President's Message (Len Saxe)

I was at a Jewish community event recently that was initiated by singing the Star-Spangled Banner followed by Hatikva. Although I have often heard this couplet of anthems sung, I was struck this time by the similarity of the messages and the very different ways in which they are expressed. Both anthems cry out for their nation and people to be free, but the U.S. version is filled with bombastic imagery, while Hatikva is a mournful paean to the Jewish hope of returning to Zion. I have been wondering if these disparate visions of my two homelands are a metaphor for the different ways that we look at our contemporary world. Some of us focus on bombs "bursting in air," while others nurture the idea that "hope is not yet lost."

As a social scientist, I like to think that my work is part of an effort to make a better world through education. I have a bit of tikva in me, even though I am not solving fundamental problems of peace and freedom. In that regard, this is a report on my efforts to support our discipline. Below are several updates about the state of our Association and some recent developments:

Listserv: The listserv has been the home to a series of lively debates. In my view, the debates have been substantive and respectful. Several of the discussions have concerned the role of the ASSJ in making public statements, in particular about government policy issues (e.g., Israel's new entry regulations). One outcome of that discussion is that the Board created a committee to investigate the conditions under which ASSJ might issue statements. The committee, chaired by Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, included members who hold very different perspectives on the appropriateness of public statements. The committee has submitted a very thoughtful report that will be discussed at our Board meeting in December (see below).

Contemporary Jewry (CJ). Our flagship journal, under the skilled editorship of Harriet Hartman, continues to evolve. Submissions are up (but there's a lot of room to grow) and, increasingly, CJ is publishing special issues. Harriet has expanded the journal by incorporating book reviews (edited by Daniel Parmer) and research notes (edited by Helen Kim). From where I sit, having a high-quality peer-reviewed outlet for publications is essential for the health of the discipline. But the journal can only be as good as the submissions and the willingness of reviewers to provide critical (and timely) feedback. I hope that more of you will consider sharing your work with the journal, including those of you who typically share your work in monographs published by sponsors.
ASSJ Book Series. Studies of Jews in Society is ASSJ’s imprint for book-length treatments of the issues that animate our field. Rela Geffen has completed her term as editor and Charles Kadushin has been appointed as the next editor. I am grateful to Rela for relaunching the book series with Springer. Charles, a distinguished sociologist, is managing five books currently in various stages of development and production. He is also actively seeking new book projects. Having worked with Charles for many years, I can assure prospective authors that he will give you superb feedback and will help you move your project to fruition. We are lucky to have Charles take on this responsibility.

ASSJ Board. The Board met in Israel over the summer in conjunction with the World Congress of Jewish Studies (with some members joining by phone) and, increasingly, we are exchanging information online. We will meet again at AJS in Washington, and I will send out a brief report to the listserv after the meeting. Along with discussing public statements and our publication programs, we will talk about how to expand membership and create a better financial model. A new financial model would enable us to support more graduate students participating in our annual meeting, create more open access to CJ articles, and reduce the cost of ASSJ books. I am looking forward to the discussions and to welcoming a new member, Laura Limonic. My thanks, on behalf of all of us, to Helen Kim who will be completing her term.

I hope to see many of you at AJS. In particular, I invite you to join the award session (Sunday, 4:45PM-6:30PM, followed by a reception). Prof. Judit Bosker Liwerant will be the recipient of the Sklare Award and Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat will receive the Berman Award. I am extremely pleased to honor these two individuals. To return to the theme that framed this column, both of these individuals do extraordinary work that gives us hope. Their careers have been devoted to serving the Jewish world—making connections and improving lives across national boundaries. I hope that you will be able to join us and will encourage others as well.

Chag same'ach!

I will be leaving the Editorship of this Newsletter after the July and December 2018 issues. I have enjoyed my 10 years as editor. If you would like to take over this publication, please let me and/or Len Saxe know. Ira
NEW MEMBERS
Welcome to our New Members
Donatella Casale Mashiah, Institute for Jewish Policy Research
Golan Moskowitz, Brandeis University
Timothy Quevillon, University of Houston

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Upcoming Conferences
- American Jewish Historical Society, Philadelphia, June 17-19, 2018
- American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 11-14, 2018
- ASSJ at the Association for Jewish Studies, December 17-19, 2017
- Association for Canadian Jewish Studies, Montreal, May 13-15, 2018
- Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, August 11-13, 2018
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Orange (CA) March 23-24, 2018
- Australian Association for Jewish Studies, Perth, February 11-12, 2018
- Institute for Israel Studies, Berkeley, June 25-27, 2018
- Israeli Sociological Society, Beer sheva, January 29-30, 2018
- Midwestern Jewish Studies Association, TBA
- Network for Research in Jewish Education, Washington, June 11-12, 2018
- Society for the Anthropology of Religion, TBA
- Southern Jewish Historical Society, TBA
- Western Jewish Studies Association, Claremont, San Antonio, March 11-12, 2018
- World Union of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2021
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association, New York, May 29-30, 2018
American Jewish Year Book, 2017

The American Jewish Year Book is published by Springer with the cooperation of The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry. Edited by Arnold Dashefsky and Ira Sheskin.


Part II contains up-to-date listings of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish human service agencies, national Jewish organizations, Jewish overnight camps, Jewish museums, Holocaust museums, Israeli consulates, national Jewish periodicals and broadcast media, local Jewish periodicals, Jewish studies programs, Holocaust and genocide studies programs, Israel studies programs, as well as Jewish social work programs in institutions of higher education, books, journals, and scholarly articles on the North American Jewish communities, websites and organizations for research on North American Jewry, and major Judaic research and Holocaust research libraries. Finally, the volume contains a list of major events in the North American Jewish communities, a list of persons honored by the Jewish and general communities, and obituaries for the past year.

ASSJ members and others ordering through Arnie Dashefsky, can take advantage of the bulk rate price of $79.95 (inclusive of shipping). The price from Springer will likely be $189.

See the two page flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

The first five issues of the Year Book (2012-2016) have 20,800 chapter downloads from the Springer website. Thanks to all of our authors! 😊

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NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Barry Chiswick
George Washington University

● Barry R. Chiswick, and Paul W. Miller, "Do Native Born Bilinguals in the US Earn More?" published on line now, and in print shortly, in Review of Economics of the Household. The short answer is Yiddish speakers earn less, and Hebrew speakers earn more than US-born monolingual English speakers. The reasons why--and the findings for other languages -- are in the paper.

Arnold Dashefsky
University of Connecticut

Publications

Panel Organizer

Samuel Heilman
CUNY

Organized session for Berman Jewish DataBank by Arnold Dashefsky.

HASIDISM

This is the first comprehensive history of the pietistic movement that shaped modern Judaism. The book’s unique blend of intellectual, religious, and social history offers perspectives on the movement’s leaders as well as its followers, and demonstrates that, far from being a throwback to the Middle Ages, Hasidism is a product of modernity that forged its identity as a radical alternative to the secular world.
Hasidism originated in southeastern Poland, in mystical circles centered on the figure of Israel Ba' al Shem Tov, but it was only after his death in 1760 that a movement began to spread. Challenging the notion that Hasidism ceased to be a creative movement after the eighteenth century, this book argues that its first golden age was in the nineteenth century, when it conquered new territory, won a mass following, and became a mainstay of Jewish Orthodoxy. World War I, the Russian Revolution, and the Holocaust decimated eastern European Hasidism. But following World War II, the movement enjoyed a second golden age, growing exponentially. Today, it is witnessing a remarkable renaissance in Israel, the United States, and other countries around the world.

Written by an international team of scholars, Hasidism is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand this vibrant and influential modern Jewish movement.

David Biale is the Emanuel Ringelblum Distinguished Professor of Jewish History at the University of California, Davis. David Assaf is professor of Jewish history at Tel Aviv University. Benjamin Brown is professor of Jewish thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Uriel Gellman is lecturer in Jewish history at Bar-Ilan University. Samuel Heilman is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. Moshe Rosman is professor of Jewish history at Bar-Ilan University. Gadi Sagiv is senior lecturer in Jewish history at the Open University of Israel. Marcin Wodzinski is professor of Jewish studies at the University of Wroclaw.

Joelle Bahloul
Indiana University-Bloomington

- "Jewish Foods at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century", in The Handbook of Food and Anthropology, eds. J. L. Watson and J. A. Klein, (Bloomsbury Publ. 2016).
- In the fall 2014, Prof. Bahloul organized at Indiana University-Bloomington an international conference on "Religion on the Global Stage," in which she presented a paper on "Syrian Jews in New York City: Migration and Religious Renewal."
- In 2016, she lectured at Colby College Judaic Studies Program on "A Jewish Street in Paris: Rue des Rosiers in the 21st century." The lecture was a partial report of a long-time ethnographic research Prof. Bahloul has conducted in the Parisian Jewish quarter in the past twenty five years, and which will result in an ethnographic film to be issued next year.

Sam will be presenting about this book at the Smithsonian following the AJS meeting.
Ariella Keysar
Trinity College

Presentations

Ari Y. Kelman
Stanford University
- Ari Y. Kelman, Abiya Ahmed, Ilana Horwitz, Jeremiah Rockwood, Marva Shalev Marom, and Maja Zuckerman (2017) Safe and on the Sideline: Jewish Students and the Israel-Palestine Conflict on Campus. Stanford University, Graduate School of Education.

Ira Sheskin
University of Miami, Geography and Director of the Jewish Demography Project of the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies

Publications

Presentations

In Progress
- I am currently working on a community study in Detroit.
In mid-September 2017 I brought to your attention a publication introducing, for the first time, a novel way of understanding and measuring the spread of antisemitic emotions and ideas. That publication ('Antisemitism in contemporary Great Britain: Key Findings from the JPR survey of attitudes towards Jews and Israel') constituted a base for a few shorter written pieces and talks.

One of such talks can be accessed using this link. This is a 9 minutes introduction into the 'elastic view' of antisemitism that I gave at Woolf Institute, a research institute dedicated to the study of relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims, located in Cambridge, UK.

Due to its brevity and relatively good quality of production, it can be used for teaching.
Bethamie Horowitz  
*New York University*

- Named Co-director of NYU's Ph.D. program in Education and Jewish Studies, where we have 19 doctoral students currently in the pipeline.  
Students investigate education of Jews and Jewish education broadly construed, using variety of disciplinary lenses including history, sociology, philosophy and applied psychology.  
There are 21 graduates of the program which began in 2000, under the guidance of Robert Chazan, who continues to co-direct the program.  
- Invited speaker at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America this year, on a plenary panel about Israeli Diaspora relations. The vimeo is [here](#). The short presentation is based on my research about changing trends in the teaching of Israeli to American Jews (aka "Israel education").

Harriet Hartman  
*Rowan University*


Steven Gold  
*Michigan State University*


*Paper Presentations*  
- "Israeli and Indian Infotech Migrants in

Deborah Dash Moore  
*University of Michigan*

David Schoem
University of Michigan


Judit Bokser Liwerant
Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

**Publications**


**Presentations**

- International Colloquium, Holocaust and Citizenship, May, Mexico City, IHRA; UNAM, UN, Paper: Historical and conceptual interconnections between Holocaust and Citizenship Building.
- Research Conference, Israeli Studies Association, Brandeis University, June. Paper: Changing Patterns of Center-Diaspora Relations. Inner dynamics and external constraints in a transnational world. (A Comparative View from Latin America).
Other
● Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Project Sortir de la Violence.
● President of the Evaluation Committee of the National Prize in Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Culture.

Len Saxe
Brandeis University

● My team and I have just released the latest report of our longitudinal panel study of Birthright Israel applicants. Here's a link to a summary, with embedded links to the report and appendices:
● Here is a link to the Cohen Center's newsletter, Constructs. We use Constructs to send out alerts about new studies and to comment on research issues.

Mark L. Trencher
Nishma Research

Nishma Research (West Hartford, CT) recently completed The Nishma Research Profile of American Modern Orthodox Jews. The survey reached 3,903 American Modern Orthodox Jews via outreach to all rabbis who are members of the Rabbinical Council of America. The survey explored topics specifically relevant to Modern Orthodox Jewry, including religious beliefs and practices, views on the importance of Orthodoxy as a part of life, shul life, Jewish study, women's roles, children's education, sexuality, Israel connection and advocacy, and community opportunities and challenges. The survey documents and the dataset are available at the Berman Jewish Databank.

Randal F. Schnoor
York University

Publications:
● Alex Pomson and Randal F. Schnoor Jewish Family: Identity and Self-Formation at Home (Forthcoming April, 2018) Indiana University Press. SSHRC funded book project, with Alex Pomson. Building upon our previous book (Back To School: Jewish Day School in the Lives of Adult Jews, 2008) which concerned Jewish families and elementary school choice, this book (by use of longitudinal design) broadens the investigation by examining the larger mechanisms of Jewish family growth and change throughout the life course.


Conference Presentations
● "New Directions in Jewish Education in Toronto." Panel Organizer and Moderator. Presented at Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities (Association for Canadian Jewish Studies), Ryerson University, Toronto. May 29, 2017.
● "I'm my generation" Talking with Jewish teens at home." Presented at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference, San Diego. December 18, 2016.
Keren R. McGinity  
*Brandeis, Hebrew College, Love & Tradition Institute*

Publications:  

Presentations:  
• "From December Dilemma to December Delights," Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Brookline, MA, December 10, 2017.  

Morton Weinfeld  
*McGill University*

• Morton Weinfeld's second edition of *Like Everyone else but Different The paradoxical success of Canadian Jews*, revised and updated, will be published by McGill-Queen's University Press in the spring of 2018.

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**Call for Applicants**

Seeking applicants for the third cohort of:

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Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement (IFJE)
The Marshall Sklare Award is an annual honor of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ). The ASSJ seeks to recognize "a senior scholar who has made a significant scholarly contribution to the social scientific study of Jewry." In most cases, the recipient has given a scholarly address. In recent years, the honored scholar has presented the address at the annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies. The award is named in memory of the "founding father of American Jewish sociology" Marshall Sklare (1912-1992), who had been Klutznick Family Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies and Sociology at Brandeis University.

**Sklare Award Winners**

1992 Sidney Goldstein (Brown, demography)
1993 Seymour Martin Lipset (Hoover Institute and George Mason University, sociology)
1994 Celia Heller (NYU, history)
1995 Daniel Elazar (Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, Temple University, and Bar Ilan University, political science)
1996 Samuel Klausner (University of Pennsylvania, sociology)
1997 Walter Zenner (SUNY at Albany, anthropology)
1998 Bernard Reisman (Brandeis, communal service)
1999 Sergio DellaPergola (Hebrew University, demography)
2000 Charles Liebman (Bar Ilan, political science)
2001 Calvin Goldscheider (Brown, sociology and demography)
2002 Jonathan Sarna (Brandeis, history)
2003 Samuel Heilman (CUNY, sociology)
2004 Egon Mayer (Brooklyn College, sociology)
2005 Elihu Katz (University of Pennsylvania and Hebrew University, communications)
2006 Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan, history)
2007 Barry Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago, economics)
2008 Paul Ritterband (Haifa University, sociology)
2009 Charles Kadushin (Brandeis, sociology)
2010 Steven M. Cohen (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)
2011 Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota, anthropology)
2012 Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University, social psychology)
2013 Morton Weinfield (McGill University, sociology)
2014 Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis, sociology)
2015 Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (NYU, performance studies)
2016 Bruce Phillips (HUC/USC, sociology)
2017 Judit Bokser Liwerant (Political Science, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico)
Professor Judit Bosker Liwerant of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico is our 2017 Sklare Awardee. The award is named in memory of the “founding father of American Jewish Sociology,” Marshall Sklare (1912-1992). Judit is a distinguished political scientist and Jewish studies scholar. Her work focuses on transnational identities, in particular that of Mexican and Latin American Jews. It is an honor to be able to acknowledge Judit's contributions to our field and to our understanding of Jewish life. Her many contributions to our understanding of contemporary Jewry go beyond particular national and linguistic borders. In a world beset by conflicts over nationality and immigration, they are increasingly important. As part of the award ceremony at AJS, Judit will deliver the annual Sklare lecture. Comments about her lecture will be offered by discussants, Professors Sergio DellaPergola (Hebrew University), Naomi Lindstrom (University of Texas), and Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota).

Professor Judit Bosker Liwerant, our 2017 Marshall Sklare Awardee, is an extraordinary scholar who has made multiple contributions to our field and to public policy.

In a world beset by conflicts over nationality and immigration, thoughtful contributions to scholarly and public discourse on these issues are more important than ever. Judit Bosker Liwerant is a distinguished political scientist and Jewish studies scholar and her work has had significant impact in both academic and policy worlds. Professor Bosker Liwerant has expanded the study of contemporary Jewry to the Americas and has transformed the field by integrating Mexico and Latin America into our scholarship. She has made indivisible the scholarship and study of Mexican and Latin American Jewry from the study of modernity and transnationalism. She has also linked those interests to the creation of Jewish studies and the training of Jewish educators in Mexico. She is an intellectual leader, an international partner, and a powerful comparativist.

Currently, professor of political science at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Judit Bosker Liwerant is the author or editor of 13 books, more than 80 book chapters, and 75 scientific articles in the fields of contemporary Jewry, political sociology, and political science. Among her
many honors was, most recently, the National University Research in Social Sciences Prize, 2015, the Fisher Prize in Jewish Education, Jerusalem in 2008 and the Award Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, (UNAM-her university), 2007. She is a member of the Mexican Academy of Science and has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

She turned her distinguished work on theoretical approaches to political science as a younger scholar to a keen interest in interdisciplinary approaches to the social sciences as she simultaneously undertook research on various approaches to the study of Mexican and Latin American Jewry. In particular, she became interested in the complex encounters between modernity and national identity. Her scholarship on Jewish migration processes and national movements allowed her to address the contradictions between universalist impulses of modernity and how they are called upon to address the integration of minorities with ethnic, collective, and religious bonds of identity.

Both her disciplinary specialization and her research on Jewish life are expressed in her currently being the Director-Chief Editor of the Mexican Journal of Political and Social Sciences and co-editor of the Brill Series Jewish Identities in a Changing World.

Her books on the Jewish Presence in Latin America, Encounter and Otherness, and Identities in an Era of Globalization view processes in which national dimensions of Mexico and Latin American dilemmas of identity are seen through the Jewish collective perspective. They require attention to structure and agency, ethnicity and citizenship, as well as community and society. Her scholarship complicates the idea of the nation, the civic sphere, and the place of difference in the homogenizing processes of modernity. In this sense, her approach to the study of Jewishness reshapes work on modernity.

During past decade Professor Liwerant has turned to transnationalism as an analytical approach to transformations in social and communal structures. At the same time, she has focused on imageries of Latin America and their relationship to Jewish communities. She has also argued effectively that new awareness of diaspora has become more prominent. She has explored the interaction between the national and transnational, which she addresses in her forthcoming book on Past and Present Paths of Latin American Jews. She has also written about the impact of anti-Semitism in Mexico, in part in order to understand the study of the how the idea of the "foreign" operates in the national sphere. Her work on "otherness" focused on racism and discrimination as well.

Judith Bosker Liwerant's work as an educator has been closely tied to her research and publications. Among her most important achievements is her leadership in the formation and coordination of the Jewish Studies program (Universidad Iberoamericana-Hebrew University of Jerusalem). Together with Prof. Haim Avni of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, she developed the first academic courses in the field. These courses were initially sponsored by Iberoamericana University, a prestigious Jesuit institution. This became the first comprehensive Jewish Studies University Program in the country, as well as the region, and was offered to Jewish educators and alumni graduated from the humanities and social sciences. From 1982 through 1995, five generations of Jewish teachers and young scholars took part in the Program. Close to 200 teachers and students participated and over 50 graduated the Program, both as an In-train Service certificate and a Graduate Specialization.
Its graduates are today part of the wide spectrum of Jewish schools in the country and have substantially contributed to raise the profile of Jewish educators as well as the standards for Jewish education in Mexico. The Program acted as a watershed in the new role that academic training was called to play in Jewish education as well as in the opening of the subject to the academic world.

She has served as the head of the Academic Committee of the Universidad Hebraica, since 2003. Her involvement in this project has been crucial to ensuring the furtherance of Jewish education and its presence and articulation in academic settings in Mexico. The Universidad Hebraica has become the main center for academic and pedagogical training for professionals in the Jewish educational system, which is comprised of 17 educational institutions attended by 90% of school age Jewish children. The Universidad's curricula as well as special programs for in-service training for teachers at the local and regional levels have marked a qualitative change in Jewish education.

She has been the Head of the Graduate School of Political and Social Sciences, UNAM (1996-2012), one of the top Latin American post-graduate programs. While Head of the Graduate School, she led reform of its academic program. Jewish lines of research and doctoral theses were developed within the School's framework.

In addition to her scholarly and educational contributions, Professor Liwerant's critical work on anti-Semitism and racism in Mexico has been important to the development of policies to address discrimination. She is one of the major contributors in the Mexican and Latin American discourse about civil rights and non-discrimination, and has provided critical leadership in the effort to tie the academy, civil society, and the political system. The Graduate School that she headed for many years at UNAM was the intellectual platform for creating a large number of key civil servants and political leaders.

In 2001, she was appointment as a member of the National Commission against Discrimination. She played a central role in formulating the proposal for the specific inclusion of anti-Semitism in the Mexican Federal Law against Discrimination, approved in 2003. Her text articulating the case for this measure was published as part of the White Book on Discrimination in Mexico.

In recognition of her active role both in the academy and in the national arena in the fight against anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination and in promoting awareness about these phenomena through education, she was appointed to the ten-member Advisory Council of Mexico City's Human Rights Commission in 2005. One of the main goals of the Commission is to foster a culture of human rights by widely educating public opinion.

Representative Publications:

Books

México durante la primera mitad del siglo XX, (Images of an Encounter. The Jewish Presence in Mexico During the First Half of the 20 Century México, UNAM, Comité Central Israelita, MBM, 1991 (Now in its third edition)


Encuentro y Alteridad. La vida y la cultura Judía en América Latina, (Encounter and Otherness. Jewish Life and Culture in Latin America), Fondo de Cultura Económica, UNAM, Universidad de Tel Aviv, Universidad de Jerusalém, 1999. (co editor)

Articles

- "Expanding Frontiers and Affirming Belonging: Youth Travel to Israel. A View from Latin America."
  Hagira Journal on Migration, 2016.
- "Latin American Jewish Social Studies: The Evolution of Cross-Disciplinary Field."
- "Latin American Jews in the United States. Community and Belonging in Times of Transnationalism."
  Contemporary Jewry [Len Saxe and Sergio DellaPergola (eds.)], 2013. pp. 121-143
- "Mexico in a Region under Change."
ASSJ Berman Award

The Mandell L. Berman Service Award is given periodically to a civic or business leader or an academic for a career of distinguished commitment to the social scientific study of Jews either through service or financial support of such research. Named for a great philanthropist and supporter of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and various other research entities, the Berman Service Award recognizes the work of leaders in many sectors of the Jewish community whose efforts have advanced the social science of Jewry.

Berman Award Winners

2010 Mandell “Bill” Berman Lifetime Achievement Award
2011 Irene and Eddie Kaplan (Washington, DC)
2012 Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sociology)
2013 Rela Mintz Geffen, Gratz College
2015 Barry Shrage, CJP, Greater Boston’s Jewish Federation
2017 Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat

Bill Berman
Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat will receive ASSJ's Mandell Berman award for his extraordinary contributions to the understanding of contemporary Jewish life. Mandell Berman (1917-2016) was a generous philanthropist who understood the value of social science research and its importance to the Jewish community. Our honoree, Stu Eizenstat, has had an extraordinary career of public service, as a White House policy advisor, Ambassador to Europe, and a Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. But his work on behalf of victims of the Holocaust, both to gain a modicum of economic justice and to establish the US Holocaust Museum and Memorial, have made him a modern Jewish hero. We honor him for this work and for his use of our social scientific studies in his analyses of the contemporary Jewish condition. The Ambassador will offer reflections as part of the award ceremony.
The ASSJ

The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry is a cross-disciplinary organization whose research concerns the Jewish people throughout the world. The ASSJ encourages and facilitates contact among researchers, supports the dissemination of research, and assists in the cultivation of younger scholars.

The organization’s journal, Contemporary Jewry, is issued three times per year. All social science disciplines are represented, including anthropology, demography, economics, geography, history, Jewish education, political science, social psychology, social work, and sociology.

Our members are primarily academics, but also policy analysts, communal professionals and activists, and are engaged in a wide range of scholarly activity, applied research, and the links between them.

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Thank you to Helen Kim for her service on the Board.
The ASSJ Book Series, Studies of Jews in Society, has recently undergone several changes. We have moved from the University of Nebraska Press to Springer Publications. The Springer site is still under revision to reflect the changes.

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.


Springer offers a 40% discount to registered members of the ASSJ, making the series more competitive in price than most commercial publishers.

The series has a new editor, Charles Kadushin (kadushin@brandeis.edu) and an enlarged board of editors who will assist the editor in setting policies and reviewing book projects:


Scholars are urged to contact the series editor or any of the board members 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.

Note from the Editor, Harriet Hartman
I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of you who have volunteered your time and effort as reviewers for Contemporary Jewry, as well as our main copy-editor, Marilyn Silverstein, who raises the quality and consistency of all of the manuscripts she reviews. Starting with v38(1) of Contemporary Jewry, all reviewers of v37 will be publicly acknowledged in the Journal's pages.

Volume 37 (3) includes the Sklare address of 2016 and its commentaries, as well as several original articles, research updates, book reviews and a list of books received. Be sure to contact the Research Editor, Helen Kim (kimh2@whitman.edu), with any research you would like publicized in the Journal. Send books and offers to review books to Daniel Parmer (dparmer@brandeis.edu), Book Review Editor.

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Guest edited by Ilana Horwitz (Stanford University) and Ariela Keysar (Trinity College).

We are pleased to announce a special issue of Contemporary Jewry devoted to Methods.

Methods are everywhere. The methods that researchers use to answer questions largely determine the kind of data they are able to collect and the claims they can make. And yet, sometimes researchers get so bogged down in methods that we lose sight of the big picture problem that we are trying to address. At other times, researchers make unfounded claims given their methods and empirical findings. Recent conversations on the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry list-serve suggest that this is a timely and provocative topic that warrants attention.

We will feature articles and research notes that focus on methodologies and methodological issues that pertain to the social scientific study of Jews. We welcome papers raising philosophical, theoretical, historical or ideological debates about the social scientific study of Jewry. Articles and research notes should be methodological in content rather than reports of empirical research. For examples of how to write articles and research notes with a methodological focus, please see a recent issue of the Qualitative Research Journal (or contact us for sample articles). Contributions coming from all the research fields concerned by the social scientific study of Jewry are welcome. Contact the guest editors (see below) with any questions.

Abstracts are requested but not required, by December 31, 2017; full manuscripts must be received by March 15, 2018. Full papers are restricted to a maximum length of 8000 words, including all elements (title page, abstract, notes, references, tables, biographical statement, etc.) Research Notes submissions should be between 3,000 - 4,000 words.

Submission guidelines can be found here.

All submissions should be uploaded online at the Contemporary Jewry website, and a notice sent to both guest editors at the same time that an article for the special issue has been submitted. All submissions for articles will be blind peer-reviewed. Please, ensure a blind review according to submission guidelines. Language of all submissions: English.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The guest editors of special issue are: Ilana Horwitz, Stanford University, ihorwitz@stanford.edu · Ariela Keysar, Trinity College, Ariela.Keysar@trincoll.edu.
WHAT does it mean to be Jewish in the twenty-first century? The proposed volume will discuss how this question may be answered in light of some of the most topical current debates in social/cultural anthropology, and, at the same time, will demonstrate how this question can offer a novel analytical perspective on these debates.

As anthropologist Jonathan Webber observed, 'Right from its origins in Biblical antiquity, Jewish identity has oscillated between two contradictory premises: an underlying belief in the unity and continuity of the Jewish people, despite an awareness of the existence of considerable ethnographic diversity; and a feeling that the Jewish community of one's own village or town constituted the only true Jewish identity, despite the knowledge that other Jewish communities existed, even in very faraway lands' (Webber 1994: 74). The problem of the relationship between different dimensions of Jewishness, some of which are seen to be embedded in Jewish genealogy and others of which are construed along the lines of cultural and religious affiliation, is one of the central issues in anthropology of Judaism and in Jewish Studies in general, where essentialist conceptualizations of Judaism and Jewish culture have in the past decades been challenged by commentators coming from the perspective of critical theory, who generally see the theoretical foundations of essentialist thinking as problematic.

Papers for the edited collection will put key Jewish Studies questions in dialogue with major theoretical concerns and agendas of a number of areas of social anthropological inquiry. We welcome papers on Jewish communities in different parts of the world. Studies exploring conversion to Judaism, as well as the emergence of 'alternative' Jewish communities and their approach to Jewish identity would be of interest for the proposed volume.

- What do varying understandings of what it means to be Jewish tell us about contemporary constructions of what it means to be a human being and/or a fellow citizen?
- What is the relationship between political citizenship and personal understandings of belonging?
- How do Jewish identities intersect with notions of inclusion and exclusion?
- What can research into contemporary Jewish cultures contribute to debates about transnationalism?
- What new relations can be explored between Jewishness and Cosmopolitanism?
- How notions of Jewishness highlight the multiple and conflicting dimensions of the relationship between race and religion?
- How new ways of building dialogue between communities in the Diaspora and Israel redefine Jewish identity?

We welcome contributors to address these questions by exploring the complexity of Jewish sociality, religion and culture, where multiple identities interact, mirror and contrast each other. We are aiming for papers that will take one set of ethnographic examples stemming from contemporary Jewish cultures and discuss what new analytical light it can cast on an inquiry of anthropological concern.

The volume editors are: Dr. Rohee Dasgupta, Associate Professor in the Jindal School of International Affairs and Convener, Jindal Centre for Israel Studies, O.P. Jindal Global University and Dr. Yulia Egorova, Reader in the Department of Anthropology and Centre Director in the Centre for the Study of Jewish Culture, Society and Politics, Durham University.

We welcome scholars from the fields of Anthropology, Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Socio-legal Studies, Jewish Studies, Israel Studies, Political Geography, Urban Heritage Studies to especially contribute to this volume.

Papers are expected to be of max. 8000 words and follow Harvard reference style. They need to be submitted by March 31, 2018. Please email your paper with a 250 word abstract and a 300-word author biography to: rdgupta@jgu.edu.in. ☎
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Ilan Troen and Natan Aridan - Editors

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The Berman Jewish DataBank continues to expand its holdings, recently adding a half dozen studies to its collection. The DataBank’s new studies include:

- **The 2017 Indianapolis Jewish Population study**, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and conducted by Ira Sheskin and Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). This is the first probability study of the Indianapolis Jewish community ever conducted. Study materials include reports, slide decks, maps, the survey instrument, methodological documentation and data files.

- **A Portrait of the Omaha Jewish Community (2017)**, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Omaha and conducted by Ira Sheskin and Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). This is the first study of the Omaha Jewish community in half a century. Study materials include reports, slide decks, maps, the survey instrument, methodological documentation, and data files.

- **The 2017 Pinellas/Pasco Jewish Community Study**, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Florida, and also conducted by Ira Sheskin and Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Materials from the study include reports, slide decks, the survey instrument, methodological documentation, and data files.

- **The 2017 Nishma Research Profile of American Modern Orthodox Jews**, sponsored by the Micah Foundation and conducted by Nishma Research. The study highlights the diversity of the modern Orthodox community and focuses on issues of particular concern to the community. Study materials include a summary report with methodological description, verbatim responses to open-ended questions, a press release, the questionnaire and data files.

- **The 2017 AJC Annual Survey of American Jewish Opinion**, commissioned by the American Jewish Committee and conducted by SSRS. Study materials from the 2017 survey include reports, toplines, crosstabulations, methodological information, and data files. The 2017 survey joins more than two decades of AJC annual surveys housed at the DataBank.

- **America's Changing Religious Identity: Findings from the 2016 American Values Atlas**, a study conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) with Robert P. Jones and Daniel Cox as principal investigators. The sample of more than 100,000 respondents has a sufficient number of Jewish respondents for PRRI to analyze them separately and compare them to other religious groups. Study materials available at the DataBank include the full report with a methodological appendix, the survey instrument with topline results, and a press release.
The Berman Jewish DataBank @ The Jewish Federations of North America is the central online address for quantitative studies of North American Jewry and information about world Jewish populations. We proudly collaborate with the Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ Stanford and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut in offering open access to more than 375 national, local and topical studies, reports, and resources. The DataBank is funded through a generous endowment from the Berman Foundation. We extend our gratitude to commissioning organizations, researchers and others whose cooperation in providing materials makes our work possible.

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From Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, Ph.D.
Director, Berman Jewish DataBank
Senior Director, Research and Analysis
The Jewish Federations of North America  
Reports


JPR's latest report was conducted by JPR, with data gathering by Ipsos MORI. Three years in the making, it was co-funded by the UK Government, the Community Security Trust and a number of UK-based trusts and foundations. It builds on research undertaken by the Pew Research Center and the Anti-Defamation League to paint a groundbreaking portrait of attitudes towards both Jews and Israel among the general population of Great Britain and key sub-populations - the far-left, far-right and Muslims - as well as exploring the correlation between anti-Jewish and anti-Israel views.

Commissioned projects

- **Industrial Dwellings Society (IDS):** JPR has been privately commissioned by a major Jewish housing association based in the UK to look at the housing needs of economically deprived Jewish families and individuals. Our work, based on analysis of multiple existing quantitative data sources, is designed to feed into IDS plans to build up to 1,000 new homes in densely-population Jewish neighborhoods in London. The report is scheduled to be submitted in December 2017.
- **National Library of Israel (NLI):** JPR is working on a privately commissioned study for NLI, designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Library's educational work in the UK. As NLI builds a new centre in Jerusalem, it is keen to utilize its holdings to support Jewish educational work across Europe, and JPR's qualitative study is designed to help it to develop its educational strategy and program.
- **Partnerships for Jewish Schools (PaJeS):** Building on research JPR conducted in 2016, we are updating our projections of demand for Jewish school places at secondary level (grades 6-12) in London. Demand for places currently outstrips supply, and JPR's work is designed to assess the case for building a new school (or schools), versus the case for expansion of capacity within existing facilities.

Discrimination and hate crime against Jews in Europe

In September, JPR won a major tender from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights to conduct a multi-national survey of Jews' perception and experiences of antisemitism in thirteen EU Member States. The survey, which JPR is conducting in partnership with international polling agency, Ipsos MORI, covers Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the UK. The academic team includes JPR's own researchers alongside a wider group of national research experts, including Sergio DellaPergola, Lars Dencik, Andras Kovacs, Chantal Bordes-Benayoun, Eliezer Ben-Rafael, Olaf Glockner, Hanna van Solinge and Martina Weiss. Fieldwork will be conducted online between April and June 2018.
We expect it to be the largest survey of European Jews ever undertaken, and to build a dataset of immense value in the coming years to researchers and community leaders alike.

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Since 1899, the American Jewish Year Book, at various times published by the Jewish Publication Society and the American Jewish Committee, has been "The Annual Record of the North American Jewish Communities." This volume, now published by Springer, has been a very important and prestigious annual publication because it has acted as a major resource for academic researchers; practitioners and researchers at Jewish institutions and organizations; the media, both Jewish and general; education leaders and lay persons; and libraries, particularly University and Jewish libraries, for up-to-date information about the American and Canadian Jewish communities.

For decades, the American Jewish Year Book has been the premier place for leading academics to publish long review chapters on topics of major interest to the American Jewish communities. Each volume features 5-7 major review articles, including 2-3 long chapters written by leading experts on topics of contemporary interest.


In addition, the volume contains up-to-date listings of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish social service agencies, national Jewish organizations, Jewish day schools, Jewish overnight camps, Jewish museums, Holocaust museums, Israeli consulates, national Jewish periodicals and broadcast media, local Jewish periodicals, Jewish studies programs, holocaust and genocide studies programs, Israel studies programs, as well as Jewish social work programs in institutions of higher education, major books, journals, and scholarly articles on the North American Jewish communities, websites and organizations for research on North American Jewry, and major Judaic and holocaust research libraries. Lastly, the volume contains a list of major events in North American Jewish communities, a list of persons honored by the Jewish and general communities, and obituaries for the past year.

Finally, a few relevant statistics for 2017 are presented. Data submitted by the new publisher, Springer, indicate the number of chapter downloads for recent available years: 5,523 chapters for the 2012 volume; 6,818 for the 2013 volume; 5,550 for the 2014 volume; and, thus far, 936 chapters for the 2015 volume.

The current volume is generously supported by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, both at the University of Connecticut, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences and the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies, both at the University of Miami, along with the Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation.
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Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program (IFJE) provides clergy, educators, community leaders and outreach practitioners with the knowledge and innovative skills needed to support the growing population of interfaith families, engaging them in Jewish life.

Understanding Today’s Reality

Jewish intermarriage is a reality in the American context. Effective Jewish engagement of interfaith couples and families requires specialized knowledge about the relationship between intermarriage and gender; the influence of culture on interfaith marriage; denominational similarities and differences; and the ability to translate knowledge into action that suits the needs of a wide variety of constituencies.

L’dor V’dor...from Generation to Generation

What we do today — right now — will shape the future of Jewish life in America. Clergy, educators, leaders and practitioners all play key roles in both outreach and engagement of families; success helps to strengthen and enhance Jewish peoplehood, community and values, improving the world from generation to generation.

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Rabbi Steven Abraham
Beth El Synagogue, Omaha, NE

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“IFJE is the only program of its kind in the Jewish world. As a Jewish professional working in the engagement sphere, the knowledge, tools, and community it would bring seemed invaluable to me to be able to better serve my congregation.”
Tema Smith
Director of Community Engagement, Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, Ontario

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LIKE EVERYONE ELSE BUT DIFFERENT, Second Edition
*The Paradoxical Success of Canadian Jews*
By Morton Weinfeld
with Randal F. Schnoor and Michelle Shames

A timely analysis of the possibilities and challenges of multiculturalism as seen in the iconic case of Canada’s Jewish community.

Liberal democratic societies with diverse populations generally offer minorities two usually contradictory objectives: the first is equal integration and participation; the second is an opportunity, within limits, to retain their culture. Yet Canadian Jews are successfully integrated into all domains of Canadian life, while at the same time they also seem able to retain their distinct identities by blending traditional religious values and rituals with contemporary cultural options.

*Like Everyone Else but Different* illustrates how Canadian Jews have created a space within Canada’s multicultural environment that paradoxically overcomes the potential dangers of assimilation and diversity. At the same time, this comprehensive and data-driven study documents and interprets new trends and challenges including rising rates of intermarriage, newer progressive religious options, finding equal space for women and LGBTQ Jews, tensions between non-Orthodox and Orthodox Jews, and new forms of real and perceived anti-Semitism often related to Israel or Zionism, on campus and elsewhere.

The striking feature of the Canadian Jewish community is its diversity. While this diversity can lead to cases of internal conflict, it also offers opportunities for adaptation and survival. Seventeen years after its first publication, this new edition of *Like Everyone Else but Different* provides definitive updates that blend research studies, survey and census data, newspaper accounts and articles, and the author’s personal observations and experiences to provide an informative, provocative, and fascinating account of Jewish life and multiculturalism in contemporary Canada.

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“An outstanding analysis of Canadian Jewish life today, written with verve and humour and accessible to all.”
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