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Jewish Education**

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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.

3. SKILLS SESSION: a session led by a senior scholar where a specific skill is taught and junior scholars have the opportunity to ask questions. This could include something like “how to turn a dissertation into a book/article” or “how to secure a publishing contract.

4. CONSULTATION: This format has traditionally been geared towards early career students and researchers but we also welcome more established scholars who just need a thought partner to take advantage of this session.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- 3:00pm** Registration
- 5:00pm** Opening Reception
- 5:30pm** Dinner
- 6:30pm** Keynote

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- 8:15am** Journal of Jewish Education Breakfast
- 8:30am** Breakfast and Registration
- 9:30am** Sessions
- 11:15am** Sessions
- 12:45pm** Lunch and Award Presentations
- 2:00pm** Sessions
- 3:45pm** Sessions
- 5:30pm** Reception
- 6:00pm** Dinner

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- 8:00am** Breakfast and registration
- 9:00am** Sessions
- 10:45am** NRJE Board Meeting
- 10:45am** Sessions
- 12:30pm** Lunch
- 1:45pm** Luggage pick up and departures

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

3:00pm Registration

5:00pm Opening Reception

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Keynote - David Zvi Kalman (Shalom Hartman Institute)

LOCATION

Library Lobby

Library Stacks

Chomsky Reading Room

Chomsky Reading Room

MONDAY, JUNE 3

8:15am Journal of Jewish Education Breakfast

8:30am Breakfast and Registration

9:30am - 11:00am Sessions

S 1.1 PAPER SESSION - Desired and Realized Outcomes of Jewish Education

Chair: Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute)
Adina Bankier-Karp (Monash University) and
David Graham (University of Sydney);
Gabor Kerekes (Touro University); and
Bryan Oren (University of Haifa)

Landau Boardroom

S 1.2 SKILLS SESSION - How to Use, Read, and Talk About Surveys in the Jewish Communal Sector

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Rosov Consulting)

Room 114

S 1.3 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Beyond Borders: The Role of Educational Emissaries (*Shlichim*) in the Diaspora During Wartime in Israel

Chair: Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT)
Michal Shapira Junger (Ariel University) and
Daniel Steiner (Haifa University)

Room 115

S 1.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - The Impact of the Israel - Hamas War on Jewish Day School Enrollment

Penina Braffman Greenfield (Perelman Jewish Day School);
Mitchell Daar (Perelman Jewish Day School);
Odelia Epstein (Prizmah);
Marshall Lesack (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy);
Missy Present (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy);
Beth Rivkind(Prizmah); and
Mindy Zukin Andelman (Perelman Jewish Day School)

Room 116

11:15am - 12:45pm Sessions

S 2.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Thinking Materiality: The Potentials, Pitfalls, and Praxes of Materiality in Jewish Educational Contexts

Facilitator: Sharon Avni (City University of New York)
Anastasia Badder (University of Cambridge);
Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College);
Laura Levitt (Temple University/Carleton College); and
Jennifer Rich (Rowan University)

Landau Boardroom

Room 114

S 2.2 PAPER SESSION - Jews, Education, and the State: Lessons from the 1960s

Chair: Julie Golding (Azrieli Graduate School, Yeshiva University)
Lila Berman (Temple University);
Ari Y Kelman (Stanford University); and
Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University)

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 3 (continued)

LOCATION

S 2.3 PAPER SESSION - Teaching and Using Hebrew in the Classroom

Room 115

Chair: Barry Holtz (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Andrew Ergas (Jewish Theological Seminary);
Tamara Frankel (Jewish Theological Seminary); and
Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University)

S 2.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Teaching Israel After October 7

Room 116

Chair: Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT)
Bethamie Horowitz (CASJE, GWU);
Ezra Kopelowitz (Research Success Technologies);
Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute);
Laura Novak Winer (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion);
Abby Pitkowsky (Covenant Foundation);
Amin Tarzi (Marine Corps University); and
Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

**S 2.5 CONSULTATION - Levisohn's Orientations to the Teaching of
Rabbinic Literature in the Modern Orthodox
High School Talmud Class**

Library Classroom

Jeremy Bruce (Central Connecticut State University)

12:45pm - 1:45pm Lunch and Award Presentations

Chomsky Reading Room

2:00pm - 3:30pm Sessions

**S 3.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Addressing “Wicked Problems”
in American Jewish Education**

Landau Boardroom

Facilitator: Bethamie Horowitz (CASJE, GWU)
Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU);
Talia Hurwich (CASJE, GWU); and
Tal Vaizman (CASJE, GWU)

S 3.2 PAPER SESSION - Israel in Day Schools after October 7

Room 114

Chair: Benji Davis (University of Haifa)
Alana Gelnick (SAR Academy);
Lyndall Miller (Independent Researcher);
Meir Muller (University of South Carolina);
Rona Novick (Yeshiva University); and
Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT)

**S 3.3 CONSULTATION - A Collaborative Inquiry into Issues that
Matter for Jewish Children and Their Teachers**

Room 115

Lauren Applebaum (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)
and Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

**S 3.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Jewish Families Today: Exploring the
Implications for Research and Practice of a New Study**

Room 116

Chair: Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting)
Evelyn Maria Dean-Olmstead (Rosov Consulting) and
Annie Jollymore (Rosov Consulting)

**S 3.5 PAPER SESSION - Exploring Jewish Student Experiences in
Higher Education**

Library Classroom

Chair and Discussant: Ilana Horwitz (Tulane University)
Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University);
Kimberley Kushner (University of Missouri, Kansas City);
Jenny L. Small (Brandeis University); and
Daniella Tziona Coen (Columbia University)

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 3 (continued)

LOCATION

3:45pm - 5:15pm Sessions

S 4.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - October 7th and the Ensuing War: The Impact for “Local” Understandings of Being Jewish and the Implications for Jewish Education

Landau Boardroom

Dasi Fruchter (Shteibel);
 Paige GoldMarche (Moving Traditions);
 Megan GoldMarche (Tribe 12);
 Ezra Kopelowitz (Research Success Technologies); and
 Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting)

S 4.2 PAPER SESSION - Preparing Educators and Administrators for Working in Jewish Schools

Room 114

Chair: Meir Muller (University of South Carolina)
 Benji Davis (University of Haifa);
 Dafna Meltzer (Gratz College); and
 Lyndall Miller (Independent Researcher)

S 4.3 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Education and the Arts

Room 115

Chair: Ofra Backenroth (Jewish Theological Seminary)
 Sharon Avni (City University of New York); and
 Tal Vaizman (CASJE, GWU)

S 4.4 PAPER SESSION - Teacher Identities in Jewish Education

Room 116

Chair: Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU)
 Mindy Gold (University of Louisville);
 Saul Kaiserman (Jewish Theological Seminary);
 Joseph Reimer (Brandeis University); and
 Kathy Schwartz (Jewish Learning Works)

S 4.5 PAPER SESSION - The American Jewish Gap Year in Israel

Library Classroom

Chair: Ari Y Kelman (Stanford University)
 Jon Levisohn (Brandeis University);
 Jonathan Schwab (Yeshiva University); and
 Ayelet Shachar (Orthodox Union)

5:30pm Reception

Chomsky Reading Room

6:00pm Dinner

Chomsky Reading Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

8:00am Breakfast and Registration

Lobby/Kramer Gallery

9:00am - 10:30am Sessions

S 5.1 SKILLS SESSION - How to Prepare Your Manuscript for the Journal of Jewish Education: A Conversation with the Journal's Senior Editors

Landau Boardroom

Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University) and
 Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion)

S 5.2 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Identities and Their Intersections in Jewish Educational Institutions

Room 114

Chair: Judd Kruger Levingston (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy)
 Lindsay Metzker (Temple University);
 Elana Rand (Yeshiva University); and
 Ariela Ronay-Jinich (Olamim)

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 (continued)

LOCATION

**S 5.3 PAPER SESSION - When a Reader Meets the Bible:
 Text, Identity and Thinking Skills**

Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU); and
 Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University)

Room 115

**S 5.4 PAPER SESSION - Teacher Educators Engage Students in
 Challenging Conversations to Explore Racism and Antisemitism**

Meredith Katz (Queens College, CUNY);
 Meir Muller (University of South Carolina); and
 Rebecca Shargel (Towson University)

Room 116

10:45am - 12:15pm NRJE Board Meeting

Library

10:45am - 12:15pm Sessions

S 6.1 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Education Outside of Day Schools

Landau Boardroom

Chair: Laura Novak Winer (Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion)
 Laurie Fisher (Gratz College);
 Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Rosov Consulting); and
 Dafna Meltzer (Gratz College)

**S 6.2 PAPER SESSION - Voices Inside Schools: Research by and
 for Educational Leaders**

Room 114

Chair: Lauren Applebaum (Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion)
 Lori Green (Temple Sholom, Broomall, PA);
 Jonathan Parker (Bnei Akiva Schools, Toronto, ON);
 Eileen Sadowsky (Temple Emanu-El, Cleveland, OH); and
 Stacey Steggert (Temple Emanu-El, Cleveland, OH)
 Discussant: Sharon Feiman-Nemser (Brandeis University)

**S 6.3 PAPER SESSION - Researching New/Old Questions in the
 Israel Experience Field**

Room 115

Chair: Amanda Winer (The Jewish Education Project)
 Annie Jollymore (Rosov Consulting);
 Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting); and
 Wendy Rosov (Rosov Consulting)

**S 6.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Racial and Ethnic Diversity and
 Jewish Early Childhood Education**

Room 116

Chair: Ilana Dvorin Friedman (Jewish United Fund of Chicago)
 Sharon Bacharach (American Jewish University);
 Shahanna McKinney-Baldon (University of Wisconsin - Madison);
 Ariela Ronay-Jinich (Olamim); and
 Michal Avera Samuel (University of Wisconsin - Madison)

12:30pm Lunch

Chomsky Reading Room

1:45pm Luggage Pick-up and Departures

Office Facing Room 116

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