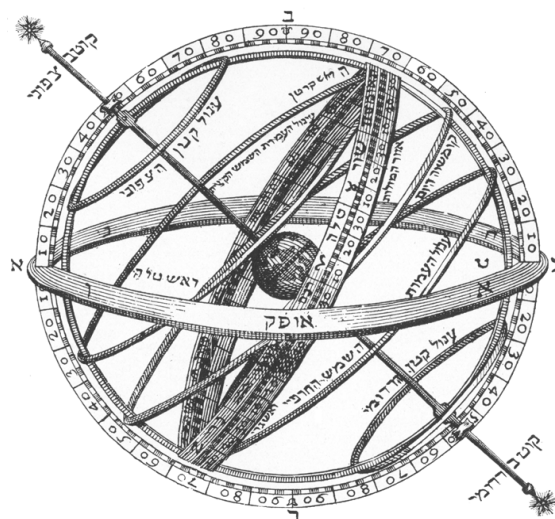


*Tenth Annual
Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies*

**Challenging Boundaries:
History and Anthropology
in Jewish Studies**



April 26-28, 2004

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

MONDAY, April 26

Logan Hall, Room 17, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.

GREETINGS

10:00 am

David B. Ruderman

Director, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies

Samuel H. Preston

Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

10:15 am

THE SECOND LIFE OF DISCIPLINES

Chair: **Robert St. George**, University of Pennsylvania

Oren Kosansky, CAJS

Time and the Jewish Other: Past and Present in the Anthropology of Judaism

David Myers, University of California, L.A.

Beyond a History of "Suffering and Learning": From Text to Texture in

Jewish History

Discussants:

Steven Feerman, University of Pennsylvania

Harvey Goldberg, Hebrew University/CAJS

12:15 am

Lunch Break

1:45 pm

TEXTS AND CONTRA-TEXTS

Chair: **David Stern**, University of Pennsylvania

Yossi Chajes, University of Haifa/CAJS

He Said She Said: Reported Speech and Female Religious Virtuosity in Early Modern Rabbinic Literature

Ephraim Kanarfogel, Yeshiva University/CAJS

"For it is not in heaven": Dreams as a Determinant of Jewish Law and Practice in Northern Europe during the Middle Ages

Shalom Sabar, Hebrew University/CAJS

Art, Script, and Magic: The Protection of the Bride and Bridegroom in Jewish Marriage Contracts

Discussant: **David Nirenberg**, Johns Hopkins University

3:45 pm

Coffee Break

4:15 pm

THE VICISSITUDES OF SACRED PLACES

Chair: **Aditya Behl**, University of Pennsylvania

Yoram Bilu, Hebrew University/CAJS

Beyond the Ethnographic Present: The Rise and Fall of a New Sacred Place in Israel's Urban Periphery

Lucia Raspe, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main/CAJS

The Graves of the Righteous in Medieval Ashkenaz: Pilgrimage, Ritual, and the Veneration of Saints

Elchanan Reiner, Tel-Aviv University/CAJS

Patterns of Oral Transmission: On the Evolution of Traditions of Holy Places in the Medieval Galilee

Discussant: **Peter Schäfer**, Princeton University

6:45 pm

Dinner and Evening Program (by invitation)

Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 420 Walnut Street

Shalom Sabar, Hebrew University/CAJS

TUESDAY, April 27

9:00am

Logan Hall, Room 17, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.
NEGOTIATING AUTHORITATIVE PRACTICE

Chair: **Roger Abrahams**, University of Pennsylvania

Dan Ben-Amos, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS
Kol Nidrei: How Rabbinical Judaism Haunted the Jews

Michael Swartz, Ohio State University/CAJS
Sacrifice Then and Now: Sacrifice as a Paradigm for Ritual in Judaism in Late Antiquity

Elliott Horowitz, Bar-Ilan University/CAJS
Ritualized Gesture: Is a Kiss Just a Kiss?

Discussant: **Daniel Schroeter**, University of California, Irvine

11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am

MEDIATING THE REPRESENTATION OF JEWS

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

Jack Kugelmass, Arizona State University/CAJS
Whiteface, Blackface, Jewface and the Politics of Dershowitz's Chutzpah

Tamar Katriel, University of Haifa/CAJS
Speech Symbolism in the Making of Israeli Culture

Andrea Schatz, University of Duisburg/CAJS
Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar: Ashkenaz, the Orient, and Cultural Translation in the 18th Century

Discussant: **Matti Bunzl**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

1:30 pm

Lunch Break

3:00 pm

MAKING TRADITION

Chair: **E. Ann Matter**, University of Pennsylvania

Sylvie Goldberg, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale, France/CAJS
In the Path of Our Fathers: Inventing Tradition, Defending Tradition, and the Setting of Jewish Time in Jerusalem and Babylonia

Talya Fishman, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS
Ashkenazic Sacralization of the Newly Inscribed Oral Torah

Ra'anana S. Boustan, University of Minnesota/CAJS
The Heavenly Cult of the Martyrs and the Persistence of Priestly Traditions in Late Antique Judaism

Discussant: **Marina Rustow**, Emory University/CAJS

5:45 pm

Cocktails (by invitation)

6:30 pm

Dinner and Evening Program (by invitation)

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Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Gruss Colloquium

WEDNESDAY, April 28

9:00 am

Logan Hall, Room 17, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.

FORGING COLLECTIVE IDENTITIES

Chair: **Beth Wenger**, University of Pennsylvania

Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/CAJS

The Historical and Social Setting of the Sardis Synagogue and Jewish Community

Riv-Elle Prell, University of Minnesota/CAJS

Post-War Judaism: Authority and Practice

Chava Weissler, Lehigh University/CAJS

Ritualized Study in the Jewish Renewal Movement

Discussant: **Jonathan Schorsch**, Columbia University

11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am

RETHINKING BOUNDARIES

Chair: **David Ruderman**, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

Harvey Goldberg, Hebrew University/CAJS

Menachem Ben-Sasson, Hebrew University/CAJS

Albert Baumgarten, Bar-Ilan University/CAJS

1:15 pm

Concluding Luncheon (by invitation)

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