

*Ninth Annual
Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies*

**Jewish History and Culture
in Eastern Europe**



May 5-7, 2003

*(All academic sessions are free and open to the public.
Pre-registration or RSVP are not required)*

MONDAY, May 5 **Logan Hall, Terrace Room, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.**

9:30 am

GREETINGS

David B. Ruderman

Director, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies

Samuel H. Preston

Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

9:45 am

**ROUNDTABLE ON LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN THE STUDY OF
EAST EUROPEAN JEWRY**

Chair: **Carol Avins**, Rutgers University/CAJS

Olga Litvak, Princeton University/CAJS

Israel Bartal, Hebrew University/CAJS

Eugenia Prokop-Janiec, Jagiellonian University

11:45 am

Lunch Break

1:15 pm

PERFORMANCES

Chair: **Kevin Platt**, University of Pennsylvania

Alyssa Quint, Harvard University/CAJS
The Currency of Yiddish: Jews, Money, and Modernity in the 19th-Century
Yiddish Drama

Michael Steinlauf, Gratz College/CAJS
Jozio Grojseszyk: A 19th-Century Jewish City Slicker on the Polish Popular Stage

Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University
Staging the Shtetl: The Memory Projects of Yaffa Eliach

Respondent: **Jack Kugelmass**, Arizona State University/CAJS

3:15 pm

Coffee Break

3:45 pm

YIDDISH AND YIDDISHISM

Chair: **Cecile Kuznitz**, Georgetown University/CAJS

Kathryn Hellerstein, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS
The Question of Esther in Yiddish Poems

Samuel Kassow, Trinity College/CAJS
Interwar Vilna as a Jewish Civil Society

Marcus Moseley, Johns Hopkins University/CAJS
Persecution and the Art of Autobiography:
The 'Desk-Drawer' Memoirs of Meir Viner

Respondent: **Anita Norich**, University of Michigan

6:30 pm

Dinner (by invitation)
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 420 Walnut Street

TUESDAY, May 6

8:45 am

Logan Hall, Terrace Room, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.

TRADITION AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Chair: **Magda Teter**, Wesleyan University/CAJS

Shaul Stampfer, Hebrew University
Reexamining the Demographic Transition of East European Jewry

Adam Teller, University of Haifa/CAJS
Tradition and Crisis? 18th-Century Critiques of the Polish-Lithuanian Rabbinate
in Social
and Cultural Context

Marcin Wodzinski, Wroclaw University
Similar or Exceptional? Haskalah in Congress Poland and its East European
Context, 1815-1864

Respondent: **Ada Rapoport-Albert**, University College London/CAJS

10:45 am

Coffee Break

11:15 am

JEWS AND OTHER EAST EUROPEANS

Chair: **Joshua Shanes**, University of Wisconsin/CAJS

Rachel Manekin, Hebrew University/CAJS
Hebrew in the Service of Polonization: The Galician Newspaper Ha-Mazkir

Marcos Silber, Tel Aviv University/CAJS
Empowerment or Disempowerment: Jews and Minority Rights in Lithuania During World War I

Oleg Budnitskii, Institute for Russian History, Moscow
Russian Liberals and the Jews: 1917-20

Respondent: **Moshe Rosman**, Bar Ilan University/CAJS

1:15 pm

Lunch Break

2:45 pm

POLITICS AND CULTURE

Chair: **Batsheva Ben-Amos**, CAJS

Kenneth Moss, Johns Hopkins University/CAJS
Jewish Politics and Jewish Culture in the Age of Revolution, 1917-1921

Joshua Zimmerman, Yeshiva University/CAJS
The Origins of the Bund's National Program Reconsidered

François Guesnet, Leipzig University/CAJS
Thinking Globally, Acting Locally? The Political Culture of Eastern European Jews: Between 'Klal-Yisroel' and 'Doykeyt'

Respondent: **Benjamin Nathans**, University of Pennsylvania

5:45 pm

Cocktails (by invitation)

6:30 pm

Dinner and Tenth Anniversary Celebration (by invitation)
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Logan Hall, Terrace Room, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.

VIOLENCE AND SELF-DEFENSE

9:00 am

Chair: **Benjamin Nathans**, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

John Klier, University College London/CAJS
Painting the Pogroms: Visual Representation of the Pogrom Era in Russia, 1881-82

Gabriella Safran, Stanford University/CAJS
Martyrdom and Revenge: S. An-sky on Terror and the Jewish Response to Violence

David Engel, New York University/CAJS

On Being Lawful in a Lawless World: Jewish Diplomacy and the Trial of
Scholem Schwarzbard

Respondent: **Jonathan Steinberg**, University of Pennsylvania

11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:30 am **ROUNDTABLE: RE-WRITING THE HISTORY OF EAST EUROPEAN
JEWRY**

Chair: **Zvi Gitelman**, University of Michigan/CAJS

Gershon Hundert, McGill University/CAJS

Jonathan Frankel, Hebrew University/CAJS

Antony Polonsky, Brandeis University

1:15 pm **Concluding Luncheon** (by invitation)
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall,
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