Bill Berman:
A Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Bill Berman, a longtime benefactor of the social scientific study of Jewry, ASSJ, Contemporary Jewry, the Berman Jewish Policy Archive, the Berman Jewish DataBank, the Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships, and AJS has been honored by Section 2: Business, Corporate, and Philanthropic Leadership (Private Sector) of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (www.amacad.org). The following appeared in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Program.

The Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation, Southfield, Michigan, Founder and Trustee.

Helped build America through the housing construction industry. Partner in Bert L. Smokier & Company, a real estate development and building enterprise, from 1946 through 1975, serving also as President. President of the Dreyfus Development Corporation from 1969 to 1972 and past Chairman of the Michigan State Housing Finance Authority and the Skillman Foundation. Established the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Foundation. While serving as President of the Council of Jewish Federations, co-founded the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS), and subsequently the 2000-2001 NJPS. In 1986, founded the Mandell L. Berman Institute North American Jewish Data Bank (NAJDB ). His concern for the youngest members of the Jewish world and the international community led him to establish the Fund for Research on Children with Disabilities at the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute in Israel in 1999. Supported the Mandell L. Berman Center at University of Michigan Hillel; since 1997, Berman Fellowships have enabled committed individuals to receive training for careers as campus Jewish professionals. In addition to involvement with the Jewish Theological Seminary and Brandeis University, is Cofounder of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) and serves on the Board of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Israel Appeal. Served on the Board of the Jewish Agency and the Board of World Zionist Education Authority. First Chairman of the Skillman Foundation, past President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, and past board member of the United Way and various community arts organizations. Founder of the Berman Humane Animal Shelter in Westland, Michigan. ☺
Sarah Bunin Benor

SSJ prides itself on the diversity of disciplines represented by our members. A quick look at ASSJ membership records reveals more than thirty disciplines listed by our members. One of our sociolinguists, Dr. Sarah Bunin Benor, achieved unusual distinction this past year. She was named the second-place winner in the Sami Rohr Award for Jewish Literature for her book, *Becoming Frum: How Newcomers Learn the Language and Culture of Orthodox Judaism*. The Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature award recognizes "the unique role of contemporary writers in the transmission and examination of the Jewish experience," and rewards emerging writers who will make notable contributions to Jewish literature in the future. She was also included in the *Forward* 50 list of influential Jews.

Sarah Bunin Benor is Associate Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies at Hebrew Union College (Los Angeles) where she is serving as interim director of the Louchheim School for Judaic Studies, HUC-JIR's undergraduate Jewish studies program at the University of Southern California. At USC, she is Adjunct Associate Professor in the Linguistics Department and teaches a popular course on "Language, Race, and Identity." Sarah Bunin Benor also participated on the advisory panel of the Pew study, and she is currently working on several projects on language and identity, including Black Jews, changes in American Jews' language over the past century, and the use of Hebrew at American Jewish overnight summer camps. She edits the *Journal of Jewish Languages*, which she co-founded with Ofra Tirosh-Becker.
Pew Research Center Issues Major Study of American Jews

On October 1, 2013, the Pew Research Center issued “A Portrait of Jewish Americans,” the first major national study of American Jews since NJPS 2000-01 and the first such study completed outside the Jewish community. To say it caused waves throughout the Jewish world would be an understatement. Many members of ASSJ were called upon to comment on the results. I have attempted to list everything written by our members. Please forgive me for any omissions and I will be happy to list these in the July 2014 issue.

Sarah Benor:
http://www.jewishjournal.com/cover_story/article/pew_study_finds_a_vibrant_jewish_community
http://forward.com/articles/184984/increasing-diversity-means-there-is-no-such-thing

Steven Cohen:
http://www.ou.org/life/community/just-common-intermarriage-america/#

Alan Cooperman and Greg Smith:
http://forward.com/articles/185615/pew-stands-by-sweeping-findings-on-jewishamerica/

Sergio DellaPergola:
http://forward.com/articles/184983/bigger-population-estimate-means-wider-definition

Shira Fishman:
http://ejewishphilanthropy.com/did-we-get-it-wrong-reframing-the-pew-discussion

Sylvia Barack Fishman

Henry Green
Viewpoint (Channel 2, WPBT, Public TV in Miami) http://wpbt2.typepad.com/viewpoint/

Samuel Heilman:
http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/premium-1.550893

Bethamie Horowitz:
http://forward.com/articles/185542/and-now-for-some-good-news-about-the-pew-survey

Ari Kelman:
www.stanford.edu/group/edjs/cgi-bin/wordpress/2013/10/04/the-hegemony-of-religion

Barry Kosmin:
Connecticut Jewish Ledger-Nov 13, 2013
Deborah Dash Moore:
http://www.lsa.umich.edu/UMICH/judaic/Home/News/Newsletter/File_for_web.11.05.13.pdf

Jonathan Sarna:
http://www.hadassahmagazine.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=twi6LmN7IzF&b=6725377&c=t=13393463

Ted Sasson:
http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/151506/young-jews-opt-in
http://www.tabletmag.com/scroll/147231/american-jewish-attachment-to-israel-resilient

Len Saxe:
http://forward.com/articles/184985/pew-findings-reject-bleak-narrative-of-jewish-decl

Randal Schnoor:
http://www.cjnews.com/node/115873

Ira Sheskin
Viewpoint (Channel 2, WPBT, Public TV in Miami):
http://wpbt2.typepad.com/viewpoint/
While relatively small in number, our association and our profession have been extraordinarily productive of a remarkably rich and diverse discourse on contemporary Jewish life. In areas directly attributable to the ASSJ, we can proudly take note of the following activities and events taking place just over the past year (2013):

- *Contemporary Jewry*, Issues 1-2 and 3
- 14 sessions (and 40+ papers) at the upcoming meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, in addition to a special session on the Pew Research Center's, "Portrait of Jewish Americans."
- The ASSJ Newsletter
- The conference on Birthright/Taglit at The Hebrew University (ASSJ was a co-sponsor)
- The conference on Jewish educational tourism at Oranim College
- Sessions organized at various academic conferences throughout the year
- The ASSJ Book Series
- The Marshall Sklare Award
- The Bill Berman Award
- The ASSJ listserv

We owe thanks to …

- Arnie Dashefsky for organizing ASSJ sessions at other societies' meetings
- Harriet Hartman for the ASSJ Book Series (and lots of good advice to her successor)
- Samuel Heilman for editing *Contemporary Jewry*
- Lilach Lev-Ari for organizing the conference on Jewish educational tourism
- Sergio Della Pergola for co-editing *Contemporary Jewry*'s Special Issue: Jewish Demography in the United States, and, while I’m in the neighborhood, for conducting the elections for the Marshall Sklare Award and the ASSJ Board members
- Len Saxe for co-editing the *Contemporary Jewry*'s Special Issue: Jewish Demography in the United States, and for heading up the organizing of the Birthright conference
- Randal Schnoor for managing the Berman Award and assisting with the Sklare Award
- Ira Sheskin for the ASSJ Newsletter
- Shelly Tenenbaum for heading the AJS Social Science Division
- Deborah Grant for her work as Managing Editor for *Contemporary Jewry*

And while we’re in the gratitude mode, I want to recognize the work of Matt Boxer for his numerous contributions throughout the year, including tending to our website, and to Bruce Phillips for handling our finances, membership renewals and related matters. In addition to those already, I’d like to recognize the other members of the ASSJ Board who have contributed to our thinking and discussions, both at our annual meeting and on our several conference calls: Lila Corwin Berman (who completed her service), Jonathan Boyd, Barry Chiswick, David Graham, Moshe Kornfield, Judit Liwerant, and Riv-Ellen Prell. We congratulate Shawn Landres on his recent election to the Board.
I do apologize if I’ve missed any ASSJ-related contributions worthy of recognition.

On the subject of discourse …

By any reasonable reckoning, over the decades, the social scientific study of Jewry has grown and flourished and become more vital. I am thinking about such palpable indicators as

● The growing number of scholars, their productivity and recognition.

● The expansion of the Jewish applied social research industry along with the many researchers who conduct the research, as well as the communal agencies and philanthropic foundations that have come to support - and now demand - that research.

● Such institutional developments as (in chronological order) the Division of Jewish Demography and Statistics at the A. Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry (the Hebrew University), the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies (Brandeis University), the Berman Jewish DataBank (University of Connecticut and JFNA), the Berman Jewish Policy Archive (NYU Wagner), the (rescued) American Jewish Year Book, and the newly inaugurated Jewish Survey Question Bank (NYU Wagner).

And, to all this, must be added the astounding expansion in the presence of Jewish social scientists and their studies and ideas in the press, be it mainstream media, the blogosphere, or the Jewish press, be it in the US, Israel or around the world. The Pew Research Center’s recently completed survey of American Jews provides an extraordinary opportunity for social scientific discourse on American Jewry to further penetrate and influence the thinking of policy makers and practitioners. We have the opportunity to engage in the production and dissemination of creative thinking and imaginative policy analysis. We can produce a rich discourse that is both spirited and inspiring, instructive and influential. We can point with pride to the compelling online discussions among colleagues and peers on the ASSJ listserv among so many colleagues who disagreed so respectfully and energetically.

We are bound to disagree and challenge one another, as well we should. We may discern different facts, evolve different inferences, and draw out different policy implications. Undoubtedly a mixture of intellectual backgrounds, ideological inclinations, social contexts and personalities will work to produce areas of consensus as well as points of contestation.

Throughout our discourse and debates, be they about Pew or the full range of social scientific study of American Jewry, we would do well to remember that we can act so as to maximize the quality of our thinking, the colleagueship of our relations, the impact of instruction, and the potency of our prescriptions. We can achieve all these desired and desirable outcomes if we tend to human relationships, foster collaboration, and differ amicably and respectfully. I would say that never before has our profession been so well-positioned to make not only a contribution to thinking, but also a contribution to action. Let us not spoil this unique opportunity.
Welcome New Members!

Janet Aronson  
Rachel S. Bernstein  
Matthew Brown  
Eric Caplan  
Ezequiel Erdei  
Shira Fishman  
Raquel Magidin de Kramer  
David Manchester  
Genevieve Okara  
Michael Reibel  
Celia Rothenberg  
Ariel Stein  
Nathan Vaughan

Donors in Honor of Harriet Hartman

Judit Liwerant  
Bruce A. Phillips  
Steven M. Cohen

Jonathan Sarna, ASSJ Member, to Be AJS President, 2013-2015

Dr. Jonathan Sarna is the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University and Chief Historian of the new National Museum of American Jewish History.

Dubbed by the Forward newspaper in 2004 as one of America's fifty most influential American Jews, he was Chief Historian for the 350th commemoration of the American Jewish community, and is recognized as a leading commentator on American Jewish history, religion and life. In 2009, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Born in Philadelphia, and raised in New York and Boston, Dr. Sarna attended Brandeis University, the Boston Hebrew College, Merkaz HaRav Kook in Jerusalem, and Yale University, where he obtained his doctorate in 1979.

From 1979-1990, Dr. Sarna taught at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where he rose to become Professor of American Jewish history and Director of the Center for the Study of the American Jewish Experience. He has also taught at Yale University, the University of Cincinnati, and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Dr. Sarna came back to Brandeis in 1990 to teach American Jewish history. He served two terms as chair of that department and one term as director of Brandeis' Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. He now chairs the Academic Advisory and Editorial Board of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati.

Dr. Sarna has written, edited, or co-edited more than thirty books, including the When General Grant Expelled the Jews. He is best known for the acclaimed American Judaism: A History. Winner of the Jewish Book Council's "Jewish Book of the Year Award" in 2004, it has been praised as being "the single best description of American Judaism during its 350 years on American soil."  

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 and the Berman Jewish Data Bank have 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.
Sergio DellaPergola
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Awards:
The 2013 Landau Prize for distinguished achievement in research in the field of Demography and migration. The Prize is annually awarded by Mifa’al Hapayis - the National Lottery - to ten Israelis in the humanities and social sciences, the experimental sciences and medicine, the arts and performing arts.

Publications:
• National Uniqueness and Transnational Parallelism: Reflections on the Comparative Study of Jewish Communities in Latin America, in M. Bejarano, F. Goldberg and E. Zadoff (ed.) Judaica Latin Americana - Estudios Históricos, Sociales y Literarios, VII.

Jerusalem, AMILAT-Magnes, 2013, 73-100.

Forthcoming publications:
• Diversity and Convergence: Contemporary Jewish Demography and Identification, International Conference How Much Pluralism Can Judaism Sustain? University of Zurich, Faculty of Theology, and Basel University, 2013.


Selected Presentations:


The Jews in Italy: The Long-term Perspective.


Jews from the Former Soviet Union in Israel and in the US: Demography, Migration, and Absorption, Israel Sociological Association Annual Conference, Ruppin Academic Center, 2013.


Cubans and Other Latin Americans in Israel: A Comparative Note. Jerusalem, The Hebrew University, International Conference Cuba Myth
Shira Fishman  
*Brandeis University*  

**Publication:**  

Rela Mintz Geffen  
*Gratz College*  

**Presentation:**  
• “The Cost of Living Jewishly: A Matter of Money or Values?” at the 26th Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme of the symposium was "Wealth and Poverty in Jewish Tradition" October 27-28, 2013.

**Other:**  
• She served as one of the judges in the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature and is a judge in the National Jewish Book Awards. Both awards are under the aegis of the Jewish Book Council.

Steve Gold  
*Michigan State University*  

**Book Chapter:**  

**Book Reviews:**  
• *The Jewish Encounter with American Capitalism* edited by Rebecca Kobrin. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press,

Presentations:
• “Enhanced Agency for Recent Jewish Migrants to the US” International Migration Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association Meeting, New York, August 10 2013
• “Undocumented Immigrants and Self Employment in The Informal Economy,” Mini Conference on International Migration, American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, CUNY Graduate Center, August 9, 2013.

Samuel Heilman
Queens College and Graduate Center, City University of New York

Publication:
• What's in a Name? The Dilemma of Title and Geography for Contemporary Hasidism, Jewish History: Volume 27, Issue 2 (2013), 221-240.

Nancy Isserman
Temple University

Presentation:
• (with Shaul Kelner and Benjamin Nathans) will deliver the Murray Friedman Memorial Lecture: Soviet Jewry Activists & Civic Engagement Thursday, March 6, 4 pm, at the National Museum of American Jewish History. (A symposium about the grassroots activists in Philadelphia who fueled the movement to free Soviet Jewry and what these narratives of activism tell us about Jewish civic engagement. Co-sponsored with the American Jewish Committee Philadelphia, and the National Museum of American Jewish History.

Ariela Keysar
Trinity College, Public Policy and Law

Publications;

Presentations:
• "Vision, Innovation and Implementation," discussant, Study Day: Jewish Educational Tourism: Multiple Origins, Paths, and Destinations, Oranim Academic College, Israel, July 25, 2013
• "American Jewish Secularism in the 21st century," presenter (with Barry A. Kosmin and Jesse Tisch), The 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2013.
• "The Demography of Secular Judaism," lecture, November 1, 2013, Pitzer College
• "The Role of Religion in the Everyday Lives of Young People," presenter, Annual
• "Are We Seeing the Emergence of Three Distinctive Worldviews?" presenter, (with Barry A. Kosmin), Annual Conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, November 9, 2013.

Barry A. Kosmin
Trinity University, Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society & Culture

Publications:
• (with Ariela Keysar & Umesh Gidwani, "Traditionalism, professional identity and the attitudes of academics and physicians in India toward alternative medicine," Asian Journal of Science and Technology, 2013, Vol. 4, No. 4, 22-26

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Keren McGinity
Brandeis University

Publications:

Keren McGinity
Brandeis University
Bruce Phillips
Hebrew Union College

Presentations:
• Paper on the geography of intermarriage at the WCJS in Jerusalem. It was a shorter version of a chapter I am publishing in The World Religion Map edited by Stan Brunn that will appear in 2014.
• I gave a paper on religion in Southern California at the SSSR in Boston.
• At AJS, I am giving a paper on "Reviving The New Urban History for the Study of American Jewry"
• At the URJ biennial I am giving a presentation on research I am doing on adult children of intermarriage.

Jonathan Sarna
Brandeis University

Publications:
• Co-editor of the newly published volume, SISTERHOOD, a centennial history of the Women of Reform Judaism, published by HUC Press.
• His article on the Pew Study was published in Hadassah Magazine (November 2013).
• On December 15, he will become the 18th president of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Theodore Sasson
Middlebury College

Publication:
• The New American Zionism (December 2013 by NYU Press.

Randal F. Schnoor
Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University

Presentations :
• "Counting Jews in Canada" with Morton Weinfeld. Presented at McGill University, Sociology Department, Montreal, QC, 2013.
Michelle Shain  
Brandeis University

**Publication:**

Marcia Texler Segal  
Indiana University Southeast

**Publication:**
The Advances in Gender Research series published by Emerald, Ltd in the UK is edited by *Marcia Texler Segal* along with *Vasilikie Demos*. *Gendered Perspectives on Conflict and Violence, Parts A&B* (AGR 18) explores a broad range of issues related to our ways of understanding violence academically, legally and personally. Of particular interest to ASSJ members in Part A (2013) is "Belonging to the Jewish Nation: Life Stories of Israeli Female Combat Soldiers" by Channa Zaccai from the Netherlands. Part B (early 2014) features "Is Religiosity Associated with Less Child Abuse? A Community Study of Ultra-Orthodox and Secular Jewish Women" by Marjorie Feinson from Israel, and, by U.S.-based Andrea Dauber, "Not All Nazis are Men: Women's Underestimated Potential for Violence in German Neo-Nazism. Continuation of the Past or Novel Phenomenon?" Tables of contents for these and previous volumes are available at [www.emeraldinsight.com/tk/agr](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/tk/agr) introductory essays by the editors and individual chapters may also be downloaded.

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

**Publications:**
Jennifer A. Thompson  
*California State University, Northridge*

**Publications:**  

**Presentations:**  
- Upcoming, at AJS: "Good and bad Jews in American Jewish discourse and experience."  

**Grant:**  
The Valley Alliance of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles awarded a grant for my Mapping the Jewish Valley project. (See [www.mappingthejewishvalley.com](http://www.mappingthejewishvalley.com).) I'm directing undergraduates in my Jewish studies courses in ethnographic research on Jewish institutions in the San Fernando and Conejo Valleys for an online map for public use. I'll be presenting on this project in the Digital Media Workshop at AJS: "Mapping Jewish resources: Engaging students and the community in Jewish studies research and service-learning."

Chaim I. Waxman  
*Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University*

**Publications:**  
Presentations:
• Chair, Session on "Where is the Chabad Movement Going," 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2013.

Arnold Dashefsky
University of Connecticut

Publications:
• (with Ira Sheskin (editors). American Jewish Year Book, Vol. 113 (Dordrecht: Springer)
• (with Ira Sheskin) "Jewish Population in the United States, 2013," in Arnold Dashefsky and Ira Sheskin (editors), American Jewish Year Book, Vol. 113 (Dordrecht: Springer).

Presentation:

Matthew Boxer
Brandeis University

Publications:

Presentations:
Annette Koren and I presented a paper entitled "Learning About Israel on Campus: Student Response to Courses About Israel" at the Association for Israel Studies Conference at UCLA in June.
• At AIS, I presented a paper entitled "Young American Jews and Israel: The Relationship’s Trajectory."

Judit Bokser Liwerant
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, on Sabbatical, Distinguished Visiting Professor at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Publications:
• Diasporas and Transnationalism: new Approaches to Latin American Jews Today, with Leonardo Senkman, Judaica
• Thinking "Múltiples Modernities" from Latin America's Perspectives: Complexity, Periphery and Diversity, in Multiple Modernities in the Contemporary Scene. Michael Sussman y Gerhard Preyer (Ed.), (forthcoming).

Editorial:
Director-Editor of the Mexican Journal of Political and Social Sciences, New Epoch.

Presentations:
• Widening the Public Sphere: new actors for a new social contract. XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington, May 29-June 1, 2013.
• Expanding Frontiers and Affirming Belongings. Youth Travel to Israel. A Latin American Perspective, Conference at Oranim School, Israel, July 2013.
• Latin American Jewish Life: New Paths of Interaction and New Worlds of Identities, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, July 2013.
• Citizenship, Democracy and Culture for Peace. International Colloquium, UNESCO Chair, CDHDF, ACNUR, CEI, CDI, UNAM, Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana, UPN, UNICEF, September 2013.
• From Modernity to Multiple Modernities. S. N. Eisenstadt’s Theoretical Contributions. Colloquium on Social Sciences. Modernity and Judaism, University of Guadalajara, December 3-5, 2013.
This new section is designed so that others who might want to email advice or references to some of our young scholars are aware of the dissertations and theses in progress or that have been recently completed.

Janet Aronson
I am working on a doctoral dissertation in social policy with the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University entitled Leveraging social networks to create social change: Ripple effects of Taglit-Birthright Israel on parents of participants. Len Saxe is my dissertation chair.

Matthew Boxer
"Jewish Identity on All Frontiers: The Effect of Jewish Community Size on Jewish Identity." PhD dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ziona Bar-el
A breached "contract": Married couples facing the conflict of one spouse becoming observant, MA Thesis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar Ilan University, 2013, Hebrew)

Iris Cohen
"Feed the Body and Nourish the Soul": Religion, Morality and Emotions in Israeli Food Assistance Organizations." PhD dissertation (under the supervision of Ilana Silber, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar Ilan University.

Atar Shai Cohen

Ori Ganan
Living together: Conflict between secular and haredi Jews in a secular neighborhood in Israel, MA Thesis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar Ilan University, 2012, Hebrew).

Ronit Forst-Grauberger
The impact of the educational experience visit in Israel on the attitudes of German visitors toward the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, MA Thesis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar Ilan University, 2012, Hebrew).

Michelle Shain
"The Drivers of Fertility Among American Jews" and uses data from the National Survey of Family Growth the document the fertility patterns of American Jewish women of childbearing age (number, timing and contexts of births) and explore the drivers of those patterns.
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
Every year, the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry presents the Marshall Sklare Award to recognize a senior scholar who has made a significant contribution to the social scientific study of Jewry. Honorees are selected for conceptual/theoretical, methodological, public policy, and pedagogical contributions to the field. This year's honoree has excelled in each of these areas. We are proud to honor Morton Weinfeld, Professor of Sociology and Chair in Canadian Ethnic Studies at McGill University.

Following his doctorate from Harvard, where his advisor was Nathan Glazer, Morton Weinfeld began his career at McGill University in 1977. He has held the Chair in Canadian Ethnic Studies for over ten years. In addition, he has been Chair of the Sociology Department for nine years.

Mort is regarded as the founder of Canadian Jewish sociology, much as Sklare was the founder of American Jewish sociology, and has served as the leading scholar on the subject for more than 30 years. His landmark book *Like Everyone Else but Different: The paradoxical success of Canadian Jews* was selected as one of the 100 books described in the volume *One Hundred Great Jewish Books*, by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, Bluebridge, 2011. Through his expertise and connections in the fields of race relations and immigration studies he has significantly increased the visibility and respectability of the field of Jewish Studies to a wide academic audience, in Canada, the United States, and beyond. As Canada's most recognizable name in the field, he is the 'go-to' person for issues of policy from the Canadian government and Jewish communal bodies.

Mort has pursued a dual track career. He has been a highly recognized scholar both in the area of (Canadian) Jewish sociology, and in the general area of Canadian studies, ethnic and race relations, immigration, etc. In a sense, much of his scholarly work on a wide variety of Jewish topics is at the same time a set of case studies of issues of interest to these general fields. In this way, he has been able to serve as leader in the field in North America and beyond in placing Jewish concerns in the context of broader theoretical debates, thus illuminating the field of Jewish Studies to a much wider academic audience. This duality can be seen in his vast array of publications. In total, Mort has published (authored, co-authored, co-edited) 11 books, 31 articles in reviewed journals, 44 book chapters, and 18 book reviews. He has collaborated in his publications with 26 different people, a good proportion of whom are PhD students and young scholars he has mentored. As a reflection of Mort's commitment to multi-disciplinary studies, of the 26 collaborators, we find demographers, political scientists, historians, psychologists, psychoanalysts, nurses, social workers, and of course sociologists.

**Conceptual/Theoretical Contributions:** Mort launched the field of the social scientific study of Canadian Jewry. As the authority in this field for more than thirty years, Mort has been consulted, referenced and quoted by scores of researchers, students, policy analysts, and the like. His numerous publications appear regularly in course syllabi in a range of courses in Canadian Jewish...
Studies (particularly his 2001 seminal work in the field: *Like Everyone else but Different: The Paradoxical Success of Canadian Jews*). His mastery of this field has not only helped develop a corpus of knowledge about Canadian Jewish life, but also has stimulated an important comparative focus. The basic question which drives much of Mort's work has been whether the different features of Canadian and American Jewish life derive from general features of the Canadian social and political environment (so-called multicultural mosaic vs. melting pot) or from wider demographic differences in the two groups themselves. For example, since Canadian Jews are far more likely to be foreign born, or one generation closer to the old country, it may be that observed differences will narrow over time so that the generational profile of the two countries might converge.

Mort began teaching a course on the Sociology of Jews in North America at McGill University in 1977. This was the first such course in Canada, still one of the few in North America. It examines Canadian Jewish life as well as offering comparisons with American Jewry. It has had an estimated annual enrollment of 80-90 students. In 2012-2013, it had an enrollment of 110. In total he has taught an estimated 2,800 undergraduate students in this course alone.

The publication of *The Canadian Jewish Mosaic* in 1981, a volume of essays, reinvigorated this field after the 1939 publication of Canada's Jews by Louis Rosenberg. (Mort persuaded McGill-Queen's Press to re-publish that classic Rosenberg work in 1993). For several years in the 1980s, Mort was the editor of the Canadian Jewish intellectual periodical *Viewpoints*. He followed this with the co-edited volume *The Jews in Canada*, in two editions (1993 and 2010) and, as mentioned, his own volume, *Like Everyone else but Different: The Paradoxical Success of Canadian Jews* (2001). Throughout his career he has continued to write articles or chapters on Canadian/Quebec Jewish life (some have appeared in French).

**Methodological Contributions:** Heeding the admonition of Seymour Martin Lipset, Mort's major contribution has been his emphasis on comparative work at all times. His philosophy has remained consistent throughout his career. In addition to fruitful comparisons between different Jewish populations, he has always insisted to his students that "the best way to study the Jews is to study the non-Jews."

To cite just a few key examples, he systematically compared Jewish and Ukrainian polities in his study *Old Wounds*. His volume edited with Daniel Elazar, *Still Moving*, continues this comparative focus on the study of different Jewish diasporic or immigrant communities, notably in Canada, the United States, and Israel. In his volume *Like Everyone Else but Different*, he used a triple comparative approach. He compared Canadian Jews to other Canadian minority groups, to other Jewish communities in the Diaspora, while also comparing Jews from different parts of Canada. His current research examines the issue of competing identities and conflicting loyalties among Canadian and British Jews. He systematically compares these two Jewish groups in terms of how their national identities intersect with their Jewishness.
Public Policy Contributions: In addition to forging this important linkage between Jewish Studies and other academic disciplines, Mort has been the pre-eminent Canadian scholar of the Jews in bridging the gap between academic and policy fields. This policy work stretching over thirty years has encompassed both Canadian government policy as well as Jewish community policy planning. It would not be an exaggeration to say that outside of the academy, Mort is our discipline’s most recognized name in Canada. He has served as a policy advisor over many years to Canadian federal, provincial, and municipal bodies dealing with issues around ethnic relations. As just one example among very many, he served for four years as a member of the Canadian Multiculturalism Advisory Council, a national body which advised the Canadian Minister in charge of multiculturalism on relevant policy issues. He has served as a consultant and produced a myriad of community reports for communal Jewish bodies. Most recently he served as member of advisory panel to UIA Canada on Canadian Jewish demography, 2009-2010.

As part of his expertise in the sociology of the Jews and ethnic relations, Mort has established himself as well-known public intellectual. He has written 20 op-ed articles in major Canadian newspapers and opinion journals. For three years he was a monthly panelist on CBC’s (Canada's national radio) Morningside political panel. For nine years, he was a monthly columnist for the Canadian Jewish News, Canada’s leading Canadian Jewish periodical. He has also published in the Forward and the newsletter of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

He has produced a series of studies, policy reports, and consultancies, over thirty years, dealing with many aspects of Jewish life, both in Canada and in the United States.

Educational/Pedagogical Contributions: Over 36 years at McGill University Mort has exposed approximately 2,800 students, about 75% of these Jewish, to the field of the social scientific study of Jewry. He has served as a mentor for countless young students and scholars. Many have gone on to careers in Jewish communal service, or Jewish Studies in Canada and the US.

Over the years he has delivered many dozens of lectures at Jewish cultural venues in North America, related to adult education. He has also spoken at many such venues for Jewish communal service workers at conferences and workshops.

I believe I speak for the colleagues who joined me in nominating Morton Weinfeld for the Marshall Sklare Award this year when I say that we believe that Mort's outstanding record of scholarship, impact on public policy, mentorship of young scholars and practitioners, and service to the field distinguish him as an extraordinary candidate. As mentioned, he single-handedly launched and serves as the leader in the field of the sociology of the Jews of Canada (the third largest Jewish community in the world) and is our discipline’s most recognizable name in Canada for the bridging of the gap between the academic and policy fields. We are delighted to be able to celebrate with him as he receives the 2013 Marshall Sklare Award.

Randal F. Schnoor, Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University.
Dr. Rela Geffen is currently a Fellow at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and the Center for Jewish Community Studies. She is also Professor Emirita at Towson University and Baltimore Hebrew University. Over her career, Rela has exhibited the highest standards of service – to the profession of the social scientific study of Jewry and to using her skills and insights to help shape Jewish communal life through research, service, and teaching. Her contributions to ASSJ, to the Conservative movement, and most especially to the millions of women who try to balance home, work, and a commitment to Jewish continuity, all speak to Rela’s desire to turn good research into good practice and policy. In doing so she also becomes a leading example of how those who conduct research on American Jewry can influence the future shape of the community. Through her efforts to shape institutions, raise policy questions in Jewish policy and planning institutions and train the next generation of Jewish communal professionals, Rela's impact on contemporary Jewry goes far beyond many others in the academic community. She has accomplished this by taking roles both in academic settings (such as Baltimore Hebrew College) as well as in communal settings (such as educational coordinator for the National Ramah Commission) and writing often for the Journal of Jewish Communal Service, publications of B’nai Brith and similar groups along with publications in academic journals. At the same time, her friendly manner, modesty and kindness, things recognized by many of her students and colleagues make her a welcome addition to a wide range of boards, commissions, and study groups.

Rela received her B.S. and M.A. from Columbia University, her B.R.E. from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and her Ph.D. from the University of Florida. She has taught at 11 different institutions of higher learning, most notably Gratz College where she taught from 1975 to 2001. She has held several senior positions in academic administration including Dean for Academic Affairs at Gratz College and President of Baltimore Hebrew University. She has served as a Research Fellow at several institutions including the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. She has a long list of publications as well as many honors and awards.

Rela's commitment to building professional organizations can best be seen in her service to ASSJ. She has served in every possible position – board member, treasurer, editor of Contemporary Jewry, Vice President, and President. By helping to build and shape the professional organization of social scientists working on topics of interest to the Jewish community, Rela worked to create and sustain a cadre of researchers who would work with communal institutions to support their efforts. As a Board member, Vice President, and Program Chair for the Association for Jewish Studies she represented the social sciences to a wider audience of scholars in all areas of Jewish studies. Her background in classical, as well as modern Jewish life, allowed her to move freely among different constituencies in the wider academic Jewish studies community.

Of all the ways Rela has influenced the future of the Jewish community, none may be more important than her role as teacher. I was able to witness this firsthand when I had the opportunity to speak in her class on the sociology of the American Jewish community and the Jewish family at
Gratz College. These classes, given in the evening, were full of students who had already spent the entire day in class and in placements around the Jewish community (many were pursuing a MSW at Penn as well as a master's in Jewish communal service). A class that ran from 7-9:30 in the evening was a recipe for a room full of sleeping students. Instead, I always found the students wide awake and eager. Rela was not only an excellent teacher but she listened to the students - these were the next generation of communal professionals and so the issues they faced – in class, in their placements and in their personal lives were all things that Rela took into account as she prepared them for their vocations. They were also introduced to the value of good research in developing effective policies and programs. Rela was much more than teacher to these students – she was their mentor, preparing them in ways that went far beyond the specific topic of the class. In turn, these students were able to move forward in their careers much better prepared because of her.

I will end on a personal note. When I was a graduate student attending one of my first AJS meetings, I only knew a few people here and didn't have a good sense of how I might fit into this field. It turned out that I sat next to Rela, someone I had met but didn't know, on the plane ride back. This was in the 1970's, and I still remember that plane ride. She was so open, so interested in what I was doing and helpful, that after speaking with her I knew I could build a career in this field. I am only one of many who has so benefitted from her wisdom, caring, and mentoring.

Avi Glicksman, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

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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 in the fields of social stratification and quantitative methods. The position is to commence October 1, 2014. Candidates are expected to demonstrate strong research and publication potential. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. degree, and postdoctoral experience is advantageous.

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The Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry is a cross-disciplinary organization whose research concerns the Jewish people throughout the world.

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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

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The Jewish Journal of Sociology was sponsored by the Cultural Department of the World Jewish Congress from its inception in 1959 until the end of 1980. Thereafter, from the first issue of 1981 (volume 23, no. 1), the Journal has been sponsored by Maurice Freedman Research Trust Limited. It has as its main purpose the encouragement of research in the sociology of the Jews. 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 founding Editor of the Jewish Journal of Sociology was Morris Ginsberg, and the founding Managing Editor was Maurice Freedman. Morris Ginsberg, who had been Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, died in 1970. Maurice Freedman, who had been Professor of Social Anthropology at The London School of Economics and later at the University of Oxford, succeeded to the title of Editor in 1971, when Dr Judith Freedman (who had been Assistant Editor since 1963) became Managing Editor. Maurice Freedman died in 1975; from then until her death in December 2009 the Journal was edited by Dr Judith Freedman.

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- Education for Jewish Peoplehood in Australia by David Mittelberg.
- In the Islands of the Sea: Geography in the Religious History of the Jews of Britain by Benjamin James Elton.
- Internalized Homophobia and Distress among Participants in Support Groups for Homosexuals: Secular versus Ultra-Orthodox Participants by Liat Kulik.
- The Elections to the 19th Knesset, 2013: Some Thoughts by Stanley Waterman.
The Berman Jewish DataBank premiered in July as a project of The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) after nearly a decade of success and expansion as the North American Jewish Data Bank at the University of Connecticut. The Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation generously provided an endowment to move the DataBank permanently to JFNA and fund it in perpetuity, and the new name honors the foundation’s support.

In transitioning the DataBank, JFNA established a partnership with the Berman Jewish Policy Archive (BJPA) at NYU’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and re-affirmed its partnership with the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut. The DataBank’s newly redesigned website shares online search and other functionality with BJPA that enable users to access both collections from either website. The UConn Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life provides ongoing academic support, guidance and connections to the DataBank.

The DataBank is currently focusing on expanding its collection, adding new studies of North American Jews, its traditional domain, and beginning the process of acquiring studies from Jewish communities elsewhere in the world. The DataBank also continues to develop new resources for users and to sponsor panels at academic conferences, including the Association for the Sociology of Religion in August and the upcoming Association for Jewish Studies in Boston.

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, the JFNA Senior Director of Research, is serving as the Director of the Berman Jewish DataBank. Ron Miller is continuing his long and very productive association with the DataBank as Senior Research Consultant, and Arnold Dashefsky, who was the Director of the North American Jewish Data Bank during its tenure at UConn, is Director Emeritus and Senior Academic Consultant. Hilla Israeli, JFNA’s Research Manager, has also taken on work for the DataBank. An advisory committee is being formed that will help DataBank staff in making policy and management decisions.

DataBank users can contact the DataBank at info@jewishdatabank.org and can sign up for the DataBank’s email list on the bottom of every page of the DataBank website.
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 over 18,000 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 Daniel Elazar z"l, Leonard Fein, and Charles Liebman z"l.

BJPA also hosts the Jewish Survey Question Bank (JSQB) at www.jewishquestions.bjpa.org, a database of survey questions used in Jewish social research, program evaluations, community studies, and other Jewish communal surveys. Open access to the questions used in this research will increase both quality and comparability of future studies, allowing and encouraging researchers to make use of each other's work.

BJPA produces monthly Reader's Guides on topics such as Aging & Elders; Environmental Issues; Economic Justice; Synagogues & Kehillot; Secular Jews; and more. Sign up for our mailing list at www.bjpa.org, and register for a free user account. Registration is not required to use the archive, but registered users can create a "Bookshelf" of BJPA materials to be saved and shared, or to gather bibliographical information easily, as well as save customized user preferences and upload documents for submission to the archive. We further invite you to submit materials for inclusion on BJPA to www.bipa.wagner@nyu.edu. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/bjparchive and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bjparchive.
For press coverage of the Pew Study, see above.

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**Jennifer A. Thompson**
My mapping project was the subject of a story in the Los Angeles Jewish Journal:
http://www.jewishjournal.com/los_angeles/article/getting_the_lay_of_the_land
From its very beginning, the people of Israel has been characterized as 'a people that dwells alone' and one that 'is not reckoned among the nations' (Numbers 23:9). Indeed, the ancient Israelite religion was different from all other religions in that it worshiped one God, believing him to be the source of all creation and professing that he could not possess any physical manifestation.

However, looking at the history of Israel and at its spiritual development, one can see that, both practically and conceptually, the Jewish people maintained close reciprocal relationships with other groups and ideas, resulting in fascinating and multifaceted cross-fertilizations and multiple causations. The theme of AAJS Adelaide, Jews, Judaism and Hybridity, aims to explore Jewish cross-fertilization, synthesis, and syncretism from any perspective.

Extensive study of the Jewish faith, method of scriptural interpretation, Jewish identity, society, literature, art, philosophy and language throughout history, demonstrates that they were all heavily influenced by diverse cultures and religions, and by no means can they be satisfactorily explained as being the outcome of their Jewish or Hebrew classical origins alone. Judaism and Hybridity aims to explore the intriguing Jewish phenomenon from various angles, stressing the unique combination of sources that enabled its endless creativity and its seemingly miraculous renaissance after undergoing major crises.

While being 'hybrid' is typically perceived as an inferior quality, papers may debate whether it is a universal trait that ought to be acknowledged, embraced, and celebrated. As John Donne wisely wrote, 'no man is an island.' Every cultural phenomenon is necessarily related to multifaceted human experiences. Thousands of years ago, Judaism introduced monotheistic faith into human society, thus changing history for years to come. Papers could propose or reject the idea that whilst monotheism is important, it has also taken its toll, leading philosophers and scientists to believe mistakenly that there is one cause for each phenomenon rather than many. Papers could demonstrate or deny the hybridic nature of the Jewish experience and indeed of the monotheistic religion itself, and open up a novel perspective on society, religion and culture in general.

Jews, Judaism and Hybridity is taking place on 9-11 February 2014 at the University of Adelaide, North Terrace # Pulteney St, Adelaide City Centre, Australia Australis (Latin for South Australia), a somewhat hidden gem where the hills meet the ocean.

The University of Adelaide was established in 1874 and is the third oldest university in Australia. So far we have only had 5.01 (sic) Nobel laureates and 104 Rhodes scholars but more are in the pipeline.

There has been a very strong response to this theme, with 55 papers accepted. In addition, there will be four major panels on 'Aboriginal People and Jews: 75th Anniversary of William Cooper's
Protest Against the Nazis; the Adelaide Jewish Community; The Abraham Institute: Following the Path of Tikun Olam; and 'Jews and China'. An exhibition entitled 'Compassion Rather Than Tolerance: Remember the Holocaust - Art and the Holocaust, developed by Dr Andrew Steiner will also be on display.

The February 2015 annual conference of the AAJS will be held in Sydney with the theme of 'Neighbours’ - the CFP will be issued in early 2015. The AAJS conferences are multi-disciplinary and themes are chosen which bridge the whole range of the Jewish experience from the biblical period to the present. These conferences provide a great opportunity for American and other overseas scholars to visit Australia within the framework of an international Jewish Studies conference.

**The Network for Research in Jewish Education**

28th Annual Conference American Jewish University Los Angeles, CA June 8-10, 2014

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

NRJE invites proposals for presentations and sessions at its annual conference, to be hosted by the American Jewish University (AJU) on June 8-10, 2014.

Proposals are welcome from all those interested and involved in research in Jewish education, broadly understood to encompass quantitative and qualitative research (ethnography, case studies, narrative inquiry, surveys, philosophical, conceptual, theoretical, historical, etc.) on topics of relevance to Jewish education (subject matter, curriculum, teaching and learning, administration, policy, financing, teacher preparation, sociology, culture, identity, etc.) in any setting (schools, synagogues, camps, higher education, adult education, informal learning contexts, popular culture, etc.). Comparative studies are especially encouraged.

The conference will provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in Jewish education to present and discuss current research. Proposals based on previously published work will not be accepted. The program will include presentations of basic and applied research, in addition to practice-based research. Practitioners are encouraged to present projects of action research, self-study, or related forms of inquiry. Collaborations between practitioners and academic researchers are welcome, as are collaborations between those within the field of Jewish education and colleagues from other fields.

**To submit:**
Proposals will be considered for four different formats: Papers, Spotlight Sessions, Roundtables, and Consultations. For the extended Call for Proposals, including more on each of these formats, criteria of evaluation, and directions on how to submit, please visit [www.nrje.org](http://www.nrje.org). Proposals must be received by January 6, 2014.

**Contact:**
For inquiries related to the conference program, please contact the Program Chair, Dr. Jon A. Levisohn, [NRJEprogramchair@gmail.com](mailto:NRJEprogramchair@gmail.com).

For general inquiries about the Network for Research in Jewish Education please contact Executive Coordinator Beth Lutzker-Levick, [nrjecoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:nrjecoordinator@gmail.com).
As co-founder & CEO of Jumpstart, a philanthropic research & design laboratory that the Jerusalem Post says has "changed the global conversation about Jewish innovation," Shawn helps community leaders expand what they know, adapt how they think, and redefine what is possible. He lives in Santa Monica with his wife Zuzana Riemer Landres and two young daughters.

Shawn holds degrees from Columbia University (BA cum laude, religion), the University of Oxford (MSt with distinction, social anthropology), and the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he earned a PhD in religious studies. Shawn has co-edited four books on topics as diverse as the practice of ethnography; the interreligious impact of the film The Passion of the Christ; the intersection of religion, violence, memory, and place; and a campaign biography of Bill Clinton. He is the co-author of a number of a number of research reports that may be familiar to ASSJ members, including Emergent Jewish communities and their participants: Preliminary findings from the 2007 National Spiritual Communities Study, The innovation ecosystem: emergence of a new Jewish landscape, The 2010 Survey of New Jewish Initiatives in Europe: Key Findings, The Jewish innovation economy: an emerging market for knowledge and social capital, and the recent Connected to Give series on religion and charitable giving.

Shawn is completing his term on the Program Committee for the American Academy of Religion, the world's largest learned society and professional association for teaching, research, and the public understanding of religion; and he continues to serve on the Sh'ma Advisory Committee. He holds advanced certification from 21/64 as a consultant/trainer in multigenerational family philanthropy and is certified as a facilitator by the Center for Leadership Initiatives.

Shawn has nearly two decades of experience in academic and third sector leadership, network building, and organizational development, including projects funded by the U.S. State Department and the British government. His interest in social entrepreneurship dates back to his 1993 service as a White House Intern in the Clinton Administration's Reinventing Government initiative. He currently serves as a Los Angeles County Commissioner on the Quality and Productivity Commission, whose mission is to provide advice, innovative ideas, assistance and support to the County's elected officials, managers, and employees to promote the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of County public services. He also is an advisor and outside director for a number of startup social enterprises.

Shawn's leadership in faith-based social innovation has earned wide recognition within and beyond the organized Jewish community, including national and international media. Just a year after Jumpstart's launch, the Forward named Shawn to its list of the 50 most influential American Jewish leaders, calling him "an essential thinker in explaining the new Jewish spirituality and culture." Jewcy named him to the "Big Jewcy 100" in 2011. In 2012, Shawn received a Ted Comet Exemplar Award, given once every four years by the Jewish Communal Service Association of North America and the World Council of Jewish Communal Service for "outstanding leadership & furthering international cooperation benefitting the Jewish people." The same year, the White House featured Shawn as a "spotlight innovator" and speaker at its Faith-based Social Innovators Conference. In 2013, the Liberty Hill Foundation awarded him its NextGen Leadership Award, given each year to an inspirational leader who invests time and raises funds to advance social justice in Los Angeles. Shawn was an inaugural (2009) Ariane de Rothschild Fellow (Social Entrepreneurship &
Cross-Cultural Network) and an International Nahum Goldmann Fellow (2010, 2012); and he is a member of the ROI Community of Young Jewish Innovators, the Selah Leadership Network, and the New Leaders Project (where he serves on the Steering Committee).

Previously Shawn served as Director of Research for Synagogue 3000, where he managed the launch of the S3K Synagogue Studies Institute, launched the widely read S3K Reports series and Synablog, and conceived S3K’s Jewish Emergent Initiative. He has taught at UC Santa Barbara, the University of Judaism (now the American Jewish University), Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovak Republic, and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; and he has held visiting research appointments at UC Los Angeles's Center for Jewish Studies, the University of Judaism's Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical & Religious Implications of the Holocaust, and the Institute for Jewish & Community Research/Be'chol Lashon. Shawn was founding chair of the Tikkun (social justice) pillar on IKAR's Leadership Council, a founding member of the Selah Network’s national leadership team, served on the Steering Committee for AJC ACCESS Los Angeles, and advised NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change. Last year he completed six years on the advisory board of Jewish Mosaic: The National Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (which he chaired) and the board of directors of Keshet, where he remains an advisor.

**Session at the 2013 Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)**

A session is co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and the Berman Jewish DataBank entitled Title: Jewish Experiences outside the Mainstream.

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