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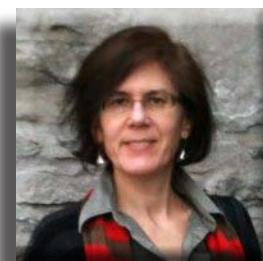
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Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award conferred on Janice Rosen



The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS) is very pleased to announce that Janice Rosen is the 2016 recipient of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award.

Janice Rosen has long been the chief archivist of the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives (formerly the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives). It is an understatement to declare that all the previous recipients of this award owe Janice a debt of gratitude, as do the range of students in this field, from those who are looking for something specific, such as a record of their relatives, to those who are working on manuscripts. Regardless of the needs of those who enter the archives, they are met with cordiality and are provided with Janice's expertise, suggestions and knowledge.

Janice has also served a critical function in connecting archivists from Jewish institutions across Canada. At the Association's conference in 2015 — as in years past — Janice was involved in the organization of a panel of archivists that was remarkable for its depth of knowledge of their respective communities and breadth of expertise in accessing that information.

She is a pioneer of utilizing archives electronically and is a founding member and the coordinator of the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network (<http://cjhn.ca>), the database-driven website for several Canadian Jewish partner archives and museums.

Not only an archivist, Janice is an accomplished scholar, with articles on a variety of topics, including surveys of archival resources and Sephardic practices. Further, she has served on the board of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies in a number of capacities.

Simply put, without Janice Rosen, the field of Canadian Jewish studies would not thrive. Most of us would be academically bereft without her. As a result, the ACJS is delighted to present the 2016 Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award to Janice Rosen. Our sincerest congratulations go to her for her receipt of this meritorious award.

Prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes conféré à Janice Rosen

L'association d'études juives canadiennes (AÉJC) est heureuse d'annoncer que Janice Rosen a été choisie récipiendaire du Prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes pour l'année 2016.

Janice occupe depuis longtemps le poste d'archiviste en chef des

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About Us

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies was founded in 1976 as the Canadian Jewish Historical Society. Its goal is to encourage scholarly research on Canadian Jewish history, life and culture through academic disciplines.

It is a national association with headquarters in Montreal and is affiliated with historical organizations and institutions throughout Canada.

This newsletter is written for organizations and individuals with a particular interest in Canadian Jewish studies.

Comments, news, announcements and reviews can be emailed to jason chalmers at chalmers@ualberta.ca.

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À propos de nous

L'association d'études juives canadiennes fut créée en 1976 sous le titre de Société d'histoire juive canadienne. Son mandat est d'encourager la recherche sur l'histoire, la vie et la culture juive canadienne par une approche pluridisciplinaire.

Il s'agit d'une association nationale dont les quartiers généraux situés à Montréal assurent le contact avec différentes sociétés d'histoires et organisations à l'échelle du pays.

Ce bulletin est dirigé à l'endroit de tout individu ou organisation manifestant un intérêt pour les études juives canadiennes.

Nous vous invitons à nous faire parvenir vos commentaires, des nouvelles d'intérêt ou des comptes-rendus à chalmers@ualberta.ca.

Le site web de l'AÉJC:
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President's Message

Dear members and friends of the ACJS,

Forty years ago the ACJS, then the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, held its first conference. We have come a considerable distance in Canadian Jewish studies since then, as we host our 40th annual conference in Calgary, Alberta. At this year's conference, at the University of Calgary, we will be delighted to honour Janice Rosen of the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives, winner of the 2016 Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award. The ACJS proudly recognizes the exceptional contributions that Janice has made to Canadian Jewish studies, especially her commitment to archives. She is exemplary because of the high quality of her research and her enormous assistance to the scholarship of others. The preliminary program of the conference is contained in this bulletin and available on our website, www.acjs-aejc.ca/conference.html.



Barry L. Stiefel

This has been my second year as president of the ACJS. Over the past year, I have attempted to plant some seeds that will hopefully benefit the organization over the coming years. The first seed: I have been working with Ira Robinson and other colleagues at the CSJS to have an Educators' Roundtable on Holocaust Education in Canada at our annual conference in Calgary. The purpose of the Educators' Roundtable, which will be the second annual one, is to create a forum for improving the quantity and quality of Canadian Jewish studies subjects taught at the primary, secondary and university levels; strengthen the Canadian Jewish studies field by better understanding the opportunities of Canadian Jewish studies skills in the job market; and establishing a means for Canadian Jewish studies educators across the country and at all levels (from the teaching of children, to higher education, to senior continuing education) to be in conversation with one another.

Lastly, there are very many people who have been part of the ACJS's important leadership team, and I thank all of you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Barry L. Stiefel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Barry L. Stiefel

Mot du président

Cher(e)s membres et amis de l'AJJC,

Il y a quarante ans l'AJJC, alors la Société d'histoire juive canadienne, tenait sa première conférence. Les études juives canadiennes ont grandement progressé depuis et nous tiendrons ce printemps notre 40^e conférence à Calgary, Alberta. Lors de la conférence de cette année, qui aura lieu à l'Université de Calgary, nous serons ravis d'honorer Janice Rosen des Archives juives canadiennes Alex Dworkin, lauréate du prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes pour 2016. L'AJJC souligne avec fierté les contributions exceptionnelles qu'a faites Janice Rosen aux études juives canadiennes, en particulier à travers son engagement en tant qu'archiviste. Elle est exemplaire à la fois pour la qualité de ses propres recherches et pour le soutien énorme qu'elle porte aux chercheuses et chercheurs qui la visitent. Le programme préliminaire de la conférence apparaît dans les pages de ce bulletin et est aussi disponible en ligne au www.acjs-aejc.ca/conference.html.



Barry L. Stiefel

Il s'agit de ma deuxième année comme président de l'AJJC. Au courant de l'année dernière j'ai tenté de planter des semences qui je le souhaite profiteront à l'association dans les années à venir. Notamment, j'ai travaillé conjointement avec Ira Robinson et d'autres collègues de la CSJS en vue de tenir une table ronde d'éducatrices et d'éducateurs sur le thème de l'éducation de l'Holocauste au Canada lors de la conférence annuelle à Calgary. L'objectif de cette table ronde, au programme pour une deuxième année d'affilée, est de créer un forum de discussion pour accroître la présence et la qualité des sujets liés à l'expérience juive canadienne dans les curriculums de niveaux primaire, secondaire et universitaire; de renforcer le champ des études juives canadiennes par une meilleure compréhension des compétences concrètes qu'il génère sur le marché de l'emploi; d'établir des moyens de dialogue entre les éducatrices et éducateurs d'études juives canadiennes à tous les niveaux (qu'ils enseignent à des enfants, à de jeunes adultes ou dans des programmes d'éducation continue).

Finalement, à tous ceux et celles qui firent partie de l'équipe de l'AJJC, j'offre mes remerciements pour vos services dévoués.

Sincèrement,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barry Stiefel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Barry L. Stiefel



Editor's Message

I'm delighted to take editorial reins of the ACJS Bulletin. Feel free to contact me with suggestions regarding any changes you'd like to see in future issues.

With Congress on the horizon, I want to remind readers that this year's conference provides many opportunities to engage cosmos and community. The Rocky Mountains are a short drive from Calgary and one of the most beautiful places to experience the wonders of creation. I encourage attendees to take the trip westward, especially those visiting from eastern provinces. More importantly, the University of Calgary is located on Treaty 7 land, which is the ancestral home of the Blackfoot peoples and other diverse nations. There will be events on and around campus that can help build connections between Aboriginal peoples and Canadian Jewry.

Thank you to Rebecca Margolis for helping me with a smooth transition to editor. Merci à Simon-Pierre Lacasse pour la traduction. I extend a hearty thanks to Shirley Muhlstrock Brodt for all her work breathing life into this bulletin.

Sincerely,

jason chalmers

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Archives juives canadiennes Alex Dworkin (anciennement les Archives du Congrès juif canadien). Il n'est pas exagéré d'affirmer que tous les anciens récipiendaires de ce prix lui sont grandement redevables, tout comme l'ensemble des chercheurs de ce champ, qu'ils soient à la recherche d'un document particulier, comme des traces documentaires de leur famille, où qu'ils travaillent sur un manuscrit. Peu importe les besoins de ceux qui visitent les archives, ils sont reçus avec cordialité et profitent de l'expertise, des conseils et de la connaissance de Janice.

Janice occupa aussi un rôle central en vue de lier les différents archivistes

des institutions juives à l'échelle du pays. Lors de la conférence de l'Association en 2015 – comme à d'autres occasions dans le passé – elle a organisé une séance regroupant ces archivistes, dont la profonde connaissance de leurs communautés respectives et les judicieux conseils pour accéder à l'information pertinente furent un apport précieux à notre communauté de chercheurs. Janice a aussi œuvré comme pionnière dans le virage numérique des archives et est une membre fondatrice et coordinatrice du Canadian Jewish Heritage Network (<http://cjhcn.ca>), une base de donnée en ligne qui regroupe plusieurs archives et musées.

Elle s'est non seulement illustrée comme archiviste, mais aussi comme chercheuse en produisant des articles

sur une variété de sujets, notamment des recensements de ressources archivistiques et les pratiques sépharades.

Plus encore, elle a siégé au conseil exécutif de l'Association d'études juives canadiennes, occupant au fil des ans une variété de fonctions.

Autrement dit, le champ des études juives canadiennes ne saurait prospérer sans Janice Rosen. Dans le cadre de nos activités de recherche, la plupart d'entre nous seraient sans elle pris au dépourvu. C'est pourquoi l'AJC est ravie de présenter le Prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes pour l'année 2016 à Janice Rosen.

Nos plus sincères félicitations lui sont réservées pour la réception de ce prix méritoire. ■



The schedules are set, and the countdown begins! This year, Community Day is a full-day event, with a photo exhibit and panels on Southern Alberta Jewish history, a keynote speech by Dr. Ira Robinson for the launch of his latest book, *A History of Antisemitism in Canada*, and a visit to Heritage Park Historical Village to see the Montefiore Institute (Little Synagogue on the Prairie). Community Day will conclude with a banquet at the Calgary Jewish Community Centre to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ACJS and to present Janice Rosen with the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award.

The conference itself will feature a range of interesting panels, discussing everything from Ethel Stark and her all-women's orchestra in early 20th-century Montreal, to contemporary alternatives to ritual circumcision. This year's conference will also feature a joint ACJS/CSJS educators' roundtable on Canadian Holocaust education and a keynote and panel on Canadian Jews and World War II, organized by ACJS member Dr. Peter Usher.

If anyone is planning to arrive early and would like to spend Shabbat with a local family, please sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m1-68GOnrVVgPjECCD-tQAE6NGwQ1SEfm_XScetwjV8/viewform.

Looking forward to seeing you in Calgary!

SJ Kerr-Lapsley
Conference and Programs Chair

COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULE (Sunday, May 29)

9:30 a.m. **Registration** and Coffee/Tea (*sponsored by the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies*)

10:00 a.m. **Welcome/Introduction**

10:05-11:30 a.m. **Southern Alberta Jewish History panel – Agi Romer-Segal** (JHSSA), **Dr. Richard Menkis** (UBC), **Dr. Rebecca Margolis** (University of Ottawa), **Harry Sanders** (Local Historian)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Lunch.** Local seniors who grew up in rural Alberta will be sitting at each of the tables, talking informally about their experiences.

12:30-1:15 p.m. **Book Launch. Dr. Ira Robinson** will be giving a keynote speech to launch his latest book, *A History of Antisemitism in Canada*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

1:15-1:30 p.m. **Coffee Break and Book Signing** (*sponsored by WLU Press*)

1:30-3:00 p.m. **Montefiore Institute (Little Synagogue on the Prairie) panel – Trudy Cowan** (Heritage Advisor & Vice President, Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project), **Irena Karshenbaum** (President, Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project), **Ellen Gasser** (Public Programming Coordinator, Heritage Park Historical

Village), and **Reva Faber** (Educator and Curriculum Developer)

3:00-3:15 p.m. Chartered bus to Heritage Park

3:15-5:00 p.m. **Visit to Montefiore Institute (Little Synagogue on the Prairie).** Everyone is welcome to stay and spend time at Heritage Park until the park closes at 5:00 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m. Walk or bus back to the JCC

5:00-5:30 p.m. Appetizers and a chance to look at the JHSSA exhibit on Southern Alberta Jewish history

5:30-7:30 p.m. **40th Anniversary Banquet.** There will be a kosher buffet dinner, the presentation of the

Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award, a speech by Rosenberg Award winner Janice Rosen reflecting on the growth of Canadian Jewish historical societies and scholarship over the last 40 years, and a local Jewish band.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



Monday, May 30

9:00-10:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting

10:30-10:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Quebec**

Chair: Janice Rosen

Dr. Richard Menkis (UBC) "Richler was Right: Why We Need to Study Jewish Organized Crime in Canada, and How"

Daniel Simeone (McGill) "In Prison for Debt: Jewish Debtors in the Montreal District Prison between 1865 and 1900"

Dana Ionescu (UQAM) "La présence juive roumaine à Montréal: Quelques considérations"

Scarlett Andes (University of Illinois) "Writing Their Names on the Walls: Remembering and Forgetting in Jewish Montreal"

12:30-1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30-3:00 p.m. **2nd Annual Educators' Roundtable: Canadian Holocaust Education**

(free and open to the public)

Ilana Krygier-Lapides (Human Rights

and Holocaust Education Director, Calgary Jewish Federation), **Sarah Jane Kerr-Lapsley** (McGill), **Aviva Atlani** (Independent Researcher), **Dr. Belarie Zatzman** (York)

3:00-3:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*

3:30-5:00 p.m. **Literature and Music**

Chair: Dr. Rebecca Margolis

Dr. Goldie Morgentaler (University of Lethbridge) "A Tale of Two Writers: Women, Literature and the Post-War Correspondence of Chava Rosenfarb and Zenia Larsson"

Yosef Robinson (Concordia) "'Rewritten Bibles' in North American Literature"

Maria Rachwal (University of Toronto) "A Jewish Maestra and Her All-Women's Orchestra: Reflections on Femininity, Class and Race"



Tuesday, May 31

8:30-10:00 a.m. Open Board Meeting

10:00-10:15 a.m. *Coffee Break*

10:15-10:45 a.m. Keynote: **Dr. David Bercuson**

(free and open to the public)

"Canada's Jewish Soldiers in the Second World War: A Historical Context"

10:45-11:00 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Canadian Jews and WWII panel**

(free and open to the public)

Chair: Dr. David Bercuson

Dr. Peter Usher (Independent Researcher) "'Will the Jews Enlist?' A Sketch of Those Who Did"

Saundra Lipton (University of Calgary and President, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta) "She Also Served: Bringing to Light the Contributions of the Canadian Jewish Women who Served in World War II"

Ellin Bessner (Centennial College) "Rose 'Sweepy' Goodman and the Wedding Night Accident"

Dr. Adara Goldberg (Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University) "Witnessing Bergen-Belsen: Memories of a Canadian Jewish Soldier"

12:30-1:15 p.m. *Lunch*

1:15-2:15 p.m. **Medicine and Ritual**

Chair: TBA

Dr. Irving Rosen (University of Toronto) "Toronto's Society Doctors and Their Activities: Correcting Overlooked Jewish History"

Lindsay Jackson (Concordia) "Covenant Without Cutting: An Alternative to the Ritual of Circumcision"

2:15 p.m. C-Train to the Glenbow Museum

2:45 p.m. Tour of the Glenbow Museum archives. The tour is free but requires registration with JHSSA (jhssa@shaw.ca). Please register early as there are only 20 spots available. □

ACJS would like to thank the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA), the Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF), the Calgary Jewish Community Centre, the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, and the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences for their support and assistance.

Professor Adam Fuerstenberg ז"ל

ADAM FUERSTENBERG ז"ל, our cherished friend and colleague, passed away earlier this year in Toronto after a long illness.

Adam taught for many years at Ryerson University, where he was Professor Emeritus. He established the Canadian Jewish Book Awards in 1988, served as director of the Holocaust Centre of Toronto, and for a decade and a half was the editor-in-chief of *Parchment*, the annual of Jewish Canadian writing. He was the 2014 recipient of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish

Studies Distinguished Service Award.

In his learned work, he was the first to write as a literary scholar in English on Yiddish Canadian literature, publishing numerous essays, reviews and encyclopedia entries. As a pioneer in this field and as the key editor to foster contemporary Jewish writing in Canada, he served the academic, literary and cultural sectors of the Jewish Canadian community with selfless devotion and enthusiastic dedication.

May his memory be a blessing. □



Professeur Adam Fuerstenberg ז"ל

ADAM FUERSTENBERG ז"ל, ami et collègue cher, nous a quittés plus tôt cette année à Toronto suite à une longue maladie.

Adam connut une longue carrière d'enseignement à l'université Ryerson, où il fut nommé professeur émérite. Il établit vers 1988 le prix du Canadian Jewish Book, servit comme directeur du Centre de l'Holocauste à Toronto et fut rédacteur en chef à la revue annuelle *Parchment* pour les lettres juives canadiennes pendant plus de quinze ans. Vers 2014, il reçoit le prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes.

Dans le cadre de ses activités savantes, il fut le premier à produire des recherches en anglais sur la littérature yiddish canadienne, publiant plusieurs essais, recensements d'écrits et articles encyclopédiques. En tant que pionnier dans ce champ d'études et rédacteur dont l'influence encouragea des auteurs juifs contemporains à prendre la plume au Canada, il servit les secteurs universitaire, littéraire et culturel de la communauté juive canadienne avec grande dévotion et enthousiasme.

Puisse sa mémoire être bénédiction. □



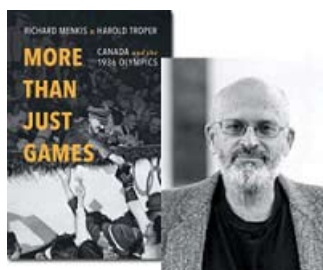
Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

JHSSA's 25th anniversary was celebrated at the October 2015 Annual General Meeting. To mark the occasion, the AGM program featured the contributions of 25 local community volunteers from the past.

The celebrations continued in November with the re-mounting of the JHSSA 2005 exhibit "A Joyful Harvest" at the Beth Tzedec Jewish Film Festival.

The annual Jay Joffe Memorial Program featured the film "Raise the Roof" at the festival. The film documents the reconstruction of the Gwozdiec synagogue.

Later that month, JHSSA co-sponsored the opening event at the JCC Jewish Book Festival. Historian



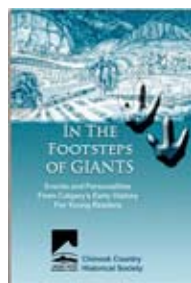
Richard Menkis presented a talk based on his book *More Than Just Games*,

co-authored with Harold Troper.

JHSSA has offered a variety of genealogy programs over the past two years.

This year, local genealogist Ken Drabinsky offered an introductory lecture about the value of genealogical research. This initial step has been followed by a series of hands-on workshops.

JHSSA has had a longstanding partnership with the Chinook Country Historical Society (CCHS) for Historic Calgary Week. CCHS has recently published a children's book, *In the Footsteps of Giants*, to mark the 25th anniversary of Historic Calgary Week. JHSSA has contributed a story about the history of Calgary's



first synagogue. The book is being distributed free of charge to all local public schools.

JHSSA staff has been working with representatives of AJCS, the Calgary Jewish Federation and the JCC to ensure an enjoyable and informative Community Day at the 2016 ACJS conference in May.

Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada



New Website

The JHCWC has launched a new website at the old address (www.jhcwc.org). We invite you to view the pictures and texts of our exhibit on the garment trade in Winnipeg, "A Stitch in Time." The pre-existing website



M. Kim Furs letterhead, March 10, 1947, indicating new address: 316 Donald Street, Winnipeg.

of the Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre appears here under the heading "Holocaust."

New Major Exhibit

"Synagogues," a major exhibit on the history of Manitoba's synagogues, opened on March 22 and fills ninety linear feet of displays with documents,



photographs, artifacts and texts.

The exhibit was two years in preparation and will remain up for about six months with supplementary programming.

Rabbi Isaac Israel Kahanovitch

Rabbi Isaac Israel Kahanovitch was recognized as a person of national historic significance by Parks Canada, Historic Sites and Monuments Board. The unveiling of a plaque took place jointly with the opening of the “Synagogues” exhibit. Rabbi



Kahanovitch was Chief Rabbi of Western Canada from 1907 to 1945 and an important figure in creating the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist movement.

Other Programs and Exhibits

“BESA: Muslim Albanians Who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust.” A documentary film and exhibit from Yad Vashem brought to Winnipeg by the Holocaust Education Centre of the JHCWC. The Mennonite Heritage



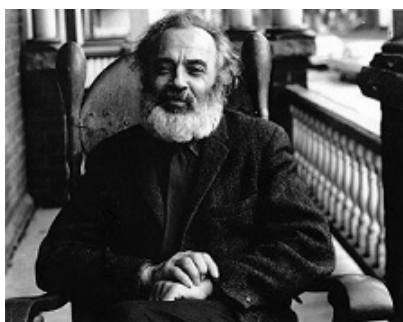
Gallery of the Canadian Mennonite University generously provided the venue for the film and exhibit.

10th Annual Kanee Distinguished Speaker Series featured Ari Shavit, Israeli author of *My Promised Land*.

15th Annual Holocaust Symposium featured survivor Pinchas Gutter, who was recently quoted by President Barak Obama when speaking about tolerance and the betterment of humanity. Over one thousand students attended.

“Jewish Landmarks Seen Through Students’ Eyes.” An exhibit of well-known Jewish landmarks in Winnipeg rendered by Gray Academy high school students and the photographs that inspired them.

“The Political Cartoons of Avrom Yanovsky.” An exhibit of political cartoons by the Winnipeg-raised and Toronto-based cartoonist. Organized



Avrom Yanovsky

jointly with the United Jewish People’s Order.

“Debating Free Speech and Political Satire.” A panel discussion stemming from the Yanovsky cartoons.

“National Council of Jewish Women, Winnipeg Branch – 90 Years.” An exhibit of photographs, documents and texts. Jointly with the NCJW.

“Studying the AMIA Bombing.” A program showing a documentary film on Argentinean and international youth who rescued and preserved tens of thousands of books and documents from the AMIA ruins. The program

also featured a talk by one of the organizers of an Argentinean YIVO program to teach about the AMIA bombing in the public schools. Jointly sponsored with B’nai Brith.

Interfaith Commemorative Service for the Shoah co-organized by the Holocaust Education Centre of the JHCWC, with Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. Representatives of thirteen institutions, churches and ethnic organizations took part. The participation of the Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service warrants special notice.



**The Ontario Jewish Archives,
Blankenstein Family Heritage
Centre**

**First-ever exhibition featuring
Benjamin Brown, one of Toronto’s
most significant architects of the
early 20th century**

**Benjamin Brown: Architect
February 12-April 23, 2016
Urban Space Gallery
401 Richmond Street West, Toronto**

The Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre (OJA) presents the work of architect Benjamin Brown (1888-1974), whose career made a significant and lasting impact on Toronto’s built heritage.

Brown’s buildings—the Balfour and Tower Buildings, the Hermant Building, the Primrose Club, Beth Jacob Synagogue—are exquisite

examples of Brown's mastery of the au courant art deco styles while also incorporating the more traditional architectural tropes of the period. Brown's iconic loft-style buildings on lower Spadina express his signature



The Balfour Building, 1930. Located at the northeast corner of Spadina and Adelaide, it was one of Brown's most significant commissions and considered the gateway to Toronto's thriving garment district in the 1920s and 1930s. Many Jewish-owned garment businesses, such as furriers, cloak and coat makers and tailors, set up shop here. The floor plans revealed that large open spaces were incorporated into the design for rows of sewing machines and large fabric swaths to be unrolled and cut. Ontario Jewish Archives, item 3308. Photo courtesy of the OJA.

style that characterized the garment district for much of the 20th century.

"Benjamin Brown: Architect" will feature original drawings, blueprints, watercolour presentation boards, historical photographs and maps that capture the breadth of Brown's



Front elevation for New Textile Building, 1923. 205 Richmond Street. Pencil crayon on paper, 1923. Ontario Jewish Archives, series 3, file 91. Photo courtesy of the OJA.

architectural accomplishments in the commercial, industrial, corporate, cultural and residential landscapes. They will provide insight into Brown's process of designing handsome yet utilitarian and enduring structures.



House for Mendel Granatstein, circa 1920. 42 St. George Street. Brown designed a number of residences in Rosedale, Forest Hill and other prestigious neighbourhoods. This home was one of his earliest residential commissions. It was a six-bedroom mansion with a sunroom, a study, a large living and dining room, and servants' quarters in the attic. Pen on linen weave; Ontario Jewish Archives, Series 2, file 25. Photo courtesy of the OJA.

These buildings will be explored within the context of Toronto's architectural heritage and the growth of the Jewish community that commissioned many of Brown's buildings in the 1920s and 1930s.

A short documentary film featuring interviews with architects

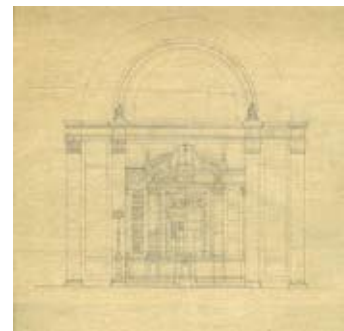


The Primrose Club, 1921. Located at 41 Wilcocks Avenue, it exists today as the University of Toronto's Faculty Club. Originally it was an elite Jewish men's club founded by prominent members of the Jewish community. In the context of Brown's career, the Primrose Club was important; it was likely here that businessmen would have discussed their various building projects and Benjamin Brown as the architect who could design them. Watercolour and pencil on board; Series 1, file 9. Photo courtesy of the OJA.

Michael McClelland and Jack Diamond and architectural critic Alex

Bozikovic (*Globe and Mail*), on view in the gallery, presents contemporary perspectives on Brown's buildings and how they stand as testaments to the past while re-purposed for today.

Local artist and urban geographer Daniel Rotsztain is creating an illustrated map of Toronto, richly animating the project and demonstrating how Brown's buildings span the Toronto landscape.



Drawing for the Beth Jacob Synagogue at 23 Henry Street, 1919-1922. This was the first synagogue in Toronto designed by a Jewish architect. It was built in the Romanesque style and was notable for its stained glass windows and retractable roof. The building was sold to the Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church in the 1960s. Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 49, series 1, file 2. Photo courtesy of the OJA.

The OJA is fortunate to be the chosen repository for the extensive collection of Brown's architectural drawings.

"The OJA is thrilled to showcase the life of this relatively unknown, yet brilliant, architect while providing a lens into the Jewish community during this time," says Dara Solomon, OJA Director.

Throughout the exhibition, the OJA will offer tours and school and public programs.

Additionally, Heritage Toronto will unveil a historical plaque in honour of Benjamin Brown.

More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/1N24wnH> or by contacting Dara Solomon at dsolomon@ujafed.org. □

ON THE *Bookshelf* SUR *les rayons*



NORA GOLD. *The Dead Man*. Toronto: Inanna Publications, 2016.

Nora Gold, whose novel *Fields of Exile* won the 2015 Canadian Jewish Literary Award, has a new book coming out this month: *The Dead Man*. This novel explores the complex relationship between a composer of Jewish sacred



music and a famous music critic who once offered to mentor her. *The Dead Man* is a beautiful, music-filled novel about love, loss, the creative process, and the power of art to triumph over darkness.

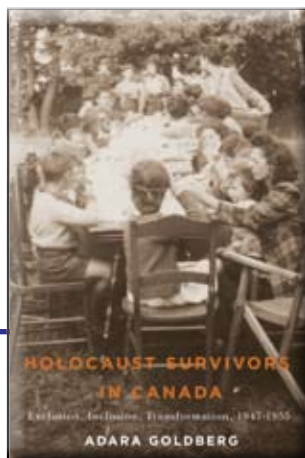
Jay Neugeboren wrote: "*The Dead Man* is a wonderfully affecting, memorable, and original tale. Nora Gold is a natural storyteller, and her ability to make us understand the shimmering and complex landscape of love has its haunting echoes in the Israeli landscape. This is an ingeniously and gorgeously crafted story, radiantly musical in its rich textures."

ADARA GOLDBERG. *Holocaust Survivors in Canada: Exclusion,*

Inclusion, Transformation, 1947-1955. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2015.

In the decade after the Second World War, 35,000 Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution and their dependents arrived in Canada. This was a watershed moment in Canadian Jewish history.

The unprecedented scale of the relief effort required for the survivors, compounded by their unique social,



psychological, and emotional needs, challenged both the established Jewish community and resettlement agents alike.

Researched in basement archives as well as at Holocaust survivors' kitchen tables, *Holocaust Survivors in Canada* represents the first comprehensive analysis of the resettlement, integration, and acculturation experience of survivors in early post-war Canada.

Goldberg reveals the challenges in responding to and recovering from, genocide — not through the lens of lawmakers, but from the perspective of "new Canadians" themselves.

Gerald Tulchinsky, Professor

Emeritus at Queen's University, wrote of Goldberg's latest book: "*Holocaust Survivors in Canada* offers a significant and original contribution to our understanding of the experience and transformations, of unprecedented proportions, of the Jewish community in the post-war period. Comprehensive and compelling, Goldberg's work is written with an impressive subtlety and depth of understanding for both the immigrants and their Canadian receivers."

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Canadian Jewish Studies / Études Juives Canadiennes

APPEL À COMMUNICATIONS – NUMÉRO 24 [2016]

Canadian Jewish Studies / Études Juives Canadiennes (ISSN: 1198-3493) est une revue annuelle en libre-accès publiée par l'Association for Canadian Jewish Studies/Association d'Études Juives Canadiennes (ACJS-AEJC). Elle est inter- et multi-disciplinaire, évaluée par un comité de lecture et consacrée à la publication de travaux scientifiques, en anglais ou en français, sur tous les aspects de l'expérience juive canadienne et/ou québécoise.

Les éditeurs veulent d'abord et avant tout recevoir des articles déjà rédigés ou des résumés d'articles qui traitent de la vie juive au Canada au 19^e siècle, des Juifs et du Fédéralisme, et/ou d'autres questionnements

reliés aux commémorations ou réparations en lien avec la Confédération canadienne [1867, 1967]. Les éditeurs veulent d'abord et avant tout recevoir des articles qui comparent l'expérience juive canadienne à l'expérience juive d'une autre nation et / ou avec l'expérience d'une ou de plusieurs groupes ethniques ou religieux minoritaires au Canada ou au Québec.

La date limite pour soumettre un résumé (300-350 mots) est le **1 juin 2016**. Le résumé doit mettre en avant la thèse et la méthodologie de l'article et peut être accompagné d'une courte bibliographie. Les auteur-e-s retenu-e-s devront remettre leur article (5,000-7,000 mots) avant le **1 octobre 2016**.

Les résumés sont à envoyer: editor.cjs@gmail.com.



CALL FOR PAPERS – VOLUME 24 [2016]

Canadian Jewish Studies (ISSN: 1198-3493) is an annual, open-access and peer-reviewed journal published by the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS), devoted to promote scholarly work, in English or French, on all aspects of the Canadian Jewish experience, irrespective of disciplinary perspective.

With 2017 marking the sesquicentennial of Canadian Confederation (1867), the editors are particularly interested in receiving fully drafted articles or abstracts of articles that deal with Jewish life in Canada in the 19th century, Jews and federalism, Confederation,

and/or subsequent matters relating to Confederation commemorations or remediations. We are always interested in receiving articles that compare any aspect of the experiences of the Jews of Canada with that of other nations and/or that of other Canadian religious or ethnic minorities.

Interested authors are requested to submit a 300-350-word proposal outlining the thesis and methodology of the paper with a short bibliography by **June 1, 2016**. Authors whose proposal is accepted will be asked to submit a final version of 5,000-7,000 words by **October 1, 2016**.

Please submit proposals to: editor.cjs@gmail.com.



A New Name, with Fewer Cs, for the CJCCC National Archives

by Janice Rosen, Archives Director

With the formal cessation of operations of Canadian Jewish Congress and its Charities Committee at the end of 2015, the repository most recently known as the “Canadian Jewish Congress CC National Archives” has taken on a new name.

Minus the mention of Congress and in recognition of our primary source of financial support, we have now become the **Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives**.

The Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives is sustained by the [Alex Dworkin Foundation for Jewish Archives](#), through Federation CJA of Montreal.

Although our collecting mandate is pan-Canadian in scope, since 1992 we have benefited from the status of “Service agréé d’archives privées,” a program of the

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec.

As a result of our change of governance, we now operate directly under the auspices of [Jewish Federations Canada-UIA](#). However, researchers and donors of material

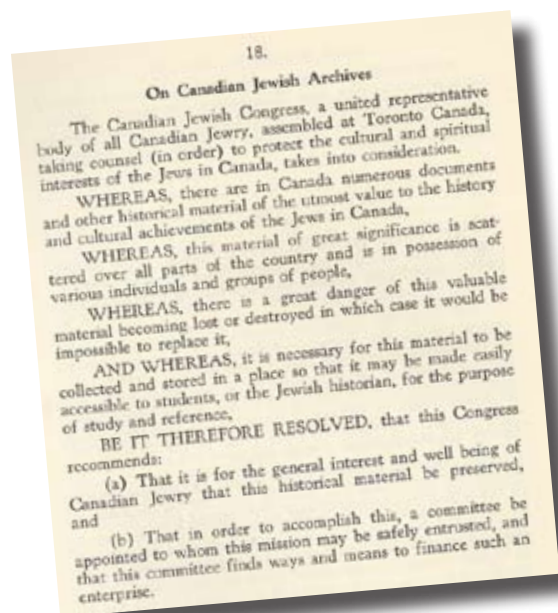
need not worry about where to find us: We remain at our Montreal location, on the downtown campus of Concordia University, in the former national headquarters building of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Archives was established in 1934 under the aegis of Canadian Jewish Congress, and the records of the former CJC are an important presence among the hundreds of large and small collections received over the years from individuals and groups.

As the “**Canadian Jewish Archives**,” we will continue to fulfill the aims of the resolution “On Canadian Jewish Archives” that was set out at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly of 1934: “... That it is for the general interest and well-being of Canadian Jewry that this historical material be preserved... collected and stored... so that it may be made easily accessible... for the purpose of study and reference.”

Along with the streamlined new name comes an easier-to-remember Internet address: [cjarchives.ca](#).

To find out more, visit our website at [www.cjarchives.ca](#) or contact the Archives by email at [archives@cjarchives.ca](#). Our holdings can be researched through the database of the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network at [http://cjhn.ca](#). □





Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, Spring 2016 Semester
www.concordia.ca/artsci/research/jewish-studies.html

The Joseph A. Kagedan-Kage Memorial Lecture:

On March 8, 2015: Professor Morton Weinfeld of McGill University spoke on the subject:

"Canadian Jews, Multiculturalism, and the Difficult Challenge of Dual Loyalties"

This lecture was co-sponsored by the Joseph A. Kagedan Kage Endowment and the Marvin A. Drimer Foundation.

Canadian Jewish Studies Forum:

On Friday, March 25: Dr. Sonia Sarah Lipsyc (ALEPH - Centre d'Études Juives Contemporaines/CSUQ) presented on the theme:

"De l'usage de la loi civile et d'autres stratégies sociétales dans l'avancée des droits des femmes au sein du judaïsme au Canada, en Israël et en France".

Jewish Public Library:

On April 11, 2016, at the Montreal Jewish Public Library: The Rebecca and Jacob Grossman Foundation of the JPL presented Ira Robinson in conversation with Pierre Anctil on: "A History of Antisemitism in Canada" www.jewishpubliclibrary.org/media/events/10940/4-11-ira-robinson.pdf

Scholar in Residence:

On May 13-15, 2016, the institute is pleased to co-sponsor with Shaarei Zedek Congregation the visit of the British rabbi and scholar Norman Solomon as a scholar in residence.

New Publications Supported by the Institute:

History, Memory, and Jewish Identity. Edited by Ira Robinson, Naftali S. Cohn, and Lorenzo DiTommaso.

www.academicstudiespress.com/jewish-studies-books/history-memory-and-jewish-identity?rq=robinson

Modern Orthodoxy in American Judaism: The Era of Rabbi Leo Jung by Maxine Jacobson.

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Butovsky Library:

The Institute is pleased to announce the donation of approximately forty volumes to the Institute's Butovsky Library by Mr. Harold L. Medjuck of Thornhill, Ontario, in memory of the late Joe King.



Baron de Hirsch Cemeteries Summer Internship

The Baron de Hirsch Cemeteries Inc. (BdH) is delighted to announce a new internship in the amount of \$5,000 for graduate students designed to increase the database of biographical information on those buried in the de la Savane and Back River Memorial Gardens sites.

Supplementary research will be conducted on each of these individuals via newspapers, archival files, school yearbooks, etc., and a fully referenced and annotated biographical sketch for each individual will be written and submitted to the BdH.

The candidate will be expected to conduct some research onsite at the cemeteries using their databases and access to the tombstones, as well as local archives and libraries.

Candidates must be accepted or enrolled in a Master's or PhD program in a related field at a local university. Candidates should have the skills and ability to work with archives and databases. Familiarity with Montreal Jewish history is an asset, as well as Hebrew, French and Yiddish, but not required.

Interested applicants should submit a 250-500 word statement of interest and qualifications along with a copy of their most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) to the email below. One academic letter of reference should be sent directly from a faculty member familiar with the candidate's qualities to steven.lapidus@sympatico.ca. All documentation must be sent in by April 20, 2016, and only electronic applications will be considered.



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