The American Jewish Year Book

The American Jewish Year Book (AJYB), was published for 108 years. Publication was initiated by the Jewish Publication Society (JPS). In 1908, American Jewish Committee (AJC) assumed responsibility for compilation and editing while JPS remained the publisher. From 1950 through 1993 the two organizations were co-publishers, and in 1994 AJC became the sole publisher.

The American Jewish Year Book was "The Annual Record of Jewish Civilization." This volume has been a very important and prestigious annual publication because it has acted as a major resource for academic researchers, researchers at Jewish institutions and organizations, practitioners at Jewish institutions and organizations, the media, both Jewish and secular, educated 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, AJYB has been the premiere place for leading academics to publish long review chapters on topics of interest to the American Jewish community.

Publication of the American Jewish Year Book ceased with the 2008 volume, a victim of both the economic slowdown of 2008 and changes in the publishing industry.

The American Jewish Year Book will once again be published starting in 2012, in both hard copy and on the Internet, as a Springer publication. Significant monetary and institutional support are being provided by the Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies at the University of Miami, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Connecticut, the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami, and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut. The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ) has been supportive of this effort. The new Year Book is edited by Arnold Dashefsky of the University of Connecticut and Ira Sheskin of the University of Miami.

Part I features 5-7 major review chapters, including 2-3 long chapters reviewing topics of major concern to the American Jewish community written by top experts on each topic, review chapters on “National Affairs” and “Jewish Communal Affairs,” and articles on the Jewish population of the United States and the World Jewish Population.

Parts II-V contain a listing of Jewish Federations, national Jewish organizations, Jewish periodicals, obituaries, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Camps, Jewish Museums, Holocaust Museums, and Jewish honorees (both those honored through awards by Jewish organizations and by receiving honors, such as Presidential Medals of Freedom and Academy Awards from the secular world). Finally, a list of major events in the North American Jewish Community over the past year is included.

The new Year Book, as a publication by academics, has added to its mission bringing the results of academic research to the Jewish communal world by adding lists of academic journals, articles in academic journals on Jewish topics, Jewish websites, and books on American and Canadian Jews.

Unlike the old Year Book, the new volume contains no articles on Jews in other countries. The Jewish calendar was also discontinued.

A special paper session will be held at the AJS meeting in Chicago (Sunday, December 16 at 11:15 AM)

Thanks to the American Jewish Committee for their cooperation in this transition.
The 2012 American Jewish Year Book, "The Annual Record of American Jewish Civilization," contains major chapters on Jewish secularism (Barry Kosmin and Ariela Keysar), Canadian Jewry (Morton Weinfeld, David Koffman, and Randal Schnoor), national affairs (Ethan Felson), Jewish communal affairs (Lawrence Grossman), Jewish population in the United States (Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky), and World Jewish population (Sergio DellaPergola). These chapters provide insight into major trends in the North American and world Jewish community. The volume also acts as a resource for the American Jewish community and for academics studying that community by supplying obituaries and lists of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, national Jewish organizations, Jewish overnight camps, Jewish museums, Holocaust museums, local and national Jewish periodicals, Jewish honorees, major recent events in the American Jewish community, and academic journals, articles, websites, and books. The volume should prove useful to social scientists and historians of the American Jewish community, Jewish communal workers, the press, and others interested in American and Canadian Jewry.

For over a century, the venerable, authoritative and information-rich American Jewish Year Book has served as a critical resource to researchers, policy-makers and thought leaders in and around Jewish life in the United States. As a web-based publication, it will now reach the thousands of people and institutions who need reliable and comprehensive information on American Jews, presented in a clear and accessible fashion.

Steven M. Cohen, Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ NYU Wagner (www.BJPA.org)

This new improved version of the American Jewish Year Book continues in its century-long tradition of providing thought-provoking, insightful essays on the state of American Jewish life as well as invaluable information to researchers, policy-makers, and all those interested in the American Jewish community. Its accessibility is both widened and eased in this online version.

Harriet Hartman, President, Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ), Professor of Sociology, Rowan University

For many years, leaders in the Federation movement, JCCs and many other organizations have turned to the American Jewish Year Book for facts and figures about American Jewish life. Having access to it online will make this resource available to thousands of leaders and individuals at a moment’s notice. This is quite clearly a much needed resource to our communities.

Samuel H. Asher, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

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ASSJ Book Series at the U of Nebraska

ASSJ has a contract with the University of Nebraska for the Studies in Contemporary Jewry series. 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
Regine Azria, L’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales, France
Calvin Goldscheider, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Ungerleider Professor Emeritus of Judaic Studies, Brown University; Scholar in Residence, American University, History and Jewish Studies, Center for Israel Studies
Judith Bokser Liwerant, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico
Samuel Heilman, Queens College NY, USA
Debra Kaufman, Northeastern University, USA
Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College, USA
Uzi Rebhun, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Leonard Saxe, Brandeis University, USA
Diane Wolf Sociology, University of California at Davis
President’s Column

It’s hard for me to believe that this will be my last column as ASSJ President. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you, and hearing your thoughts and reactions to ASSJ concerns. I’d like to use this column to review some of the ASSJ achievements during my tenure and offer a few suggestions for directions I see as worthwhile to pursue.

Contemporary Jewry
It used to be that people joined ASSJ mainly to receive the once-a-year publication of Contemporary Jewry. Sensing that this frequency was insufficient to reflect the breadth and quantity of research in our field, yet stymied by our limited resources to produce a more frequent publication, we made the transition to a commercial publisher who would help with production of a triannual journal. Among those investing the time and effort to make this happen were Len Saxe, Ted Sasson, Sam Heilman and others, who developed a proposal, circulated it to prospective publishers, and the Board who evaluated which publisher would be best. Springer has proved to be a venerable publisher for our needs. Mandel "Bill" Berman, Sarai Shoup and the Mandel and Madeleine Berman Foundation helped us with a generous grant to fund a transition managing editor and help make this new format a success. Yoel Finkelman as our first managing editor, was a more than able assistant to Sam Heilman, chief editor, who has turned the journal into a first-rate and provocative venue for our research. It continues today under Sam Heilman’s leadership, and Deborah Grant’s managing editorship at Brandeis University. The transformation of the journal has been a truly great milestone for ASSJ.

Book Series
We have a fledgling book series in the works to encourage young and established scholars alike to make their research accessible to a wider audience. Its purpose is to establish a venue that specializes in a broadly-defined social science of Jewry in all its aspects. We worked to find a publisher that would make its volumes affordable and visible, and the University of Nebraska Press is very supportive of our "Studies of Jews in Society." This is one more avenue for promoting our valuable research and perspective, and I’m proud to be the inaugural editor.

ASSJ Awards
ASSJ has long been identified with the Marshall Sklare Memorial Award and the annual lecture delivered by a long list of scholars carrying on Marshall Sklare’s legacy in the field of the social scientific study of Jewry. Each year we’ve had a memorable slate of candidates, each of which would be worthy of the honor—an embarrassment of riches for our field—and each year a most worthy honoree has been chosen, sometimes after lengthy deliberations. We have now made it possible to honor another type of contributor to the field, modeled by the unwavering support of Mandel "Bill" Berman, whose insight and philanthropy have enabled research and institutional infrastructure to develop so our field can flourish. In his honor, the Berman Service Award was developed, to honor others who have contributed to the infrastructure enabling our work—many thanks to Keren McGinity and Ira Sheskin for their work on creating this award. Many a Sklare honoree has been the beneficiary of such infrastructure, so it is most fitting that ASSJ offer both awards. Remember, both awards will get public visibility at the AJS Banquet this year (a first!)-come, be a cheering section!
The ASSJ Network

While many may still join ASSJ for its journal, the networking aspect of the organization has developed in a number of ways. The newsletter you are reading today, under the masterful editorship of Ira Sheskin, has proven to be a great vehicle for learning what colleagues are doing and accomplishing, and how they have been recognized for their achievements. Our website, revamped by Benjamin Phillips and most recently maintained by Ted Sasson, presents a public face of our organization that we can be proud of and which has good information about us. The online listserv has erupted into a goodly number of spontaneous discussions on various topics befitting social scientists of Jewry, and that's been a very exciting development. We've had a few webinars on topics of interest to our members, which have enabled us to network both with fellow members and others interested in our field; the Berman Jewish Policy Archive has co-sponsored some of these (thank you, Steven Cohen), as have our Canadian neighbors and associates to promote the special issue on Canadian Jewry published by Contemporary Jewry (thank you Randal Schnoor). And we've had good interaction at AJS, at other conferences where we've co-sponsored sessions, and even some special conferences (see below). The reception following the Sklare session at AJS has become a great way to meet and greet fellow members, while celebrating the honorees each year. We've expanded our international representation on the ASSJ Board, and our network should reflect an even broader geographical scope as we expand.

Professional Activities

In addition to the many social science sessions peopled by ASSJ members at AJS every year, and the webinars mentioned above, ASSJ co-sponsored the socio-demographic conference held at Brandeis University last year (organized and developed under Len Saxe's leadership), and for the past several years has co-sponsored sessions at the American Sociological Association and/or Association for the Sociology of Religion every August and the Eastern Sociological Society meetings in February (thank you, Arnie Dashefsky, for working with me on this), sessions at the Israel Sociological Society meetings (thank you, Uzi Rebhun), and has additional sessions proposed for the coming year. This is a great way to have "mini-meetings" during the year, to make our field and organization more visible, and to discuss topics of professional interest. Some of these sessions/conferences have led to Contemporary Jewry special issues and/or articles. I hope more of you will bridge between your professional fields of specialization and Jewish studies by involving ASSJ in co-sponsorship of sessions at your professional meetings.

ASSJ as an Organization

ASSJ is now officially designated a non-profit by the IRS, which makes us eligible for a greater range of grants as well as tax benefits. We've made it easier to pay dues (through Paypal, through AJS, or traditionally through personal checks). We've developed a new schedule of membership fees, and developed an institutional member category. Thanks to our Treasurers–Carmel Chiswick, Gail Glicksman, and Bruce Phillips-- for helping us move in these directions. We're beginning to see a future without fear of debt, in which we can envision renewed opportunities which require some level of funding to develop. We have an igive.com account (thank you Matt Boxer for setting this up), so your online shopping can help keep us solvent. We've revised our by-laws three times under my watch, to bring formalities into line with the informal, and streamline the organization. While membership has expanded, it is not nearly at its potential, and this is one area I hope the new leadership will invest in.
Future Directions

I'll use this column as a "bully pulpit" to promote some of the ideas near and dear to me, though by no means will the new leadership be obligated to follow through on them. As I've just mentioned, I think it's imperative to expand our visibility so that a higher proportion of those in our field, especially our international and our applied scholars, are aware of ASSJ and see it as a worthwhile organization to join. One way of making this happen is to encourage more joint activities with international organizations in our field-co-sponsored sessions at conferences, mini-meetings, webinars on topics of joint interest and with international presenters, joint publications in Contemporary Jewry or our new book series. Similarly, presentations which bridge the scholarly and applied worlds of social science, which reach out to communal interests, and make our research part of the public discourse on Jewry, are vitally important.

One of the fruitful listserv discussions I've been privy to during the past year has resulted in two roundtable sessions at AJS (Chicago 2012) that are in this vein of "Broadening the Intersections with Jewish Studies"--bridging fields of interest that intersect with the social science of Jewry: the first (Session 7.8, Monday at 11) will focus on the interfaces between Jewish studies and our respective fields of specialization (social sciences, regional and cultural studies, history, Holocaust, race and gender studies); the second (Section 10.7, Tuesday 8:30) will focus on the interfaces between Jewish studies and gender studies, including ways in which activism intersects with these interfaces. We're hoping to generate a public discourse that will bring disparate groups of people together, for fruitful partnerships and collaboration. Our field has a lot to offer, and the more we partner with others to demonstrate its relevancy, the more we are able to contribute an informed and reasoned approach to important issues facing contemporary Jewry.

Finally, we should be taking the leadership in promoting unified research, whether it be through actively soliciting and bringing together sponsors for a new NJPS, and/or promoting a common core of questions to be used in U.S. community studies as well as abroad.

I know I am passing on the torch of leadership in ASSJ to able hands. Steven Cohen's prominence in our field was officially recognized with the Sklare award two years ago; Sergio DellaPergola's long presence on the Board as Israeli representative has been invaluable, and his prominence in the field was recognized earlier by the Sklare award; Matt Boxer's contributions as a student representative to the Board were impressive, and if his volunteering to help out the organization without having a specific position on the Board is any indication, he will continue to serve ASSJ as secretary very well; Bruce Phillips has just about mastered the complex role of Treasurer, and ASSJ will benefit from his experience as well as his prominent standing in the field. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you who have served on the Board in various capacities during my tenure, as well as many of you members who have communicated with me and met me at numerous venues of intersection. All of you have contributed to the accomplishments I've summarized, and all of you have much more to contribute. I look forward to the future achievements of an organization I'm proud to have served.

Thank you for a wonderful tenure as President,

Harriet
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BARRY CHISWICK  
George Washington University  

- The December 2012 issue of the Journal of Economic Literature includes a lengthy book review by Barry R. Chiswick of the two volume "Jewish Economics," edited by Stephanie Lo and E. Glen Weyl. The two volumes include six little known essays by Simon Kuznets (Nobel Prize winner in Economics) on the economic status of Diaspora Jews and Israel, and on immigration, as well as an intellectual biography by Weyl of Kuznets’s research on Jews.

ARNOLD DASHEFSKY  
University of Connecticut  

Presentation:  
- Contributed paper at Southern Demographic Association (Williamsburg, VA, October 2012): "Estimating a Rare Population: The Case of American Jews" (co-authored with Ira Sheskin).

Invited lecture:  
- Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL, January 2012): "Interfaith Marriage and Jewish Journeys in the United States."

Manuscript Review:  
- Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships: Review and ranking of 18 Dissertation Fellowship applications for the Association for Jewish Studies (with S. Kelner and D. Kaufman).

Award:  
- Appointed to the Association of Jewish Studies Distinguished Lectureship Program as one of only 3 sociologists among a panel of 60 from among 1,850 members.

Grants Received:  
- Berman Institute-North American Jewish Data Bank continues to operate at the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, in cooperation with the Roper Center at the University of Connecticut, through the generous support of the Berman Foundation and the Jewish Federations of North America.

Publications:  

JODI EICHLER-LEVINE  
University of Wisconsin  

Suffer the Little Children: Uses of the Past in Jewish and African American Children’s Literature, is forthcoming this spring from NYU Press (April 2013).

STEVE GOLD  
Michigan State University  

Book Chapter  
- "The Contingent Basis of Transnational Networks among Israel Emigrants." pp. 56-80 in Min Zhou and Guoxiong Zhang (eds.), International Migration and Social
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Book Reviews

Paper Presentations
- Film Discussion "Nobody's Business" (with Kirsten Fermaglich) Michigan State Library Film Series, Part of Telling Family Stories Program, MSU Jewish Studies Program, February 29, 2012.

HARRIET HARTMAN
Rowan University
Publications:

Presentations:

SAMUEL HEILMAN
Queens College and Graduate Center, CUNY
- Sam is doing a book on Hasidic succession with the University of California Press, tentatively entitled "The Rebbe Wars" though that might not be its final title.

ARIELA KEYSAR
Trinity College, Public Policy and Law
Publications:

In Press:
- Featured as the subject of an article in Israel's Globes Magazine: "American Jews are giving up higher education," August 16 (Hebrew).

Presentations:
- Ivry Prozdor, the Hebrew high school of the Jewish Theological Seminary, April 22, lecture to seniors: "Current Jewish Demography."
Ariela Keysar: "What you believe really defines who you are: How Americans Perceive Religious Belief."

BARRY KOSMIN
Trinity University, Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society & Culture

Publications

Conference Presentations
• "Presentation of the European Jewish Leaders' Survey," Fourth Meeting of Presidents of the European Council of Jewish Communities, Barcelona, Spain, June 16, 2012.

UZI REBHUN
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

ROBERTA SANDS
University of Pennsylvania

RANDEL F. SCHNoor
York University

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

Books:

Publications:

**Consultant Reports:**
- *The Elderly Jewish Population of Palm Beach County* (Boca Raton: Boca Home Care, 2012).

**Papers Presented:**

**Chaim I. Waxman**  
Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University

- "Aspects of American Jewish Identity and Identification: Religion, Ethnicity, Israel and
the Jewish People," (Hebrew), Zehuyot (Identities), No. 2, 2012.
● Chaim is currently teaching a course on "Jewish Diasporas and Migration" in the new International MA Program in Migration Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Sergio DellaPergola
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Publications:

Conference Presentations:

Lectures at:
● Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, September 2012.
● JOINT Latin American General Convention, Quito, Ecuador, November 2012.
● Albert Einstein Jewish School, Panama City, Panama, November 2012.

● Ben Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Dec 2012.

SESSION AT THE ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGION, ECONOMICS AND CULTURE (ASREC)

The session is co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and the Berman Institute - North American Jewish Data Bank in tribute to Carmel and Barry Chiswick.

Title: Religion, Economics and Culture in Jewish Communities

1) "The Religiously Inefficient Family and American Jewish Intermarriage" by Bruce A. Phillips, Professor of Sociology and Jewish Communal Studies, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

2) "Denominational Variations across Jewish Communities in the United States" by Harriet Hartman, Professor of Sociology, Rowan University and Ira Sheskin, Professor of Geography and Regional Studies and Director of Jewish Demography Project, Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies, University of Miami.

3) "The Influence of Religious Identity on Charitable Choices: The Case of American Jews" by Arnold Dashefsky, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Judaic Studies and Director, Berman Institute - North American Jewish Data Bank, University of Connecticut.

Respondent: Carmel Chiswick, Professor of Economics, George Washington University

ASREC
ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION, ECONOMICS, AND CULTURE
ASSJ 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)

Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture
(Sunday, December 16 at 4:15 to 6:15)

Reflections on the Science of the Scientific Study of Jewry
Len Saxe (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Matthew E. Boxer (Brandeis University; Michelle Shain (Brandeis University); Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University), Benjamin Phillips (Abt SRBI)
Chair: Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)

ASSJ Awards Reception, December 16, 6:15-7:15
It is perhaps fitting that as AJS returns to Chicago, where Sklare received his graduate training, that this year's Marshall Sklare Award recipient be Leonard Saxe, the current Klutznick Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies at Brandeis University and director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, of which Sklare was the founding director.

Along with several of my colleagues, it was my privilege to nominate Len Saxe for the Marshall Sklare Award, and we are delighted that he will be so honored. Every year, selection of the honoree is based on four types of contributions to the field of Jewish social scientific research: conceptual/theoretical, methodological, public policy, and educational/pedagogical. Len's influence in each of these areas has been extraordinary.

**Conceptual/theoretical contributions**: Len brought his background in experimental social psychology to his work on contemporary Jewry. Social psychological theory influenced his approaches to Jewish studies: much of his theoretical work involved the assessment of the complex relationships between cognition, attitudes, and covert and overt behavior. These are perennial issues in attempting to draw the links between "feeling Jewish," perceptions of relationships to the Jewish community, and active Jewish participation. Indeed, social psychology provides an extremely valuable perspective on Jewish identity in that it bridges the gap between how people think about themselves as Jews and how they act Jewishly in public and private spaces. Len has been instrumental in bringing the concepts of social psychology to bear on the study of contemporary Jewish life and identity at both individual and organizational levels. He has been a leader in attempts to persuade Jewish educators of the complexity of balancing programs of activity and doing with attempts to change mindsets.

Len's awareness of the importance of "total environments" focused his attention on their potential for the development of Jewish identity and the power of informal education in general. Contrary to the positions taken by many well-informed communal figures who initially viewed Taglit-Birthright Israel as coming too late in personality development to have much of an impact, Len's scholarship affirmed early adulthood as a crucial developmental window and identified the potentially transformative impact of the program. Similarly, his work on Jewish summer camps, most notably the seminal *How Goodly Are Thy Tents* (with Amy Sales), stimulated significant interest over the past decade in the study of Jewish summer camps as agents of Jewish identity development.
Methodological contributions: Len's signal methodological contribution to the field has been to bring the methods of rigorous evaluation research to bear on Jewish programs, informed by his background in complex evaluations of social programs. His insistence on control groups, though "obvious" in retrospect, made an enormous difference to evaluation studies. The pre/post control group quasi-experimental design Len used to study Taglit-Birthright Israel was a communal first. Len's demonstration of the power of evaluation research has led to the transformation of the perspectives of funders and operators of programs from a position where evaluation was at best an afterthought to an important element of policy development.

Beyond evaluation research, Len has been a voice for methodological probity, most notably as a highly influential early reviewer of NJPS 2000-01 and a regular speaker on methodological topics. His methodological program has often been obscured by emotional debates around specific studies and has not always been considered in its entirety. At the level of the sample, Saxe has drawn attention to the importance of nonsampling error in the form of coverage errors with sampling frames and nonresponse errors associated with differential response rates. He has been a staunch proponent of the importance of reporting and correctly calculating sampling error to provide policy-makers with a sense of the precision of survey estimates. From an analytic perspective, Len has advocated the use of regression models over simple tabulations to adjust for the high degree of interconnection among many predictor variables. Len's reputation has been, rather inaccurately, that of a methodological purist, when a better description would be that of a principled pragmatist. Recognizing that any data contain errors, Len's focus has been on an honest description of the potential shortcomings of research findings rather than simplistic descriptions of whether research is acceptable or unacceptable.

As a response to debate about the size of the American Jewish community, Len and colleagues developed a new means of estimating the size of the US Jewish population by combining data from various surveys in a multilevel model. The sheer complexity of this tool has resulted in an extended period of development, but estimates of the size of the American Jewish population have recently become available and further publications will be forthcoming. The technique is of greater importance today than when first conceived, with no national survey of American Jewry having been funded since the 2000-2001 NJPS. The widespread concern over the lack of such a study also led Len to convene an international conference on the socio-demography of the US Jewish community in October 2011 at Brandeis University. The soon-to-be-launched study of the US Jewish population by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life is partially an outcome of that conference.

Public Policy Contributions: Len has had a particularly significant impact on Jewish public policy. His research has had a profound impact on Taglit-Birthright Israel and Jewish summer camping, and has made important contributions to policy debates on Israel and intermarriage. Len's contribution was shaped by his work in Washington with the congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which gave him experience in the messy science and politics of policy advisement.
His work on the fallibility of polygraph (i.e., lie detector) tests led to many appearances in court as an expert witness, which served him well in persuading Jewish leaders to adopt changes in policy based on empirical evidence rather than opinions.

It is perhaps rather difficult to remember today, when Taglit-Birthright Israel is an established part of the communal landscape, that at its inception the program was widely considered to be a boondoggle, intervening too little and too late in the lives of young Jews to have a sizable impact on their futures. Len's rigorous program of evaluation research, which he advocated to the program's funders, has demonstrated the program's short-term effects on connection to Israel, connection to Jewish identity, and interest in marrying a Jew and raising Jewish children. More recent long-term research has demonstrated the durability of these effects, particularly with respect to marrying Jews. The success of the program and the well-supported conclusions of Len's research were seen in the change of heart of Isi Liebler, initially one of the program's fiercest critics. In addition, Len has played an important behind-the-scenes role in shaping elements of the Taglit-Birthright Israel experience, such as community buses that take participants from the same place to build durable post-trip connections and post-trip programming.

Similarly, the importance and success of Jewish summer camps is largely taken for granted today, led by the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC). Len's AVI CHAI Foundation-funded research on Jewish summer camping in 2000-02 was invaluable in shaping the direction of the FJC and provided a base of systematic data on Jewish summer camps that helped galvanize interest and funding in this important branch of informal education.

Len has also been a catalyst of ongoing policy debates regarding American Jewish attachment to Israel.
and the impact of intermarriage. Len and colleagues have observed that despite the presence of a steep age-related gradient in attachment to Israel, overall trends in Israel attachment have been steady or even slightly increasing over time, and suggested that the effect is one of lifecycle rather than cohort effects. This conclusion has been strongly contested by various scholars. Although no consensus has emerged, the debate has been productive and shed light on an important paradox. Len and colleagues' contribution to the intermarriage debate has similarly been important, provocative, and as yet also failed to reach a scholarly consensus. Len draws attention to relatively impoverished Jewish backgrounds of intermarried adults and argues that many of the differences attributed to intermarriage are, instead, a reflection of the backgrounds of intermarried Jews. Further, Len has focused on variations among the intermarried, particularly with respect to those who belong to Reform congregations and who are raising their children as Jews, demonstrating that these groups respectively are largely identical in matters of practice to their inmarried co-congregationalists and that intermarried families raising Jewish children provide similar degrees of Jewish content as comparable inmarried families provide for their children. While intermarriage remains a topic of lively debate, these observations have provided a more nuanced picture and advanced the discussion significantly.

**Educational/pedagogical contributions:** Len's pedagogical contribution is twofold: through the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program and his employment of young scholars (myself included) at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. Len directed the Hornstein program for several years and was instrumental in its transformation to a more policy-focused school, giving future Jewish professional leaders an introduction to social scientific perspectives through core courses on statistics and evaluation. Several of his students from the Hornstein program today occupy important positions in Jewish organizations such as Hillel, Moishe House, Joshua Venture Group, The iCenter, The David Project, and PEJE, as well as Jewish Federations and summer camps around the US.

In his other role as director of the Cohen Center, Len has played an important role as employer and mentor in the development of younger scholars. The role of such students, at least a dozen in the past decade who are making or will make their careers largely or entirely in the world of academic Jewish studies (myself included), is impressive in its scope for a field with a dearth of younger scholars. Several other young scholars at the Cohen Center have gone on to rabbinical school or to work for Jewish communal organizations.

I believe I speak for the colleagues who joined me in nominating Len for the Marshall Sklare Award this year when I say that although there were many deserving potential nominees, we believe that Len's outstanding record of scholarship, impact on public policy, mentorship of young scholars and practitioners, and service to the field distinguished him as an extraordinary candidate. For those who have been privileged to work with Len at Brandeis, he is our teacher, our mentor, our colleague, and our friend, and we are delighted to be able to celebrate with him as he receives the Marshall Sklare Award.

**Matthew Boxer**, Research Associate, Maurice & Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, Brandeis University

Maurice & Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies
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
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2012 Berman Award Winner: Arnold Dashefsky

Dr. Arnold Dashefsky is the inaugural holder of the Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies and Professor of Sociology (now Emeritus) at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. He earned a BA and MA at Temple University and a PhD in sociology at the University of Minnesota. Arnie also has a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from Gratz College. He also studied at the Hebrew University and Hayim Greenberg College in Jerusalem.

Arnie is one of the founders of ASSJ. As an assistant professor of sociology, he attended the 1970 and 1971 meetings of the American Sociological Association and, with Norman Friedman, Bernard Lazerwitz, Solomon Poll and Mervin Verbit, launched ASSJ. He served as president (1990-1996), Vice-President (1975-1977), Treasurer (1970-1973), and on the Executive Committee (1996-2000, 2005-2008). It was under his leadership that the Sklare Award was initiated. He was responsible for ASSJ meetings occurring during AJS meetings and was also successful in convincing Sociological Abstracts to include Contemporary Jewry. He is a past editor (1982-1986) of Contemporary Jewry.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Association for Jewish Studies (1998-2007) and was Secretary-Treasurer (2003-2006). He also served on the AJS Program Committee (1995-1999). Arnie has been instrumental in arranging for academic sessions at more than 45 professional meetings, including the Association for Jewish Studies, the American Sociological Association, the Eastern Sociological Society, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Association for the Sociology of Religion, the Association for Religion, Economics and Culture, the International Society for the Sociology of Religion, and the Midwest Jewish Studies Association.
Beyond his contribution to ASSJ, his administration for nine years of the Berman Institute – North American Jewish Data Bank (see www.jewishdatabank.org) has been marked by a tremendous growth in the electronic accessibility of reports and data files drawn from all three National Jewish Population Surveys, more than 200 Jewish community surveys, and other reports on the social scientific study of Jewry.

In the wake of the demise of the American Jewish Year Book in 2008, Arnie spear-headed an effort, together with Ira Sheskin to publish the two AJYB articles on the US and world Jewish populations at www.jewishdatabank.org. From January-June 2012, there were about 24,000 downloads of these articles, whereas the former hard copy sales of the Year Book had been only in the hundreds. Arnie helped to facilitate co-sponsorship of ASSJ of this new publication. Building on this initiative and working together with Ira Sheskin, they obtained a contract from Springer Publishers to produce a new American Jewish Year Book, beginning in 2012 to replace the series that ran from 1899-2008.

Arnie has served as a consultant to the American Jewish Committee, Commission on Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Jewish Education Association of MetroWest, NJ, Rhode Island Department of Vocational Education Sex Equity Project, and United Jewish Appeal.

While he is receiving the Berman Award for his service contributions, he is a renowned scholar as well. His recent publications include Charitable Choices (with Bernard Lazerwitz), Intermarriage and Jewish Journeys in the United States (with Zachary Heller) "Jewish Population in the United States, 2011" (with Ira Sheskin), and Jewish Options (with J. Alan Winter). He has been honored by being named a distinguished alumnus of Gratz College (Philadelphia) at its Centennial Convocation and elected to the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences (New Haven) just prior to its Bicentennial. ☺

THE AWARD WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE MARSHALL SKLARE MEMORIAL LECTURE
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THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF JEWRY

Mandell L. Berman Institute
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The ASSJ

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

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Conception and Birth of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry by Norman L. Friedman (CSU, LA) is now available at www.assj.org. Thanks to Arnie Dashefsky for finding this piece of our history.
Lilach Lev Ari, Our New Israeli Representative

Lilach Lev Ari completed her degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Social Sciences at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem in 2002. Lilach is a senior lecturer at Oranim Academic College of Education, where she heads the Research and Evaluation Authority and the Sociology Department. Lilach is also a lecturer in the Contemporary Jewry department at Bar-Ilan University, a senior research fellow at the Institute for Kibbutz Research in Haifa University and a research fellow at The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry in Tel-Aviv University.

Lilach has published the following books: The American Dream - For Men Only? Gender, Immigration and the Assimilation of Israelis in the United States (2008); and American Israelis, Migration, Transnationalism, and Diasporic Identity (2010 with Uzi Rebhun), as well as various publications in scientific journals such as: Contemporary Jewry, The Journal of Heritage Tourism and others. Lilach also presents her studies in academic conferences, both international and Israeli. Her central research topic is human migration. This subject in her earlier research covered the basic sub-topics of demographic indicators of migrants, motives for migration, extent of migration, settlement patterns, and socioeconomic mobility following migration; in later studies, Lilach has focused specifically on gender as a distinguishing marker in patterns of immigrant absorption, and has developed this to include all matters related to migrants' ethnic identity and self-identity. The main focus group of migrants over the years has been Israelis, usually native-born (or raised in Israel for most of their childhood) who moved to other countries. However, Lilach also devotes attention to other migrant populations, such as émigrés from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia in Israel.

Intercultural encounters are part of the migration experience and also the outcome of life in a multicultural society. Lilach has studied these encounters in the contexts of multiculturalism vs. multicultured society and multicultural education. In studies of this kind Lilach has tracked intercultural encounters on the university campus, e.g., between Jews and Arabs, and between Ethiopian Israelis with native Israelis.

As for her future academic activity, Lilach plans to be involved in several studies, such as: Jewish Migration to Berlin and London: Integration, Ethnic Identity, and Transnationalism, in conjunction with The Kantor Institute in Tel Aviv University, The Ministry of Absorption as well as Oranim, Academic College of Education. The main goal of the proposed study is to examine the patterns of economic, social, and cultural integration and absorption of three groups of Jewish Israeli immigrants to the two cities, London and Berlin. In each city, two groups of newly arrived migrants will be studied (one from Israel and one from some other Diaspora location) and compared with a group of local veteran Jewish residents.

In general, Lilach hopes through her positions and her experience to further promote the discipline (migration studies) and to assist colleagues and students in their academic work.
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 for 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. www.springer.com/humanities/religious+studies/journal/12397 You can access the journal on-line at the “Journal” tab at www.assj.org.

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- Actual, Intended, and Appropriate Family Size Among Jews in Israel, DellaPergola, Sergio (12 times)
- Trends in Jewish Identity in Israeli Society: Effects of Former Soviet Union Immigration, Levy, Shlomit (11 times)
- Jewish Modern Orthodox Women, Active Resistance and Synagogue Ritual, Israel-Cohen, Yael (11 times)

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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.
The University of Buckingham Press is proud to publish *The Jewish Journal of Sociology* for the first time - not only in print, but also in electronic format.

UBP has taken this distinguished peer-reviewed journal online for the first time in its 54-year history, and converted six years of back issues and archived content to be made available to subscribers.

The objects of the journal remain as stated in the editorial of the first issue in 1959: ‘This Journal has been brought into being in order to provide an international vehicle for serious writing on Jewish social affairs. Academically we address ourselves not only to sociologists, but to social scientists in general, to historians, to philosophers, and to students of comparative religion.”

The Managing Editor is Stanley Waterman, of the University of Haifa, Israel. All articles and research notes are peer-reviewed and of the highest quality.

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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. A Tale of Four Cities by Jacob B. Ukeles
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Bill Berman Creates an Endowment for the Data Bank

At its June Board meeting, The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) honored Bill Berman, the patron founder of the North American Jewish Data Bank, for establishing a generous endowment that will support the July 2013 transition of the Data Bank from the University of Connecticut to JFNA and JFNA’s management of the Data Bank thereafter. Since 2004, the Data Bank has been a collaborative project of UConn and its Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life (along with the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research) and JFNA. The Data Bank was managed by UConn with funding from the Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation. With the transition to JFNA, the Data Bank will be known as the Berman/The Jewish Federations of North America Data Bank. We look forward to providing more information as transition plans are developed.

Internet Visibility Continues to Increase

Data Bank utilization continues to increase through the website of the Berman Institute - North American Jewish Data Bank at the University of Connecticut: www.jewishdatabank.org.

In the six-month period from January 1 through June 30, 2012, over 54,000 PDF documents were downloaded through the Data Bank - compared to approximately 36,500 documents in the preceding six-month period (July 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011).
During Fiscal Year 2012 - from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, a total of 90,527 PDF documents were downloaded directly through the Data Bank compared to a total of 62,574 during the previous fiscal year (FY 2011: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).

**Comparisons of Jewish Communities: A Compendium of Tables and Bar Charts**

With the support of the Berman Foundation and the professional skills of Dr. Ira Sheskin and Dr. Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, a 36-section document was prepared and released by the Data Bank, which compares Jewish community studies archived in the Data Bank on a wide range of topics - such as social/economic and demographic characteristics, Jewish identification and education, organizational memberships and participation, charitable donations and volunteerism, social service needs (and much more).

This Compendium of Comparisons was made publicly accessible in May 2012 and is available to be downloaded through the Data Bank website as 36 separate sections if a reader has an interest in only one topic or in several, or as one combined download which contains all 36 sections. The total combined document is over 1,450 pages - an amazing addition to the Data Bank archive.

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The Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ NYU Wagner (www.bjpa.org) offers a vast digital collection of policy-relevant research and analysis on Jewish life to the public, free of charge, with holdings of nearly 15,000 publications spanning from 1900 until today. BJPA's powerful search functionality allows students, researchers, educators, professionals, and others to access the most relevant content with ease. Prominent within the archive is the entire collection of two journals: The Journal of Jewish Communal Service and Sh'ma: a Journal of Jewish Ideas. Many documents from the American Jewish Committee (AJC) are also archived, including materials from the American Jewish Year Book. BJPA hosts large collections of material by Charles Liebman z"l, Daniel Elazar z"l, and Leonard Fein (shlita).

Recent notable publications include "The Impact of Taglit-Birthright Israel: 2012 Update"; "Israel and the Campus: The Real Story"; "The Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011"; "Why Join?: An Examination of Membership in National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles and Hadassah Southern California"; "Trends Among Contemporary American Jews, Focusing on Young Adults in Los Angeles"; and "From First Fruits to Abundant Harvest: Maximizing the Potential of Innovative Jewish Start-Ups."

BJPA produces monthly Reader's Guides on topics such as Jewish Politics; New York; Jewish Languages; Jewish College Students; and more.

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One website that should be of significant interest to all members is www.jta.org. This is the website 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.
Sarah Benor
Beyond Kvetch, Kvell: A New Lexicon
Professor launches web-based dictionary, invites entries from everybody.


Joshua Comenetz
Joshua’s maps of Jews by US County were featured in a story on Jewish Ideas Daily entitled the Real Jewish Geography

http://www.jidaily.com/therealjewishgeography

Samuel Heilman
A letter to the New York Times:

East Brunswick, N.J., Nov. 20, 2012
To the Editor:
"Brigades That Fire on Israel Are Showing More Discipline" (front page, Nov. 19) makes clear the tragedy of the Palestinians.

As long as the dream of a Palestinian boy is to join a brigade whose only goal is tolob bombs and rockets at Israelis and to die as his father did doing the same thing, there is neither hope for peace nor the likelihood of a decent future for the Palestinian people.

Those who encourage the Palestinians to see the source of their victimization in Israel are only paving the road to this dead end. The true enemy of the Palestinians is the hatred of Israel that they and others nurture and encourage.

Also, Sam wrote an op-ed in the Jerusalem Post entitled “Where is the hope?”


Ira Sheskin
Ira Sheskin’s work on the Jewish vote in the presidential election was covered by Boston Globe, Canadian Jewish News, Chicago Sun Times, Diario de Leon (Spain), Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel (3 times), France24, Huffington Post, Jyllande-Posten (Denmark), Le Point, Los Angeles Jewish Journal, Miami Herald, Naked Politics, New York Jewish Week (2 times), Palm Beach Post, Philly.com, Reuters.com, Ria Novosti (Spain) (2 times), Tampa Bay Times, The Forward, The Associated Press, The Times of Israel (3 times), Time Magazine, Voice of Russia, Voice of America, and Washington Jewish Week. See “The Jewish Vote” at www.jewishdatabank.org.

He wrote three Op-Eds on the same topic:
“Will US Jews vote for Barack Obama in 2012?” In the Jerusalem Post, March 21
“Why all this emphasis on the Jewish Vote?” in the St. Louis Jewish Light, October 24
“As Bubble and Zayde Prepare to Vote, What Might Sway Them?” The Forward, September, 28.
Bernard Lazerwitz was the epitome of a professional social scientist from the days of his undergraduate training in the 1950s in the United States to his passing in 2012 in Israel. His undergraduate training at Washington University (St. Louis) was in sociology and mathematics. He later received an M.A. from the University of Chicago in sociology (where he studied with Louis Wirth), and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

Bernie's methodological expertise was in the design of complex samples, interview schedule construction, the training and management of field forces, and complex statistical analysis. Substantively, he was involved in the analysis of urban social structures, neighborhood organizations, and the factors leading to involvement in urban public affairs. His ethnic and religious studies focused on the components and consequences of religiosity, and he made a major contribution in designing the survey schedule and developing statistical analysis plans for the first National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS), 1969-1971. His analyses of these data appeared in such eminent journals as the *American Sociological Review* and the *American Journal of Sociology*. His prominence as the foremost contributor to the design of the first National Jewish Population Survey of 1970-71 led him to be the co-convener of a meeting in 1970 at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Washington, DC, which led to the formation of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry or ASSJ (now the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry). For more on Bernie's role in this undertaking, see "Conception and Birth of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry, 1966-1970" at www.assj.org. He was the primary author of a book comparing the data from NJPS 1971 with those gathered in the second NJPS in 1990 (*Jewish Choices: American Jewish Denominationalism*. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 1998). In addition to over 15 book chapters and 50 articles in refereed journals, he was also the co-author of three other books: *Charitable Choices: Philanthropic Decisions of Donors in the American Jewish Community* (New York: Lexington Books, 2009); *Americans Abroad: A Comparative Study of Emigrants from the United States* (New York: Plenum Press, 1992); and *Pathways to Suicide: A Survey of Self-Destructive Behaviors* (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1981).

Bernie was born in 1926. Shortly after completing his service in the United States Navy (at the end of WW II), he visited Israel for the first time in 1951. He married in 1956 and moved to Israel with his family in 1974. His initial appointment in Israel was as Professor of Sociology at Bar Ilan University, and he remained there until his retirement in 1991. In addition to his considerable teaching load and research responsibilities, he also served as department chair (1975-1978) and was the director of the university's Institute for Community Studies for many years.

Many in Israel knew Bernie by his Hebrew name, Dov, and he basically gave up correcting Israelis who decided that his family name should be pronounced Lazerovitch. He did not give up, though, in his effort to improve life in Israel, either through his many letters sent to government offices, or through his research on Israeli society. This is indicated by the nature of his research grants which included (among others) funding for the study of fertility trends in Israel (1969); the development of a detailed model of religio-ethnic identification (1973); an analysis of the absorption and ethnic group processes of United States migrants to Israel (1974); the study of urban renewal activity in Tel Aviv (1980-3); the analysis of trends in Jewish identification (1983); and the study of the impact of urbanization on the public and private spheres of life in Israel (1994).
Many colleagues expressed their concern and condolences to Bernie’s family during the course of his illness and following his passing. Those sentiments were best expressed by one colleague who wrote: "Dov - or rather Bernie as I liked to call him - will be remembered as a scholar of great independence and integrity, who never followed 'fashion,' went his way, and impressively contributed to the literature and to the profession, generously sharing his resources with those like me who were younger."

Bernie was the doctoral supervisor to the first author and a mentor to and co-author with the second author. It was a genuine honor and privilege to spend so much time with him discussing sociology, Israel, American Jewry, and his many penetrating questions about Judaism and Jewish identity. In some sense, Professor Bernard (Dov) Lazerwitz is survived not only by his wife, Gertrude (Trudy), and their children Ellen and Elliot, and grandchildren Osnat, Yael, Oren and Yoav, but also by his seven doctoral students who benefitted from his warm and close supervision, and who have followed his path in their own intellectual pursuits in Israeli universities, along with the many academic colleagues with whom he interacted on a world-wide stage. May his memory be for a blessing. Y’hei zikhro barukh.

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Obituary - Irving Louis Horowitz, 1929-2012

Irving Louis Horowitz (1929-2012), a world-renowned sociologist, prolific author, and the founder of a prominent social science publishing enterprise, died in March from complications of heart surgery. Irving was born in New York City and was raised in Harlem where his family was one of the last Jewish families there; "(N)ot your typical Jewish upbringing," he reminisced in a New York Times article about him, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his founding Transaction/Society Magazine. "We were the last of the white families there, and we were very poor. . . . It was a very heavily social environment; to survive, you had to know the distinction between black and white, rich and poor, Jew and gentile, religious and nonreligious, political and nonpolitical," he recalled.

He completed his undergraduate degree at City College of New York (and drove a cab to help cover living expenses), earned his M.A. from Columbia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Buenos Aires. As he put it, "It was the end of the Perón era and I was told I could be helpful in reactivating the sociology program."

Following teaching experiences at many universities around the world between 1958-1963, he accepted an appointment at Washington University in St. Louis in 1963, where he also founded Transaction, which brought social science to the educated public to help "understand and solve problems of modern societies." In 1969, he joined faculty of Rutgers University, was chairman of the Sociology Department at its Livingston College until 1973 and, in 1979, he was named the Hannah Arendt Distinguished Professor of Social and Political Theory. It was at Rutgers that he was able to develop Transaction into a major publisher of both books and journals in the social sciences.

A fearless scholar who was possessed with a strong sense of social justice and what appeared to be almost unlimited energy, Horowitz wrote several dozen books and more than two hundred articles in sociology and political science journals, many of which revolve around issues of freedom and state-sanctioned violence. But he was not only focused on his own thought. He constantly suggested new ideas which frequently challenged and prodded students, colleagues, and others to rethink even their most firmly held positions.

Wherever he went, his presence was known. If I recall correctly, the first time I saw him was at a convention of the American Sociological Association in the early 1960s. He drove up to the hotel on his motorcycle and was clad in jeans and a black leather jacket. When he walked in, it was as if a strong gust of wind had just entered. His very presence made a mark on me at that time. My relationship with him began a few years later, beginning with what was then Transaction magazine, where a book review I wrote on a book dealing with social policy was published. Several years later, I became acquainted with another side of him, in an organization begun following the Six-Day War of June 1967, American Professors for Peace in the Middle East (APPME), in which we were both active. Irving not only published the journal but he also took an active part in APPME's activities.

In 1974, when the program at Brooklyn College in which I was teaching was forced to close because of New York City's financial crisis, it was through Horowitz's recommendation that I came to Rutgers. Once I was there, he remained interested in my professional development in the Sociology Department and beyond, and he encouraged me to become the Book Review Editor of Transaction/Society Magazine. The position was very demanding but contributed to my professional...
career, and I have been and always will be very grateful for his assistance, encouragement, and personal interest.

Exuberant as he was in expressing his ideas - a characteristic with which some were, to put it mildly, uneasy -- Irving had a very modest side to him. Many know that he was always eager to help friends and colleagues but few know the wide range of causes in which he took an interest and to which he contributed. I first became aware of this through my capacity at Transaction, when I found out that he quietly shipped many books as gifts to kibbutz colleges in Israel. Subsequently I learned that this was typical of a wide range of his incognito contributions.

One of his many significant contributions was in the establishment of the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, whose purpose is to support the advancement of research and understanding in the major fields of the social sciences (see http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/index.htm ).

Irving was an early member and contributor to ASSJ. Over the years, he helped in the publication and professional recognition of Contemporary Jewry, and he published several articles in C.J. When, in the mid-1970s, I was secretary/treasurer of ASSJ and was asked to poll the membership on the question of reconsidering the established American Jewish position and requesting that a voluntary question on religion be included in the forthcoming census, Irving wrote a long, strong and impassioned response which presented the issues involved in a much deeper context, and I regret that I did not make a copy of it before I turned over the files when I left office.

I have always admired him -- even if we didn't always agree on every point -- as a truly unique individual with a great mind and a great heart. At times I found him unpredictable and our conversation might have begun with him appearing as if he were going to crush me but it almost invariably ended up with a teddy bear hug and a big smile. I consider myself fortunate to have known him. His passing is a significant loss to the social sciences in general, to the social scientific study of Jewry, in particular.

Chaim I. Waxman
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Bar Ilan University. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Bar Ilan University invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer, and for a tenure track position at the level of Associate Professor or Full Professor. The positions are to commence October 1, 2013.

We welcome candidates in all areas of specialization, but especially in the fields of organizational sociology, social psychology (from a sociological perspective, or organizational social psychology), economic and urban sociology, quantitative methods, and anthropology. Candidates are expected to demonstrate strong research and publication potential. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. degree, and postdoctoral experience is advantageous.

Persons desiring to submit their candidacy should submit:
1. A letter of application that includes a description of current and future research plans as well as teaching interests and possibilities.
2. A curriculum vitae listing work experience and publications.
3. Examples of published work or dissertation chapters.

After an initial screening, we will request potential candidates to submit names of references.

Applicants are requested to submit their candidacy (via e-mail or regular mail) by December 31, 2012.

Please send material to the Department Chair: Professor Ephraim Tabory, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar Ilan University, 52900 Ramat Gan, Israel (Ephraim.Tabory@biu.ac.il).

All positions are subject to final budgetary approval by the university.
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Essential BJPA readings for conference sessions of special interest to ASSJ members
9:30—11:00


“Insiders” and “outsiders” in Jewish discourse and practice
Jennifer Thompson (California State University at Northridge)

Using Multiraciality to Understand Jews of Mixed Parentage
Bruce A Phillips (Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion)

Transmitting Jewish Identity in the Absence of Jewish Educational Programs
Matthew E. Boxer (Brandeis University)

Chair & Respondent: Randal F. Schnoor (York University)

American Jewish Year Book: Retrospect & Prospect

Moderator: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

Discussants: Morton Weinfeld (McGill University); Barry A Kosmin (Trinity College); Sergio DellaPergola (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Ira Sheskin (University of Miami)

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Morton Weinfeld’s publications on BJPA
Barry Kosmin’s publications on BJPA
Sergio DellaPergola’s publications on BJPA
Ira Sheskin’s publications on BJPA

Jonathan D. Sarna, Jonathan Golden. AJYB, 2000

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BJPA Readings:

Being Gay and Jewish: Negotiating Intersecting Identities

A Flame Still Burns: The Dimensions and Determinants of Jewish Identity Among Young Adult Children of the Intermarried
Pearl Beck. Jewish Outreach Institute, June 2005

Jewish Life in America’s Small Communities
Lee-Shai Weissbach. Sh’ma, November 2003
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Genes and Jews

Jewish Diasporas: What Genes Can Tell Us
Wesley K. Sutton (Lehman College/CUNY)

Genes, Jews and Biocultural Story-Telling
Judith S. Neulander (Case Western Reserve University)

Issues of Recognition and Authenticity in Cases of ‘Questionable’ Jews
Stuart Zane Charmé (Rutgers University (Camden))

Respondent & Chair: Peter J. Haas (Case Western Reserve University)

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- Embracing the Jewish Body?
  Mitchell Hart. Sh'ma, April 2009

- Biological Discourse and American Jewish Identity
  Lynn Davidman, Shelly Tenenbaum. AJS Perspectives, Fall 2007

- What Is a Jew? The Meaning of Genetic Disease for Jewish Identity
  Rebecca T. Alpert. The Reconstructionist, Spring 2007

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Histories from Below: New Developments in Research Uses of Holocaust Survivor Testimonies

Using Holocaust Witness Accounts as Primary Resources
Joanne Weiner Rudof (Yale University)

Audiovisual Holocaust Testimonies of the Warsaw Ghetto Jewish Police
Katarzyna Person (Center for Jewish History)

Developing Testimonial Literacy: A Comparative Approach to the Research Uses of Holocaust Testimonies
Noah Shenker (Monash University)

Respondent: Avinoam Patt (University of Hartford)
Chair: Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

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BJPA Readings:

  Jenny Brodsky, Yitschak Shnoor, Assaf Sharon, Yaron King, Shmuel Be’er. Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, 2010

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Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture

Reflections on the Science of the Scientific Study of Jewry
Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Matthew E. Boxer (Brandeis University); Michelle Shain (Brandeis University); Daniel Parmer (Brandeis University); Benjamin Phillips (Abt SRBI)

Chair: Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)

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Harriet Hartman’s publications on BJPA

Cultural Change Among American Jews: Means and Modes

Moderator: Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis University)

Discussants: Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia); Andrea M. Most (University of Toronto); Sarah Bunin Benor (Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion); David E. Kaufman (Hofstra University); Mark Loren Kligman (Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion)

BJPA Readings:

Trends Among Contemporary American Jews, Focusing on Young Adults in Los Angeles
Sarah Bunin Benor. June 2012

Survey of American Jewish Language and Identity
Steven M. Cohen, Sarah Bunin Benor. HUC-JIR, October 2009

Ten Jewish Sensibilities
Vanessa L. Ochs. Sh’ma, December 2003

Relatively Speaking: Constructing Identity in Jewish and Mixed Married Families | Sylvia Barack Fishman. 2002 Belin Lecture
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Shari Lisa Rabin (Yale University)  
**Jennie Franklin Purvin, Progressive Era Activist: A Chicago Jewish Woman Tackles Social Reform** | Bernice Anne Heilbrunn (U. of Houston)  
**Distant Neighbors: Radical Reform Jews and African Americans in Twentieth Century Chicago** | Tobias Brinkmann (Penn State University)  
**The Jewish Deli as an Ethnic "Third Place" in Chicago** | Ted Merwin (Dickinson College)  
**Chair & Respondent: Daniel Greene (Newberry Library)** |

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- The Organized Jewish Community of Greater Chicago | Daniel J. Elazar. JCPA, 1999
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**Imagining Identity: Cultural Responses to the NEW AMERICAN HAGGADAH** | Mara Benjamin (St. Olaf College)  
**Jewish Philosophy and Thought at Wordpress (Writing about the NEW AMERICAN HAGGADAH)** | Zachary J. Braiterman (Syracuse University)  
**Chair: Noam F. Pianko (University of Washington)** |

**BJPA Readings:**
- Does it Matter if Authenticity is Authentic? | Noam Pianko. Sh’ma, 2011
- Beyond the Hermetically Sealed Self | Mara Benjamin. AJS, 2011
- The Reality of the Virtual: Looking for Jewish Leadership Online | Ari Y. Kelman. AVI CHAI Foundation, 2010
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The Family as a Category of Analysis in Jewish Studies

From Generation to Generation: The Transmission of Property and Culture in Modern Jewish History
Todd Michael Endelman (University of Michigan)

Research on Jewish Families: A Sociological Perspective
Calvin Goldscheider (Brown University)

Literary Myths, Tropes, and Representations of the Jewish Family
Anita Norich (University of Michigan)

Chair: Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)

BJPA Readings:
Calvin Goldscheider’s publications on BJPA
Social Science and the Jews: A Research Agenda for the Next Generation
Calvin Goldscheider. 2002 Marshall Sklare Memorial Lecture, ASSJ.
Are American Jews Vanishing Again? | Calvin Goldscheider, 2003

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Broadening the Intersections with Jewish Studies I: Inter-disciplinary Collaborations and Partnerships

Moderator: Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota)

Discussants: Leora Auslander (University of Chicago); Caryn Aviv (University of Colorado, Boulder); Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union); Judit Bokser Liwerant (Unam Mexico)

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Religion and Its Discontents
Susannah Heschel. AJS Perspectives, Fall 2011

Jewish Studies as an Interdisciplinary Project
Arnold Eisen, David Biale. AJS Perspectives, Fall 2003

Dispatches from a Jewish Studies Conference
Libby Garland. CLAL, 2001
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Borderland Jews of New York: Different Displays of Diversity

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Diversity as Normative within the Chicago Jewish Community
Ron Miller (North American Jewish Data Bank)

A Tale of Multiple Streams: Diversity within the Orthodox Jewish Community in the United States
Jacob B. Ukeles (Ukeles Associates)

The Striking Diversity of New York Jewry
Steven M. Cohen (BJPA, HUC-JIR)

Respondent: Sarah Bunin Benor (HUC-JIR)

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Jewish Diversity and Its Implications for Jewish Peoplehood: Obstacle or Opportunity
Steven M. Cohen, Jacob B. Ukeles, Ron Miller. The Peoplehood Papers, November 2012
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**Jews and New York City Politics**

**Jews and New York Electoral Politics, 1700-1865**
Howard Rock (Florida International University)

**Between East Broadway and East Fourteenth Street: Socialism, Tammany Hall, and Jewish Politics in New York, 1886-1920**
Daniel Soyer (Fordham University)

Jeffrey S. Gurock (Yeshiva University)

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**Chair:** Diana Linden (Independent Scholar)

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*New York: A City’s Many Jewish Stories* | Jeffrey S. Gurock. Sh’m’a, 2010

*Election 2000: Russian Jews as Voters in New York City* | AJC, 2000

*The Relationship Between the Jewish Political Tradition and Jewish Civil Religion in the United States* | Deborah Dash Moore. JCPA, 1990

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**New Directions in Folklore and Ethnography**

**Chair:** Vanessa Ochs (University of Virginia)

**From Function to Frame: The Evolving Conceptualization of Jewish Folklore and Cultural Studies** | Simon J. Bronner (Pennsylvania State U.)

**The Kashrut Con Game: Who’s Keeping Kosher in Prison?**
Steve Siporin (Utah State University)

**Musical Theater, Dialogic Narrative, and Holocaust Representation: The Case of IMAGINE THIS!** | Judah M. Cohen (Indiana University)

**Externalizing Yiddishkeit: An Ethnographic Study of Women Wearing Kippot** | Amy K. Milligan (Elizabethtown College)

** BJPA Readings:**

*Jewish Folklore: Humanistic Values and Pluralistic Venues*  
Eli Yassif. Sh’m’a, May 2006

*The Folk Culture of Jewish Immigrant Communities: Research Paradigms and Directions*  

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**Discussants:** David G. Dalin (Ave Maria University); Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University); Kenneth Wald (University of Florida); Gil Troy (McGill U.)

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Election Day Special: Quick Glance at the Jewish Vote | BJPA, Nov. 2012

The Jewish Vote | Ira M. Sheskin, October 2012

BJPA Reader's Guide: Jewish Politics | BJPA, September 2012


Workmen's Circle / Arbeter Ring 2012 American Jews' Political Values Survey | Steven M. Cohen, Samuel Abrams. Workmen’s Circle, May 2012

2012 AJC Survey of American Jewish Opinion | AJC, April 2012


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**Transformative Informal Jewish Education** | Galeet Dardashti (NYU)

Who Deserves a Jewish Education? A History of the Day School Affordability and Accessibility Issue in the United States

Rona Sheramy (Association for Jewish Studies)

Day School Affordability and Church-State Separation: Weighing Principle and Pragmatism | Jonathan Krasner (HUC-JIR)

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Ari Y. Kelman (Stanford University School of Education)

**Chair:** Jack Wertheimer (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

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New Thinking on the Day School Affordability Crisis

Elena Weinstein, Allen Selis, July 2010

Day School Education after the Economic Storm

Yossi Prager. Lookstein Center for Jewish Education, Spring 2010

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Yael Aronoff (Michigan State University)

Dilemmas of minority recruitment and conscription in Israel and nations world-wide: a select comparative view
Randall Stafford Geller (U. of Texas at Austin)

“West or East? The Politics of Positioning Israel”
Ilan Troen (Brandeis U.)

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A War of Many Names: Teaching Israel’s History
Ilan Troen. Sh’ma, May 2011

The Israel Democracy Institute: Pursuing Democracy in “The Jewish State”
Randy L. Friedman. AJS Perspectives, Fall 2006

Jewish Views on Abortion
Gladys Rosen. AJC, 1984

Broadening the Intersections with Jewish Studies II: Gender and Sexuality

Moderator: Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)

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Jewish Identity and the Secular Achievements of American Jewish Men and Women

How Gender Shapes the Jewish Experience
Harriet Hartman. Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, December 2009

The New Jewish Family: Reproductive Choices and Opportunities in Contemporary U.S. Society
Sylvia Barack Fishman, Shulamit Reinharz, Deborah Skolnick Einhorn, Loraine Obler. Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, May 1, 2005

The Status of Jewish Women’s Studies in the United States and Canada: A Survey of University and College Courses As of 1999
Sylvia Barack Fishman, Tobin Belzer, Shulamit Reinharz, Susan Kahn. Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, 1999
Meeting of Network of Directors of Jewish Studies

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Theodore Sasson (Middlebury College)

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Ayala Fader (Fordham University), Owen Gottlieb (New York University)

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Bethamie Horowitz (New York University)

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Thinking about Distancing from Israel | Steven M. Cohen, Ari Y. Kelman. ASSJ, October 2010

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Fern Chertok (Brandeis University)

Transforming Jewish Educational Organizations into Effective Nonprofits
Amy L. Sales (Brandeis University)

“Welcome to our Haimish, Vibrant, Contemporary Congregation”:
Patterns of Identity in Synagogue Websites
Patricia K. Munro (Berkeley)

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Ritual and Culture in the New Age:
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Jewish-Buddhist Encounters: An Exploration of Multiple Religious Belonging
Emily Sigalow (Brandeis University)

Living the Chai Life: Judaism and Life Coaches in the 21st Century
Michael Karlin (Emory University)

Ritual, performance and Spirituality: The reconstruction of the Jewish prayer in New Age Judaism
Rachel Werczberger (Tel Aviv University)

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Future of the Synagogue | Amy L. Sales. CCAR, December 2009
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Torah, Ritual, Body, Jew | Benjamin D. Sommer. Sh’má, September 2009
The Spiritual Life of College Students: A National Study of College Students’ Search for Meaning and Purpose
Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA, 2005
Many Voices in One Mind | Sheila Weinberg. The Reconstructionist, 1994
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