European Jewish Research Archive

The European Jewish Research Archive (EJRA) is a project of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR), funded by the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe. It provides a free-to-use online repository of research and other publications that discuss post-1990 European Jewish life.

EJRA was developed by JPR as a response to two limitations in research on contemporary European Jewry. First of all, there is little consciousness of contemporary European Jewry as a coherent research field. Unlike in the US, where research on contemporary Jewish life is well established and institutionalized, research knowledge is scattered among disparate researchers and bodies, with no overall coordination. This lack of coherence, together with other issues such as language differences, makes pan-European comparative research difficult and also acts as a barrier to researchers who might be interested in entering this field. The second limitation, which follows on from the first, is that there is no European equivalent of the Berman Jewish Policy Archive (BJPA) in the US. BJPA is an indispensable clearinghouse for research on contemporary Jewish life. However its European holdings are limited and it does not include non-English language items.

EJRA has therefore been developed to be a European-focused analogue to BJPA. As such, it is possible to search the BJPA archive from within EJRA and, in due course, vice versa. It also serves as a resource for the consolidation and emergence of a research field of contemporary European Jewry, a necessary first step in developing more and better research on European Jewish life.

EJRA is free to access and searchable via a number of fields: author, date, title, country, language etc. Items are also tagged, allowing sophisticated searches. The collection policy is broad: EJRA includes records of research reports, policy papers, books, edited collections, scholarly journal articles, theses and other material. EJRA prioritizes items that are published since 1990, dealing with European Jewish life since 1990 (on the basis that European Jewish life changed dramatically around this date with collapse of communism and other developments), but where appropriate it will make exceptions. Where it can be sourced and copyright permissions allow, each item is accompanied by a downloadable pdf. EJRA includes items from nearly 40 countries, defining ‘Europe’ very broadly, including all former Soviet Union countries and, in some cases, Turkey. At the time of writing, EJRA includes items in 23 languages and, where possible, English translations or titles and abstracts are provided. The archive is recognized in Google
The EJRA database is currently being added to, with a substantial backlog of items awaiting entry. JPR invites scholars who have published on contemporary Jewish life to check whether their publications have been included on EJRA and to supply items where they are missing. In particular, JPR is keen to source pdfs where they are missing (hard copies can be scanned where necessary) and where authors and institutions can give copyright permission.

EJRA is actively being developed to ensure that it remains both up to date and robust enough to cope with technological changes and user requirements. 2016 will see a full public launch of the archive, together with the start of a programme of publication of curated collections and specially commissioned subject guides. For further information, and to search EJRA, visit http://archive.jpr.org.uk/

Dr Keith Kahn-Harris - EJRA Project Director

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

- American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 22-25, 2015
- American Jewish Historical Society, 2016 TBA
- ASSJ at the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 13-15, 2015
- Association for Canadian Jewish Studies, Calgary, May 29-June 3, 2016
- Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August 20-22, 2015
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, TBA 2016
- Australian Association for Jewish Studies, Brisbane, February 14-15, 2016
- Institute for Israel Studies, Israel, June 20-22, 2016
- Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Lawrence, KS, October 17-19, 2015
- Religious Research Association, Newport Beach, CA, October 23-25, 2015
- Society for the Anthropology of Religion, No meeting in 2016
- Western Jewish Studies Association
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Conference of the Network for Research in Jewish Education
June 8-11, 2015

The Conference was run jointly with ASSJ.

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**Arnold Dashefsky**  
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**Steve Gold**  
*Michigan State University*

**Publications**


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Conference Participation


Calvin Goldscheider
Brown University

• I would like to note that my new book, Israeli Society in the 21st Century: Immigration, Inequality and Religious Conflict was published by Brandeis University Press in June 2015.
• I participated in a round table review and discussion of the book at the Association of Israel Studies meeting at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada in June 2015.
• The materials in the book focusing on immigration, gender and the family were presented and discussed at sessions at Brandeis University's Summer Institute of Israeli Studies.
• In late June, I will be presenting a paper on Social Science and the Mishnah: Family Structure, Kinship, and Transitions in Cordoba, Spain, at the annual meetings of the European Association of Biblical Studies (July 2015) in the first of a special three year sequence on Sociology and Anthropology of the Mishnah.

Samuel Heilman
City University of New York

• I just returned from a six week Fulbright Senior Specialist term in Poland lecturing at Wroclaw University Judaystica program, at Jagellonian University in Kraków and at Warsaw University.

Ariela Keysar
Trinity College, Public Policy and Law

Publications

  http://www.ruppin.ac.il/pages/?????_5.aspx?Preview=1
• HIGHLIGHTS: Demographic Survey of American Jewish College Students 2014 (with Barry A. Kosmin) Trinity College, September 2014
  http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/centers/isssc/Documents/HighlightJewishCollegeStudentSurvey.pdf
• ANTI-SEMITISM REPORT: National Demographic Survey of American Jewish College Students 2014 (with Barry A. Kosmin) Trinity College, February 2015
  http://www.trincoll.edu/NewsEvents/NewsArticles/Documents/Anti-SemitismReportFinal.pdf

Conference Papers/Presentations

• "From Generation to Generation to Generation," organizer and panelist, Roundtable Session, Joint Conference on Research in Jewish Education, New York, June 11, 2015
• "I'm Not Religious. I'm Spiritual: Sharing stories about religion and no religion on campus today," Guest in Residence, Cornell University, March 6, 2015

Expert Consultation

Referee in Academic Journals and Foundations
The Israel Science Foundation (ISF)
Hagira Journal, Israel
Journal of Secularism & Nonreligion
Religion
Science, Religion and Culture Journal, special edition on Atheism, Secularity & Science

Keren McGinity
Brandeis University

Presentations
- "Intermarriage: Jewish Identity and Continuity in the 21st Century," Flemington Jewish Community Center, Flemington, NJ, 8 February 2015
- "Interfaith Sex in the City: Tackling Myths and Hearing Men's Voices," Temple Beth Avodah, Newton, MA, March 1, 2015

Publications
- No Circumcision Please - We're Hindu, Jewish Daily Forward, March 21, 2015 http://forward.com/articles/217186/no-circumcision-please-were-hindu/
- Remembering Anne Meara: Jewish Mother By Choice, Jewish Women's Archive, June 3, 2015 http://jwa.org/blog/remembering-anne-meara-jewish-mother-by-choice
- Do It For Your Son, Jewish Daily Forward, June 20, 2015 http://forward.com/opinion/spirituality/310418/do-it-for-your-son/
- "Intermarriage is an Opportunity, Not a Threat," Fresh Ideas from HBI, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute http://blogs.brandeis.edu/freshideasfromhbi/intermarriage-is-an-opportunity-not-a-threat/

Suzanne Rutland
University of Sydney

Publications
- My newest book written with Jewish journalist Sam Lipski, on Australia and the Campaign for Soviet Jewry has just been published in Australia and will be published by Gefen Publishing for US and Israeli distribution


I myself am retiring next month and Dr Avril Alba will be replacing me. She is an excellent young scholar whose expertise is in Museums and Holocaust memory. Her first monograph dealing with this topic will be published by Palgrave Macmillan later this year. In 2014 Dr Alba with co-Chief Investigator A/Professor Barrett from Museum Studies were successful in obtaining an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant in conjunction with the Sydney Jewish Museum. The grant, which supports the development of the conceptual underpinnings necessary for a new "Holocaust and Human Rights" section planned for the SJM, consolidates long-standing connections between HBJS and the SJM and enhances the national and international reputations of both institutions.

Theodore Sasson
Brandeis University

Publications

(with Len Saxe and Michelle Shain) "Does Taglit-Birthright Israel Foster Long-Distance Nationalism?" in the current issue of the journal Nationalism and Ethnic Politics. http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fnep20/current#.VOzg1C5vCPk

Sam Lipski and Suzanne D. Rutland

For 50 years, until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the Soviet Union ran a campaign of repression, imprisonment, political trials and terror against its three million Jews. After Stalin’s death in 1953, many in the West thought that the persecution of Soviet Jews would come to an end, but by 1959 it had become clear that this was not the case, and a campaign on their behalf began across the free world.

In Australia, political leaders and the Jewish community contributed significantly to this international protest movement. Australia was the first country to raise the issue of the abuse of human rights and the mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union at the United Nations in 1962. The Australian resolution stated that if the Soviet Union was unable to
permit Jews to practice their religion freely, then they should be permitted to leave the Soviet Union. Both Bob Hawke, as ACTU leader and later prime minister, and Malcolm Fraser were deeply involved in this campaign, which eventually triumphed over Moscow's tyranny and led to the modern Exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel and other countries.

Lipski and Rutland make this largely unknown Australian story come alive with a combination of passion, personal experience and ground-breaking research, which is based both on previously closed materials in the National Archive of Australia and the private archive of Mr Isi Joseph Leibler, who played a crucial role in the campaign.

Natan Sharansky, a former Soviet Jewish dissident, who suffered imprisonment and solitary confinement from 1977 until his release in 1986, and today is Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel has written about the book: "The struggle for the freedom of Soviet Jewry was one of the most powerful displays of strength and solidarity by the world Jewish community . . . even those intimately familiar with the struggle will be surprised to discover in Let My People Go how the Australian Jewish community and its leaders were among the campaign's initiators, and how they saw it through to its successful conclusion. This is a unique testament to how a small group can play a big role in history."

This book is the product of the combined efforts of a veteran journalist, Sam Lipski, who was also a player in the story, and Professor Suzanne Rutland, well-known historian of Australian Jewry.

For more information, go to www.hybridpublishers.com.au

Stuart Schoenfeld
York University

"Challenges of cultivating peace through environmental education in the Eastern Mediterranean," Panel on "Building Backroads to Coexistence: Promoting Arab-Jewish cooperation through indirect approaches to peace education" Association for Israel Studies, June 1

- Sustainability and Peace-Building in the Eastern Mediterranean: Deadlock and Opportunities" Humboldt German - Israeli Scientific Panel on Sustainability and Peace-Building in the Middle East, July 15, 2015

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

Publications


Presentations

- "Jewish Identity in the Urban Landscape: A Toronto Case Study" Presented at the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, June 1, 2015.
Ira Sheskin

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

Book

• Arnold Dashefsky and Ira M. Sheskin. (Editors) The American Jewish Year Book, 2015 (Dordrecht: Springer).

Publications


Presentations


Daniel Staetsky

Institute for Jewish Policy Research

Jonathan Boyd and Daniel Staetsky Could it happen here? What existing data tell us about contemporary antisemitism in the UK

http://www.jpr.org.uk/publication?id=4032#.VYAgnRvJDVI

Chaim I. Waxman

Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University
Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Publication


• "Where is my Home?: Orthodox Jews in America During the Twentieth Century" [Hebrew], in Ofer Shiff, Homelands in Exile - Otherness and Belonging in the Jewish Diaspora [Hebrew], Iyunim Bitkumat Israel, Thematic Series, Vol. 9, 2015.

Moshe Kornfeld

University of Colorado Boulder

• Moshe is now a postdoctoral fellow in Jewish Studies at UC Boulder
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)
**2014** Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis, Sociology)
**2015** Barbara Kirschenblatt-Gimblett (NYU, Performance Studies)
The Mandell L. Berman Service Award is given periodically to a civic or business leader or an academic for a career of distinguished commitment to the social scientific study of Jews either through service or financial support of such research. Named for a great philanthropist and supporter of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry and various other research entities, the Berman Service Award recognizes the work of leaders in many sectors of the Jewish community whose efforts have advanced the social science of Jewry.

Berman Award Winners

2010 Mandell “Bill” Berman Lifetime Achievement Award
2011 Irene and Eddie Kaplan (Washington, DC)
2012 Arnold Dashefsky (University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sociology)
2013 Rela Mintz Geffen, Gratz College
2014 No Award
2015 Barry Shrage, President, CJP, Greater Boston’s Jewish Philanthropies
The ASSJ

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

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

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

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

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The first book of the series will appear within the year, and several others are currently in preparation. The first four books will be published by the University of Nebraska; all others by Springer. Send all proposals to Rela Geffen, Series editor (rela1@aol.com) (215) 568-0967.

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This book series focuses on social scientific studies of Jewry. It highlights contrasts and diversity between different manifestations of Jewry and the ways in which Jews and Jewry bridge the gap between these diversities. It also examines the ways in which they connect to the wider contexts in which Jews and Jewry are found. The volumes in the series deal with such topics as: national or religious orientations, religious and secular divides, denominational differences, historical changes urban-suburban-rural divides, and immigrant versus native (i.e. internal or international migration). Moreover, the series presents comparisons of different modes of research and analysis, including quantitative versus qualitative studies of Jews, and local versus national versus global studies of Jews. Taking a broad perspective on “social science”, the series studies the aspects of Jewry from a range of disciplines, such as anthropology, communications, demography, economics, education, ethnography, geography, history, politics, social psychology, and sociology. In addition, it presents interdisciplinary studies among these fields, or between these fields and a related one.

**This series:**
- Is the only book series that is entirely devoted to the broad social scientific study of Jewry.
- Focuses on contrasting the diversities of Jewry in their many manifestations.
- Contributes greatly to the understanding of Jews in society.
- Addresses methodological aspects of social scientific research.
Toward an Anthropology of Nation Building and Unbuilding in Israel
Edited and with an introduction by Fran Markowitz, Stephen Sharot, and Moshe Shokeid
with an afterword by Alex Weingrod

Toward an Anthropology of Nation Building and Unbuilding in Israel presents twenty-one original essays offering a critical survey of the anthropology of Israel inspired by Alex Weingrod, emeritus professor and pioneering scholar of Israeli anthropology. In the late 1950s Weingrod’s groundbreaking ethnographic research of Israel’s underpopulated south complicated the dominant social science discourse and government policy of the day by focusing on the ironies inherent in the project of Israeli nation building and on the process of migration prompted by social change.

Drawing from Weingrod’s perspective, this collection considers the gaps, ruptures, and juxtapositions in Israeli society and the cultural categories undergirding and subverting these divisions. Organized into four parts, the volume examines our understanding of Israel as a place of difference, the disruptions and integrations of diaspora, the various permutations of Judaism, and the role of symbol in the national landscape and in Middle Eastern studies considered from a comparative perspective. These essays illuminate the key issues pervading, motivating, and frustrating Israel’s complex ethnoscape.

Fran Markowitz is a professor of anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. Stephen Sharot is a professor emeritus of sociology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Moshe Shokeid is a professor emeritus of anthropology at Tel Aviv University. Alex Weingrod is a professor emeritus of anthropology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Contemporary Jewry, the journal of the ASSJ since 1975, serves as the single source for the social scientific consideration of world Jewry, its institutions, trends, character, and concerns. In its pages can be found work by leading scholars and important new researchers from around the world. While much relevant scholarship about Jewry is published in general social science journals, as well as more narrowly focused periodicals, no other single scholarly journal focuses primarily on the social scientific study of Jewry. The distinguished editorial board reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal.

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NEW DATABANK HOLDINGS

In recent months, the Berman Jewish DataBank @ The Jewish Federations of North America has added numerous items to its collection as part of its continuing effort 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.

The DataBank's new materials include:

- A 2015 update to the DataBank’s Comparisons of Jewish Communities: A Compendium of Tables and Bar Charts. Commissioned by the DataBank and produced by Ira Sheskin, the compendium is a single source of comparative tables and bar charts on over 50 US Jewish communities that have conducted local community studies. Its 36 sections are available separately or in a portfolio version.
- 2015 updates to DataBank FAQ’s on Jewish population estimates and intermarriage, produced by lead author and DataBank Senior Research Consultant Ron Miller, with assistance from Ira Sheskin, Arnold Dashefsky and Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz.
- Jewish Population in the United States, 2014, written by Ira Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky and originally published in the American Jewish Year Book 2014. It is posted at the DataBank with the permission of the Springer publishing company.
- World Jewish Population, 2014, authored by Sergio DellaPergola and originally published in the American Jewish Year Book 2014. It is posted at the DataBank with the permission of publishing company.
- The 2014 St. Louis Jewish Community Study, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and conducted by Jewish Policy and Action Research. DataBank materials include reports, slide sets, methodological documentation, the data file, and publicity materials.
- The 2014 Greater Miami Jewish Federation Population Study, commissioned by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and conducted by Ira Sheskin. DataBank materials reports, slides sets, methodological documentation, the data file, and publicity materials.
• The **2014 Greater Seattle Jewish Community Study**, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle and conducted by the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and the Steinhardt Social Research Institute, both at Brandeis University. DataBank materials include multiple reports and methodological documentation.

• The **2013 Greater Buffalo Jewish Community Study**, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo and conducted by the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and the Steinhardt Social Research Institute, both at Brandeis University. The DataBank holds the study report.

• The **2012 Annual Survey of American Jewish Opinion**, commissioned by the American Jewish Committee and fielded by GfK using their Knowledge Panel. DataBank materials include the survey report, methodological documentation, data file, and press releases.

• Multiple reports from the **2011 Canadian National Household Survey Jewish Report Series**. The reports cover the Jewish family, intermarriage and fertility at the national level and for selected metropolitan areas, as well as the Sephardic community of Montreal. Commissioned by the Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA and selected individual Jewish Federations, the reports’ lead author is Charles Shahar.

• For those with a historical bent, the DataBank now also holds a report on the Jewish Population of Los Angeles 1959, commissioned by the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, written by Fred Massarik and sent to us by Bruce Phillips.

**ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

In addition to adding materials to its collection, the DataBank continues to organize and sponsor sessions at academic conferences under the direction of DataBank Director Emeritus Arnold Dashefsky:

• In June, the DataBank organized a session at the **2015 Conference of the Network for Research in Jewish Education**, held in collaboration with the ASSJ. Entitled “Exploring the Social Class Context of Jewish Education,” the session featured a working paper from Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz and Chaim Adler based on analysis of more than a dozen local Jewish community studies archived at the DataBank, and responses from Deborah Skolnick Einhorn, Harriet Hartman, Yossi Prager and Jack Wertheimer.

• In August, the DataBank will co-sponsor with the ASSJ a session at the **77th annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion** (ASR) in Chicago. The session, entitled "Understanding Change in Jewish-Christian Intermarriage: A Comparative Perspective," will feature a keynote presentation by Alan Cooperman, director of religion research at the Pew Research Center, followed by responses from Harriet Hartman, Helen Kim, Bruce Phillips and Vern Bengtson. The panel will be chaired by Arnold Dashefsky.

**DATABANK OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The DataBank announced in February the formation of an oversight committee of Jewish communal professionals, researchers and volunteer leaders to help guide the DataBank’s operations. The committee will help ensure the DataBank’s mission is implemented, develop guidelines and standards for the DataBank’s operations, recommend priority areas for DataBank activity, suggest operational improvements, and report annually to the JFNA Board of Trustees.
PARTNERSHIPS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Berman Jewish DataBank @ The Jewish Federations of North America is the central online address for quantitative studies of North American Jewry and information about world Jewish populations. We proudly partner with the Berman Jewish Policy Archive and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut in offering open access to more than 375 national, local and topical studies, reports, and resources. The DataBank is funded through a generous endowment from the Berman Foundation. We extend our gratitude to the commissioning organizations and researchers whose cooperation in providing materials makes our work possible.

CONTACT THE DATABANK

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.

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"Jews, Judaism and the Environment from Biblical Times to the Present"
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From its very beginning, the people of Israel have been known as spiritual and literary. Whilst the biblical creation story of the physical world pre-dates the monotheism of Abraham, earth, sea, sky, celestial bodies and living species formed the backdrop for Jewish self-understanding. The composition of humans from the very dust of the earth, their role as custodians of creation and their blissful lives in the Garden of Eden nourished by plentiful water, embed respect and care for the physical environment in the Jewish understanding of human history. Indeed, the ancient Israelite religion was different from all other religions in that it worshipped one God, believing God to be the source of all creation, professing no physical manifestation. The relationship of Jews to their many landscapes has been vital both for the earlier periods of Jewish history and the contemporary era. The theme of AAJS Brisbane, Jews, Judaism and the Environment from Biblical Times to the Present invites exploration of Jewish/Jews’ interaction with the environment from all perspectives.

Papers on other topics will be considered but preference will be given to those bearing directly on the conference theme.

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