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**CONGRESS FOR HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
Wilfrid Laurier University & University of Waterloo  
May 30 – 31, 2012

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

LOCATION: SCHLEGEL BUILDING, WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY - ROOM SBE2260

**9:00 – 10:00 AM: ACJS session 1 | Holocaust Survivors and Holocaust Culture**

Max Beer (CURA Project, Montreal Life Stories, Concordia Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling), "Postwar: Holocaust Survivors and the Montreal Jewish Community"  
Garry Smolyansky (York University), "We Are Also Survivors, Please Listen to our Stories: Adding the voices of Russian-speaking Jewish Holocaust Survivors to the Shoah Memorialization Culture in the Greater Toronto Area"  
Chair: Robin Bergart (University of Guelph)

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Break**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Annual General Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies**

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Lunch break**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM: ACJS session 2 | Canadian Jews During and After World War II**

Peter J. Usher (Independent researcher), "Jewish Enlistment and Service in the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II"  
Ira Robinson (Concordia University), "A Portrait of the Rabbi as a Young Man: Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung's Memoir of His Escape from Europe to Canada"  
Jack Lipinsky (School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto), "Conflict on Every Level: Saul Hayes, the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, and the Orphans Project"  
Kata Bohus (Central European University, Budapest), "Standing Together or Staying Apart? Contradictions of Integration among 1956-er Hungarian Jewish Refugees in Toronto"  
Chair: Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia)

**3:30 – 4:00 PM: Break**

**4:00 – 5:30 PM: ACJS session 3 | Conflicted Selves: Portraits from the 1930s**

Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia), "Conflicted Selves: Sammy Luftspring and Toots Meretsky"  
Harold Troper (University of Toronto), "Conflicted Selves: Fred Herschorn and Sid Halter"  
Respondent: Frank Bialystok (University of Toronto)

**7:30 PM: Evening program**

LOCATION: SCHEGEL BUILDING - KPMG ATRIUM

- Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award (TBA)
- ACJS Keynote speaker: James Walker (University of Waterloo), "The Jewish contribution to Human Rights"
- Launch of *Nazi Germany, Canadian Responses* (McGill-Queens University Press)

**THURSDAY, MAY 31**

LOCATION: SCHLEGEL BUILDING - ROOM SBE2260

**8:30 – 10:00 AM: Open Board Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies**

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Break**

**10:30 – 12:00 PM: ACJS session 4 | Canadian Synagogues**

Barry Stiefel (College of Charleston), “Building a House of Gathering on Our Own: Canadian Jews, Synagogues, and the Building Trades”

Sara Tauben (Independent researcher), “Interpreting Architectural Traces of the Past: Historic Synagogues of Montreal and Europe”

Barbara Weiser (Independent researcher), “Who is Doing the Chuppah?”

Chair: Janice Rosen (Canadian Jewish Congress Charities Committee National Archives)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Lunch break**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM: ACJS session 5 | Holocaust Memory and Representation**

Faith Jones (University of British Columbia), “Grade's Quarrel in Montreal”

Jason Chalmers (University of Ottawa), “Who Painted the Donkey? The Media Response to Yann Martel’s *Beatrice and Virgil*”

Chair: Goldie Morgentaler (University of Lethbridge)

**3:00 – 3:15 PM: Break**

**3:15 – 4:45 PM: ACJS session 6 | Canadian Jewish Identities**

Kelly Amanda Train (Ryerson University), “Am I That Jew? North African Jewish Experiences in the Toronto Jewish Day School System and the Establishment of Or Haemet Sephardic School”

Stephanie Tara Schwartz (University of Ottawa), “Postcolonial Themes in Canadian Sephardic Culture”

Rebecca Starkman (OISE, University of Toronto), “Portraits of a Jewish American Princess: A Close-up on Jewish Girls’ Complex Identity Negotiations”

Chair: Randal Schnoor (York University)

*4:45 – 5:45 PM: Annual General Meeting, Canadian Society of Jewish Studies*

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