

Center for Judaic Studies  
University of Pennsylvania



Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies

**DIVERGENT CENTERS:  
SHAPING JEWISH CULTURES  
IN ISRAEL AND AMERICA**

April 30 - May 2, 1997

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**WEDNESDAY, April 30 Bowl Room, Houston Hall**

1:00 pm

**GREETINGS**

**Stanley Chodorow**, Provost, University of Pennsylvania  
**David B. Ruderman**, Director, Center for Judaic Studies

1:15 pm

**COMING TO TERMS WITH EUROPE**

Chair: **Katheryn Hellerstein**, University of Pennsylvania

**Ilan Troen**, Ben-Gurion University/CJS

*"Europe" and "America" in the Education of Israelis*

**Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett**, New York University

*Imagining Europe: The Popular Arts of American Jewish Ethnography*

**Yaron Tsur**, Tel-Aviv University/CJS

*Europe Shapes the Destiny of Non-European Jews: French, Israeli and Jewish-American Policies toward Moroccan Jews*

3:30 pm

**Coffee**

4:00 pm

**EXPERIENCING THE HOLOCAUST**

Chair: **Sara Horowitzt**, University of Delaware

**Peter Novick**, University of Chicago  
*The Holocaust as an American Jewish Experience*  
**Gulie Arad**, Tel-Aviv University/CJS  
*The Holocaust as an Israeli Experience*

Respondent: **Omer Bartov**, Rutgers University

7:00 pm

**Dinner and Evening Program** (by invitation)  
Center for Judaic Studies, 420 Walnut Street

8:30 pm

Chair: **Deborah Dash Moore**, Vassar College/CJS

**Arthur Goren**, Columbia University/Hebrew University  
*On Living in Two Jewish Cultures*

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**THURSDAY, May 1**

8:45 am

**Smith-Penniman Room, Houston Hall**

**MATERIALIZING JEWISH CULTURE**

Chair: **Jenna Weissman Joselit**, New York University/CJS

**Michael Feige**, Hebrew University/CJS  
*Digging for Identity: The Early Years of the Israel Exploration Society*  
**Beth Wenger**, University of Pennsylvania/CJS  
*Sculpting an American Jewish Hero: The Built and Unbuilt Monuments to Haym Salomon*  
**Yoram Bilu**, Hebrew University  
*Jewish Moroccan Saint Worship and the Shaping of Israel's Sacred Geography*

Respondent: **Jenna Weissman Joselit**

11:00 am

**Coffee**

11:30 am

**JEWISH POLITICAL CULTURES**

Chair: **Yoav Peled**, Tel-Aviv University/CJS

**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College/CJS  
*The Political Culture of the Ben-Gurionist Republic, 1948-63*  
**Ira Katznelson**, Columbia University  
*Strangers No Longer: Jews and Post-War American Political Culture*

Respondents: **Daniel Elazar**, Bar Ilan University/CJS  
**Yoav Peled**, Tel-Aviv University/CJS

1:45 pm

**Lunch Break**

3:00 pm

**JEWISH LITERATURES/JEWISH IDENTITIES**

Chair: **Arnold Band**, University of California, Los Angeles/CJS

**Anita Norich**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor/CJS

*Sholem Asch and the Christian Question*

**Tresa Grauer**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor/CJS

*Textual Homelands: Ethnicity, Identity and Place in Philip Roth's Operation Shylock*

**Nurith Gertz**, Tel-Aviv University/CJS

*Yehudit Hendel: A Woman's Perspective on the Holocaust*

Respondent: **Arnold Band**

6:00 pm

**Dinner and Evening Program** (by invitation)

Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

7:30 pm

**Shney Shoshanim**, A Romance of Jewish Interdependence: An Evening of American and Israeli Song

**Adrienne Cooper**, vocalist

**Adriane Greenbaum** (flute) and **Joyce Rosenzweig** (piano)

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**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

**Smith-Penniman Room, Houston Hall**

**RECEIVED RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND THEIR TRANSFORMATIONS**

8:45 am

Chair: **Marc Raphael**, College of William and Mary/CJS

**Samuel Heilman**, City University of New York

*Starting Over: American Judaism in the 1950's and the Early 1960's*

**Eliezer Don-Yehiya**, Bar-Ilan University/CJS

*The Religious Status Quo in Israel: A Solution or a Problem?*

**Jeffrey Shandler**, Columbia University/CJS

*American Jews, Spirituality and the Media*

11:00 am

**Coffee**

11:30 am

**ISRAEL AND AMERICA: MUTUAL INFLUENCES**

Chair: **Ian Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania

**Howard Morley Sachar**, George Washington University

*Israel in the Mind of American Jewry*

**Yaron Ezrahi**, Hebrew University

*The American Democratic Ideal in the Mind of Israeli Jewry*

1:15 pm

**Concluding Luncheon and Board of Overseers Meeting**

(by invitation)

Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

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