Once again I'd like to thank Ira Sheskin for his diligent editing of an ever-expanding newsletter. It's a great way for all of us to find out what's going on with each other.

I'd like to welcome our new European representative to the Board, Jonathan Boyd. Jonathan is the Executive Director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR) in London. He holds a BA and MA in Modern Jewish History from University College London, and his doctoral research at the University of Nottingham is in the field of educational philosophy. He was formerly a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Institute in Israel, and has held professional positions in research and policy at the JDC International Centre for Community Development in London and Paris, the Jewish Agency for Israel in London and New York, and the UK-based United Jewish Israel Appeal and Holocaust Educational Trust. He is the editor of *The Sovereign and the Situated Self: Jewish Identity and Community in the 21st Century* (Profile Books, 2003). His most recent research examined the identities of Jewish students in Britain, the attitudes of Jews in Britain toward Israel (both co-authored with David Graham), and child poverty and deprivation among British Jews, and he's currently involved in research initiatives examining antisemitism across Europe, the educational philosophy of Limmud, and the dimensions of Jewish peoplehood. He's also managing JPR's forthcoming National Jewish Community Survey. We look forward to having Jonathan broadening the horizons of ASSJ with his wide circle of European connections as well as bringing to our attention issues of concern in the social science of European Jewry.

Mazel Tov to Arnie Dashefsky and Ira Sheskin who are the editors of the renewed *American Jewish Year Book*, to be published by Springer. The 2012 volume will be available at AJS in December (more details elsewhere in the newsletter).

The ASSJ Board has selected the 2012 Sklare Award winner: Leonard Saxe, Klutznick Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies, Director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Director of the Steinhardt Social Research Institute at Brandeis University. His address at the Marshall Sklare Award Memorial Lecture in December (AJS, Chicago) will be on "Reflections on the Science of the Scientific Study of Jewry" and respondents will include Matthew Boxer, Benjamin Phillips, Daniel Parmer, and Michelle Shain. Please plan to attend! (More in the December Newsletter on Len.)
We have also selected a 2012 Berman Service Award winner: Arnold Dashefsky, the Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies, Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, and Director of the Berman Institute-North American Jewish Data Bank at the University of Connecticut. Among the founders of ASSJ, he served as the first treasurer (1970-73), Vice-President (1975-77), Contemporary Jewry editor (1982-86), and ASSJ President (1990-96). Join us when we honor him in Chicago in December!

As of March 1, 2012, the managing editor of Contemporary Jewry is Deborah Grant, of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University. With a BA from Brandeis University and a JD from Northeastern University she is also the editor for print and electronic communications and the webmaster for the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, the Fisher-Bernstein Institute, and the Steinhardt Social Research Institute. Welcome, Deborah! Yoel Finkelman, outgoing managing editor, served us well through the transition to triannual issues of Contemporary Jewry and we wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

I hope you were able to tune in to the April 25 Webinar on "The Distinctiveness of Canadian Jewish Life," which highlighted the special volume of Contemporary Jewry on "Jews of Canada" (Volume 31:3, October, 2011), guest edited by Randal Schnoor. Randal introduced the webinar and summarized the special issue. Michelle Byers discussed her research for the article, "Post-Jewish: Theorizing the Emergence of Jewishness on Canadian Television," which generated a lively question and answer session. The webinar was cosponsored by ASSJ and the Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University. If you missed it, you may want to view it at: http://msl.stream.yorku.ca/mediasite/Viewer?peid=88d4b409-51de-4fc9-b72c-8233b2ace4ac.

ASSJ co-sponsored a session at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) meetings (February, New York), "Jewish Narratives in Varying Contexts": Rosanna Hertz (former ESS President) presided, and papers were delivered by Debra Kaufman, Ariela Keysar, Jack Nusan Porter, and Maria Van Ryn.

Come listen to the upcoming session at the Association for Sociology of Religion (August, Denver) organized by Arnie Dashefsky and Harriet Hartman and co-sponsored by ASSJ and the North American Jewish Data Bank (see details elsewhere in the newsletter).

At the ASSJ Board meeting last December, we began a discussion to which I hope you will consider and contribute your ideas: how can we broaden the scope of ASSJ to include a broader range of social science disciplines, including such fields as cultural studies and social history? Send your ideas to the listserv or to me and we'll see how to incorporate them.

Looking forward to hearing from you with any ideas or suggestions,

Harriet
(hartman@rowan.edu)

Sorry about being a few weeks late with the June Issue of this Newsletter, but the logistics of getting the manuscript to Springer for the American Jewish Year Book had to take precedence. Ira
ASSJ Elections Are Coming!

Want to be more involved in the planning of ASSJ activities and policies? Run for an office! In October, ASSJ will be holding elections for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two at-large Board positions (and if current Board members run for offices, more Board positions may be open). Terms of office are two years. Brief descriptions (from the by-laws) follow:

The President facilitates activities of ASSJ, leads policy-making discussions or delegates leadership of same, represents ASSJ in public venues, signs official documents, appoints international Board members, keeps ASSJ conforming to its by-laws. The Vice-President assists the President and leads selected projects and activities. Secretary is responsible for correspondence, official records of ASSJ, Board meeting minutes, and the content of the website. Treasurer manages the finances of ASSJ, keeps an updated record of membership, signs official checks, files IRS returns, makes an annual report to the Executive Board. Board members-at-large assist in deciding policy matters, ASSJ activities, membership recruitment, approve financial reports, advise officers, and help to develop ASSJ. All Board members and officers have an annual meeting in conjunction with the Association of Jewish Studies meeting, and have virtual meetings during the year as needed.

All candidates must be ASSJ members in good standing at the time of nomination. Nominees will be asked to submit a brief bio and statement of why they should be elected. Nominations (including self-nominations) will be accepted until October 20, 2012 and may be submitted to any of the Nomination Committee members:

Harriet Hartman (chair) Hartman@rowan.edu
Joelle Bahloul bahloul@indiana.edu
Lila Corwin Berman lberman@temple.edu
Barry Chiswick brchis@gwu.edu
Samuel Heilman scheilman@gmail.com
The American Jewish Year Book Is Back

In 2008, the American Jewish Committee ceased publication of the American Jewish Year Book after 108 years, a victim of the current economic recession and changing technology. With a new publishing model, AJYB will resume publication with the 2012 Year Book in December 2012. The co-editors of the AJYB are Arnold Dashefsky, University of Connecticut and Ira M. Sheskin, University of Miami). The co-editors worked in collaboration with Sergio DellaPergola, Hebrew University.

A special paper session at the AJS meeting in Chicago centered on the book is planned. Springer will hold a Reception for the book at the conference as well.

The project is being generously supported by funds from:
1) The Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies at the University of Miami (Haim Shaked, Director)
2) The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Connecticut (Dean Jeremy Teitelbaum)
3) The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami (Deans Leonidas Bachas and Angel Kaifer)
4) The Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut (Arnold Dashefsky, Director)

The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ) has been supportive of this effort.


Parts 2-5 will consist of lists of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, National Jewish Organizations, Synagogues, College Hillels, and Jewish Day Schools, Jewish Overnight Camps, Jewish Museums, Holocaust Museums, Memorials, and Monuments, National Jewish Periodicals, Local Jewish Periodicals, Jewish Studies Programs, Major Books on the North American Jewish Community, Academic Journals Covering the North American Jewish Community, Scholarly Articles on the Study of the North American Jewish Community, and Websites for North American Jewish Community Research. Also included is a list of Major Events in the North American Jewish Community, Persons Honored by the Jewish and General Community, and Obituaries.

Thanks to the American Jewish Committee for their cooperation in this transition.
ASSJ Book Series at the U of Nebraska

ASSJ has a contract with the University of Nebraska for the Studies in Contemporary Jewry series. See flyer on page 28. ASSJ appoints the General Series Editor, and Harriet Hartman is serving as the first Editor, as determined by the ASSJ Executive Board. The editorial board includes:

Sarah Abramson, London School of Economics, Board of Deputies of British Jews, UK
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Leonard Saxe, Brandeis University, USA
Diane Wolf Sociology, University of California at Davis

What is Your Food Worth? Jews and Food Choices.

"Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are," declared the French lawyer and politician, famed epicure and gourmand Anthelme Brillat-Savarin in 1826. This has long been true of Jews. Everywhere Jews have lived they have built their spiritual, ritual, and daily lives around when to eat, what to eat and how to eat. In recent decades, Jews in the US have begun to re-examine what they eat along with questions about faith and labor, nature and modernity and sustainability and eating.

"What Is Your Food Worth?" represents a collaboration among the Feinstein Center, Temple University, the Gershman Y, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and Rodeph Shalom. Over the course of two years, all of these institutions will pose and answer the question in multiple ways. The public will be invited to engage in the discussion through a series of programs bringing together historians, scholars of religion, kosher bakers, organic farmers, labor activists, chefs, and foodies to investigate how American Jewish life and thought is articulated, contested, marketed, lived and digested.

For more information go to www.temple.edu/feinsteinctr.
NEWS FROM MEMBERS

SARAH BENOR
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion


STEVE GOLD
Michigan State University

Books

Articles

**Presentations**

**Harriet Hartman**
*Rowan University*

- 2012 Berman Summer Research fellowship to develop "North American Jewish Data Bank Learning Modules." This is a new project to develop inquiry-based learning modules utilizing the resources of the North American Jewish Data Bank, along the lines of the learning modules posted on [www.thearda.com](http://www.thearda.com) (The Association of Religion Data Archives) and the Teaching with Data exercises posted on the American Sociological Association website [www.teachingwithdata.org](http://www.teachingwithdata.org). Anyone with ideas for modules they would like developed for their own courses or interests, or who knows a techy-savvy student who would like to work on such a project, please contact Harriet at hartman@rowan.edu.

**Samuel Heilman**
*Queens College, CUNY*
- Sam is on the 2nd of a 3-year grant in Leipzig, Germany at the Dubnow Institute working on a team writing "A New History of Hasidism."

**Ariela Keysar**
*Trinity College, Public Policy and Law*

**Papers Presented:**
- "I Have No Religion but I Am Jewish" at Georgetown University, Program for Jewish Civilization's Lecture (2012).
Barry Kosmin
Trinity University, Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society & Culture

Joint Editor of an Academic Journal
Secularism and Nonreligion

The world’s first journal dedicated to the investigation of secularism and nonreligion in all forms, commenced publication in January 2012. Secularism and Nonreligion is an on-line, open access interdisciplinary journal published with the aim of advancing research on various aspects of ‘the secular.’ Articles explore all aspects of what it means to be secular at any of the above levels, what the lives of nonreligious individuals are like, and the interactions between secularity and other aspects of the world. Articles explore the ideology of the secular or secularism.

Publications

Conference Presentations & Invited Lectures:
● "Secularism and Secularity among India's Scientific Elite: Balancing the Political, the Professional and the Personal in the 21st Century," Second Annual Conference of the Centre for Area Studies Multiple Secularities and Global Interconnectedness University of Leipzig, Germany (2011).
● with Ariela Keysar, Juhem Navarro-Rivera, and Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi. "Faith and Ideology: Which Americans are willing to risk their lives for their family, country or an ideal?" American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Orlando, FL (2012).

Keren McGinity
Brandeis University
● I am pleased to announce the launch of my new website Love & Tradition: www.loveandtradition.com.
HELEN MEYERS
Southwestern University
● Identity Papers: Contemporary Narratives of American Jewishness (SUNY) has been released in paperback and has been "highly recommended" by Choice.

Paper Presented
● "The Unmarked Chains of Paper Clips" at the Ninth Tel Aviv International Colloquium on Cinema and Television Studies, Tel Aviv University (2012).
● Contributed "Reading Jewishness as a Marker of Ethno-Racial and Cultural History," to the Symposium on Jewishness, Pedagogy, and Multi-Ethnic Literature in the Summer 2012 issue of MELUS.

HELENA MILLER
United Jewish Israel Appeal, UK
● "Changing the Landscape– Pluralist Jewish Education in the UK," to be published by Tel Aviv University (2012).

Review of Publication

Papers Presented
● “The Limmud International Study: Jewish Learning Communities on a Global Scale," (a project led by Steven M Cohen and Ezra Kopelowitz), NRJE Conference, Boston, (2012).
“Jewish Families and Schools: First Fruits from Multinational Comparative Research,” with Alex Pomson and Randal Schnoor, NRJE Conference, Boston (2012).

Award
Helena Miller is the 2012 recipient of the LA Pincus Fund Jewish Agency Max Fisher Prize for contribution to Jewish Education in the Diaspora.

**Jack Nusan Porter**
Spencer Institute
- The *New Yorker* magazine did a profile of me by Ben McGrath, April 9th issue, p. 22, 24, Talk of the Town.
- *Milwaukee Trilogy*, my memoir of Milwaukee’s Jewish community, is out. Contact me at jacknusan@earthlink.net.
- My 20th anniversary issue of *Sexual Politics in Nazi Germany* is out.

**Jonathan Sarna**
Brandeis University
- Awarded the Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion by the American Academy of Religion.

- with Adam Mendelsohn. Co-edited *Jews and the Civil War*

- with Eitan Fishbane. Co-edited *Jewish Renaissance and Revival in America.*
Randal Schnoor
York University

Edited Volume

- Schnoor, Randal F. 2011. Guest Editor of Special Volume of *Contemporary Jewry* on "Canadian Jewry" 31 (3).

Book Chapters


Publications


Papers Presented


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


Papers Presented

- “Will the American Jewish Community Vote for Barack Obama in 2012," ORT Braude College, Karmiel, Israel (2012)
- “How is the New Haven Jewish Community Different from Other American Jewish Communities?” Invited presentation at Southern Connecticut State University (2012).

Media appearances

- WPLG (Ch 10, Miami) on the civil unrest in Egypt (2011).
- WPLG (Ch 10, Miami) on the fall of Mubarak (2011).
Sergio DellaPergola
The Shlomo Argov Professor Emeritus in Israel-Diaspora Relations, The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

New publications

Conference papers
- Diversity and Convergence in Contemporary Jewish Society: Demography and Identification, International Conference How Much Pluralism Can Judaism Sustain? University of Zurich, Faculty of Theology, June 2012 (publication forthcoming).
Lectures at
● Limmud, Warwick University, December 2011.
● Ben Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, January 2012.
● Cherrick Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2012.
● Keren Yed'a, Eilat, February 2012.
● Central European University, Budapest, February 2012.
● Corvinus University, Budapest, February 2012.
● Katedra, Herzliya, March 2012.
● Società Umanitaria, Milan, March 2012.
● Jewish Community, Leghorn, March 2012.
● Italian Synagogue, on occasion of Italy’s Prime Minister Mario Monti visit, Jerusalem, April 2012.
● Ashkelon College, May 2012.
● Shimon Peres Presidential Conference, June 2012.
● Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, July 2012.
ASSJ Awards: Sklare Award

The Marshall Sklare Award is an annual honor of the Association for the 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, sociology)
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)
ASSJ Awards: Berman Award

The Mandell L. Berman Service Award will be 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

2011 Irene and Eddie Kaplan (Washington, DC)
2012 Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sociology)

Len Saxe, 2012 Sklare Award

Arnold Dashefsky, 2012 Berman Award
The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry is a cross-disciplinary organization of individuals 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. The journal publishes research that draws on a range of social scientific fields and methodologies, and encourages cutting-edge research and lively debate.

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. [www.assj.org](http://www.assj.org)

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- Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life and North American Jewish Data Bank (University of Connecticut)

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Contemporary Jewry, the journal of the ASSJ, 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 North America, Europe, Australasia, and Israel. 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.

Over 200 articles have been published in Contemporary Jewry since its inception. Each issue includes articles or review essays across a variety of social science disciplines, including anthropology, demography, economics, education, ethnography, geography, history, politics, population, social history, social psychology, and sociology. In addition, many issues include research notes or important work originally published in Hebrew but translated and made available to the English language reader. Special issues have focused on such topics as the National Jewish Population Survey, Jewish community surveys, Ultra-Orthodox Jews, Women in the Holocaust, economic frameworks for understanding Jewry, secular Jewry, the distancing hypothesis, Jewry in Israel, and Canadian Jewry. Individual articles have ranged from Jewish identity in Syria, the Ukraine, New Zealand and Israel; from an analysis of rabbis’ salaries to a historical study of Jewish women physicians in Central Europe; from survey research to ethnography to historical analysis.

Each year Contemporary Jewry includes the Marshall Sklare Award lecture, delivered at the Association of Jewish Studies conference in co-sponsorship with the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry, the founding association of the journal, by distinguished scholars chosen to receive the award because of their contributions to the field of the social scientific study of Jewry. The distinguished editorial board reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal. You can access the journal on-line at the “Journal” tab at www.assj.org.

Available Now Via On-Line First

- The Newest Jews? Understanding Jewish American and Asian American Marriages
  Helen K. Kim and Noah S. Leavitt

Special Note: This article was cited in The New York Times and has been made open access at the Contemporary Jewry website until September 30, 2012.

The most downloaded articles from Contemporary Jewry:
- “Actual, Intended, and Appropriate Family Size Among Jews in Israel,” Sergio DellaPergola
- “Accounting for Jewish Secularism: Is a New Cultural Identity Emerging?,” Bruce A. Phillips
- “Politicized Secularism in Israel: Secularists as a Party to Communal Conflict,” Nadav Shalef
- “Thinking About Distancing from Israel,” Steven M. Cohen and Ari Y. Kelman
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● Preface: Randal F. Schnoor
● “The Contours of Canadian Jewish Life,” Randal F. Schnoor
● “Recent Developments in the Social Scientific Study of Canadian Jews,” David S. Koffman and Morton Weinfeld
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● “Post-Jewish?: Theorizing the Emergence of Jewishness in Canadian Television,” Michele Byers
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- “Understanding Young Adult Attachment to Israel: Period, Lifecycle and Generational Dynamics,” **Theodore Sasson, Benjamin Phillips, Graham Wright, Charles Kadushin and Leonard Saxe**
- “Response to Steven M. Cohen’s Marshall Sklare Award Address,” **Shaul Kelner**
- Response to Steven M. Cohen’s Marshall Sklare Lecture, AJS 2010,” **Sarah Bunin Benor**
- “The Dismal Jewish Social Science,” **Ari Y. Kelman**

**New at Contemporary Jewry**

As of March 1, 2012, the managing editorship of *Contemporary Jewry* moved to Brandeis University under the able editorship of **Deborah Grant**, Editor at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and the Steinhardt Social Research Institute. Her contact information is [grantd@brandeis.edu](mailto:grantd@brandeis.edu).

*Contemporary Jewry* has adopted a new policy regarding receiving copies of the journal in which an author’s article is published. Authors who are members of the ASSJ or a subscriber to *Contemporary Jewry* will receive a hard copy of the journal, as well as online access. If only the institution with which authors are associated is a subscriber, authors will receive online access only. Non-members will be given an opportunity to purchase the issue, but they will be made aware that as members of ASSJ, the journal is free. (The costs of membership are significantly less than the cost of the journal issue and provide a full year's subscription.)
The Mandell L. Berman Institute North American Jewish Data Bank (NAJDB) is the central repository of social scientific studies of North American Jewry.

What’s New at the Data Bank (www.jewishdatabank.org.)
1. The Jewish Vote 2012 by Ira M. Sheskin
2. Comparisons of Jewish Communities: A Compendium of Tables and Bar Charts by Ira M. Sheskin (see below)
3. The 2011 AJC Opinion Poll by GfK Custom Research
5. The 2012 Jewish Values Survey by the Public Religion Research Institute
6. The 2011 Greater Cleveland Jewish Population Study by Jacob B. Ukeles, Pearl Beck, Ron Miller, and David Dutwin
8. The Influence of Community Context and Individual Characteristics on Jewish Identity: A 21-Community Study by Harriet Hartman and Ira M. Sheskin

Current Jewish Population Reports
In the six-month period from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 (six months after the period in which the reports were first released and a flurry of downloads occurred, assisted by marketing efforts of both the University of Connecticut and the University of Miami, the total number of downloaded PDF copies of the Current Jewish Population Reports - Population Estimates - series totaled almost 14,000 (13,898), compared to just over 11,000 (11,192) in the six-month period which ended June 30, 2011. In brief, the Berman Institute - North American Jewish Data Bank has truly become a major source of Jewish population estimates for both the United States and the World.

Both the US and the World Jewish Population reports also will appear in 2013 as part of the new American Jewish Year Book.

Marketing Material for Local Jewish Community Studies Now Available
The Data Bank has now added a new section under downloadable materials which focuses on a wide range of marketing and publicity materials for local Jewish community studies - including materials for potential survey respondents, lay leaders, consumers of survey results, etc. In many studies, these materials have been added retroactively, while all current study materials will ultimately include marketing-publicity materials. The Data Bank thanks Ira Sheskin for recommending this initiative which should provide a fuller description of the survey process in local studies, and for providing many examples for communities to view. Ukeles Associates, Inc. also provided materials from many of their studies.
The North American Jewish Data Bank is pleased to announce the publication of *Comparisons of Jewish Communities: A Compendium of Tables and Bar Charts*. Based on local Jewish community studies archived at the NAJDB, the 1,463 page Compendium is an easily accessible source of tables and bar charts designed to provide comparative information on as many as American Jewish communities who completed studies between 1993 and 2010. Additional studies will be added to the tables and the bar charts as they become available. 

http://www.jewishdatabank.org/study.asp?sid=90188&tp=2

The Compendium contains 36 Sections covering an extensive range of information on Jewish communities as shown below. Each Section is available as a stand-alone PDF to make the Compendium easy to use. A "portfolio" containing all sections is also available.

The Compendium was compiled and organized by Ira M. Sheskin of the University of Miami, in cooperation with The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and with the generous support of the Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation. The Compendium Editor was Dr. Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, Director, Research and Analysis, JFNA.

**The 36 Separate Sections Are:**

1: Methodology  
2: Population Size and Geographic Distribution  
3: Ethnicity  
4: Part-Year Households  
5: Migration  
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7: Household Size and Structure  
8: Marital Status, Secular Education, and Employment Status  
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21: Informal Jewish Education of Children: Camp and Youth Group  
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23: Health Limitations  
24: General Social Service Needs  
25: Social Service Needs of the Elderly  
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27: Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
22: The Media
29: Donations to Jewish Federations
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31: Wills
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Harriet Hartman, Rowan University, North American Jewish Data Bank Learning Modules
Rottem Sagi, Indiana University, Ethnic Interest Groups and Foreign Policy: A Social Movements Perspective
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he Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ NYU Wagner (www.bjpa.org) is the central electronic address for Jewish communal policy, offering a vast digital collection of research and analysis on Jewish life to the public, free of charge, with holdings of over 14,000 publications spanning from 1900 until today. BJPA’s powerful Advanced Search allows students, researchers, educators, professionals, and others to access the most relevant content with ease. You can also browse by Topic, Publisher, Publication Name, and Date. Prominent within the archive is the entire collection of two journals: The Journal of Jewish Communal Service and Sh’m: a Journal of Jewish Responsibility. Both provide insightful records of Jewish communal trends and debates over the past century. BJPA also hosts large collections of material by Charles Liebman z"l and Daniel Elazar z"l, and from the American Jewish Committee.

BJPA newsletters and Reader’s Guides highlight useful material on topics such as the Changing Jewish Workplace, Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community, Jewish College Students, and Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism. The BJPA blog features a J-Vault series highlighting gems from BJPA’s historical collection. Register at http://www.bjpa.org/Login/register.cfm to create a bookshelf of BJPA materials to save or share, and to upload your own documents. You can also send any materials you would like to submit for inclusion on BJPA to bjpa.wagner@nyu.edu.

WWW.JTA.ORG

One web site that should be of significant interest to all members is www.jta.org. This is the web site of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is basically an Associated Press for Jewish news. In particular, you can sign up for an e-mail that comes each weekday that provides headlines from the Jewish world and links to stories in other publications.

WWW.JEWISHIDEASDAILY.COM

This web site will also send you a daily e-mail with links to stories. While JTA tends to carry many news items, this web site tends to link to, and write some of their own stories, that include more in-depth analysis.
Bethamie Horowitz
Shmuel Rosner of the *Times of Israel* about "Israel Education" for US Jews
http://www.jewishjournal.com/rosnersdomain/item/raising_young_american_jews_to_feel_israel_matters_not_as_naturally_occurri/

Samuel Heilman
Quoted in the *New York Times* on the dress of the Hasidim in the summer heat.

Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky
US Jewish Population Pegged at 6 Million, New Separate Reports Add to Demographic Consensus
http://forward.com/articles/149492/us-jewish-population-pegged-at--million/#ixzz1zlIXRJ43

Ira Sheskin
Economy more worrying than Mideast for Florida Jews
http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/29/us-usa-campaign-jews-idUSTRE80S0PS20120129

Which Republican candidate has the Jewish vote?

*Will US Jews vote for Barack Obama in 2012?*
Jerusalem Post Op Ed, March 21, 2012

*NY’s Jewish community report can apply elsewhere in US*
JTA Op Ed, June 18, 2012

**Steven M. Cohen, Ron Miller, Ira Sheskin, and Berna Torr**
Thanks to financial aid, Jewish summer camp enrollments rise, despite economy
www.jta.org
For one hundred years, the kibbutz was an undisputed model of an agricultural and industrial collective that implemented sharing, equality and direct democracy. Since the mid-1980s, however, the majority of the kibbutzim have undergone far-reaching changes (FRC). Differential salaries, privatization of property rights on apartments, or absorbing non-members as residents or “partial” members penetrate numerous settlements. This book tackles the question about whether all this means that the kibbutz is gone. It investigates the dynamics of the new kibbutz reality, in this post-FRC era when some kibbutzim go as far as adopting all or nearly all FRCs possible, while others still assert their loyalty to the “old regime.” This investigation definitely sets kibbutzim in the category of what Beck calls a “risk society.”

The risk concerns the fact that for kibbutzniks, to remain a kibbutz or to step out from what a kibbutz still represents, is a matter of choice that can be decided at any moment. The primary cost of this freedom is that kibbutzniks undergo a change of position vis-à-vis the society. While in the past, kibbutzim felt they represented a segment of the society that is appreciated for its contribution to national and societal challenges, today, they have come to realize that, in the eyes of the public, they are just “like anyone else” who pursues their own well-being. On the other hand, the pluralism that reigns today in many a kibbutz was studied, under the light of the Harvardian model with research from 2008 to 2010. This research focused on fourteen kibbutzim - some more “collective” and others more innovative. The investigation reveals many new actors and a reality that is far from reaching a point of “tranquility.” The depiction obtained of kibbutz reality is anything but homogeneous and unified or clearly dichotomous and divided. The singularity of the kibbutz, even when it adopts the most extreme FRCs, consists in its retaining attachment to two basic codes—mutual responsibility (‘arevut hadadit’) and decision by consensus. What kibbutzim still have in common is that they depend on the wishes and hopes of kibbutzniks themselves. The general picture that comes out is not that of an “exemplary non-failure” as Martin Buber described it more than two generations ago. The kibbutz now appears as a non-failure that has apparently lost something of its “exemplarity.” Its main achievement is that it is still with us. Only the future will say for how long.
University of Michigan History Professor Deborah Dash Moore, director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, was recognized with two notable honors this year—a National Jewish Book Award and the Lee Max Friedman Award, given by the American Jewish Historical Society.

Granted by the Jewish Book Council, The National Jewish Book Award recognizes groundbreaking works in their categories. Moore's Gender & Jewish History (Indiana University Press, 2011) took the prize in the category of Anthologies and Collections. Other recipients include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Art Spiegelman for Metamaus and Israeli novelist Aharon Appelfeld, whose Until the Dawn’s Light gains him a third National Jewish Book Award.

Gender & Jewish History, co-edited by NYU Professor of History Marion Kaplan and written in honor of Paula Hyman—a founder of Jewish gender studies and professor of History at Yale University who passed away in December (see obituary in this Newsletter—ed.) -is a collection of essays from such noted scholars of Jewish history as Beth Wenger, Deborah Lipstadt, Todd Endelman, Elishiva Carlebach, and Marsha Rozenblit.

"Indiana University Press congratulates editors Deborah Dash Moore and Marion Kaplan and the extraordinary group of contributors to Gender and Jewish History, whose outstanding scholarship, inspired in different ways by the work of Paula Hyman, brought this amazing volume to life under Deborah's and Marion's able guidance," attests Indiana University Press Director Janet Rabinowitch. "We at IU Press are thrilled that this excellent book, an enduring tribute to Paula's memory, has been recognized by a National Jewish Book Award. We are honored to be its publisher."

"The book and the award are a tribute to Paula Hyman-the field that she inspired and the students she mentored," acknowledged Deborah Dash Moore. The winners of the 2011 National Jewish Book Awards were honored on March 14 at a gala awards ceremony at the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan.

Moore's second recognition—the Lee Max Friedman Award Medal—is awarded biennially by the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) to an individual deemed to have rendered distinguished service in the field of American Jewish history. The selection committee, chaired and comprised of Moore's fellow historians, included Pamela Nadell, Jeffrey Gurock, and Rebecca
Kobrin, chose Dash Moore "on the merits of her eminent scholarship, innovative contributions, mentorship of younger scholars, and ongoing leadership in the field." The AJHS is the oldest ethnic history society in the United States and maintains an archive with a rich collection of documents dating back to colonial times.

“In awarding her the Lee Max Friedman Award Medal, the AJHS is honoring Deborah Dash Moore as a path-breaking scholar," attested Beth Wenger, Professor of History and director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Jewish Studies Program. "[She is] a generous colleague and mentor, and a person who has given her time and energy to help build the field of American Jewish history.

"Moore's published work has consistently staked new ground in the field of American Jewish history. At Home in America: Second Generation New York Jews provided a pioneering perspective on the unique acculturation patterns of the children of immigrants; To the Golden Cities: Pursuing the American Jewish Dream in Miami and L.A. was the first book to explore the new communities created by Jews in the sunbelt in the post-World War II era, and Moore’s GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation offered an unprecedented exploration of the ways that military service deepened and transformed the identities of Jewish soldiers."

Wenger continues, "Deborah Dash Moore is not only a gifted scholar in her own right, but also someone who regularly conceives, produces, and shepherds a range of broad and innovative projects. Her service to the profession and to the field of American Jewish history is simply exemplary. She is a tireless worker in a host of organizations-planning conferences, serving on editorial boards of leading journals, and never hesitating to volunteer her time."

The award was presented in June 2012 at the Scholars Conference of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society.

**SESSION AT THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Social Change in American Jewish Life: Theoretical and Methodological Implications for the Study of Gender, Denomination, Identity, and Intermarriage (Friday, August 17, 2012, Session C3 12:30-2:30 P.M., Grand Hyatt Denver, Denver Colorado) (www.sociologyofreligion.com for preliminary program, registration and hotel information) (co-sponsored by the North American Jewish Data Bank and the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry)

Convener: **Arnold Dashefsky**, University of Connecticut
Narrative, Demography and the Changing Dichotomies of the Sacred and the Secular, **Debra Kaufman**, Northeastern University, and **Harriet Hartman**, Rowan University

The Religious Inefficient Family and American Jewish Intermarriage **Bruce Phillips**, University of Southern California/Hebrew Union College

American Orthodox Jewish Women: Economic Power, Feminism and the Expansion of Gender Boundaries within the Tradition, **Samuel Richardson**, University of Virginia

Discussant: **Caryn Aviv**, University of Colorado
Comments on Paula Hyman at Sklare lecture by Deborah Dash Moore, University of Michigan: Two weeks ago, Riv-Ellen Prell, our distinguished Marshall Sklare lecturer this year, realized that I was preoccupied with Paula Hyman's rapid decline. She died on Thursday, December 15th. So Riv-Ellen generously offered me the opportunity to refrain from commenting on the incisive paper you will soon hear. I, unlike Paula, accepted her invitation to step down from the responsibility.

Paula rarely refused to fulfill a responsibility she had accepted. Through numerous bouts of cancer, she pushed herself to read, write, edit, organize, teach, and lecture. Paula's insistence on overcoming her illness, like her refusal to backtrack on her profound commitments to feminism, Judaism, and Israel, gave evidence not only of her extraordinary will power but also of her exceptional abilities and self-discipline. Paula willed herself to accomplish so much because she relished her career and the life she had chosen to live.

Paula Hyman belongs among a pioneering cohort of social historians who came of age after World War II and entered the academy in the 1970s. Widely read in social science and feminist theory, she approached modern Jewish history through new methodologies. Although she worked diligently in the archives and became adept, as historians must, in reading difficult handwriting in various languages, she also drew on social science to organize her material. This is perhaps most vivid in her influential book on Alsatian Jews, where her analyses of marriage records and census data form a crucial part of her argument. Paula was not afraid of a social calculus, as long as one paid attention to women as well as men. She revised our understanding of the processes of emancipation in her 1991 book *The Emancipation of the Jews of Alsace: Acculturation and Tradition in the Nineteenth Century* even as she drew attention away from German Jewish elites to focus on the lives of ordinary rural Jews.

As a feminist social scientist, Paula also studied Jewish families. One of the first conferences she organized in 1981 with Steve Cohen explored "The Evolving Jewish Family" through "Historical, Sociological, and Cultural Perspectives." Later published as a book, *The Jewish Family: Myths and Realities* (1986), it represented the first time interdisciplinary scholarly attention had been paid to Jewish families across time and space. She returned repeatedly through articles to the subject of Jewish families in American immigrant history, modern European history, and more recently, during the Holocaust.

Paula Hyman leaves us with a legacy that demonstrates how a feminist-inflected social scientific study of Jews can intersect with historical scholarship. She willingly crossed intellectual boundaries to explore how Jews lived in the modern world. May memory of her prodigious scholarship, intellectual activism, and example of a life lived to its utmost inspire all of us.

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From Wikipedia: Paula Hyman (September 30, 1946 – December 15, 2011) was the Lucy Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History at Yale University and president of the American Academy for Jewish Research from 2004 to 2008. She also served as the first female dean of the Seminary College of Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary from 1981 to 1986. She received a PhD from Columbia University in 1975.
Hyman's research interests included topics in modern European and American Jewish history, with a special emphasis on the history of women and gender. In addition to several books on French Jewry, she has written widely on Jewish women’s history. Among her books are: *The Jewish Woman in America, Gender and Assimilation in Modern Jewish History*, and the two-volume encyclopedia *Jewish Women in America*, which she co-edited with Deborah Dash Moore. She also edited and introduced *Puah Rakovsky’s My Life as a Radical Jewish Woman: Memoirs of a Zionist Feminist in Poland*. She was also one of the founders of the Jewish feminist group Ezrat Nashim in 1971.
The University of Nebraska Press presents:

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Harriet Hartman, Series Editor

This series will focus on social scientific studies of Jewry, taking a broad perspective on “social science,” to include anthropology, communications, demography, economics, education, ethnography, geography, history, politics, population, social psychology, and sociology, as well as interdisciplinary studies among these fields or between these fields and a related field. The series is especially interested in publishing works that contribute to the understanding of Jews in society and/or bridge diversities within Jewry or between Jewry and non-Jewry.

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The Conference on “New Understandings of Gender, Love, and the Jewish Family” will be the first large systematic scholarly exploration of profound demographic, legal, political, social, cultural and religious changes in contemporary Jewish life.

The past half-century has seen critically important transformations in regard to attitudes, behaviors and entitlements around concepts of gender, love and the family. These transformations, escalated by dramatic social and sexual revolutions in the 1960s, are fueled today by the confluence of many factors, including but not limited to the spread of feminism and other egalitarian rights movements; the liberalization of attitudes toward gender role construction; the increasing availability of reproductive technologies and economic factors.

Individuals and societies have responded in diverse – and sometimes contradictory – ways. One large pattern of responses in many Western societies is in the direction of individual choice and toleration in terms of marital status, with a proliferation of newly prominent, diverse lifestyle choices, such as women who combine demanding careers and families; women who become single mothers by choice; postponed marriage and family formation; non-marriage and deliberate childlessness; and openly gay and lesbian individuals and families with children. Another large pattern has been liberalization within religious groups, symbolized by the greater participation of women in public ritual and legal life; the rise of female clergy and scholars (who introduce gender-aware ways of analyzing and applying sacred Jewish texts); and the acceptance of gay and lesbian religious and communal leaders and gay marriage in many environments.

However, these momentous changes have also precipitated widespread “pushback.” Resistance to these changes often takes the form of traditionalist re-emphasis on conventional gendered roles in a variety of settings and even efforts to resist or roll back advances in women’s rights painstakingly achieved in religious and civil public spheres, and/or to cover up, silence and marginalize girls and women in some Jewish, Christian and Islamic societies around the world. Not least, traditionalist attitudes are in some cases internalized and even embraced by girls and women, who assign innovative meanings to their self-restrictions.

Research Questions:

1. How have both civil law and halakhah responded to the social changes, liberalization and backlash trends in Jewish societies in Israel and Diaspora communities?
2. What are the demographic, political, legal, social, cultural and religious trends and implications of social change in regard to changing understandings of gender, love and the Jewish family?
3. How have particular groups responded to changing understandings of gender, love, and the Jewish family, and what do their responses mean? How are these responses shaped by gender, geography, politics, denomination and other factors?
4. What can we learn about these social transformations from artistic and cultural representations?
5. How has Judaism as a religious faith, as a legal system, and as an ethnoreligious culture been affected by changing understandings of gender, love and the Jewish family?

Scholars whose work deals with the conference topics are invited to submit a proposal for a lecture and a research paper on those issues. Proposals must include the title of the study, an abstract of no more than 500 words, a brief bibliography and a CV. The deadline for the submission of proposals is Sunday, June 3, 2012. Send proposals to: Dafna Schreiber, e-mail: dafnas@vanleeer.org.il, Tel: 972-2-560-5251.
Theme 2013-2014:
New Perspectives on Gender & Jewish Life

The Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies will devote a theme year to the exploration of gender perspectives applied to Jews, their religion and culture, past history and current practices. It invites applications that extend questions stimulated by gender to traditional aspects of Jewish studies, such as bible, rabbinics, politics, literature, and history as well as to new areas of Jewish studies, such as diaspora, cultural, performance, and migration studies. We invite proposals that contest basic paradigms, such as what is meant by religious life, by community, and that explore gender norms and representations. Not only women but also men and masculinity, sexuality and the sexual politics of Jewish identity are appropriate topics for study. We see this year as a chance to build on existing scholarship as well as to move research on Jews and gender into relatively unexplored areas, such as the senses, emotions, and new media. Building upon several decades of scholarship, the theme of New Perspectives on Gender & Jewish Life will bring scholars from diverse disciplines together to explore various questions linked through a common theoretical focus on gender.

Past fellows have come to the Frankel Institute from such diverse fields as law, literature, history, rabbinics, music, architecture, archaeology and anthropology and include such notable scholars as Barbara Mann, Chava Weissler, Aharon Oppenheimer, Sammy Smooha, Leora Auslander, and Hana Wirth-Nesher.

Applications are due October 10, 2012. For more information and materials, visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic or contact The Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies: (734) 763-9047 or JudaicStudies@umich.edu.
Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce that the 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies will take place at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem from July 28th through August 1st 2013. We hope that most scholars from the various fields of Jewish studies will take part in it. We invite you to submit proposals for papers, sessions and special events for the upcoming congress. We especially encourage proposals for the organization of complete sessions.

The Congress consists of six divisions:

A. The Bible and Its World
B. History of the Jewish People
C. Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Law and Jewish Thought
D. Languages, Literatures, and the Arts
E. Contemporary Jewish Society
F. Research projects and technology

The Academic Committees of these divisions are responsible for approving proposals, as well as for the structure of the sessions.

Sessions. Scholars who wish to propose a complete session (containing either 4 lectures or 3 lectures and one response) are asked to submit the session’s topic; names of lecturers and abstracts of the proposed lectures. One may also suggest a chair for the session.

Papers. Scholars who wish to deliver a lecture in one of the Congress divisions are asked to submit a topic accompanied by an abstract of 150–200 words. The duration of each lecture will be twenty (20) minutes with an additional ten (10) minutes at the end for Q&A and discussion.

Sponsorships. Institutes and research centers are welcomed to initiate and offer sponsorships for complete sessions that deal with topics relevant to their research fields.

Special Events. We will be happy to receive suggestions for special cultural events for congress participants. A short explanation and description of the event can be submitted e-mail.

Participation in the Congress requires paying WUJS membership dues for 2013, as well as Congress participation fees.

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Submissions schedule:

A. **Special events.** Proposals are to be submitted by **June 15th, 2012.** The decisions taken by the relevant Academic Committees will be delivered by October 15th, 2012.

B. **Complete sessions and Individual presentations.** Proposals are to be submitted by **July 1st, 2012.** The decisions taken by the relevant Academic Committees will be delivered by October 15th, 2012.

Registration, proposals and additional documents may be submitted to the World Union of Jewish Studies beginning March 25th through our website: [www.jewish-studies.org](http://www.jewish-studies.org)

We look forward to a successful and meaningful Congress, and thank all those who take part in it. We hope to see you among the participants.

Sincerely,

Prof. Yosef Kaplan                             Dr. Yaacov Deutsch  
President                                     Executive Director