar

A Tale of Two Cultures: An Outline for A Comparative Anthropological History of Israeli and North American Jewries

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

Chair: Amy Weiss, College of Saint Elizabeth

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PANEL: *American Jews and Activism*

The "Girl Reporter" as Activist: Jewish Women and Journalism in Progressive Era San Francisco

Lori Harrison-Kahan, Boston College

Activist Writers of the 1940s: Anti-antisemitism in Women-Authored Fiction

Rachel Gordan, University of Florida

Ambivalent Actors? Examining Jewish Sorority Women's Activism in Postwar America

Shira Kohn, Independent Scholar

Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s

Marc Dollinger, San Francisco State University

Faith-Based Organizing With/out Faith: A Genealogy of Zoomer Jewish Activism

Elliot Ratzman, Pennsylvania State University Humanities Institute

Chair: Joyce Antler

Wednesday, June 24

10:30am – 12:00pm EST

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PANEL: *Jews in the 19th Century American South*

Emma Mordecai and the Crisis of the American Civil War

Dianne Ashton, Rowan University

“Hebrew Wanderers in Alien Lands”: Shifting Black Perceptions Toward Jews in the Post-Civil War South

Jacob Morrow-Spitzer, Yale University

The Ketubah in Antebellum South Carolina and Georgia

Benjamin Steiner, Brandeis University

Chair and Respondent: Michael Cohen, Tulane University

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PANEL: *Debates and Crises from the Yiddish Press, 1890-1929*

Jewish Immigrant Suicide in Turn-of-the-Century Urban America

Yael Levi, Hebrew University

Der Tog’s First Year: Shaping Jewish Discourse in Anxious Times

Ellen Kellman, Brandeis University

Debating a Yiddish Future: The Paradox of Yiddish Communist Education in the United States

Dylan Kaufman-Obstler, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Chair: Caroline Luce, University of California, Los Angeles

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PANEL: *Expanding the Table: Food Studies and the Question of Boundaries in American Jewish History*

Schmaltz, Chicken Soup, and the American Live Poultry Trade, 1875-1925

Roger Horowitz, University of Delaware

Of Domesticity and Domesticity: The Way to a Man’s Heart as Guide to Love and Marriage

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

Referendum on the Deli Menu: The Deli Revival, Nostalgia, and American Jewish Religion

Rachel B. Gross, San Francisco State University

Chair: Kerri Steinberg, Otis College of Art and Design

Thursday, June 25

9:00am – 10:30am EST

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10:30 am- 10:45 am EST*

**PANEL: *Jews and Complexities of Immigration History:
Beyond the Standard Narrative***

*Defining “Defect”: Max Kohler and the Public Charge Provision in United States
Immigration Policy*

Hannah Greene, New York University

Race and Restriction: Lessons from Chinese Exclusion for Jewish Immigration

Heather Ruth Lee, New York University Shanghai

*Challenging Immigration Restriction from Within: Jewish Activists and the Push
for Family Reunion*

Maddalena Marinari, Gustavus Adolphus College

Chair/Respondent: Hasia Diner, New York University

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LIGHTNING PANEL: *Jews and the State*

*Jews and the Carceral State: The National Council of Jewish Women, Social
Welfare, and Incarceration in Postwar New York*

Allan Amanik, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Jewish-Christian Dialogue and the Influences of the American State

Jessica Cooperman, Muhlenberg College

Jews, Abortion and the First Amendment

Rachel Kranson, University of Pittsburgh

Jews and Moral Power in Canada

David S. Koffman, York University

Jews and the States: The Hidden Hand of Hyperlocalism?

Adam D. Mendelsohn, University of Cape Town

Chair: Kirsten Fermaglich

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**ROUNDTABLE: *Teaching Jewish Music in the University
Curriculum***

Participants:

Erica K. Argyropoulos, Northeastern State University

Judah M. Cohen, Indiana University Bloomington

Mark Kligman, University of California, Los Angeles

Judith S. Pinnolis, Berklee College of Music/ Boston Conservatory at Berklee

Chair: Jessica Cooperman, Muhlenberg College