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**June 11 - 13  
Brandeis University  
Waltham, MA**

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Ari Y Kelman, NRJE Chair**

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# **WELCOME**

We look forward to a stimulating conference as we convene academics, practitioners and researchers from many disciplines and institutions to share the latest studies in the field of Jewish educational research.

## **SESSION FORMATS**

- 1. PAPER SESSIONS:** presentations of completed or nearly completed work by several researchers and a discussant providing feedback.
- 2. ROUNDTABLE:** collegial discussion on a shared topic of interest or work in progress without particular research.
- 3. SYMPOSIUM:** short papers based on research followed by respondents' responses and then a mediated discussion between respondents and presenters.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**Ziva Hassenfeld, Program Chair**

**Esther Friedman**

**Udi Tsemach**

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

3:00PM REGISTRATION

5:00PM OPENING RECEPTION

5:30PM DINNER

6:30PM KEYNOTE

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

8:30AM BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:30AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

11:15AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

12:45PM LUNCH AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

2:00PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

3:45PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

5:30PM RECEPTION SPONSORED BY STANFORD

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6:00PM DINNER

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10:45AM NRJE BOARD MEETING

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### LOCATION

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### **S 1.1 - Academic and Social Literacies in Jewish Education**

LEVINE-ROSS

Chair: Jon Levisohn (Brandeis University)  
Ofra Arieli Backenroth (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Moshe Krakowski (Yeshiva University), and Elana Rand (Yeshiva University)

### **S 1.2 - Cultivating a Global Approach to Jewish Day School Education**

GELLER

Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting), Marc Wolf (Prizmah), Rebecca Lurie (Schechter), and Asaf Gamzou (UnitedEd)

### **S 1.3 - Early Childhood Jewish Education: Multicultural, Gender, and Constructivist Perspectives**

LURIAS 1

Shelley Alexander (International Research Group on Jewish Education in the Early Years, Independent Scholar), Meir Muller (University of South Carolina), Lyndall Miller (Independent Early Childhood Education Consultant), Ilana Dvorin Friedman (Jewish United Fund), Michael Shire (Hebrew College), and Hanan Alexander (University of Haifa)

### **S 1.4 - 20 Years Retrospective on Bible Orientations**

LURIAS 3

Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University), Barry Holtz (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Amy Newman (Schechter Boston, Harvard Graduate School), and Ora Weinbach (Maimonides School)

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## MONDAY, JUNE 12 (CONTINUED)

### LOCATION

### 11:15AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

**S 2.1 - Pedagogical Perspectives on Young Children's Theory Development: Implications for the Intersections of Jewish, Racial, and Gender Identity Construction**

LEVINE-ROSS

Ilana Dvorin Friedman (Jewish United Fund of Chicago), Meir Muller (University of South Carolina), and Anna Hartman (Jewish United Fund)

**S 2.2 - Working Hard to Define Play**

GELLER

Michael Shire (Hebrew College), Judd Levingston (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy), and Joe Reimer (Brandeis University)

**S 2.3 - Jewish Educational Failure**

LURIAS 1

Jon Levisohn (Brandeis University), Josh Krug (Kehillah), Jane Kanarek (Hebrew College), Leslie Ginsparg Klein (Women's Institute of Torah Seminary and College)

**S 2.4 - Innovations in Textual Learning**

LURIAS 3

Chair: Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University)  
Nava Neriya-Cohen (Bar-Ilan University), Mor Deshen (Bar-Ilan University), Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute), and Yaakov Jaffe (Maimonides School)

### 12:45PM LUNCH AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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### 2:00PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

**S 3.1 - Gender and American Jewish Education in Historical Focus**

LEVINE-ROSS

Chair: Ari Y Kelman (Stanford University)  
Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University), Laura Yares (Michigan State University), and Leslie Ginsparg Klein (Women's Institute of Torah Seminary and College)

**S 3.2 - Jewish Education Through the Prism of Multilingualism**

GELLER

Sharon Avni (City University of New York), Anastasia Badder (University of Cambridge), Hannah Kober (Stanford Graduate School of Education), and Andrew Ergas (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

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## MONDAY, JUNE 12 (CONTINUED)

### LOCATION

### **S 3.3 - Developmentally Ready or Not: Teen Travel to Israel Today**

Discussant: Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Rosov Consulting), Ezra Kopelowitz, (Spertus Institute for Jewish Leadership and Research Success Technologies Ltd.), Amanda Winer (The Jewish Education Project), and Annie Jollymore (Rosov Consulting)

**LURIAS 1**

### **S 3.4 - Cultural and Historic Phenomena**

Chair: Joe Reimer (Brandeis University), Julie Golding (Yeshiva University, Azrieli Graduate School) and Ari Ackerman (Schechter Institute)

**LURIAS 3**

### **3:45PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS**

### **S 4.1 - Teaching the Art of Interpreting Together**

Dr. Orit Kent (Pedagogy of Partnership), Allison Cook (Pedagogy of Partnership), Michelle Janoschek (JCDS Boston), Rabbi Devin Villarreal (Northwest Yeshiva High School), Ayelet Lipton (Rashi School), and Mallory Rome (Rivers School)

**LEVINE-ROSS**

### **S 4.2 - Teaching Jewish Studies**

Ilana Horwitz (Tulane University), Yonatan Brafman (Tufts University), and Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University)

**GELLER**

### **S 4.3 - Understanding Jewish Collectivity and the Implications for Jewish Education**

Ezra Kopelowitz (Spertus Institute for Jewish Leadership and Research Success Technologies Ltd.), Scott Aaron (The Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago), Len Saxe (Brandeis University), and Clare Goldwater (M<sup>2</sup>: Institute for Experiential Education)

**LURIAS 1**

### **S 4.4 - Bringing Utopian Visioning to Educational Leadership: Participatory Action Research as Professional Learning**

Mindy Gold (University of Louisville), Sarah Clarkson (Hebrew Union College), Ilana Gelemovich (Mandel Teacher Educator Institute), and Miriam Raider-Roth (University of Cincinnati)

**LURIAS 3**

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#### **S 5.1 - Qualitative Methods in Research in Jewish Education**

LEVINE-ROSS

Ari Kelman (Stanford University), Laura Yares (Michigan State University), Shira Schwartz (Syracuse University), and Sharon Avni (City University of New York)

#### **S 5.2 - Why (Do Adults) Learn Torah?**

GELLER

rafa kern (Stanford University), Jon Levisohn (Brandeis University), Benay Lappe (SVARA), Shani Rosenbaum (Hebrew College), Barry Holtz (The Jewish Theological Seminary), and Moshe Krakowski (Yeshiva University)

#### **S 5.3 - Israel Education Across Ages and Stages**

LURIAS 1

Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT), Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting), and Sivan Zakai (HUC-JIR)

#### **S 5.4 - Race in Jewish Day School: How Are We Doing?**

LURIAS 3

Discussant: Brandi Derr (William James College)  
Shira Fishman (William James College),  
Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University),  
Rivka Press Schwartz (SAR High School), and  
Meredith Katz (The Jewish Theological Seminary)

SHAPIRO CAMPUS CENTER  
ROOM 315

10:45AM NRJE Board Meeting



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## TUESDAY, JUNE 13 (CONTINUED)

### LOCATION

### 10:45AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

#### **S 6.1 - Exploring Leader and Teacher Development**

**LEVINE-ROSS**

Chair: Bethamie Horwitz (George Washington University)

Sharon Feiman-Nemser (Brandeis University), Jeff Stanzler (University of Michigan School of Education), Miriam Raider-Roth (University of Cincinnati), and Esther Friedman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

#### **S 6.2 - Multiple Narratives in Israel Education: Beyond Complexity and Into Practice**

**GELLER**

Nicole Samuel (Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, Brandeis University), Lauren Cohen Fisher (Colby College), Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute of North America), and Amanda Winer (The Jewish Education Project)

#### **S 6.3 - Perception of Self and Other in Jewish Education**

**LURIAS 1**

Chair: Jenny Small (Brandeis University), Meredith Katz (The Jewish Theological Seminary), Cheryl Weiner (Lesley University), and Reuven Margrett (Michigan State University)

### 12:30PM LUNCH

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**Thanks for joining us!  
We'll see you again next year.**