As an adolescent in the United States during the 1960s, I grew up believing that my generation would change our broken world. Our parents’ generation had defeated the Nazis and, as Jews, we had overcome antisemitism to emerge as successful Americans. Our brethren in Israel, of whom we were enormously proud, had not only survived the Nazis and hostility from the Arab world, but had created a vibrant culture out of the shards of the past. When I later embraced an academic career in social psychology, I was hopeful that I could conduct systematic research to ameliorate society’s most vexing problems. Over the last two decades, my focus has been on the Jewish community: Understanding Jewish identity, how we relate to one another as well as non-Jews and how we function as a collective. Even at an historical moment, when intellectual pursuits and systematic knowledge have been devalued, I don’t regret my career path. I’m a bit of a non-conformist, so in some ways, I feel good to attempt to provide a voice of reason in our “post-truth” anti-intellectual era.

At our recent ASSJ/AJS conference in San Diego, I was thinking of the road that led me there and the intersection of what is happening in society and the work that we do as social scientists who study the Jewish community. One can’t escape paying attention to the often painful daily reports and muddled discourse about what is happening in our world. At the same time, to invoke the wisdom of Pirke Avot, “It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it.” We have no choice but to think about the relationship of our work to contemporary events. If nothing else, it’s a way to ensure that our scholarship both reflects our values and makes a useful contribution to contemporary life.

ASSJ’s annual Sklare Award lecture is one of the settings that reminded me of the importance of our work. This year’s award went to Professor Harriet Hartman, our colleague and distinguished editor of Contemporary Jewry. Her efforts to enhance the quality and reach of the journal have made it possible for our ideas to reach beyond ASSJ and help to shape a more sophisticated discourse about Jewish life around the world. It was particularly fitting to honor Harriet with the Sklare Award in 2019, a year in which we #MeToo movement has brought accountability for sexual harassment and assault to the fore. Many of
President's Message (cont.)

Harriet’s contributions to our field, and to the world at large, have been in gender studies, and she has a longstanding program of research emphasizing gender-related social structural gaps and equality. She is one of the leading authorities on gender and Jewish life. She gave a brilliantly crafted lecture, weaving theory with data and implications for practice. It will be published later this year in Contemporary Jewry (along with commentaries by Judit Bokser Liwerant, Sylvia Barack Fishman, and Ira Sheskin). I urge you to read the essay (and, perhaps, to comment on the listserv).

The connection between our work and contemporary times was also front and center at the ASSJ’s Executive Board meeting. Along with welcoming our new Board members (Mijal Bitton, Moshe Kornfeld, and Keren McGinity), we discussed two issues in particular that are at the center of societal discussions:

- **Ethics Code.** Under the leadership of Jennifer Thompson, an ethics code has been developed. Although most of us are members of other professional societies, as well as institutions, that have codes of conduct, it seems clear that we need a statement of our own. It is important that we make a public declaration of our concern with how we conduct ourselves, vis a vis one another, organizations, and the world at large. The code will serve both as a statement of our values that, if necessary, can be used to sanction inappropriate behavior. Members of the Board are currently reviewing the draft and it will be sent out for comment on the listserv later this month.

- **Gift Acceptance Policy.** The Board also discussed development of a gift acceptance policy that will guide solicitation and accepting funds from non-member donors. It has become impossible to support the ASSJ’s work (Contemporary Jewry, the book series, events at the ASSJ conference) solely from membership dues. They would need to be raised to a level that would be unsustainable for many of our members. Thus, we have begun to seek external support, from both private donors and foundations that benefit from our work. The Board has made clear that the adage about accepting “tainted money” is that there “‘taint enough of it,” is unacceptable. We want to accept funds only from entities that share our values. I have developed a draft policy from one used by the American Sociological Association. That, too, will be circulated for comment.

One final note: Historian of Science Thomas Kuhn (author of The Structure of Scientific Revolutions) identified the role that disciplinary groups play in promoting paradigms for scientific inquiry. Their essential character is that they are communities with a shared vision. We are a multi-disciplinary organization and our members share a commitment to understanding a set of problems concerning the Jewish community. We don’t share a paradigmatic approach and I’d like to think that is a strength. But if we are a community, we need to be in communication with one another. Our journal and the listserv are our most important communication mechanisms, but one of my goals is to think about ways to utilize better the AJJS meeting. Judit Bokser Liwerant, our Vice President, is working on that issue. Stay tuned for developments.

Best wishes for 2020 and, for those in academic settings, the beginning of a new semester.
Vice-President’s Message

Judit Bokser Liwerant

We are well into the always demanding beginning of a new cycle - 2020 - which indeed draws lines of continuity with the equally pressing days and month of the previous year. I am sure we share exigent though creative cycles that allow us to further develop our academic life, seeking to achieve better explanations and a deeper understanding of the contemporary Jewish world. Indeed, a multifaceted world: its new social and communal configurations, its associational and institutional designs and cultural models are shaped and displayed through continuity, variability, and change. It is also an increasingly interconnected world in which complex systems of interrelations and circulation have developed on different planes - global, regional, national, and local.

Thus, we do face a reality that challenges our conceptual worlds and makes us reflect on our structuring knowledge maps. Different disciplines come together, various analytical logics, and a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches that can and do cut across disciplines. On the one hand, specialization and diversification are noticeable in ongoing refinement of theoretical and analytical tools, greater specificity of research instruments and techniques, and more defined disciplinary profiles. On the other, we can observe an intensification of interdisciplinary interactions, as not only disciplinary boundaries are reviewed, but also the need to build bridges is reinforced.

Although knowledge develops productively inside disciplinary fields, encounters along borders now play an important creative role. At the AJS conference, the broad thematic scope of our members, the diversity of analytical perspectives in dialogue, and the geopolitical contexts attest to the opportunity and need to further interact between our disciplines, and between Humanities and Social Sciences.

With this in mind, and in order to expand our collaboration with the AJS on both the conceptual and the procedural levels, I engaged in a fruitful conversation with its director, Warren Hoffman. Under a comprehensive gaze, we addressed various topics, seeking to build further bridges and to better coordinate our activities at the annual AJS conferences, and if possible, beyond. Thus, reviewing our various disciplines and fields, we considered that a dialogue between Humanities and Social Sciences should be part of a joint reflection on Jewish Studies and Contemporary Jewry and their diversified disciplinary nutrients. Knowledge is not free-floating, and our associations may play a meaningful role.
Vice-President’s Message (cont.)

When pursuing this goal, we should seek to further organize joint sessions at the annual conference, and, specifically, a special session on the potentialities of the dialogue between Humanities and Social Sciences, their convergences and divergences. Many possibilities are open; let us explore diverse options—problematic axes, prestigious colleagues of both fields participating in such a session, generational perspectives, etc.

Simultaneously, let us discern and build several thematic tracks that we would like to give a particular impulse in our division.

It could also be important to submit a specific social science article in each issue of AJS Perspectives, and more. For all these endeavors, your suggestions and initiatives are essential.

On a technical/procedural level, we agreed to coordinate the requirements and decisions towards the next conference in Washington such as the type of rooms needed, hours, avoiding parallel central sessions in Social Sciences, with a particular eye towards the Marshall Sklare session. In February-March we should define at least the main issues.

Looking into the possible support we may enjoy from the AJS, as our size and scope as an association widely varies, Warren Hoffman suggested that our association become an affiliated member. This involves a very small fee and includes, for example, our CJ flyer in the portfolio and announcements. This proposal should be accepted.

Dear colleagues, when Len invited me to act as Vice-President of our Association, we agreed that our field needs the intellectual frameworks and material conditions that allow for its free development.

While we analyze the gift policy, the significant donations achieved have allowed us to widen the scope of our activities—the ceremonies at the AJS conference; support for doctoral students to attend the conference; the website, and the committed support to our editorial activities. Therefore, efforts in this direction should be intensified.

We all are sharing our best intellectual and professional input; we are a diversified and vital epistemic community. Let us look forward to increasing and enriching our space of encounters and collaborations.
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Upcoming Conferences

- Australian Association for Jewish Studies, Sydney Jewish Museum, Sydney, Australia, 9-10 February 2020

- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Chapman University, Orange, CA, March 27-28, 2020

- 2020 Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, June 21-23, 2020

- Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 7-9, 2020

- ASSJ at the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December 13-15, 2020

- Latin American Jewish Studies Association, Curacao, June 28-30 2020

- Network for Research in Jewish Education, Hebrew College, Newton MA, 2020

- World Union of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2021
News from Members

Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

Publications

- Arnold Dashefsky and Karen A. Woodrow-Lafield. Forthcoming, *Americans Abroad*, 2nd Edition with a new Introduction by the authors, including Foreword by Steven J. Gold and Postscripts by David J. Graham and Chaim I. Waxman (originally co-authored by Arnold Dashefsky, Jan DeAmicis, Bernard Lazerwitz (z”l), and Ephraim Tabory), Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

Conferences and Presentations

- Organizer: Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA, Forthcoming Dec. 2019: "Whither the Jewish Vote?" Organized session on behalf of *American Jewish Year Book* and Berman Jewish DataBank.

Consultant for Yiddish language in two plays:


Emma Gonzalez-Lesser (University of Connecticut)

Publications

News from Members

Sarah Bunin Benor (Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion)

Publications


Ongoing research
- In addition, I'm working on projects on Hebrew education, Jewish personal names, and Jewish names of pets.
News from Members

David Graham (JCA-Sidney, University of Sidney, JPR-UK)
Publications

- The Jewish Population of Australia: Key findings form the 2016 Census.
  - Our new report on the 2016 Australian Census is now available providing a very detailed socio-demographic portrait of Australia's 117,000 Jews. Australia has included a religion question in its census for over 100 years and the census is carried out every five years. Compared with many Jewish communities this is an enviable position to be in but 2016 was not without its challenges. This Census was made (in)famous by the hashtag #CensusFail after the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) suffered a series of DDoS attacks on its website whilst pioneering a 'digital first' approach. Ultimately however the exercise was a success although other challenges remained such negotiating a minor change to the presentation of the religion question making direct comparisons with earlier census data problematic.

Roberta Rosenthal Kwall (DePaul University College of Law)
Publications

- REMIX JUDAISM: PRESERVING TRADITION IN A DIVERSE WORLD, is coming out in February 2020. It is now available for pre-order and here is the Amazon link. https://amzn.to/2kY8gFo
- American Orthodox Jews Can and Should Care About Whether Liberal Judaism Thrives (third place winner in the inaugural Lehrhaus essay competition).

Presentations and Conferences

- "Female Personhood and Consent in Jewish Marriage" at the DePaul University College of Law Symposium on The New American Family.
- June 2-3, 2020, DePaul University College of Law, in conjunction with our Center for Jewish Law and Judaic Studies, will be hosting a symposium on The Oxford Handbook for Jewish Law, which I am co-editing with Professors Zev Eleff and Chaim Saiman. The conference will be held at DePaul and the speakers will be the contributors to the Handbook. The conference is open to the public. Anyone who is interested in attending should feel free to contact me at rkwall@depaul.edu
News from Members

Mark Trencher (Nishma Research)

Publications

• The Successes, Challenges, and Future of American Modern Orthodoxy – This study probes the challenges and benefits facing Modern Orthodoxy that result from its interaction with secular society, its priorities and the societal values that are leading to divisiveness within the community.

• The Journeys and Experiences of Baalei Teshuvah – This study examines the factors leading non-Orthodox Jews to become observant, their challenges and the nature of their continuing journey.

Both studies are downloadable at nishmaresearch.com.

Highlights

• Modern Orthodoxy’s worldview involves melding Jewish observance with secular knowledge and participation. While nearly all (88%) experience positive interactions with secular society, nearly all (88%) also have experienced conflict, and more than one-third (37%) compromise to some extent, most often in areas of kashrut and Shabbat.

• People want change, and the top issues raised by those who advocate for change are increased roles for women and acceptance of LGBTQ. But many people are opposed to change, and their two areas where they do not want change are the exact same issues. Modern Orthodoxy is being stretched by what are seen as both positive and negative views and values of secular society.

• Fragmentation is growing, and more than one-third (34%) believe “there is no longer a single, cohesive Modern Orthodox community. Modern Orthodoxy should acknowledge this and would perhaps be better off splitting into separate camps.”

• The historic near-universal attendance at Orthodox Jewish day schools seems to be slipping, as 31% say they might consider public school as an option. 55% agree that their Orthodox community school systems are successful in creating committed Orthodox Jews, while 34% disagree.

• There is widespread concern about people leaving Orthodoxy (63%), and even more concern that communal leaders are not adequately addressing the issue (67%). 42% of Modern Orthodox identify as baalei teshuvah (becoming Orthodox at or after bar/bat mitzvah age), a number consistent with what the 2013 Pew Study had found.

• The top reasons baalei teshuvah give for why they became Orthodox are intellectual attraction or curiosity (53%), seeing Orthodoxy as more authentically Jewish (52%) and more truthful (35%), and connection to Jewish roots and heritage (36%).

• By a very wide margin, the top challenge baalei teshuvah faced in becoming Orthodox was in their relationships with their parents and family (37%). These relationships were far more challenging than learning and knowing what to do as an Orthodox observant person (16%), social aspects and friends (13%), and kashrut (12%).

• Half of baalei teshuvah have continued to become more observant over time, but one in four says they have become less observant and gradually more lenient. Additionally, the vast majority (83%) say that they have “held onto” things from their pre-Orthodox life, which are not commonly found in the Orthodox world, most often citing left-of-center political views (20%) and socially liberal views (12%).

• About three-fourths of all Orthodox Jews see their community as very accepting of baalei teshuvah. However, baalei teshuvah’s comfort levels with davening (prayer), Jewish learning and day-to-day Orthodox living are significantly lower than those of people raised Orthodox, even after many years.
News from Members

Randal Schnoor (Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies - York University)

- Reflections on my current teaching: I am currently teaching a course at York University in Toronto entitled 'Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Canada'. When designing this course, it was important to me to combine both the Jewish and Muslim experiences in one course as I see many parallels in these two forms of oppressions. Both groups are small minorities in Canada and both are facing a significant increase in hate crimes over the last few years. Guest speakers from both B’nai B’rith Canada and the National Council of Canadian Muslims add an important voice to our discussions. My 30 students are Muslim, Jewish and others. They are curious to learn from each other in an atmosphere of respect and openness. Interestingly, I find that members of the Jewish community in Toronto sometimes express surprise that I would combine these two themes into one course. On the other hand, in the face of tensions on campus regarding Israel/Palestine activism, York University supports the course and the approach I have taken.

Ira M. Sheskin (University of Miami)

Publications


Presentations


Carmel U. Chiswick (George Washington University)

Lectures

News from Members

Judit Bokser Liwerant (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Teaching Activities

- Doctoral Research Seminar. Two semesters
- A Political Sociology for the 21 Century:
  - Globalization Processes, Transnationalism, Diaspora: Multiple Spatialities.
  - Collective Identities, Transnational Flows and Public Spheres.

PhD Tutorship

- Building the Social Memory of the Holocaust: Museography, Globalization and National Spheres, Bertha Mendlovic Pasol, Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology
- State Racism and Human Rights: Transit Migrants in Mexico, Aguatín Morales Mena, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science.
- The Role of the Exile Experience in Literary Production. The case of exile writes in the Casa Refugio Citlatépetl of Mexico City” Alan Yosafat Rico Malacara, Doctorado en Ciencias Políticas y Sociales, PhD Candidate, Sociology.
- A Conceptual Model for Identity Reconfiguration among 1.5 generation Migrants in Multicultural Contexts” Gabriela Tovar Pimentel, Ph.D. Student, Sociology
- Autonomy and Indigenous Projects of Nation of EZLN (Mexico) and CAM (Chile) . A Comparative, Cynthia Berenice Salazar Nieves, Ph.D. student, Sociology.
- In Search of an Ethical-Sociological Foundation of Human Rights, Mabeygnac Maza Dueñas, Ph.D. Student, Sociology.

Scientific Articles and Chapters in Peer Reviewed Books

- Antisemitism, anti-Zionism and anti-Israelism: Historical and Contemporary Discursive Forms. (Sp), Approved, Edit de Derechos Humanos, Universidad Anahuac.
- “Scientific Production in Contexts of Social Transformation”, Revista Mexicana de Sociología, Número 4, 2019, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, UNAM, pp. 929-939
- Conceptual and Socio-Historical Approaches to Multiple Modernities: Secularization, Laicite and Collective Identities, in Contemporary Encounters of Laicite in Latin America, Pauline Capdeville y Fernando Arletazz Eds., IIJ-UNAM, 2019 .(Sp.)
- “On the Vicissitudes of Science: Philosophy Social Sciences and Political Knowledge”, RMCPYS, 236, UNAM, mayo-agosto de 2019, pp. 9-20
- To Think, To Explain, to Remember the Holocaust, in Against Antisemitism, Council of Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination, COPRED, Mexico City, COPRED, 2019.
News from Members

Scientific Articles and Chapters in Peer Reviewed Books (cont.)

- “The Wall as a Border; its Fall as a Process. Thirty years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall”, RMCPYS, 238 (in press)

Work to be submitted/accepted


Research articles and Chapters:

- Israel-Diaspora Relations in the 21 Century. Continuities and Discontinuities, chapter for the book Critical Perspectives on Jewish Identity, Israel-Diaspora Relations, and Antisemitism
- Jews in The Americas: Diasporas in Times of Globalization and Transnationalism, article for a special issue of CJ

Scientific Congresses and Conferences

- The Third Gathering of the Global Forum of the National Library of Israel. Migration-Borders-Identity, Jerusalem, March 17-19,
- National Conference: 30 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall. On Hopes and Disenchantments. UNAM; October, Organizer and Introductory Remarks: Meaning and Scope of the Fall - 30 Years later.
- International Forum on Scientific Evaluation, CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences) and CONACYT (National Council of Science and Technology) November 26 -28

Conferences

- Minorities in North America Politics, conversation with Dr. Fred Lazin (BGU), UNAM, March 7.
- Academic Symposium: Scientific Journals as tools for socializing knowledge, Institute of Social Research, April 11-
- Conversatorium on the Book Signed Passports, Waldman and Trejo Eds., August.
- Roundtable on Social Sciences facing Emergent Trends, Academic Book Faire, August
- Conference: Social Sciences Today: a view from the Editor of a Scientific Journal, ANDAMIOS, October

New Membership in Scientific Committees

- Member of International Academic Committee of the recently established Platform for the Study pf Race and Antisemitism, Maison des Sciences de L’Homme.
- Member of the Advisory Committee of the European Demographic Unit, at the Institute of Jewish Public Research.
News from Members

Steven J. Gold (Michigan State University)

Honors and Awards

- Fund for the Advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Israel Grants for Distinguished Scholars, Spring 2020.

Book Reviews


Paper Presentations

- “High Tech and The Informal Sector: Recent Developments in the Study of Immigrant Entrepreneurship,” International Symposium on “International Migration: Theory, Policy, and Empirical Research” Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University (ZJU) Asia Pacific Center (APC), co-sponsor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) September 5-6, 2019, Venue: Building Complex C, Zijingang Campus, Zhejiang University, China.
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Amir Segal
Conferences

• “The Encounter of Transnational Immigrants and the Workplace: The case of Jewish migrants from North America to Israel” paper presented at the International Colloquium on Social Sciences and Communication – ACUM 2019, Brasov, Romania.

Books

• "Protest Poetry in Israel" (forthcoming)
Members in the News

Matt Boxer (Brandeis University)

Randal Schnoor (Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies - York University)
- Recent podcast: Featured Guest on Podcast from CHAI.FM Radio in Johannesburg, South Africa (HOD Hour with Stan Klaff) discussing topic of South African Jews in Canada. July 18, 2019
  https://www.chaifm.com/the-hod/

Sergio DellaPergola (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- (Maria Elisabetta Gandolfi) Netanyahu e i nazionalismi. Intervista a Sergio Della Pergola. Il Regno, 2019, 8, 215-216.
ASSJ BOOK SERIES

The ASSJ Book Series, Studies of Jews in Society, has moved from the University of Nebraska Press to Springer Publications. Focused on social scientific studies of Jewry, the series takes a broad perspective on “social science”, to include anthropology, communications, demography, economics, education, ethnography, geography, history, politics, population, social psychology, and sociology. Books may rely on quantitative methods, qualitative methods, or both. The series is directed to social scientists and general scholars in Jewish studies as well as those generally interested in religion and ethnicity; academics who teach Jewish studies; undergraduates and graduate students in Jewish studies, sociologists interested in religion and ethnicity; communal professionals and lay leaders who deal with Jewish organizations and individuals. The style, rigorous scientifically, is accessible to a general audience.

The next book in the series, Jewish Population and Identity: Concept and Reality, edited by Sergio DellaPergola and Uzi Rebhun, was published in early 2018 and can be ordered from the Springer Web Site which gives further details about the series. The book is in honor of Sidney Goldstein. Several exciting new books are in the pipeline including one about intermarriage, one about Jewish identity, one about the American Jewish family and another about Jews at Work. They will be announced when they are published and available through the Springer Website, noted above.

The first four titles: Helen Kiyong Kim and Noah Samuel Leavitt, JewAsian: Race, Religion, and Identity for America's Newest Jews; Yael Raviv, Falafel Nation: Cuisine and the Making of National Identity in Israel; Rebeca Rajzman, South African Jews in Israel: Assimilation in Multigenerational Perspective; and Fran Markowitz, Stephen Sharot, and Moshe Shokeid (eds.), Toward an Anthropology of Nation Building and Unbuilding in Israel, are still available from the University of Nebraska Press web site though the site says “We are no longer accepting submissions for this series.”

Springer offers a 40% discount to registered members of the ASSJ, making the series more competitive in price than most commercial publishers. The coupon code is “SOJS2018”. The members can add the code to the coupon/token field in the shopping cart. The amount will then be reduced by 40%. There are only 150 coupons, corresponding to the approximate number of ASSJ members. Please don’t cheat as this will deprive other members of their discounts!

Scholars are urged to contact the series editor, Charles Kadushin (kadushin@brandeis.edu) or any of the board members listed on the Web Site with ideas about book projects.
Contemporary Jewry, the journal of the ASSJ since 1975, serves as the single source for the social scientific consideration of world Jewry, its institutions, trends, character, and concerns. In its pages can be found work by leading scholars and important new researchers from around the world. While much relevant scholarship about Jewry is published in general social science journals, as well as more narrowly focused periodicals, no other single scholarly journal focuses primarily on the social scientific study of Jewry. The distinguished editorial board reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal.

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- Jennifer Thompson, The Birdcage: Gender Inequity in Academic Jewish Studies
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In the past several months, the Berman Jewish DataBank’s has added new materials that highlight the breadth of research being conducted in Jewish communities across the world.

The Gen17 Australian Jewish Community Survey explores a wide range of issues in Australian Jewish life, including demographics, Jewish identity and education, intermarriage, philanthropy, Israel, socioeconomic vulnerability, immigrants, and antisemitism. A report appendix discusses sampling and other methodological issues in depth. The survey was sponsored by JCA (Jewish Communal Appeal) and the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation at Monash University, with David Graham and Andrew Markus serving as principal investigators.

In a recent report, the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR) in London examines the perceptions and experiences of antisemitism among young European Jews. The report draws on survey data collected by JPR and Ipsos MORI in 2018 for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). Among the new report’s key findings: only half of the respondents think their governments are responding adequately to the security needs of Jewish communities and less than 20% feel their governments are effectively combatting antisemitism more broadly. The 2018 survey methodology is discussed in depth in an earlier FRA report.

Researchers at Statistics Canada released a technical report explaining the steep decline in the estimate of the number of Canadians describing their ethnic ancestry as Jewish, from nearly 310,000 in the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) to just 144,000 in the country’s 2016 Census. The report traces the decline to the removal of “Jewish” as an explicit example in the Census’ question on ethnic origins, and it concludes that had the Census’ ethnic origins question remained unchanged from the 2011 NHS, 297,000 Canadians would have reported their ethnic ancestry as Jewish.

In the American Jewish Committee’s 2019 survey of U.S. Jews’ perceptions of antisemitism, more than eight in ten respondents expressed the opinion that antisemitism has increased in the county in the past five years. Available materials from the survey include several short analyses, the questionnaire and topline results, banners, a methodology report and the data file.
The 2019 Los Angeles County Jewish Voter Poll examines the civic engagement and political priorities of the second largest U.S. Jewish community. Conducted by the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA, the Jewish Voter Poll is part of a multiyear project to survey major ethnic and racial groups in Los Angeles County, including the county’s Asian American, Latino, and African American communities.

And lastly, Nishma Research has released two new studies on the U.S. Orthodox community, including one focusing on Modern Orthodoxy and the other on baalei teshuva. The reports are based on an online survey of more than 1,800 self-identified Orthodox Jews, contacted primarily through the Rabbinical Council of America.

As always, the DataBank extends its gratitude to commissioning organizations, researchers and others whose cooperation in providing materials makes our work possible.

In addition to acquiring these new holdings, the DataBank co-sponsored a session entitled “Whither the Jewish Vote” at the 2019 AJS conference in San Diego. The session featured a keynote presentation from Herbert Weisberg, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Ohio State University, based on his new book, The Politics of American Jews (University of Michigan Press, 2019). Arnie Dashefsky organized the session, and Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz and Ira Sheskin served as respondents.
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Sidney Goldstein
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American Jewish Year Book mourns the passing of Sidney Goldstein, 92

Sidney Goldstein died on August 5, 2019 in Lexington, KY. He was born on August 4, 1927 to Max Goldstein and Bella Howscha Goldstein in New London, CT. He earned his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Connecticut in 1949 and 1951 respectively, and his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1953. Although his degrees were in Sociology, his specific interest and lifelong work was in demography. After teaching two years in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he joined the Sociology faculty of Brown University, specifically to help develop a specialty in population studies. In 1977, Brown named him the George Hazard Crooker University Professor. He held emeritus status since 1992. He was Director for 25 years of Brown’s Population Studies and Training Center, which he helped found.

Sid’s specific area of interest was the migration of people within countries, especially their movement from rural to urban areas. Beginning with analyses of migration in the US and Denmark, his focus shifted to less developed countries, including Thailand, China, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and South Africa. In each case, he was especially interested in the impact of rural-urban migration on the welfare and life patterns of the migrants and how they differed from those who were residentially stable. An important component of his work in these countries was the development of local expertise, so that the work that he had begun could be carried further by in-country researchers.

A secondary, but important part of Sid’s research focused on the American Jewish population. Applying the analytic methods used in his international research, he furthered the study of Jews at the US community level and then at the national level as Chair of the committee that conducted the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. For his influence, Sid has been considered the “Dean of American Jewish demographers.” He has been recognized for this work by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Council of Jewish Federations (now the Jewish Federations of North America), as well as the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In addition to his prolific research, Sid was a consummate teacher. He mentored over 100 students at Brown, not only during their tenure at the university, but also into their careers. His students originated in many parts of the world and now hold key positions in government, research institutes, and international organizations. Many have kept in close touch.

During his career, Sid authored several books, well over 100 monographs and articles, and presented papers at meetings worldwide. He was the recipient of both Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships, and
research grants from the Social Science Foundation, the United Nations, and the National Academy of Sciences. Other recognitions include being named the 2005 Laureate of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, president of the Population Association of America, and receipt of the Chulalongkorn University Medal (Thailand).

In 2011, Sid received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (from which he had also received the Marshall Sklare Award in 1992).

Goldstein was an active member of the RI Jewish community. He served as Vice President and board member of the Bureau of Jewish Education, as board member of the Jewish Federation of RI (now the Jewish Alliance of Rhode Island), and as a member of the RI Jewish Historical Society. He was a long-time member of Temple Am David, serving as vice president, board member, and chair of its ritual committee. His first involvement with Jewish demography was when he conducted the Population Survey of the Greater Providence Jewish Community in 1963. Sid also completed the 1987 demographic study for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

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In Memoriam
Moshe Hartman, 1936-2019

Born in Kluj, Transylvania (Frankenstein’s territory), Moshe immigrated to Israel the day the state was founded, became an officer in the Israeli army, completed his undergraduate degree in Sociology and Statistics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and became Head of Labor Statistics at the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics—all before we met as sociology graduate students at the University of Michigan. There he completed his MA and PhD in Sociology, specializing in Mathematical Sociology and Population Studies, under the tutelage of Professors Ronald Freedman and Thomas Mayer. He enticed me to immigrate to Israel, where we married in 1970 and raised our 4 children. He was a member of Tel-Aviv University’s Department of Sociology from 1971-1978, after which we moved to Utah State University, until the 1980s. On returning to Israel, he joined the faculty at Ben-Gurion University’s Department of Behavioral Sciences, where he was head of the graduate program and a consultant for the Humphrey Institute. His primary areas of teaching were research methods, statistics, and demography. He used his expertise to analyze women’s fertility and labor force participation, and immigration and ethnicity in Israel, designing and analyzing surveys of gender roles in Israel of the 70’s, the Israeli Censuses, Social Surveys and Labor Statistics. We returned to the U.S. in the 1990s, where he had visiting professorships at Gratz College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Bryn Mawr College. Together we collaborated on the analysis of the National Jewish Population Surveys of 1990 and 2000-1, and the 2011 New York Population Survey, focusing on Jewish identity and gender roles in family life, education and labor force participation. Our collaborative work resulted in two books, Gender and Equality and American Jews (1996, SUNY Press) and Gender and American Jews: Patterns in Work, Education, and Family (2009, UPNE/Brandeis University Press). He authored or co-authored over 30 articles and book chapters, 5 major research reports, and numerous papers in conference proceedings and conference presentations. He merited to return to Israel shortly before his death last July, fulfilling a long-held ambition and dream. In addition to four children, he left behind 17 grandchildren. May he rest in peace, and his memory be a blessing for all.

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