The newly renamed Berman Jewish DataBank is the successor to the North American Jewish Data Bank, which was founded in 1986 and since 2004 was located at the University of Connecticut. The DataBank’s new name honors Mandell (Bill) Berman, whose Berman Foundation funded the North American Jewish Data Bank through the Federation system since its inception. Last year the Foundation established a generous endowment to provide a permanent home for the DataBank at The Jewish Federations of North America.

By offering open access to a growing collection of more than 375 national, local and topical studies, reports, and resources, the DataBank aims to serve and inform a wide range of stakeholders, including Jewish Federations and other communal organizations, researchers, educators and students, foundations and philanthropists, social change agents, the media and interested individuals. We encourage scholars to continue to enrich the DataBank’s holdings with their studies and to utilize the DataBank’s holdings in their research and teaching.

In our first step as manager of the DataBank, JFNA built a new DataBank website and established an online partnership with the Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner, also a Berman Foundation-funded initiative. The DataBank and BJPA now share online search and other functionality which provide users simultaneous access to the DataBank and BJPA collections.

The DataBank is also maintaining its academic partnership with the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut, which managed the North American Jewish Data Bank for the past nine years under Director Arnold Dashefsky. Under Arnie’s leadership, the Data Bank’s holdings were greatly increased, important resources were developed, and academic connections were strengthened. JFNA is extremely thankful for all Arnie and his team at UConn did to build and strengthen the Data Bank during its tenure there, and we are very pleased to announce
I want to take the opportunity of my first column as ASSJ President to reflect on our mission and objectives. I do so to stimulate and invite discussion.

In my mind, our most over-arching objective is to build and strengthen the ties of collegial community among us, that is, among the central researchers and educators in our field. Toward that end, we need to encourage more frequent, extensive, and inclusive interaction among those actively engaged in producing and disseminating ideas.

Very concretely, this objective means expanding the number and location of conferences, both those that we sponsor and those in which we participate by organizing sessions. Examples include the Taglit-Birthright conference this past June in Jerusalem organized by Len Saxe; the conference on Jewish Educational Tourism at Oranim on July 25 organized by Lilach Lev-Ari; the upcoming session at the Association for the Sociology of Religion in August organized by Arnie Dashefsky and Harriet Hartman; and, of course, our program (14 sessions!) at the 2013 Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting organized by many of you and shepherded by Shelly Tenenbaum. Our journal, Contemporary Jewry
Jewry (edited by Sam Heilman), and our ASSJ Newsletter (edited by Ira Sheskin) are supremely vital to our effort to promote intellectual interchange and build collegial community. But, beyond the formal gatherings and publications, we also benefit by attending to our more informal interactions. I know that after becoming President, I’ve probably spent more time than last year meeting with people individually, and engaging in stimulating and fruitful conversations. Perhaps the one take-away is banal and obvious, but we all benefit from attending to inter-personal relationships in collegial contexts.

On a related matter, we need to develop and improve our culture of critical collegial discourse. Our field and the world of ideas are much enriched by our controversies and debates. At the same time, as I speak with non-academics with whom we interface, I know that our influence and potential have been diminished by a style of discourse that non-academics find difficult to appreciate. Somehow, we need to at least take a look at this issue, even if little may be resolved (which I suspect may be the case).

My nominee for our second objective: Enrich our contribution to public discourse beyond the strict confines of academia. Collectively, we have done a reasonably good job of contributing to public thought and policy discourse. We can do more and we can do it better. Rarely do we contribute to mainstream media. I am prompted to write these words, in part, because I so admired and appreciated the contribution of Sam Heilman’s to this morning’s Ha’aretz www.haaretz.com/misc/writers/samuel-heilman-1.533795. Sam’s contribution offers a model to which we should all aspire: Building upon our research expertise and going beyond its strict confines to make insightful (and in Sam’s case, morally compelling) points to a wider public.

Third, I want to stress an issue of which we’re all aware, but need to focus upon repeatedly: Advance the careers of colleagues who are junior or under-employed. Here I am thinking about several actions we can (and do) take. Among them are mentorship, employment, scholarly collaboration, co-authorship, reputation-building, referrals, and more. In just the past few months, I have been impressed with the extraordinary minds and commitment of younger scholars with whom I have met and, as a result, feel more challenged to urge us to do what we can to advance their careers.

Upon reviewing the above, I ask you to consider: To what extent would you agree with prioritizing these objectives? Which other objectives merit attention? How should we go about doing our business? I invite your comments and feedback, and most of all, collaboration in improving the social scientific study of Jewry.
From 1899-2008, the American Jewish Year Book (AJYB), The Annual Record of the North American Jewish Communities was published by the Jewish Publication Society and the American Jewish Committee (AJC). Starting in 2012, AJYB is published by Springer.

Publication is supported 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 UM College of Arts and Sciences, UConn’s Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, and the Berman Foundation. ASSJ has been supportive of this effort. AJYB is edited by Arnold Dashefsky of the University of Connecticut and Ira Sheskin of the University of Miami.


Parts II-III contain a listing of resources in the Jewish community, including Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Family Services, national Jewish organizations, Jewish overnight camps, Jewish museums, Holocaust museums, memorials, and monuments, national Jewish periodicals and broadcast media, and local Jewish periodicals.

Part IV contains resources for academicians, including lists of Jewish Studies programs, Holocaust and Genocide Studies programs, Jewish Social Work programs, major books, academic journals, and scholarly articles on the North American Jewish Communities, websites and Jewish organizations for research on North American Jewish communities, and major Judaic and Holocaust research libraries.

Part V includes a list of major events in the North American Jewish Community in the past year, a list of persons honored by the Jewish and general communities in the past year, and a list of important North American Jews who died in the past year. ☺
Sarah Benor
Hebrew Union College, LA

- Sarah recently spoke about her book *(Becoming Frum: How Newcomers Learn the Language and Culture of Orthodox Judaism, Rutgers Press, 2012)* and related topics in several venues, including Oxford University, University of Antwerp, the Library of Congress, Princeton University, University of Minnesota, and Cal State Long Beach.
- She founded, with Ofra Tirosh-Becker, the *Journal of Jewish Languages*, published twice a year by Brill. And she created the Jewish English Lexicon, an online collaborative database of Hebrew, Yiddish, and other words used within English. This website has pedagogical applications in classes on American Jews, and Sarah welcomes inquiries about it and submissions of edits and new entries.

www.jewish-languages.org/jewish-english-lexicon/

Barry Chiswick
George Washington University

- A review 'The American Economy and American Jews: A Symbiotic Relationship' on *Chosen Capital: The Jewish Encounter with American Capitalism* was published by H-Net Reviews.

Arnold Dashefsky
University of Connecticut

Presentations
- Invited paper at University of Miami (February 2013): "The Legacy of the American Jewish Year Book."

Grant Received
- Berman Foundation, to support publication of the *American Jewish Year Book*.

Grants Completed (2004-2013)
The Berman Institute-North American Jewish Data Bank transferred administration from 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 to The Jewish Federations of North America.

Publications

- Jewish Population in the United States, 2013,” in Arnold Dashefsky and Ira M. Sheskin. (Editors) *The American Jewish Year*
Journal Article

Presentation

HENRY GREEN
University of Miami

- Keynote speaker at the International Society of Biblical Literature Conference, St. Andrews Scotland on July 10, 2013. He spoke on his film, Sephardi Voices: Seven Stories, executive Director Henry Green; director, Bea Lewkowicz.

- Led a session on his film Sephardi Voices at the World Jewish Congress in July 2013 in Jerusalem with panelists, Beal Lewkowicz (Sephardi Voices UK Director and Research Fellow, University of London; Margalit Bejarano, Sephardi Voices Israel Director, and Esther Schely-Newman).

- Articles on Sephardi Voices will appear in Hadassah magazine and Na’amat Woman, Fall, 2013.

For more on this movie, see: www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/130482.
**HARRIET HARTMAN**  
*Rowan University*

**Publication**  

**Presentation**  
- "Denominational Variations across Jewish Communities in the United States" (with Ira Sheskin) at the Association of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Crystal City VA, April, 2013.

**ARIELA KEYSAR**  
*Trinity College, Public Policy and Law*

**Publications**  
- "Cheating or Leveling the Playing Field? Rethinking How We Ask Questions About State in the United States, France & Israel, Georgetown University, February 2013.

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

**Publications**  
- "Cheating or Leveling the Playing Field? Rethinking How We Ask Questions About State in the United States, France & Israel, Georgetown University, February 2013."
www.secularhumanism.org/index.php?section=fi&page=cragun_kosmin_33_4

**Research Project**  

This survey deals with contemporary public policy and public values issues of particular relevance to young people covering 90 political, economic, social, scientific, and religious-secular questions. It was administered on-line in April-May 2013 to a sample of 1,710 undergraduate students from 38 Universities and colleges with public access email lists.

This is a collaborative project of ISSSC with the Center for Inquiry Transnational, Amherst, NY and is supported by external research grants and Trinity summer student research grants for 2012 and 2013.

A module specifically aimed at a Jewish student sample is planned for Winter 2014.

**Judit Bokser-Liwerant**  
Director-Editor of the Mexican Journal of Political and Social Sciences, New Epoch, appointed July 2012.

**Publications**

- "Identidad, cultura y diversidad como parámetros reflexivos" (*Identity, Culture and Diversity as Analytical Parameters*) in Rosalba Casas Guerrero y Hubert Carton de Grammont (Editors), *Democracia, Conocimiento y Cultura*, Bonilla Artigas Editores-IISUNAM, 2012, pp. 389-406.


"Thinking "Multiple Modernities" from Latin America's Perspectives: complexity, periphery and diversity, in Multiple Modernities in the Contemporary Scene. A continuation of the Multiple Modernities Research Program, Michael Sussman and Gerhard Preyer (Editors), (in edition), 2013.

Books

Symposia and Congresses

- Symposia of the Mexican Academy of Science on the Humanities and Social Sciences, January 2012. Paper: Ser otro en la historia y la memoria (Being Other in History and Memory).
- 40 World Congress of International Institute of Sociology, New Delhi, February 2012. Paper: Thinking Multiple Modernities from Latin America's Perspective: complexity, periphery and diversity.
- International Colloquium on Jewish Education, Mexico, Vaad Hajinuj and Universidad Hebraica, May 2012. Paper: Research for Education.

- International Conference: The Jewish Communities of Latin America, University of Sao Paulo, Bar Ilan University, Brasil, September 2012. Paper: Relocation, Redefinition and Interconnectedness of Jewish Life in Times (and Spaces) of Transnationalism: New Realities, New Analytical Perspectives.
- 44th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 2012. Round Table: Jewish Cultures in the Americas.
- Seventh International Symposium: The Klal Yisrael Project: Reconsidering Israel-Diaspora Relations, Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ben Gurion University, Israel, January 2013. Paper: Jewish Diaspora and Transnationalism: Award Partners?
International Spring Colloquium on the Study of International Relations: UNAM, April 2013. Paper: Crossing National frontiers: New analytical angles?


Attended the two last Israeli Presidential Conferences Facing Tomorrow: "To Be Jewish": The Challenge of Being Jewish in the Diaspora, June 2012 and "The Tomorrow of the 20%: Jewish Communities Outside Israel and the United States,” June 2013.

International Editorial Committees


Deborah Dash Moore
University of Michigan

- The Foundation for Jewish Culture held its annual Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards gala on Monday, June 10, 2013, at The TimesCenter, honoring the award-winning historian Deborah Dash Moore. The Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards honor luminaries who keep contemporary Jewish culture rich, vibrant, and relevant.

Publication


Presentations

- "Jews Outside the Conventional Narrative." Session Respondent at Association for Jewish Studies Conference.

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

- (with Harriet Hartman) "The (Dis)similarity of a Minority Religion to its Broader Religious
Chaim I. Waxman

Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University


Publications

He has also edited a volume of his father's essays, Shvilei Nissan by Rabbi Nissan Waxman, which is published by Mossad Harav Kook (5773/2013).

Presentations

- Chaired the session on "The Role of Religiosity and Ethnicity in Israel-Diaspora Relations," at the Seventh International Symposium of the Klat Yisrael Symposium, "Reconsidering Israel-Diaspora Relations," Tel-Aviv University, January 7, 2013.

Morton Weinfeld
McGill University

Publication


Presentation

He will be presenting a paper (with Randal Schnoor) at the World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem at the end of July, 2013, dealing with the strengths and weaknesses – mainly the latter - of the Canadian census as an instrument for counting Jews.

Session at the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)

The session is co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and the Berman Jewish DataBank.

Title: Jewish Experiences outside the Mainstream

Organizers: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut) and Harriet Hartman (Rowan University and the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ))

Convener: Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut)

Strong Currents in the Mainstream: Ascribed and Achieved Concepts of Jewish Identity, Shirah Hecht (Gratz College)

Identity Formation in Emerging Adulthood: Religious and Professional Selves Compared, Bethamie Horowitz (NYU Steinhardt)

Claiming Conscience: The Military Chaplaincy, the American Rabbinate and the Vietnam War, Ronit Stahl (University of Michigan)

Outside the Mainstream of Judaism: An Empirical Examination of American Jewish Secularism, Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut) and Ira Sheskin (University of Miami)

Discussant: Harriet Hartman (Rowan University)

Date and Time: Sunday, August 11, 2013, 12:30-2:20 p.m.

Place: Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel, New York City
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, political science)
2001 Calvin Goldscheider (Brown, sociology and demography)
2002 Jonathan Sarna (Brandeis, history)
2003 Samuel Heilman (CUNY, sociology)
2004 Egon Mayer (Brooklyn College, sociology)
2005 Elihu Katz (University of Pennsylvania and Hebrew University, communications)
2006 Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan, history)
2007 Barry Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago, economics)
2008 Paul Ritterband (Haifa University, sociology)
2009 Charles Kadushin (Brandeis, sociology)
2010 Steven M. Cohen (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)
2011 Riv-Ellen Prell (University of Minnesota, anthropology)
2012 Leonard Saxe (Brandeis University, social psychology)
2013 Morton Weinfeld (McGill University, Sociology)

ASSJ Berman Award

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

Berman Award Winners

2010 Mandell "Bill" Berman Lifetime Achievement Award
2011 Irene and Eddie Kaplan (Washington, DC)
2012 Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sociology)
2013 Rela Mintz Geffen, Gratz College

More information on the 2013 awardees to follow in the December 2013 Newsletter.
The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry is a cross-disciplinary organization whose research concerns the Jewish people throughout the world.

The ASSJ encourages and facilitates contact among researchers, supports the dissemination of research, and assists in the cultivation of younger scholars.

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

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

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Contemporary Jewry

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 around the world. While much relevant scholarship about Jewry is published in general social science journals, as well as more narrowly focused periodicals, no other single scholarly journal focuses primarily on the social scientific study of Jewry.

Over 450 articles have been published in the 33 volumes (50 issues) of Contemporary Jewry since its inception in 1975. The distinguished editorial board reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal. [www.springer.com/humanities/religious+studies/journal/12397](http://www.springer.com/humanities/religious+studies/journal/12397)

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In November 2012 Keith Kahn-Harris was appointed as the new editor of the *Jewish Journal of Sociology*, taking over from Stanley Waterman.

Kahn-Harris is a London-based sociologist. He teaches social research methods at Birkbeck College, University of London and the Open University. He is an honorary fellow of the Pears Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism, a visiting scholar at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and an associate fellow at the Institute for Jewish Policy Research.

Kahn-Harris has been conducting research on contemporary Jewry since the mid-1990s. He is co-author (with Ben Gidley) of *Turbulent Times: The British Jewish Community Today* (Continuum 2010) and *Judaism: All That Matters* (Hodder Education 2012). He is currently working on a book on divisions over the issue of Israel in the Jewish community. He has also authored numerous reports for Jewish communal institutions. A full list of publications can be found at his website and blog [www.kahn-harris.org](http://www.kahn-harris.org).

Under Keith Kahn-Harris's editorship, *The Jewish Journal of Sociology* will stay faithful to its missions, as stated in its 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.' All articles and research notes are peer-reviewed and of the highest quality. The journal welcomes submissions in the broad area of the social scientific study of contemporary Jewry, as well as related fields.

**Call for Papers:** Special Issue of *The Jewish Journal of Sociology*: The Relevance of the Jewish Question in the 21st Century. Editors: Ilan Zvi Baron (Durham University) and Keith Kahn-Harris (Editor, *Jewish Journal of Sociology*)

In post-enlightenment Europe, both Jewish and non-Jewish political thought was preoccupied by what came to be called the Jewish Question. The Jewish Question asked what the appropriate status of Jews should be within the nation state and in particular whether Jewish 'separateness' could be maintained. There were a variety of answers given to this question, including: the creation of a nation state for the Jews, forms of autonomy within multi-ethnic states, radical assimilation, the relegation of Jewish difference to the private sphere, and the anti-Semitic removal of all Jewish difference from the body politic of the nation state.

By the middle of the 20th Century, the Question appeared to have been resolved. Two particular moments were key: the declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 and its recognition by the United Nations; and the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10th of the same year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The first moment created a Jewish nation state where Jews could achieve sovereignty as Jews. The second officially recognized the rights of minorities such as Jews within nation states. 1948 embedded both national and Diaspora-based answers to the Jewish Question within international law and the nation state system.

Today, in the 65th year of the State of Israel, the Zionist answer to the Jewish Question has demonstrated its success. Israel is now the country with the largest Jewish population in the world and has become a pillar in the construction of modern Jewish identity. The Diaspora-focused answer to the Jewish Question has also been successful in at least some countries, especially
in North America and Western Europe, where Jews have become a prosperous minority without being threatened by officially-sanctioned anti-Semitism.

However, both of these answers have led to unforeseen complications. Being Jewish can mean different things to Israelis than to Diaspora Jews. Moreover, the security issues in the Jewish State remain intensely controversial. Nor have fears about anti-Semitism, assimilation, and Jewish disappearance receded, particularly in the Diaspora.

It is worth asking therefore, how far the underlying assumptions that framed the Jewish Question remain valid. The debates that frame Diaspora/Israel relations are often predicated on an assumption that it is only within the nation state system that Jews can find a political space. Does the answer to the Jewish Question still lie within the nation state system? Have the Jewish Question's core spatial assumptions led to the creation of questions that cannot be answered on their own terms? Indeed, have the Jews always been politically a spatial people? What kinds of alternative political spaces exist and have existed for the Jews? Are there temporal themes that the spatially-focused Jewish Question has ignored? Indeed, is the Jewish Question even still relevant in the age of Israel? What unforeseen challenges have the assimilationist and Zionist answers created? How did a stateless people end up framing a question so tied to state-based political futures and what does the Question have to say about the Diaspora?

The Jewish Journal of Sociology invites papers to explore the relevancy and/or meaning(s) of the Jewish Question today, from a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Articles should be between 6-8,000 words and will be subject to peer review.

The Special Issue will be published in the second half of 2014. Expressions of interest and completed articles should be sent to Ilan Zvi Baron (ilan.baron@durham.ac.uk) or Keith Kahn-Harris (kkahnharris@yahoo.co.uk).

Announcing the early publication of the Jewish Journal of Sociology Chronicle section: '2012: The Year in Social Research on Jews and Jewish Life'

It has been a longstanding practice of The Jewish Journal of Sociology to produce a regular 'Chronicle' section featuring news about Jewish social research. In this year's volume of the journal, the Chronicle section has been published on-line in advance of the print edition.

This year's Chronicle is entitled '2012: The Year in Social Research on Jews and Jewish Life'. It has been produced by the Berman Jewish Policy Archive @ NYU Wagner (BJPA). Included are summaries of 68 pieces of empirical research (both quantitative and qualitative) that appeared in 2012. While most of these pieces of research derive from the United States, it also includes research conducted in the UK, Israel, the Former Soviet Union, Sweden, and elsewhere. The wide breadth of research embraces public opinion research, evaluation research, basic research, policy analyses, institutional reports, Ph.D. dissertations, Master's theses, and Jewish population studies.

BJPA is publishing the Chronicle simultaneously with the Jewish Journal of Sociology. www.bjpa.org and www.jewishjournalofsociology.org/index.php/jjs/index
The Berman Jewish DataBank (BJDB), formerly the North American Jewish Data Bank is the central repository of social scientific studies of North American Jewry. See the front page article for more information on this change. [www.jewsishdatabank.org](http://www.jewsishdatabank.org)

**New and Notable**

- **2013 Comparisons of Jewish Communities: A Compendium of Tables and Bar Charts**, Ira M. Sheskin, Sponsor(s): Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation, The Jewish Federations of North America. *Note: This is a new version that includes the latest results from New York and Cleveland.*
- East Bay Jewish Community Study 2011, Anna Greenberg, Sponsor(s): Jewish Federation & Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay

**Featured Publication**

A Tale of Four Cities: Learning About Jewish Community, Jacob B. Ukeles, Sponsor(s): Ukeles Associates, Inc.

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Members in the News

Sarah Benor
Sarah Benor on Orthodox Culture & Linguistics, Posted on February 18, 2013 by Alan Brill.

Sergio DellaPergola
The Atlantic - March 8, 2013
Soon, Israel Will No Longer Be a Majority Jewish State
Israel Has Three Choices: Being a Jewish state, a democracy, or possessing all of its historical territory. It can't have all three By S. Daniel Abraham

Yoel Finkelman
Orthodox Schooling: What Do We Know? by Yoel Finkelman
80 percent of American Jewish day school students are Orthodox, but there is little research on the state of Orthodox education-because the Orthodox community has never funded it. Read "Orthodox Schooling: What Do We Know?" online at: http://www.jidaily.com/orthodoxschoolingwhatdoweknow

Samuel Heilman
Sam appeared on:

He was also interviewed on 30 Rock with Brian Williams just before the show was cancelled.

Bruce Phillips
http://theautry.org/exhibitions/jews-in-the-los-angeles-mosaic

Jonathan Sarna
Was quoted in “Rabbi David Hartman, Champion of an Adaptive Judaism, Dies at 81.
Jonathan D. Sarna, a professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University, described the Hartman Institute as “a little island of pluralism amidst a sea of what was often religious fanaticism,” but noted that “he had to establish his own institutions precisely because, unlike Soloveitchik, he was not really welcomed” by Israel’s religious establishment.

Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky
Articles featuring both Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky about the revival of the American Jewish Year Book appeared in The Forward, the Sun Sentinel, and the Jewish Journal.
**Brandeis University.** Brandeis University seeks a Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, commencing summer 2014. The Director is expected to be a distinguished scholar of international stature whose work has advanced the study of Israel and who has the capacity to provide visionary leadership to an interdisciplinary academic center that is engaged with other centers and departments. The Director will be appointed to the Brandeis faculty with the academic unit, rank and tenure status appropriate to the appointee's scholarly and professional accomplishments. The Schusterman Center has a significant annual operating budget that is supported by a dedicated endowment, ongoing grants, and additional funds raised annually. The Center is an international leader in the developing field of Israel studies. Its participants include departmental faculty, graduate students and visiting scholars from diverse fields including anthropology, economics, fine arts, history, Israel studies, Judaica, literature, political science, and sociology. The Center Director reports directly to the Provost. For more information on the Center, and to view a detailed Job Description for the Director, please visit: [http://www.brandeis.edu/provost/adhoc/schusterman.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/provost/adhoc/schusterman.html).

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Schusterman Director Search, Office of the Provost, Mailstop 134, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA. 02454-9110, or via email to iheier@brandeis.edu with subject line "Schusterman Center Search." Initial consideration of applicants will begin on March 15, 2013, and continue until the position is filled. Brandeis University is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building a culturally diverse intellectual community, and strongly encourages applications from women and minority candidates. 📩

**ASA Meeting**

At the Annual Meeting of the ASA in New York on "Sociology of Anti-semitism"

Convener: Arnold Dashefsky, Professor of Sociology and Konover Chair of Judaic Studies Emeritus, University of Connecticut; Director Emeritus and Senior Academic Consultant, Berman Jewish DataBank, arnold.dashefsky@uconn.edu

Purpose: To examine emerging research and instructional opportunities in this area with other colleagues. I am currently engaged in research on this topic (with David Kremelberg) and also have developed a new course that I am teaching in this subject area at UConn (with the support of an award from the Provost).

Date and Time: Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
Place: Sheraton New York Hotels and Towers, Meeting Room: Conference Room B. 📩
Meeting is November 6-9, 2013 in San Antonio, TX. Proposals were due March 1, 2013

The RFL Section seeks to explore the connections between religion and the family and solicits diverse proposals for all formats that examine how religion is related to individual and family well-being. The conference theme certainly is relevant for religion and family scholars, and we also welcome all submissions addressing any of the broad topics associated with religion and the family. 2013 is the 75th anniversary of NCFR so we are hoping to have a record numbers of submissions for the conference and our section.

Research on how religion affects individuals and families has been increasing in recent years, but the links between religion and family relationships remain vastly under investigated. Thus we encourage a wide range of innovative proposals that provide empirical data describing religion-family associations in diverse family structures, from varied religious traditions, at multiple points through the lifespan, among different levels of family systems, and with different methodological strategies or theoretical perspectives. We also welcome conceptual and theoretical papers that offer explanations of how religion influences relationship formation, stability, and functioning, for better or worse. In addition, we will accept practice-oriented presentations that address relevant policy issues or that help educators and therapists utilize integrative interventions that are both efficacious and ethical.

Students, new professionals, and established scholars are encouraged to submit proposals. Cash awards are presented for the Outstanding Paper and the Student/New Professional Outstanding Paper.

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Funding Sources

Fulbright Israel Post-Doctoral Fellowships
for American Researchers in All Academic Disciplines

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright commission for Israel, offers 8 fellowships to American post-doctoral researchers in support of work to be carried out at Israeli universities during the course of the 2014/2015-2015/2016 academic years.

The US Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program is open to candidates in all academic disciplines.

Program grants total $40,000, $20,000 per academic year.

Program fellows must be accepted as post-doctoral researchers by Israeli host institutions, which agree to provide them with a standard post-doctoral grant, which they will receive in addition to their Fulbright Fellowship.

Thus, the total financial support received by Program Fellows is likely to be in the range of at least $35,000-$40,000 per year. Applications for 2014/2015-2015/2016 Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowships must be submitted to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars by August 1, 2013.

Further details on the program and on application procedures may be found at:
http://fulbright.org.il/en/?page_id=1024;
http://catalog.cies.org/viewAward.aspx?n=4397&dc=IS;

Potential candidates should contact Ms. Judy Stavsky, Deputy Director, USIEF (jstavsky@fulbright.org.il) for advice and assistance.
The Feinstein Center is pleased to announce a new collection of oral histories entitled "Jews and Leftist Politics in Philadelphia." The collection of twenty-seven interviews is housed at the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center, Special Collections Research Center, Paley Library, Temple University. For more information on the collection including an online guide, please visit the Feinstein Center website, www.temple.edu/feinsteinctr.

Fellowships

The Feinstein Center at Temple University announces its annual summer fellowship to support research in the American Jewish experience.

The grant of up to $3,000 is available to predoctoral and postdoctoral scholars.

The Feinstein Center welcomes applicants researching any area of American Jewish life. Applications should include a proposal of no more than five pages, a letter of recommendation on university letterhead, and a CV. Materials are due by March 14, 2014 to:

Feinstein Center for American Jewish History
Temple University, 916 Gladfelter Hall (025-24)
1115 W. Berks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122-6089

Announcement of awards will be made in June. Email submissions requested. Send questions and submissions to feinsteincenter@temple.edu.

Congratulations to the 2013 Feinstein Center Summer Fellows:
Zalman Newfield (New York University)
Kevy Kaiserman Memorial Summer Fellow. Between the Sacred and the Secular: Communal Continuity and Change in Contemporary Lubavitch Society.

Feinstein Fellows:
Zev Eleff (Brandeis University)
Joshua Furman (University of Maryland)
Britt P. Tevis (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Jewish Educational Tourism: Multiple Origins, Paths and Destinations

Thursday July 25, 2013
Oranim Academic College of Education, co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ)

Pre-conference Study Day Program

10:00-10:15 Registration
10:15-10:30 Greetings
10:30-12:00 Opening Session: Educational tourism between Israel and the Jewish World
Prof. Steven Cohen, President ASSJ, moderating
Prof. David Mittelberg: Urgent questions, pressing problems and emerging paradigms
Discussant: Ayeeet Shiloh Tamir
12:00-12:15 Coffee Break
12:15-13:45 Second Session: Vision, Innovation and Implementation
Prof. Yoel Mansfeld, moderating
Prof. Yossi Bokser-Liwerant: Multiple Origins, Paths and Destinations – Jewish Educational Tourism
Dr. Zohar Raviv: Taglit Birthright: Vision and implementation
Mr. Gideon Shavit: How we can increase the number of high school age teens coming on Israel programs from abroad from 12,000 to 20,000 every year?
Discussants: Dr. Elan Ezrahi, and Dr. Ariela Keisar
13:45-14:30 Lunch Break
14:30-16:00 Third Session: The scope and depth of Jewish educational tourism - The state of research
Prof. Sergio DellaPergola, moderating
Prof. Eric H. Cohen: What is Jewish in Jewish educational tourism research?
Prof. Len Saxe: Rigorous evaluation and its role in Jewish education
Prof. Judith Bokser-Lwerant: A view from Latin America
Discussant: Prof. Barry Kosmin
16:00-16:15 Coffee Break
16:15-17:30 Fourth Session (Parallel Round Table Discussions)
a. Israel experience education: Recruitment, content, politics
Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz, moderating
Dr. Dinah Laron: From milgash to peoplehood: The pedagogy of travel and encounter within an Israeli-American school twinning initiative
Dr. Shlomi Ravid: How do we ensure the long term impact of the short term experiential tourism?
Mr. Meir Kraus: Educational trips’ format and content: Some critical remarks
Discussant: Mr. Ilan Wagner
b. Israeli journeys to the Jewish world
Dr. Moshe Shner, moderating
Dr. Yael Getter: Limmud - A step on the journey towards a Jewish identity
Mr. Eli Shaisht: Non-formal education for Jewish identity through youth trips to Poland
Mr. Ron Cohen: Israeli delegations to Poland: The boundaries of discourse
Dr. Roberta Bell-Kligler: From Israel to Germany and back again: Future Jewish leaders in dialogue, milgash and peoplehood
17:30-18:00 Concluding Session: Jewish educational tourism - Challenges and critique
Prof. Steven Cohen: Jewish Educational Tourism

The conference will take place at Oranim College, in the HaDomi Building (Bldg. # 46), fourth floor, Between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM