



# Association for Canadian Jewish Studies

Association d'études juives canadiennes

## ACJS 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Ryerson University, Toronto

May 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>st</sup> 2017

**Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Ryerson University**

**Room: Podium (POD) 358**

9:25AM

### Greetings

9:30 – 11:00 AM

### Session 1 – Historiography and Memory

- Richard Menkis (UBC, Departments of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies, and History)  
*Needing a Re-Write: B.G. Sack on Canadian Jewry's Patrician Class*
- Mark Celinscak (University of Nebraska Omaha, Department of History)  
*The Politics of Remembrance: Canada and the Holocaust*
- Monda Halpern (Western University, Department of History)  
*The 30th Anniversary of The Riot at Christie Pits: Perceptions of The Clash Before and After the Book*

11:00AM – 11:15 AM

### BREAK

11:15AM – 12:45 PM

### Session 2 – Orthodoxy and Identity

- Jessica Roda (Concordia University, Department of Anthropology/Sociology)  
*Beyond Blood and Filiation: Solidarity, Affinity and Caring Among Ultra-Orthodox Jews*
- Simon-Pierre Lacasse (Université d'Ottawa, Department of History)  
*À la croisée de la Révolution tranquille et du judaïsme orthodoxe : l'implantation de la communauté hassidique des Tasher au coeur du Québec francophone et catholique (1962-1967)*
- Dr. Simone Grossman (Bar Ilan University, Department of French Culture)  
*Des marranes au Québec? Tensions identitaires et judéité dans Une Juive en Nouvelle-France de Pierre Lasry*

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

### LUNCH

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM

### Session 3 – Toronto

- Stuart Schoenfeld (York University, Department of Sociology)  
*Uptown Versus Downtown Jews in the First Decades of the 21st Century*
- Kelly Amanda Train (Ryerson University, Department of Sociology)  
*Negotiating New Territory: Indian Jewish Women in the Family in Toronto*
- Rebecca Margolis (University of Ottawa, Jewish Canadian Studies Program)  
*Yiddish Language Shift in Canada*
- Irving Rosen (University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine)  
*The "Commie Camp" in Toronto's Jewish Life, Then and Now*



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- 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM      **Ontario Jewish Archives' *Stories of Spadina* Walking Tour**  
Meet at the Kiever Synagogue (25 Bellevue Avenue) in Kensington Market
- 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM      **DINNER BREAK**
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#### EVENING PROGRAM AT MAKOM

402 College Street  
Kensington Market

*This program is generously co-sponsored by the **Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies** at York University,  
the **Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies** at Concordia University,  
and the **Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program** at the University of Ottawa.*

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are welcomed, and contributions over \$10 will receive a tax receipt.**

- 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM      **Refreshments**
- 7:15 PM – 7:30 PM      **Launch of *In Your Words: Translations from the Yiddish and the Hebrew*** by Seymour Mayne
- 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM      **Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award – Ruth Panofsky**  
**Launch of *The New Spice Box: Canadian Jewish Writing***, edited by Ruth Panofsky
- 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM      **Keynote Panel Session – “No Better Home Than Canada?”**
- David Koffman (York University, Department of History)  
*Has There Ever Been a Better Home for the Jews... than Canada?*
  - Susan J. Landau Chark (Carleton University, Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies)  
*Not at the Table: The Jewish Community at Confederation*
  - Ira Robinson (Concordia University, Department of Religion)  
*Creating and Sustaining a Community in Montreal: Federation CJA in Its First Century*
  - Franklin Bialystok (University of Toronto, Centres of Diaspora and Transnational Studies, Jewish Studies, and Canadian Studies)  
*Out with a Whimper: The Demise of Canadian Jewish Congress*



**Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Ryerson University**  
**Room: South Bond (SBB) 302**

**9:00 AM – 10:00AM      Session 4 – Ritual Matters**

- Deidre Butler (Carleton University, College of Humanities) and Betina Appel Kuzmarov (Carleton University, Department of Law and Legal Studies)  
*Capital Divorce: Stories of Jewish Divorce in Ottawa*
- Lindsay Jackson (Concordia University, Department of Religious Studies)  
*Challenging the Dominant Ritual System: Brit Shalom and Anti-Circumcision Advocacy in North America*

**10:00AM – 10:15AM      BREAK**

**10:15AM – 11:45AM      Session 5 – Historical Moments**

- Barry Stiefel (College of Charleston, Historic Preservation & Community Planning, Art & Architectural History, Urban Studies)  
*Jewish Automobile Consumption in Canada During the Boycott of Ford Motor Company, 1920-1947*
- Gesa Trojan (Technische Universität Berlin)  
*“Add Matzo meal and stir well”: Food as a Practice and a Representation of Urban Jewishness in Interwar Toronto.*
- Jennifer Shaw Lander (UWO, Department of Women’s Studies and Feminist Research)  
*Sewing for the War Effort: Canadian Jewish Women’s and Girls’ Experiences on the Homefront During World War II*

**11:45AM – 1:00PM      LUNCH – Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: Reflections on the Future of the Field (12:15-1:00)**

**1:00PM – 2:30PM      Annual General Meeting (AGM) + Open Board Meeting (OBM)**

**2:30PM – 2:45PM      BREAK**

**2:45PM – 4:45PM      Session 6 – Celebrating Milestones: Archives Roundtable**

- Agi Romer Segal (Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta)
- Christine Barrass (Library and Archives Canada – Social and Aboriginal Affairs Section)
- Saara Mortensen (Ottawa Jewish Archives)
- Dara Solomon (Ontario Jewish Archives Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre)
- Dorion Leibgott (Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum)
- Janice Rosen (Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives)

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM      President’s Reception (Mattamy Athletic Centre, Maple Leaf Gardens)**

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM      Session 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Educators’ Roundtable: Jewish Education and Jewish Identity**

- Simon Wolle (Director, Camp Northland B’nai Brith)
- Rabbi Lee Buckman (Head of School, TanenbaumCHAT)
- Leslie Shapiro (Principal, Ahavat Yisrael Hebrew School)
- *Moderator:* Dr. Randal Schnoor (Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University)



**Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Ryerson University**  
**Room: South Bond (SBB) 302**

**9:00AM – 10:30AM      Session 8 – Jewish Literature**

- Ruth Panofsky (Ryerson University, Department of English)  
*The Spice Box, Old and New: Defining the Field of Canadian Jewish Writing*
- Emily Robins Sharpe (Keene State College, Department of English)  
*“The heart above the ruins”: Miriam Waddington’s Poetry of Spain*
- Baruch Beckerman (Bar-Ilan University, Department of English)  
*Permutations of Ethnicity in Canadian Jewish Literature*

**10:30AM – 10:45 AM      BREAK**

**10:45AM – 12:45 PM      Session 9 – Contemporary Concerns + Interactive Game Demonstration**

- Belarie Zatzman (York University, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design)  
*Staging the Holocaust in Canadian Theatre for Young Audiences*
- Amir Lavie (University of Toronto, Faculty of Information and the Centre for Jewish Studies)  
*Archival Collections as Markers of Identity, Purpose and Pride: Responses within the Jewish Community to the Multicultural Historical Society of Ontario’s Efforts to Collect Canadian-Jewish Archival Materials*
- Stephanie Schwartz (Ontario Jewish Archives Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, York University, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies)  
*Gaming Toronto Jewish History: The Archives as Palette*
- Interactive Game Demonstration

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**Where Sinai Meets Spadina**

Miles Nadal JCC  
750 Spadina Avenue  
8:00 – 9:00 PM

**Leonard Cohen Panel**

- Aviva Chernick (Musician)
- Kevin Courier (Music Critic)
- Frank Bialystok (Historian)
- *Moderator:* Jessica Roda (Ethnomusicologist/Anthropologist)