Eleventh Annual
Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies

Modern Jewish Literatures: Language, Identity, Writing

May 3-5, 2005

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

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<td>10:00 am</td>
<td><strong>GREETINGS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>David B. Ruderman</strong></td>
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<td><strong>WRITERS AND INTELLECTUALS</strong></td>
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<td>Chair: <strong>Alan Filreis</strong>, University of Pennsylvania</td>
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<td><strong>Liliane Weissberg</strong>, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS</td>
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<td><em>Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Jewish Literature</em></td>
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Gideon Nevo, Ben-Gurion University/CAJS
The Prophetic Mode in Natan Alterman's Journalistic Poetry

Bryan Cheyette, University of Southampton, UK/CAJS
Postcolonial Literature and the Holocaust: Beyond the Black-Jewish Imaginary

Respondent:
Arnold Band, University of California, Los Angeles/CAJS

12:15 am
Lunch Break

1:30 pm
LANGUAGE, CULTURE, REVOLUTION
Chair: Kevin Platt, University of Pennsylvania

Scott Lerner, Franklin and Marshall College/CAJS
Proust's Swanns and the Legacy of 1789

Amelia Glaser, Stanford University/CAJS
Revolutionary Eschatology in the Stories of Isaac Babel

Anita Shapira, Tel-Aviv University/CAJS
Revolutionary Russia and the Jews of Palestine: An Unrequited Love

Olga Borovaya, Moscow State University for the Humanities/CAJS
Changing the Discourse: Sephardi Journalism, the Young Turk Revolution, and the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire

Respondent: Benjamin Nathans, University of Pennsylvania

4:00 pm
Coffee Break

4:30 pm
READING YEHUDA AMICHAI
Chair: Nili Gold, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

Reading and discussion of the poem
Rut ha-ketanah [Little Ruth], open to all in attendance, with interpretative introductions by:

Nili Gold, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS
Sheila Jelen, University of Maryland/CAJS
Alan Mintz, Jewish Theological Seminary of America/CAJS

7:00 pm
Dinner and Evening Program (by invitation)
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 420 Walnut Street

Anita Shapira, Tel-Aviv University/CAJS
Coming of Age in the Young State

WEDNESDAY, May 4
Houston Hall, Ben Franklin Room, University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce St.

9:00am
LOCATING THE TEXT: PLACE AND JEWISH LITERATURE
Chair: Gerald Prince, University of Pennsylvania

Stephan Braese, University of Bremen/CAJS
The Loss of Imperial Context: Kafka's Writings and the Collapse of the Hapsburg Empire

**Deborah Starr**, Cornell University/CAJS
*An Mediterranean Vigor that Never Wanes: Alexandria in the Jewish Literary Imagination*

**Marc Caplan**, CAJS
*Sholem Aleichem's Kasrilevke Stories and the Conceptualization of Space*

Respondent: **Sidra Ezrahi**, Hebrew University

11:00 am  
**Coffee Break**

11:30 am  
**AMERICAN JEWISH NARRATIVES**

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

**Michael Kramer**, Bar-Ilan University/CAJS  
*Melting Plots: Tales of American Assimilation*

**Alan Rosen**, Michlala College, Israel/CAJS  
*Early Holocaust Writing and American Life*

**Laurence Roth**, Susquehanna University/CAJS  
*Toward a Kashrut Nation: The World of American Jewish Cookbooks*

Respondent: **Arthur Kiron**, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

1:30 pm  
**Lunch Break**

3:15 pm  
**GENDER AND JEWISH IDENTITY**

Chair: **Michele Richman**, University of Pennsylvania

**Maurice Samuels**, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS  
*Eugenie Foa and the Invention of French-Jewish Fiction*

**Kathryn Hellerstein**, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS  
*Women Poets and Women's Poetry: Yiddish, Gender, and Literary Tradition*

Respondent: **Lori Lefkovitz**, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College/CAJS

5:45 pm  
**Cocktails** (by invitation)

6:30 pm  
**Dinner and Evening Program** (by invitation)  
Logan Hall, Terrace Room, University of Pennsylvania, 249 S. 36th St.

*Modern Jewish Poems: A Reading*

Participants:  
**Kathryn Hellerstein** (Yiddish)  
**Gidi Nevo** (Hebrew)  
**Laurence Roth** (American)  
**Maurice Samuels** (French)  
**Deborah Starr** (Arabic)
THURSDAY, May 5  
Houston Hall, Ben Franklin Room, University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce St.

9:00 am  
**JEWISH LITERATURE: INTERSECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES**
Chair: David Stern, University of Pennsylvania

Presenter:  
Hana Wirth-Nesher, Tel-Aviv University

Respondents:  
Werner Sollors, Harvard University  
Anita Norich, University of Michigan/CAJS  
Nadia Valman, University of Southampton, UK/CAJS

11:00 am  
Coffee Break

11:30 am  
**CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**
Chair: David Ruderman, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

12:45 pm  
Concluding Luncheon (by invitation)
Houston Hall, Hall of Flags, University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce St.

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For further information, contact the  

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