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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, the 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. The organization's primary mission is to promote, facilitate, and improve teaching and research in Jewish Studies at colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning. Its more than 1700 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.

The AJS's major programs and projects include an annual scholarly conference, featuring more than 150 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; Resources in Jewish Studies, an online guide to Jewish Studies programs, grant opportunities, professional development resources, electronic research tools, and doctoral theses; and the Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards and Cahnman Foundation Publication Subventions, which recognize outstanding research in the field.

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 the 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 non-threatening, 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; the AJS's Executive Director, Rona Sheramy; the Vice-President for Conference Program, Marsha Rozenblit; or the President of the Association for Jewish Studies, Sara Horowitz.

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ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES
A Message from the Conference Chair
December 2008

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to present the program for the **Fortieth Annual Conference** of the Association for Jewish Studies. This year, the AJS holds its conference in **Washington, DC**. As has been the case over the past four decades, the annual conference is the most visible of the organization's activities. The program reflects a great deal of creative energy and hard work on the part of many people, and I want to thank all participants for what promises to be a series of rich and rewarding sessions and plenary events. As even a cursory perusal of the program will show you, the AJS Annual Conference continues to flourish. This year's conference is particularly significant, as it marks forty years since a small group of Jewish Studies scholars met on the campus of Brandeis University to discuss the state and direction of the field, and went on to establish the AJS. The Program Committee has scheduled many special events to examine the history of the Association and the field. Please see descriptions of these events, and other conference functions, below.

HOTEL, REGISTRATION, BADGES, MEALS

All sessions will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, DC. Floor plans on pages 14–15 of this Program Book show their location and arrangement. The Sessions at a Glance table on pages 16–20 provides a summary of events with their locations and times. If you have not as yet registered for the conference, you may do so on-site in Washington, DC at the Conference Registration Desk located in the Independence Foyer (*you may pay by cash or check*). Materials will also be available if you wish to renew or take out a new AJS membership for 2008–2009. Badges and kosher meal confirmations will be sent to U.S. and Canadian addresses for those who have registered and paid all fees by the **November 14 deadline**. Attendees coming from outside North America: please pick up your badges, meal confirmations, and program books at the AJS Registration Desk. Badge covers will be available on-site. Please remember that conference badges must be worn at all times for admission to the sessions and the Book Exhibit. Security personnel at the entrance to the Exhibit and elsewhere in the hotel will be checking badges and will only admit those who have registered for the conference.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The **Annual AJS Business Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, December 21 at 9:00 AM** in Constitution A. All AJS members are invited to attend.

WELCOME RECEPTION AND ANNUAL GALA BANQUET

We thank the various Jewish Studies programs, departments, institutions, and foundations that have generously co-sponsored the Annual Gala Banquet on **Sunday, December 21 at 6:45 PM** in the Constitution Ballroom (see page 119 for a list of banquet sponsors). Please join us at **6:15 PM** in the **Independence Foyer** for the **Welcome Reception** preceding the banquet.

PLENARY PANEL

This year the Program Committee has arranged for a very exciting plenary panel that is open to all conference participants and the wider Washington, DC community. On **Sunday, December 21 at 8:00 PM** in the Constitution Ballroom, immediately following the Gala Banquet, we will celebrate forty years of the AJS with the plenary, **Reflections at Forty: Past Presidents on the Founding of the AJS and the Field of Jewish Studies**. This panel will feature past AJS presidents: Judith Baskin, *Chair* (University of Oregon), David Berger (Yeshiva University), Robert Chazan (New York University), Jane Gerber (The Graduate Center, CUNY), Lawrence Schiffman (New York University), Robert Seltzer (Hunter College, CUNY), and Ruth Wisse (Harvard University). Topics will include debates at the conception of the AJS, changes in the field over the past forty years, and new directions in Jewish Studies. The panelists will share prepared remarks, respond to each other's comments, and take questions from the audience.

FILM FESTIVAL

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Maryland, the AJS conference will feature its second **film festival**, running from Sunday, December 21 through Tuesday, December 23. Films of interest to Jewish Studies scholars and teachers will be screened continuously in the **Conference Theatre**. A list of these films can be found on pages 63–64 of the program book. The festival will feature two special evening screenings: on Sunday, December 21, at 9:30 PM, *The Hebrew Lesson* (directed by David Ofek, Elinor Kowarsky, and Ron Rotem; 2006) and on Monday, December 22, at 9:30 PM, *Being Jewish in France* (directed by Yves Jeuland; 2007). A special thanks to Professor Bernard Cooperman for organizing the series.

POSTER SESSION

The AJS is pleased to present a Poster Session on Monday, December 22 in the **Independence Ballroom** (in the Book Exhibit Hall). The poster session will feature multimedia presentations by scholars across the field of Jewish Studies. On December 22, posters will be on display from 8:30 AM–6:30 PM; scholars will be available to answer questions and discuss their research during the formal Poster Session hours of 10:30 AM–12:30 PM (a **coffee reception** sponsored by the **Center for Jewish History** will be held from 10:30 AM–11:15 AM as part of the Poster Session).

BOOK EXHIBIT AND AJS 40th ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXHIBIT

The AJS welcomes representatives of leading publishers of Jewish Studies scholarship; major foundations supporting Jewish Studies research; and archives and research centers, who will be exhibiting at the AJS Annual Conference. Peruse the latest books in the field, purchase texts at significant discounts, and learn about fellowship, grant, and research opportunities for students and scholars. You will also enjoy an exhibit of **AJS founding documents and photographs** in the Book Exhibit Hall, marking the 40th anniversary of the first AJS meeting. The **Center for Jewish History** will sponsor two coffee breaks in the Book Exhibit Hall: Monday, December 22 from 10:30 AM–11:15 AM and from 4:00 PM–4:30 PM.

SCHOLARS FROM EASTERN EUROPE

The AJS wishes to again welcome the participation of several scholars from Eastern Europe at its Annual Conference, as part of the AJS's initiative to support and cooperate with Jewish Studies programs in Eastern Europe. The AJS gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Hungary, YIVO, and a friend of the AJS for underwriting the costs associated with the Travel Grant Program.

CAUCUSES, MEETINGS, AND RECEPTIONS

The AJS conference provides the opportunity for several caucuses, colloquia, and groups to meet. These special events include the **Works in Progress Group in Modern Jewish Studies** on Tuesday, December 23 at 1:45 PM; the **Directors of Jewish Studies** meeting on Monday, December 22 at 8:30 AM; the annual **AJS Women's Caucus Breakfast** on Monday, December 22 at 7:00 AM; the **Sephardi/Mizrahi Caucus Lunch** on Monday, December 22 at 1:00 PM; and the **American Academy for Jewish Research** session, "Judaism or Judaisms? The Post-Modern Challenge," on Monday, December 22 at 11:15 AM. The **Center for Jewish History** will also be sponsoring two coffee breaks on Monday, December 22: from 10:45 AM–11:15 AM, and from 4:00 PM–4:30 PM in the Book Exhibit. For a list of other receptions open to all AJS members, see the listing of daily program events.

EVENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS

All graduate students are warmly invited to a **Graduate Student Reception** held by the AJS in their honor on **Monday, December 22 at 9:30 PM** in Farragut Square. This event will provide graduate students the opportunity to meet informally and to speak with AJS administrative staff and board members. Recipients of **AJS Graduate Student Travel Grants** will also be introduced and honored at this gathering. Graduate students and early career scholars are also encouraged to attend two special sessions of particular interest to those entering the academic profession: on Monday, December 22, at 1:00 PM, a lunchtime meeting on **Pedagogy and Jewish Studies** will discuss ways in which the AJS can support

its members' work as teachers; and on Tuesday, December 23, at 8:30 AM, the session **Mediating Jewish Studies to Nonacademic Audiences** will explore the challenges and opportunities of writing for and teaching general audiences.

INTERVIEWS

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

SERVICES

The **Bulfinch** and **Latrobe** meeting rooms have been set aside at 4:00 PM on Sunday, 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday, and 7:00 AM on Tuesday to accommodate conference participants who wish to organize egalitarian and traditional religious services, respectively.

HANUKAH CANDLELIGHTING

Those who wish to light Hanukah candles on Sunday and Monday evenings may do so in the Zephyr restaurant (Lobby Level) at 6:30 PM (please bring your own candles and menorah). An attendant will remain in the room until 8:30 PM to make sure all hotel fire regulations are adhered to. Candles may not be lit in guest rooms.

CHILDCARE

The Parents Childcare Co-op has made arrangements for affordable childcare in the hotel during conference meeting hours. Pre-registration is required. For further information, please contact Andrea Lieber at lieber@dickinson.edu. The children's program is funded by a grant from the Center for Cultural Judaism (www.culturaljudaism.org). Please note: the Parents Childcare Co-op is an independent initiative and is not sponsored by nor affiliated with the Association for Jewish Studies. The Association for Jewish Studies assumes no liability for the use of these services.

A PERSONAL NOTE

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to you, the members of the AJS and participants in this year's program. As always, I am delighted to see long-standing friends and colleagues—veterans of the AJS conferences—and take particular pleasure in welcoming new members and those attending the conference for the first time. The organization, and particularly this 40th Annual Conference, reflects the best of your efforts. The conference provides us with a way to keep up with our own and related fields in Jewish Studies, a function that is particularly important for an interdisciplinary organization such as ours. The formal sessions, as well as the informal discussions with colleagues and friends, nourish our scholarly work and energize our teaching. I would like to express a special thanks to Sara Horowitz, President of the AJS, for her support, and to Rona Sheramy, Executive Director of the AJS, for her dedicated and invaluable attention to all aspects of the program. I also thank Kristen Loveland, AJS Grants and Program Coordinator; Karin Kugel, AJS Webmaster and Program Book Designer; and Aviva Androphy, AJS Program Assistant, for their hard work and attention to detail. I am grateful to Paula Hyman for her good judgment and help in adjudicating the Graduate Student Travel Grants. I thank the division heads for the close attention they have given this year's proposals, the members of the program committee for their wise counsel on the shaping of the program, and other volunteers who have shared their time and expertise. Enjoy the conference. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions for next year's program.

Sincerely,
Marsha Rozenblit
Vice President for Program

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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VISITING WASHINGTON, DC

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

Please see www.ajsnet.org/wdc.html for details.

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MARTIN KAVKA
Jewish Messianism and the History of Philosophy
(Cambridge University Press)

Please join the AJS for a reception in the authors' honor
on Sunday, December 21, at 9:30 pm
in Farragut Square.

Information and application procedures for the 2009
competition will be available on the
AJS website (www.ajsnet.org) in February of 2009.

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To be published by Indiana University Press

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(University of Virginia)

*The Most Musical Nation: Jews, Culture, and Modernity
in the Late Russian Empire*

To be published by Yale University Press

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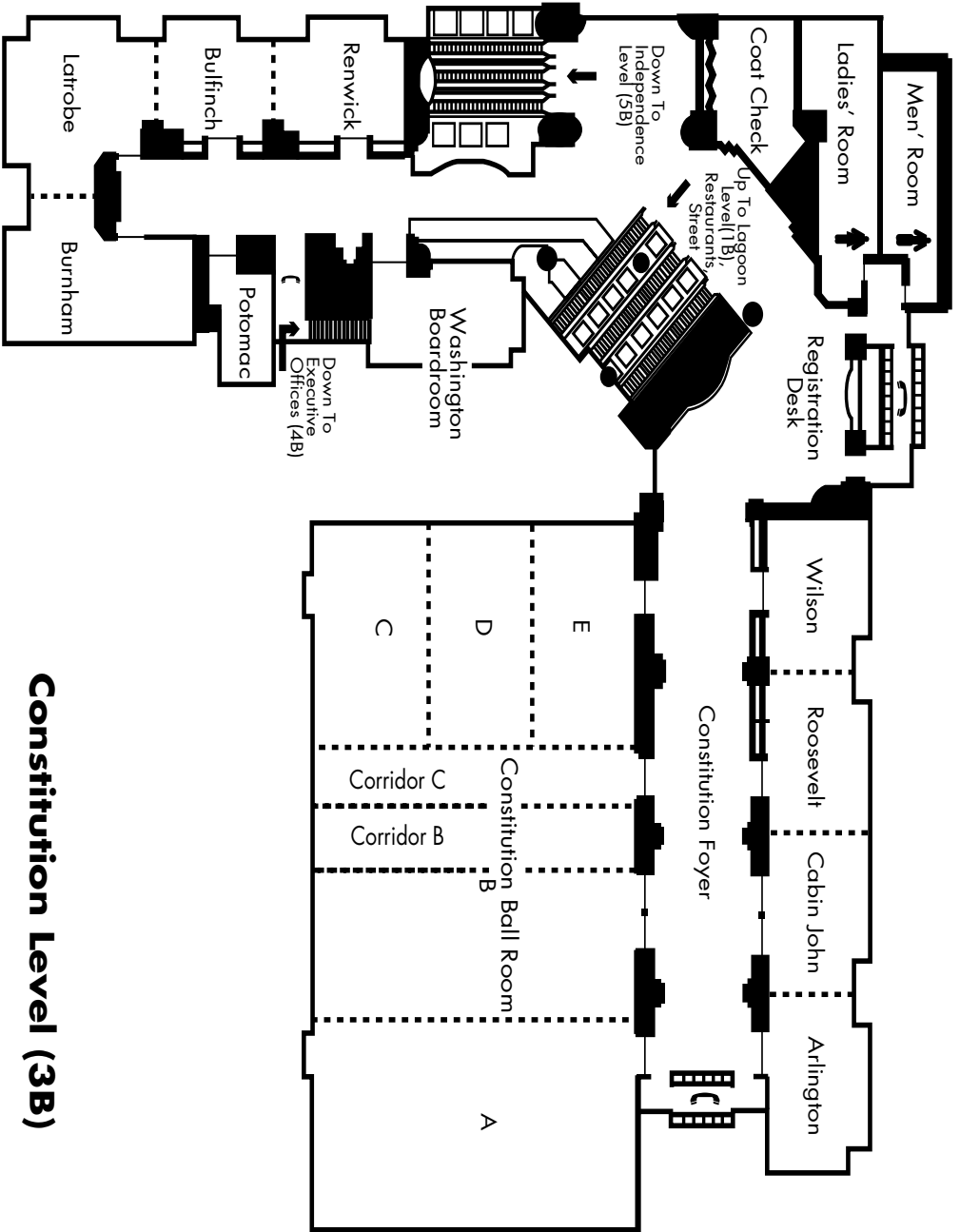
(University of Hartford)

*Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism
in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*

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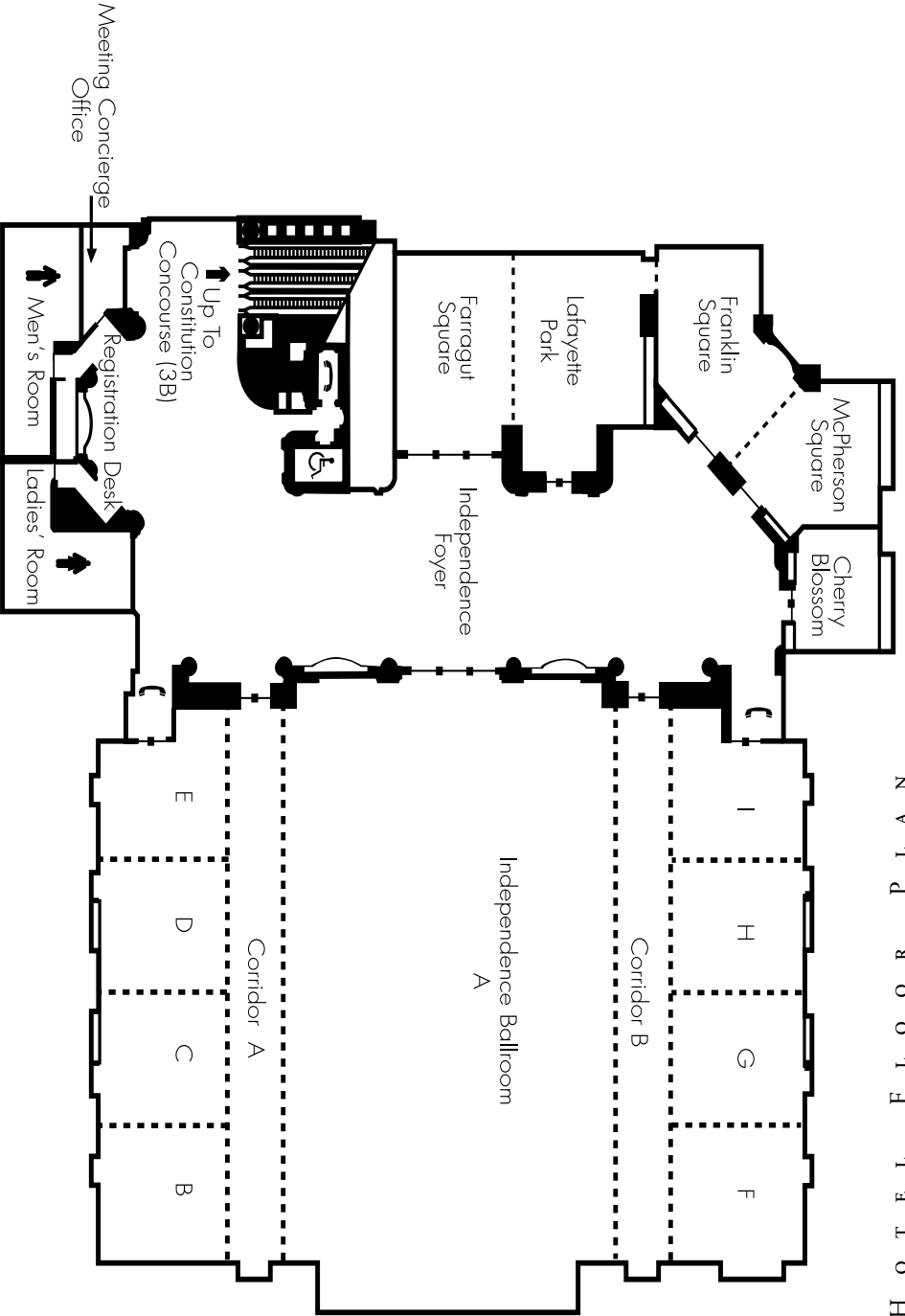


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SUNDAY MORNING	<i>MEETING ROOM</i>	SUNDAY 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM	SUNDAY LUNCHTIME 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL BREAKFAST	<i>Constitution A</i>	1.1 American Responses to Nazism in the 1930s	2.1 Shedding New Light on Jewish Continuity	McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL LUNCH
	<i>Constitution B</i>	1.2 NEH Planning Grants: Two Current Jewish American History Projects	2.2 Biblical Interpretation and Gender Studies	
	<i>Constitution C</i>	1.3 The Jewish Writings of Michael Chabon	2.3 A Jew and Philosopher: A Hans Jonas Retrospective	
9:00 AM Constitution A AJS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	<i>Constitution E</i>	1.4 Jewish Responses to Modern Bible Criticism	2.4 Hybrid Languages: Theology, Poetry, & Liturgy	
	<i>Penn Quarter A</i>	1.5 Patronage, Trust, & Agency: Networks of European Jewry	2.5 <i>The Melting Pot:</i> Reconsidering Israel Zangwill's Play	
	<i>Penn Quarter B</i>	1.6 Rethinking the "Other": Problems in Post-Modern Jewish Thought	2.6 Creating Culture/ Creations of Culture	
10:30 AM Farragut Square AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	<i>Independence G</i>	1.7 Embodying & Writing the State	2.7 Visual Culture after the Holocaust	
	<i>Independence I</i>	1.8 Gender, Prayer, & Spirituality	2.8 Issues in Jewish Demography	
	<i>Renwick</i>	1.9 New Studies in the Redaction of Rabbinic Texts	2.9 Readings in Modern German Jewish Literature	
	<i>Burnham</i>	1.10 Jewish Writers in Eastern Europe during & after the Holocaust	2.10 Art, Ethnicity, & Nationality in Israel	
	<i>Lafayette</i>	1.11 Regional & Organizational Perspectives of American Jewry	2.11 Varieties of Rabbinic Literature	
	<i>Roosevelt</i>	1.12 Solomon Schechter and the Creation of Conservative Judaism	2.12 <i>Ha-Shomer ha-Tzair</i> in Europe after the Holocaust	
	<i>Wilson</i>	1.13 Self and Other in the Formation of Jewish Identity	2.13 War in Eastern Europe	
	<i>Cabin John</i>	1.14 Israel in the First Decade of Independence	2.14 Interreligious Hostility	
	<i>Arlington</i>	1.15 Liturgy and Music	2.15 Caribbean Havens: Jewish Refugee Experiences	

S E S S I O N S A T A G L A N C E

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008

MEETING ROOM	SUNDAY 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM	SUNDAY EVENING/ MONDAY MORNING
<i>Constitution C</i>	3.1 Jewish Wanderings, Wandering Jews		6:15 PM - 6:45 PM Independence Foyer WELCOME RECEPTION
<i>Constitution E/ Independence F</i>	3.2 Jewish & Christian Learning (<i>Constitution E</i>)	4.1 Israel-Diaspora Relations: Evolving Definitions (<i>Independence F</i>)	
<i>Penn Quarter A</i>	3.3 Rabbinic Redactors & Their Readers	4.2 Multilingualism & Jewish Cultures	6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Independence H MARSHALL SKLARE AWARD RECEPTION
<i>Penn Quarter B</i>	3.4 Interrogating the Study of Contemporary American Jewish Identity	4.3 Responses to Jewish Communal Discontinuity	
<i>Independence G</i>	3.5 The Visual Culture of Jewish Weddings	4.4 Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture	6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Constitution Ballroom GALA BANQUET
<i>Independence I</i>	3.6 Sacred Space, Temple, and Priestly Traditions	4.5 Teaching American Jewish Studies	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Constitution Ballroom PLENARY PANEL <i>AJS Past Presidents</i>
<i>Renwick</i>	3.7 Identity Politics & Jewish Studies	4.6 Rethinking Jewish Ethics	
<i>Burnham</i>	3.8 Anne Frank, Her Diary, & Their Mediations	4.7 Yiddish Folk Culture & Early Modern Ashkenazic Society	9:30 PM - 11:00 PM Conference Theatre FILM SCREENING: <i>The Hebrew Lesson</i>
<i>Lafayette</i>	3.9 Sephardi/Mizrahi Women & Family	4.8 Defining the "Other": The Arab Minority in a Jewish State	9:30 PM - 10:30 PM Farragut Square JORDAN SCHNITZER BOOK AWARDS RECEPTION
<i>Roosevelt</i>	3.10 Jewish Historians in the Public Sphere	4.9 Cross-Culturing & History in Hebrew Literature	
<i>Wilson</i>	3.11 Issues in Hebrew Linguistics	4.10 Reading the Medievals: Case Studies in Reception History	Monday Morning 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Farragut Square GENERAL BREAKFAST
<i>Cabin John</i>	3.12 Women's Leadership in the Yishuv	4.11 Studies in Early Kabbalah	
<i>Arlington</i>	3.13 Aspects of Medieval Jewish Thought	4.12 The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism	Monday Morning 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM McPherson/ Franklin Square WOMEN'S CAUCUS BREAKFAST

MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	MONDAY 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	MONDAY 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM	MONDAY LUNCHTIME 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
<i>Constitution A</i>	5.1 Directors of Jewish Studies: Teaching Israel Studies	<i>Book Exhibit Coffee Break</i> <i>Independence Ballroom</i> <i>Sponsored by the Center for Jewish History</i>	7.1 Judaism or Judaisms? The Post-Modern Challenge	Independence F AAJR FELLOWS LUNCH
<i>Constitution B</i>	5.2 Rabbinic Gender & the Body		7.2 The Jewish Soldier: Visions of Home and Homeland	
<i>Constitution C</i>	5.3 A Fearful Asymmetry? Interpreting the Bible		7.3 Maimonides in Modern Jewish Thought	
<i>Constitution E</i>	5.4 Jews & New Media I: Social Software		7.4 Jews & New Media II: Archives and the Cultural Marketplace	
<i>Penn Quarter A</i>	5.5 Jews & American Capitalism		7.5 The Changing Landscape of Jewish Diaspora Travel to Israel	
<i>Penn Quarter B</i>	5.6 Politics & Social Relations in Roman Judaea	MONDAY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	7.6 Freud, Gender, Jewishness	Independence H SEPHARDI/ MIZRAHI CAUCUS LUNCH
<i>Independence G</i>	5.7 Outside the Ashkenazic/ Sephardic Divide	7.7 Contemporary Perspectives on Ukrainian Nationalism & the Holocaust in Ukraine		
<i>Independence I</i>	5.8 Understanding Contemporary Iranian Jewry	<i>6.1</i> <i>Poster Session</i> <i>Independence Ballroom</i>	7.8 Latin American Jewish Studies: Exploring Ashkenazic & Sephardic Jewish Identities	McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL LUNCH
<i>Renwick</i>	5.9 Latin America & the Holocaust		7.9 Hellenistic Jewish Interpretations & Narratives	
<i>Burnham</i>	5.10 The New Russian Jewish Studies		7.10 Linguistic Distinctiveness in Modern Jewish Communities	
<i>Lafayette</i>	5.11 Concepts of Ethnicity & Home in Modern Jewish Literature		7.11 Polish-Jewish Encounters with the Holocaust	
<i>Roosevelt</i>	5.12 Studies in Mystical Experience and Identity		7.12 Rabbinics & the Christian World: Dialogue and Debate	
<i>Wilson</i>	5.13 Israeli Writers in Dialogue with Religion		7.13 Reading Gender in Hebrew Literature	Farragut Square PEDAGOGY AND JEWISH STUDIES
<i>Cabin John</i>	5.14 The Need to Tell: The Impact of the Holocaust		7.14 New Perspectives on Orthodoxy	
<i>Arlington</i>	5.15 The History of Medieval Jewish Philosophy according to Hermann Cohen	7.15 Early Modern Messianism(s): Context, Confluence, & Discourse		

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MEETING ROOM	MONDAY 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	MONDAY 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	MONDAY 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	MONDAY EVENING/ TUESDAY MORNING
<i>Constitution A</i>	8.1 Jewish Studies, Jewish Money, & the Future of an Academic Field	<i>Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall</i> <i>Independence Ballroom</i> <i>Sponsored by the Center for Jewish History</i>	9.1 Politicized Academe: Reactions to Toaff's <i>Le Pasque di Sangue</i>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM EARLY EVENING RECEPTIONS 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM LATE EVENING RECEPTIONS For a list of Monday evening receptions open to all conference registrants, see p. 51.
<i>Constitution B</i>	8.2 Maimonides & Spinoza on the Practical Philosophicality of Scripture		9.2 The (Im)Possibilities of Jewish Secularism	
<i>Constitution C</i>	8.3 Marx & the Jewish Question: New Perspectives		9.3 Biblical Narrative, Law, & History	
<i>Constitution E</i>	8.4 Yiddish Prose		9.4 Many Faces of Jewish Nostalgia	
<i>Penn Quarter A</i>	8.5 Popular Purity Practices in Late Antiquity		9.5 New Sources & Perspectives on Early Jewish Mysticism	7:30 PM McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL DINNER
<i>Penn Quarter B</i>	8.6 The Bavli & Its History		9.6 Antisemitism on American Campuses	
<i>Independence G</i>	8.7 Modernity & Modernism in Jewish Art		9.7 (Modern American) Visual Judaism	9:30 PM Conference Theatre FILM SCREENING: <i>Being Jewish in France (Part I)</i>
<i>Independence I</i>	8.8 Black-Jewish Relations: Multiple Perspectives & the State of the Field			
<i>Renwick</i>	8.9 Sixteenth-Century Kabbalah & Its Aftermath	<i>Division Meetings</i> <i>(See p. 62 for room assignments.)</i>	9.9 The Gender of Jewish Modernity	Tuesday Morning 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL BREAKFAST
<i>Burnham</i>	8.10 German Jewish Culture: Beyond the Canon		9.10 New Configurations of Jewish Cultural Nationalism	
<i>Lafayette</i>	8.11 The Israel Attachments of American Jews		9.11 Rabbis & Their Cultural Context(s)	
<i>Roosevelt</i>	8.12 Central European Zionism & the Dialectics of Nationalism		9.12 Jews and the Modern City	
<i>Wilson</i>	8.13 Varieties of Crypto-Jewish Experience		9.13 Insults through the Ages	Tuesday Morning 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Farragut Square DIVISION CHAIR AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
<i>Cabin John</i>	8.14 Jewish Immigrant Authorship		9.14 The Use of Biblical Sources	
<i>Arlington</i>	8.15 Intertexts: Primo Levi & Dante		9.15 Jewish Community & Society in Later Ottoman Times	

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

<i>MEETING ROOM</i>	TUESDAY 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	TUESDAY 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM	TUESDAY LUNCHTIME 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	TUESDAY 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM
<i>Constitution A</i>	10.1 Jewish & Environmental Thought	11.1 Political Theology in Recent Jewish Thought	McPherson/ Franklin Square GENERAL LUNCH	
<i>Constitution B</i>	10.2 Gender & Sexuality in Contemporary Literature	11.2 Yiddish Poetry & Prose		
<i>Constitution C</i>	10.3 Case Studies in the Modernization of Russian Jews, 1881-1914	11.3 New Directions in Dead Sea Scrolls Scholarship		
<i>Constitution E</i>	10.4 Mediating Jewish Studies to Nonacademic Audiences	11.4 New Feminist Approaches to the Study of Judaism	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Farragut Square AJS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	12.1 Minorities in Israel: Is Jewish Law Still Relevant?
<i>Penn Quarter A</i>	10.5 Jewish Art(s) & the Aesthetics of Rupture/Repair	11.5 Jews & the American Nation		12.2 Topics in Holocaust Studies: History, Philosophy
<i>Penn Quarter B</i>	10.6 Ethnography of Jewish Ritual	11.6 Conversion, Anxiety, & the Rhetoric of Marginality		12.3 Family and Life Cycle in Medieval & Early Modern Times
<i>Independence G</i>	10.7 New Approaches to Jewish Culture in Latin America	11.7 Emergent Jewish Communities & Their Participants		12.4 Studies in Hasidism & Modern/Contemporary Jewish Mysticism
<i>Independence I</i>	10.8 Normalizing Emergency: The State of Israel	11.8 Jews as Co-Creators of Modern Western Theater		12.5 Medieval Rabbinic Leadership & Thought
<i>Renwick</i>	10.9 Explorations in the Society & Culture of Italian Jewry	11.9 Social Ethics & Material Performances	12.6 Jewish Philanthropy & Social Welfare	
<i>Burnham</i>	10.10 Death & Acculturation in Jewish Late Antiquity	11.10 Gender, Family, Children, & the Holocaust	12.7 Hebrew, English, & Contemporary Jewish/Israeli Identity in America	
<i>Lafayette</i>	10.11 Contemporary Transnationalism	11.11 Drink, Sex, & Humor among Eastern European Jews	12.8 From the Other Shore: Americanization	
<i>Roosevelt</i>	10.12 Centralization, Identity, & Redaction	11.12 Politics, Culture, & Ideology in Israel	12.9 Jewish Theology	
<i>Wilson</i>	10.13 Two Publishing Controversies	11.13 Women's Death in Israeli Literature	12.10 European Jewish Political Thought	
<i>Cabin John</i>	10.14 Violent Halakhah	11.14 Jews and Shifting Identities in France and Algeria	12.11 Works in Progress Group in Modern Jewish Studies	
<i>Arlington</i>	10.15 A Seminar: Maimonides on Creation	11.15 Rabbinic Terms and Their History	12.12 Holiness, Purity, and the Temple	