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# Association for Canadian Jewish Studies

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## Association d'études juives canadiennes

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Montréal, QC

May 13-15, 2018 | du 13 au 15 mai 2018

**SUNDAY, MAY 13 | DIMANCHE LE 13 MAI**

**Location | Musée McCord Museum, 690, rue Sherbrooke Ouest**

Sunday's sessions are open to the public free of charge. Tickets to the evening refreshments and concert are \$25 (\$15 for Students).

Les séances du dimanche sont ouvertes au public gratuitement. Les billets pour les rafraîchissements et le concert du soir sont de 25 \$ (15 \$ pour étudiants).

**9:00 – 10:00 AM: Registration | Inscription**

**9:30 – 10:00 AM: Welcome | Bienvenue**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM: Session 1: *Jewish Performances***

David Koffman (York University): *Playing Indian at Jewish Summer Camp: Lessons on Tribalism, Nationalism, and Character Building*

Randal Schnoor (York University): *Approaches to Engaging Interfaith Families in Toronto*

Kelly Train (Ryerson University): *Authenticity and Jewish Identity: Race, Culture and the Construction of Community*

Chair: Hernan Tesler-Mabe (University of Ottawa)

**11:30 – 1:00 PM: Lunch n' Launch:**

**Ellin Bessner: *Double Threat: Canadian Jews, the Military, and World War II***

**Peter Usher: *Joey Jacobson's War: A Jewish-Canadian Airman in the Second World War***

A light lunch will be served on-site | un repas léger sera servi sur place

**1:00 – 2:30 PM: Session 2: *Contemporary Yiddish in Montreal***

Vardit Lightstone (University of Toronto): *Traditional Innovation: An Analysis of the Folk Literature of Yiddish Speaking Immigrants*

Michele Byers (Saint Mary's University): *Performing Yiddishly: Language and Return in Yid Life Crisis*

Keira Kenny (McGill University): *Klezmer Revival*

Chair: Rebecca Margolis (University of Ottawa)

**2:30 – 3:00 PM: Coffee Break | pause-café**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM: *Le chant de Moïse/The Song of Moses, Biblical Poems by Seymour Mayne, Translated into French by Caroline Lavoie***

**4:00-5:00 PM: Session 3: *Identity Performance***

Franklin Bialystok (University of Toronto): *Composer Srul Irving Glick and Performer Jacques Israelivitch Suite Hebraïque: A Landmark Composition in Canadian Jewish Music*

Hernan Tesler-Mabe (University of Ottawa): *Ottawa on the Moldau: The English-language Premiere of the Jewish Children's Opera Brundibár in Ottawa, 1977*

Chair: Randal Schnoor (York University)

**7:00 – 8:00 PM: Awards ceremony & dessert reception | Remise des prix & réception des desserts**

**8:00 PM: Concert : “Musiques juives : accords sacrés et profanes”**

Samuel Bonnet, *guitare*

*Interprètes:*

Nathaniel Huard, *percussion*

Yolande Amzallag

Yoni Kaston, *clarinette et accordéon*

Hélène Engel

Khalil Moqadem, *oud et chant*

Orel Gozlan

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**MONDAY, MAY 14 | LUNDI LE 14 MAI**

**Location | Lieu : Concordia University, Atrium of the SB Building 1590 Dr. Penfield (corner Cote des Neiges)**

**8:30 – 10:00 AM: Open Board Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies | Réunion publique, Association des études juives canadiennes**

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee Break | pause-café**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Session 4: *Humanitarianism and the Holocaust***

Adara Goldberg (Stockton University): *Flexing its Humanitarian Arm: The Memory of the St. Louis, Canada's Jews, and Postwar Refugee Policy*

Magdalene Klassen (McGill University): *Going Out into the World: Humanitarianism, Assimilation, and Gender among Jewish members of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, 1900-1939*

Barbara Weiser (Independent Scholar): *Fitting Places of Memory: Canadian Holocaust Memorials*

**12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch n' Launch: Jessica Roda's New Book**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM: Session 5: *Performing Jewish Stories***

Simone Grossman (Bar Ilan University): *Portrait du Juif en écrivain Québécois*

Sharon Gubbay Helfer (Concordia University): *Four Contemporary Montreal Rabbis: Life Stories Across Linguistic, Cultural and Denominational Divides*

Alexandria Fanjoy Silver (University of Toronto): *Performative History & Poland on the Toronto March of the Living*

Chair: Jesse Toufexis (University of Ottawa)

**2:30 – 3:00 PM: Coffee Break | pause-café**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM: Session 6: *Moments in Jewish Canadiana***

Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia) and Gerald Tulchinsky (z"l): *Jewish Reactions to the Phillips Garment Fire, (Toronto, 1950): A Study in Historiography and History*

Goldie Morgentaler (University of Lethbridge): *The Strange, Sad Story of Prof. Tony Hall and the University that Could Not Get Rid of Him*

Ira Robinson (Concordia University): *A History of Halakha in Quebec*

**5:00 PM: Roundtable at McGill University: “Performing Jewishness: Issues and Challenges Across Time and Cultures”**

Prof. Erica Lehrer (Concordia University)

Prof Christopher Silver (McGill University)

Prof. Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)

Moderator: Dr. Jessica Roda (McGill University)

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**TUESDAY, MAY 15 | MARDI LE 15 MAI**

**Location | Emplacement : Concordia University, Atrium of the SB Building 1590 Dr. Penfield  
(corner Cote des Neiges)**

**8:30 – 10:00 AM: Annual General Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies | Assemblée générale annuelle, Association des études juives canadiennes**

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee Break | pause-café**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Session 7: *Hasidism***

Steven Lapidus (Concordia University) and William Shaffir (McMaster University): *Institutional Completeness and ...Yet*

Valentina Gaddi (Université de Montréal): « *We don't wanna be outlaws !* » : *performances de la judaïté hassidique et vivre ensemble dans le quartier d'Outremont.*

Joshua Tapper (Stanford University): *“This Is Who I Would Become”*: *Russian Jewish Immigrants and their Encounters with Chabad-Lubavitch in the Greater Toronto Area*

Chair: Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

**12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch break | pause diner (provided) + Future Research “Lightning” Feedback Workshop**

Chair: David Koffman (York University)

**1:00 – 2:15 PM: Session 8: *Performance in a Comparative Context***

Joshua Falek (York University): *Purim as Site Rife with Jewish Abjection*

Judith Cohen (York University): *Performing “Canadian”*: *Scholar-Performer, Ashkenazi-Sephardi and Franco-Anglophone negotiated roles*

**2:15 – 2:30 PM: Coffee Break | pause-café**

**2:30 – 4:00 PM: Session 9: *Canadian Jewish Ethnic Life***

Yosef Robinson (Concordia University): *Demographic Geography of Interwar Jewish Montreal*

Dana Ionescu (UQÀM): *La présence juive roumaine à Montréal; quelques considerations*

Christopher Chanco (York University): *“Through the Eye of a Needle”: Post-war DPs and the Jewish Labour Committee of Canada*

Chair: Sharon Gubbay Helfer (Concordia University)

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