



The Robert L. Kemeny Award

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies/L'Association d'études juives canadiennes is proud to announce that a generous donation in memory of Robert L. Kemeny provided scholarships to all our full-time student presenters at the 2019 ACJS conference in Vancouver.

ROBERT KEMENY was born in Hungary in 1935 before the Second World War and survived the Holocaust in hiding. In 1956, he escaped the Hungarian Revolution, relocated to London, England, and studied mining engineering with the help of a scholarship. After graduating, he went to work in the mines of Chile, remaining in South America for ten years before his curiosity sent him even further abroad. In 1974, he moved with his young family to Vancouver, where he lived out the balance of his life with a passion for books, art, Judaism, and his family. Robert Kemeny passed away in 2016.

In his memoirs, Robert wrote: “For my children and grandchildren, I wish to leave the legacy of Jewish traditions. May the rich treasure of their Jewish heritage be forever stamped in their hearts, and may they continue the unbroken 4,000–year chain of Jewish tradition.”

I think he would be delighted to know that this award in his name is helping students learn more about the Jewish experience in his adopted Canadian home.

We are also moved to announce that Robert’s widow, Susy Jung-Kemeny, has agreed to extend the award for a further two years. Thank you, Susy, for helping to make this happen.



Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph, recipient of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award, and Dr. Richard Menkis.

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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.

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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 adaragoldberg@gmail.com.

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President's Message / Bilan de la présidente



As the ACJS president, it is my great pleasure to once again thank everyone involved in our successes this past year and to make a few announcements.

Our 2019 annual conference took place in Vancouver to enthusiastic accolades. Jesse Toufexis and Richard Menkis did an outstanding job putting together the conference and community day. The participants offered thought-provoking and well-received papers on topics in literature, film, history, Yiddish, Holocaust studies and other areas. Five undergraduate and graduate students participated with travel support from a generous donation in memory of Robert L. Kemeny. Our treasurer, Michael Kent, has again done an admirable job of keeping track of our finances around the conference and the organization as a whole.

In terms of new initiatives, our vice-president, Hernan Tesler-Mabé, has worked to create new connections with other Jewish Studies associations, notably the new Latin American Jewish Studies Association (LAJSA). I am happy to announce that our Social Media Officer, Rotem Fellus, is back with us this year to continue her work promoting the ACJS and the field on social media.

My thanks to everyone who serves on our Executive and Board and to all of our members who help to support our organization.

Lastly, I have accepted a position as Director of the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation at Monash University in Melbourne, beginning in January 2020. Hernan Tesler-Mabé has agreed to begin transitioning into the role of ACJS president from vice-president over the winter, and I urge all of our members to offer him a warm welcome and all of our support.

It has been an honour and a pleasure serving as president of this association, and I look forward to promoting ties in Australia on behalf of ACJS.

En tant que présidente de l'AJC, j'ai le grand plaisir de remercier une nouvelle fois toutes les personnes impliquées dans nos succès cette année et de faire quelques annonces.

Notre conférence annuelle de 2019 s'est déroulée à Vancouver avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme. Jesse Toufexis et Richard Menkis ont fait un travail remarquable en organisant la conférence et la journée communautaire. Les participants ont présenté des communications stimulantes et bien accueillies sur des sujets tels que littérature, cinéma, histoire, études yiddish, holocauste et autres. Cinq étudiants de premier cycle et des cycles supérieurs ont participé au voyage grâce à une généreuse donation à la mémoire de Robert L. Kemeny. Notre trésorier, Michael Kent, a encore une fois fait un travail admirable en gardant une trace de nos finances autour de la conférence et de l'organisation en gros.

En termes de nouvelles initiatives, notre vice-président, Hernan Tesler-Mabé, a créé de nouvelles connexions avec d'autres associations d'études juives, notamment la nouvelle Association latino-américaine d'études juives (LAJSA). Je suis heureux d'annoncer que notre responsable des médias sociaux, Rotem Fellus, est de retour parmi nous cette année pour continuer à promouvoir l'AJC et le secteur des médias sociaux.

Mes remerciements à tous ceux qui siègent à notre conseil d'administration et à notre direction et à tous nos membres qui aident à soutenir notre organisation.

Enfin, j'ai accepté un poste de directeur du Centre australien pour la civilisation juive à l'Université Monash en Melbourne à compter de janvier 2020. Hernan Tesler-Mabé a accepté de commencer à assumer le rôle de président de l'AJC, vice-président pendant l'hiver, et j'exhorte tous nos membres à lui offrir un accueil chaleureux et tout notre soutien.

Ce fut un honneur et un plaisir de servir en tant que président de cette association et je suis impatient de nouer des liens avec l'Australie au sein de l'AJC.

Sincerely/Cordialement,

Rebecca Margolis
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Editor's Message

The new year brings new opportunities to celebrate Canadian Jewish studies. In January 2020, ACJS President Rebecca Margolis begins her appointment as Director of the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation at Monash University in Melbourne. We thank Rebecca for her service to the Association, and look forward to building new bridges with Jewish studies colleagues down under. Mazel tov! Congratulations are also in order to the Marcia Koven Award for best student paper winners, Heather Munro and Rotem Fellus, and ACJS Conference Chairs Richard Menkis and Jesse Toufexis for planning last spring's excellent community day and conference.

This *Bulletin* showcases the breadth and diversity of our field. "On Our Bookshelves" announces new French and English-language publications, as well as textual translations of members' work into Russian and Hebrew. These new releases extend the reach of Canadian Jewish scholarship to international audiences and encourage cross-cultural dialogue. "From Our Regions" highlights

the extraordinary work being performed by affiliate organizations, including the JHCWC's "Cemetery Photography Project" with searchable database, the Zelikovitz Centre's Holocaust Education Month launch with Professor Deborah Lipstadt, and the Ontario Jewish Archives' Jewish heritage tours with the Toronto District School Board. We look forward to increasing bilingual content and revisiting the "Canadian Jewish Figures" section in the spring. Please keep these submissions coming!

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue, especially to Shirley Muhlstock Brodt. Please share contributions for our Pesach issue to adaragoldberg@gmail.com.

All best wishes,



Adara Goldberg

ACJS Conference Chair Message

The ACJS 2019 conference in Vancouver was highly successful, and I think I speak for all participants when I say that it was just a great experience overall.

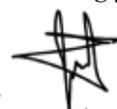
The mixture of junior and senior scholars, as well as members of the Vancouver Jewish community, made for a welcoming academic atmosphere. The range of topics was wide, and I doubt that there was anyone present who didn't leave knowing something they didn't when they arrived.

Our community day was spent at the Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture, where we heard from a number of scholars and enjoyed a magnificent performance by the Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir as well as some delicious refreshments. That evening, we were honoured to present Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph with the CJS Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award for a career of outstanding scholarship in the field. The following two days were spent on the beautiful UBC campus as we joined with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Following the conference's completion, we were glad to announce the recipients of the Marcia Koven Awards for best student papers: Heather Munro (first place) and Rotem Fellus (honourable mention). I'd like to thank everyone who was able to help out, and especially the Peretz Centre for hosting us on Community Day. A special thank-you as well to the family of Robert Kemeny, who made possible our student members' travel through a generous donation.

Now we get to look forward to the 2020 conference in Ottawa! Stay tuned for information, and be sure to read the call for papers in this edition of the bulletin.

Wishing you all a great year,



Jesse Toufexis
ACJS Conference Chair

ON THE *Bookshelf*  SUR *les rayons*

For an ongoing list of ACJS members' publications,
please visit the website at <http://acjs-aejc.ca/our-members-publications/>.

Pierre Anctil et Ira Robinson (Dir.). *Les Juifs hassidiques de Montréal*. Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 2019.

Montréal est traversée de diverses influences religieuses qui ne cessent de s'affirmer sur la place publique et qui soulèvent des questions primordiales de convivialité, de tolérance et de rencontre des croyances. Le phénomène est particulièrement marquant du côté des communautés non chrétiennes dites fondamentalistes qui cherchent à préserver



leurs valeurs traditionnelles. Le plus souvent, les observateurs politiques et les médias se contentent de braquer le regard sur certaines pratiques de ces communautés, sans réussir à présenter un tableau global de leurs croyances ou de leurs motivations profondes. C'est le cas en particulier des Juifs hassidiques qui habitent dans les quartiers centraux de la ville, mais au sujet desquels très peu d'information circule.

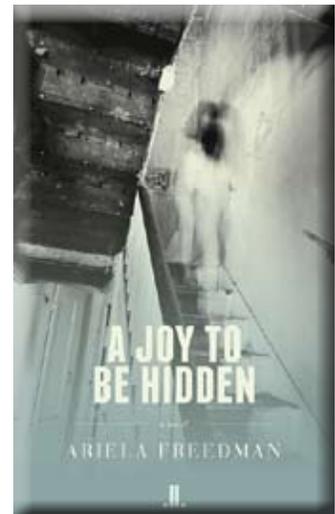
Pierre Anctil est professeur titulaire au Département d'histoire de l'Université d'Ottawa, où il enseigne l'histoire canadienne contemporaine et l'histoire juive canadienne. Ira Robinson est titulaire de la Chaire en études juives québécoises et canadiennes et directeur de l'Institut d'études juives canadiennes de l'Université Concordia. Il enseigne au Département de sciences religieuses de l'Université Concordia.

« Cet ouvrage brosse un portrait inédit de cette population et de ses sous communautés, tout en abordant la question controversée de la scolarisation des jeunes Hassidim et celles des tensions assez fréquentes qui surgissent de façon récurrente dans certains quartiers. Il s'intéresse également aux rapports soutenus, mais peu visibles, qui existent entre les Juifs hassidiques et leur environnement urbain immédiat, notamment sur les plans économique, social et institutionnel. »

Ariela Freedman. *A Joy To Be Hidden*. Linda Leith Publishing, 2019.

In *A Joy To Be Hidden*, set in a vividly recreated late '90s New York City, Alice Stein sorts through her recently deceased grandmother's belongings and stumbles upon a family secret. The novel meditates on parents, intergenerational trauma, and Jewish immigrant legacies of loss and reparation.

In addition to its wisdom and rich humour, the novel is full of memorable characters. We can never quite forget the title quote — "It is a joy to be hidden, and a disaster not to be found" — and we discover over the course of the novel that it applies to all its characters.



Nora Gold. *תמה שיאה*. Carmel Publishing, 2019.

Dr. Nora Gold's latest novel, *The Dead Man*, was recently translated into Hebrew with the support of a translation grant from the Canada Council for the Arts and was published this summer in Israel, as *תמה שיאה* (Carmel Publishing). The publication of *תמה שיאה* was celebrated with several book events in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, including a launch at the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv, hosted by the Hon. Deborah Lyons, Canada's Ambassador to Israel. Subsequently there was an article about *תמה שיאה* in *The Jerusalem Post*, Gold was interviewed in Hebrew about her book on a literary program on Kan/Israel Public Broadcasting Corporation Radio, and *תמה שיאה* was a recommended book in the weekend cultural supplement of the Israeli national newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*.

In November, Dr. Gold will be attending the Kisufim Conference of Jewish Writers in Jerusalem, and there she will discuss *תמה שיאה*, her journal *Jewish Fiction.net* (which, in its latest issue, published its 400th story), and other literary

topics. תמה שיאה is available online at <https://carmelph.co.il/book/the-dead-man/>.



Seymour Mayne, *Cusp: Word Sonnets*. Silver Age, 2019.

Seymour Mayne's most recent book, *Cusp: Word Sonnets*, translated by Mikhail Rykov with an introduction by Natalia Vesselova, was recently published in Saint Petersburg, in a bilingual Russian edition, and is for sale at bookstores in the Russian Federation.

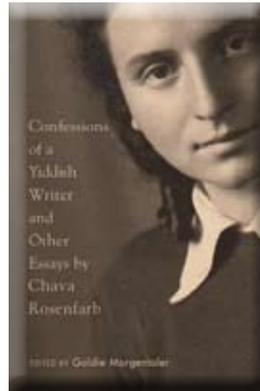
This volume was originally released in English in 2014 by Ronald P. Frye & Company to mark fifty years since Mayne's first collection was published in Montreal. *Cusp: Word Sonnets* has also been published in French, Portuguese, and Spanish editions.

Librarians and interested readers may order copies of the book direct from the publisher, Silver Age, either via regular or email communication: Silver Age (Серебряный Век), Fontanka River Embankment, 34, Saint Petersburg,



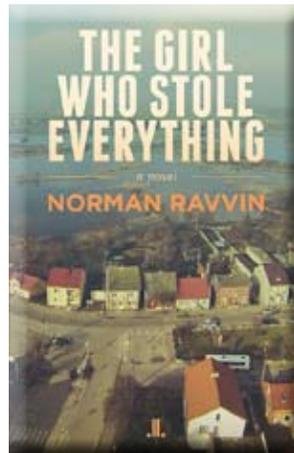
Russia, 191014; Email: silveragegalina@mail.ru; Price: \$10.00 U.S.

Goldie Morgentaler, editor. *Confessions of a Yiddish Writer and Other Essays by Chava Rosenfarb*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2019.



Confessions of a Yiddish Writer and Other Essays by Chava Rosenfarb has won a Canadian Jewish Literary Award. (See <http://www.cjlawards.ca>.) There will be an awards ceremony at York University on October 27. Morgentaler is also the translator of several of the essays, along with Arnice Pollack and Roz Usiskin of Winnipeg.

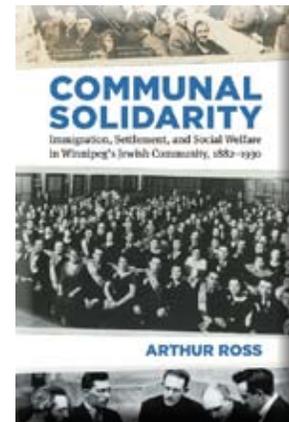
Norman Ravvin. *The Girl Who Stole Everything*. Linda Leith Publishing, 2019.



Vancouver's Downtown Eastside used to be a Jewish up-and-comer's enclave. *The Girl Who Stole Everything* follows

Nadia and Simon, two young people who return for reasons of their own, only to find lurking in each of their family stories a connection with the old downtown's early days. What they learn about Vancouver leads them to travel further, to contemporary Warsaw and the Polish countryside. A novel of city life, of music-making, of the aftermath of large and small crimes, *The Girl Who Stole Everything* tells of Vancouver in a new and provocative way.

Arthur Ross. *Communal Solidarity: Immigration, Settlement, and Social Welfare in Winnipeg's Jewish Community 1882-1930*. University of Manitoba Press, 2019.



Between 1882 and 1930, approximately 9,800 Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe settled in Winnipeg. Newly arrived Jewish immigrants began to establish secular mutual aid societies, organizations based on egalitarian principles of communal solidarity that dealt with the pervasive problem of economic insecurity by providing financial relief to their members. The organization of mutual aid societies accelerated the development of a vibrant secular public sphere in Winnipeg's Jewish community in which decisions about the provision of social welfare were decided democratically, based on the authority and participation of the people.

Communal Solidarity: Immigration, Settlement, and Social Welfare in Winnipeg's Jewish Community, 1882-

1930 looks at the development of Winnipeg's Jewish community and the network of institutions and organizations they established to provide income assistance, health care, institutional care for children and the elderly, and immigrant aid to reunite families. Communal solidarity enabled the Jewish community to establish and sustain a system of social welfare that assisted thousands of immigrants to adjust to an often inhospitable city and build new lives in Canada.

Arthur Ross's study of the formation of Winnipeg's Jewish community is not only the first history of the societies, institutions, and organizations Jewish immigrants created, it also reveals how communal solidarity shaped their understanding of community life and the way decisions should be made about their collective future.



Robert Brym, Department of Sociology and Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto

Publications

(downloads available at <https://utoronto.academia.edu/RobertBrym>)

- R Brym, K Neuman, and R Lenton, *2018 Survey of Canadian Jews*. Toronto: Environics Institute.
- R Brym "Antisemitic and anti-Israel actions and attitudes in Canada and internationally: a research agenda." *Patterns of Prejudice* 53(4): 407-20.

Under Review (articles available on request from rbrym@chass.utoronto.ca)

- R Brym, A Slavina, and R Lenton, "Qualifying the leading theory of diaspora Jewry: an examination of Jews from the former Soviet Union in Canada and the United States"
- J Chad and R Brym, "Understanding Jewish intellectual 'exceptionalism': the case of the University of Toronto Medical School"
- R Brym, ed. *Racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism and the Future of*

Canadian Society

- R Brym and R Lenton, "Jewish religious intermarriage in Canada."



Bruria Lindenberg Cooperman, PhD. *Stepping Out of Line: How Children of Survivors Made Choices to Thrive and Move Forward.*

Following is an excerpt from the book.

THEN: For me, being Jewish and being the child of Holocaust survivors growing up in postwar Canada meant being different. Our parents had lived through unspeakable horrors and deprivations.

One of the interviewees said it was "living with ghosts that screamed." I wanted to know how these children negotiated the meanings around them in 1950s white Anglo Saxon Canada. That became my thesis.

NOW: Fast forward: We're older. Most of our parents are gone. The literature in the sixties said that we had inherited our parents' trauma.

It was a pathology borne out of their lived experiences. Today, how do we remember these heroes who came to Canada — no family, no language, no job and often arriving with a small baby or child. How have we come through this?

Utilizing extensive interviews along with social and historical background, this book will bring us through the journey of discovery and re-invention — with resolve and determination and sometimes even with humour.

Suri: I don't know how we survived!

In their later years, memories which had begun in anger and despair surprisingly settled into understanding, forgiveness and often humour. There was wit and laughter and always filled with pride.

Our Parents' Stories - "They're my heroes, I'll start with that."

Personalities - "Happy? You want to be happy? What does that mean?"

Being Different - "My kid is about five and I'm at my mother's house. She's sitting at the table and writing and scribbling and whatever. And then I see she's writing on her arms. I asked, "What are you doing?" She said, "Zeidi writes on his arms."



RECENT ARTICLES

Chalmers, Jason. "Settled Memories on Stolen Land: Settler Mythology at Canada's National Holocaust Monument." *American Indian Quarterly* 43, no. 4 (2019): 379-407. □

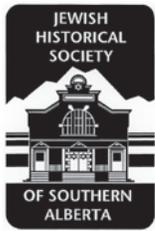
ARMED JEWS IN THE AMERICAS
Raanan Rein and David M. K. Sheinin (eds.)

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are preparing an edited volume for Brill's Jewish Latin America series on "armed Jews" in the Americas. Period and geography are open. Topics might be, but are not exclusive to, Jews in (or and) the military, guerrilla/revolutionary/terrorist movements, participation in domestic or international conflicts (e.g. the Spanish Civil War, the Spanish-American War, Middle East conflicts, international peace-keeping, and the world wars), elements of policing/criminality, and arms industries and other enterprises related to war or armed conflict.

Please send a tentative title and a 150-word abstract by December 15, 2019, to:
raanan@post.tau.ac.il;
sheinindmk@gmail.com

Chapters will be due June 15, 2020.



Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

With the help of many volunteers, we have completed 50 oral history interviews as part of the JHSSA Voices of Experience project, funded by a grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Our 29th AGM, on October 28, 2019, will feature a presentation by project coordinator Judy Shapiro. The program will include readings of vignettes from a number of the oral histories.

JHSSA archivist Roberta Kerr has now completed 64 archival descriptions of our holdings. This work is funded by a DHCP grant from Library and Archives Canada.

In August, JHSSA hosted a reunion of Calgary's Beth Israel Players with visiting founder and director Zelda Dean. There were some tears and laughter as former actors and crew



Zelda Dean and Calgary's Beth Israel Players.

shared anecdotes about their experiences with the Beth Israel Players in the 1970s and 1980s. Zelda's story about her years with the group is featured in the latest issue of our journal, *Discovery*.

In September, local historian and JHSSA director Harry Sanders gave an illustrated talk to 60 people about the Jewish connection to Calgary's 17th Avenue. He highlighted some of the area's Jewish residents and businesses over the decades.

JHSSA's upcoming programs will include a talk about the early history of cinema in Calgary, highlighting the contributions of local Jews. This year's Jay Joffe Memorial Program at the Beth Tzedec Jewish Film Festival in November will be a screening of the 2019 film "Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles." For the JCC Jewish Book Festival in December, JHSSA is hosting a presentation by David Bickman about his recent publication *Patriarch: The Abe Bickman Family History*.



Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada

Sixth Biennial Switzer-Cooperstock Endowed Lecture

The Jewish Heritage Centre invites submissions for the 2020 prize for the best essay on Western Canadian Jewish history. Full details will be announced soon. The deadline will be in spring 2020, and the winner will give a lecture at the Jewish Heritage Centre in fall 2020.

Please remember the Student Prize that will be awarded in 2021. Unfortunately, there were no submissions in 2019.

Sol and Florence Kanee Distinguished Lecture

In May, Bret Stephens of the *New York Times* spoke on "Populism, Nationalism, and Hate" at the 14th Kanee Lecture.

Archives

The JHCWC is modernizing and preserving its substantial collection through digitization of photographs and taped oral histories. Other tasks include improving conservation and facilities. The Archives Committee has recently launched a fundraising campaign to provide an endowment for the Archives.

Genealogy

The Cemetery Photography Project has uploaded photographs of more than 23,000 headstones from Jewish cemeteries in Manitoba and adjacent areas as well as headstones of Jews whom we have been able to identify in other cemeteries. Updating photographs and adding recent interments are ongoing. The database includes information about burials that goes beyond what can be found on headstones.

Search by going to our website: jhcwc.org, click on Archives, then Database, then search a name. Look for Cemetery Burials.

Ken Roseman was recently awarded the Shem Tov Award by the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg for his part in this project. He works together with his wife, Lynn Roseman, a Board member of the JHCWC and director of the Genealogy Institute.

Holocaust Education Centre

On January 27, the HEC joined with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) at the University of Winnipeg to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day by organizing a concert featuring Manitoba composers David R. Scott (Songs from the Ringelblum Archive) and Sid Robinovitch (Eddy's Story), jointly with the University of Winnipeg. On January 28, the HEC and the CMHR screened "The Maestro," a film about Francesco Lotoro, a professional pianist, who has

scoured Europe to discover and record music composed clandestinely in World War II camps and has archived several thousand previously unknown scores,

In mid-March, Max Eisen, a Shoah survivor, and Amy Komus, an educator of Roma descent, spoke to over one thousand students at the annual Holocaust and Human Rights Schools Symposium. Mr. Eisen also spoke to the community about his book *By Chance Alone*, CBC's 2019 Canada Reads winner.

The annual reading of the *Megillat Hashoah*, organized jointly with Congregation Shaarey Zedek, had Thomas Schutze, Consul-General of Germany, as the lead reader. Representatives of other faith communities and Jewish community leaders also took part.

Programs and Exhibits

February 5: Talk by Allan Levine about his latest book, *Seeking the Fabled City: The Canadian Jewish Experience*

February 21: Tour of the JHC and HEC for members of the Consular Corps. Conducted by Stan Carbone, Director of Programs and Exhibits and Italian Vice-Consul

April 17: Book launch of *Communal Solidarity: Immigration, Settlement, and Social Welfare in Winnipeg's Jewish Community, 1882–1930* by Professor Arthur Ross (Ryerson University). Jointly with the University of Manitoba Press and the Manitoba Historical Society

May 6: Gray Academy student art exhibit on synagogues and religious objects

May 30. "The 1919 General Strike Through the Prism of the Jewish Community." Jointly with UJPO. Speakers: Roz Usiskin and Harriet Zaidman, author of a recently published young-adult novel, *City on Strike*

September 24: Book launch of *Operation Ezra. Winnipeg's Jewish Community-Led Interfaith Response to Survivors of the Yazidi Genocide* by Chana Thau, commissioned by Operation Ezra

Committee and Jewish Child and Family Services working with the JHC September 26: Parks Canada and the City of Winnipeg unveiled a plaque at City Hall recognizing A.A. Heaps as a person of national historical significance, following a nomination by the Jewish Heritage Centre.

Speakers were His Honour Mayor Brian Bowman, grandson and former Toronto City Councillor Adrian Heaps, Parks Canada Superintendent David Elias, and JHC past-president Daniel Stone.

Upcoming

The year 2019 is the centenary of the YMHA in Winnipeg. It will be celebrated with a major exhibit that will open later this fall and with programming organized by the JHC and the Rady Jewish Community Centre, the successor to the Y.

The project "A Century of Jewish Physicians in Manitoba" will soon reach fruition with the publication of a major historical account written by Eva Wiseman, with a preface by Irving Abella. Printing is underway, and the book launch is imminent.



Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies

The Zelikovitz Centre (ZC) is a meeting point for scholars and the wider community. Its interdisciplinary focus allows the ZC to work closely with other faculties and disciplines.

In September, the ZC, in collaboration with Carleton University's Department of History, Migration and Diaspora Studies, and the College of Humanities welcomed Professor Frances Malino, Sophia Moses Robison Professor Emerita of Jewish Studies and History at Wellesley College. Professor Malino is an authority on Jewish and

European history and founding member of Diarna, an exciting and innovative 21st-century project to digitally preserve the physical remnants of Jewish history across the Middle East and North Africa. To hear her presentation "Jewish Voices: Muslim Lands," follow this link: https://youtu.be/P5qs_hfHWuY.

Holocaust Education Month HEM 2019 (November 1–November 30) has an incredible array of events and activities to mark this special time in the Ottawa Jewish community calendar.

November 3, Yuri Dojc, renowned art photographer, artist and witness, will present his project "Last Folio, Memories of Jewish Life in Slovakia at Kehillat Beth Israel (KBI)."

In that same week, also at KBI, the guest speaker for the official launch of HEM 2019 will be Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies, Emory University. She will speak on "Antisemitism: Old Wine in New Bottles."

CHES is also very active in providing educational programs for the larger community as well as programs for the survivor community. During HEM, CHES hosts an annual teachers' workshop.

This year the theme is "Anti-Semitism Then and Now." The workshop is designed to provide teachers with tools to teach the Holocaust legacy in their classrooms.

For Holocaust survivors and their descendants, there will be a symposium entitled: "Learning from the Past for the Future." The panel discussion will focus on trauma, resilience and rebuilding, with presentations from panelists Dr. Natalia Aleksion, Dr. Eva Fogelman, Dr. Zelda Abramson, and Daniel Brooks.

In February, the ZC, the Department of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa, the Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies CIMS (Ottawa and Toronto Chapters), the Archaeological Institute of America-Ottawa Society, and the Religion Department, Carleton University, are

bringing in Jodi Magness to speak on “More than Just Mosaics: The Ancient synagogue at Huqoq in Israel’s Galilee.” She will be speaking about the excavations that have brought to light the remains of a monumental late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building, which is paved with stunning

and unique mosaics, including biblical scenes and the first non-biblical story ever discovered decorating an ancient synagogue.

In May 2020, the Israel Travel course “Religion in Historical and Contemporary Contexts in the ‘Holy Land’” is taking place once again.

There are no prerequisites. It is open to students from all programs, and auditors are welcome.

For further information, visit <https://carleton.ca/studyisrael/2019/israel-travel-course-2020/>, or contact deidre.butler@carleton.ca. □



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As Chief Editor David S. Koffman and as Managing Editor Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, we are delighted to announce the imminent publication of *Canadian Jewish Studies* Volume 28. ACJS members should receive this volume in November–December 2019. Each article focuses on a unique aspect of women’s history in Twentieth-century Canadian Jewish life. It also features an original translation of gripping diary entries from Russian playwright Osip Dymov, and “The Archives Matters” section explores the Canadian Jewish Congress—established 100 years ago this year—from the perspectives of archival and museum holdings in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto.

Volume 29 is also well underway. It includes original research on a loved Jewish cookbook in Canada, Jewish eco-education in Toronto, folk literary innovation among Yiddish-speaking immigrants, and an anti-Israel movement in Quebec in the 1970s. Please look out for this Volume in early 2020.

Finally, we welcome Simon-Pierre Lacasse as new Associate Editor of CJS. He joins a dedicated CJS team which also includes Janice Rosen, Amir Lavie, Michael Rom, Derek Broad, Alan Bariman, Marc Zilbert, Lucy Gripper, and Antoine Burgard.

Our very best,

David S. Koffman, Editor-in-Chief
Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, Managing Editor

Association for Canadian Jewish Studies Conference Ottawa, May 24-26, 2020 *Call for Papers*

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies is pleased to announce its 2020 annual national conference taking place May 24-26, 2020, at the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, in association with the Vered Jewish Studies Program, the Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, and the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University.

The theme of this year's conference is "Canada's Jews: Maintaining and Constructing Identity in a Multilingual Country." Given the location in the nation's capital, our conference will explore the intersection of Canada, its official (and unofficial) languages, and its Jewish population. Looking historically, socially, demographically, geographically, or via any number of other approaches, we seek to better understand the relationship between the Jews of French and English Canada—whether it be the immigrant experience, cultural production, community building, political and social engagement, or the effect of official bilingualism on Canadian Jewry in any of these or other areas. *Submissions in both official languages are encouraged, and, as always, we also gladly accept and encourage submissions on any and all topics relating to Canada's Jews.*

Individuals are invited to submit proposals for paper presentations 20 minutes in length. All submissions must include (1) an abstract of 250-400 words formulated to clearly and concisely state the main argument of the scholarly paper and indicate how it will contribute to existing scholarship in the field of Canadian Jewish Studies, including a short bibliography of relevant sources; and (2) a biography of 50-75 words.

Please submit your proposal by email, as a .doc or

.rtf attachment, to the ACJS Conference Chair, Jesse Toufexis (jtouf007@uottawa.ca). Because proposals undergo blind review, please do not include any personal, identifiable information in your proposal attachment. Instead, please indicate your name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and email address in the body of the email.

Paper proposals are due on **January 14, 2020**. After an anonymous peer-review process, presenters will be contacted by February 12.

All presenters must be paid members of the ACJS for the year of the conference (2019) at the time that proposals are submitted. Membership information for the ACJS can be found on our website: <http://acjs-aejc.ca/membership>. Please attach the receipt from your 2019 membership to your proposal.

Partial financial support to defray travel and accommodations costs is available for presenters who are students and live more than 100 km from Ottawa. In all cases, because the ACJS support funds are limited, all applicants for financial support are expected to apply first to any host institutions for travel and accommodations support. Applications for financial support, which will be sent to eligible presenters along with the notice of acceptance of their paper proposal, will be due March 4, with results communicated by March 25.

The best student paper presented at the conference will be given the Marcia Koven Award, which is accompanied by a cash prize. The award is granted based on the scholarly quality of the paper and its contribution to the field of Canadian Jewish studies. □

Conférence annuelle de l'Association d'études juives canadiennes Ottawa, 24-26 Juin 2020 *Appel à communications*

L'Association d'études juives canadiennes est heureuse d'annoncer que sa conférence nationale annuelle aura lieu du 24 au 26 mai 2020 à Bibliothèque et Archives Canada, en association avec le programme d'études juives Vered de l'Université d'Ottawa, l'Institut d'études juives canadiennes à Concordia, et le Centre d'études juives Israël et Golda Koschitzky de l'Université York.

Le thème de la conférence est « Les Juifs du Canada: maintenir et construire l'identité dans un pays multilingue ». Compte tenu de son emplacement dans la capitale nationale, la conférence prendra en considération l'intersection du Canada, de ses langues officielles (et non officielles) et de sa population juive. À partir des approches historique, sociologique, démographique, géographique ou autre, nous cherchons à mieux comprendre la relation entre les Juifs au Canada francophone et anglophone - qu'il s'agisse des enjeux liés à l'immigration, à la production culturelle, à la construction de la communauté, à l'engagement politique et social, ou aux effets du bilinguisme officiel sur le judaïsme canadien dans l'un de ces domaines ou dans d'autres disciplines. ***Les soumissions dans les deux langues officielles sont encouragées et, comme toujours, nous acceptons et encourageons volontiers les soumissions sur tout sujet relatif à l'expérience juive canadienne.***

Les chercheuses et chercheurs sont invité.e.s à soumettre des propositions de présentations d'une durée de 20 minutes. Toutes les soumissions doivent inclure (1) un résumé de 250 à 400 mots formulés de manière à énoncer de manière claire et concise l'argument principal de la communication et la manière dont il contribuera à la recherche existante dans le domaine des études juives canadiennes, ainsi qu'une brève bibliographie des sources pertinentes; (2) une biographie de 50 à 75 mots.

Veuillez soumettre votre proposition par courriel, jointe

en fichier .doc ou .rtf, au président du comité organisateur de la conférence de l'AJC, Jesse Toufexis (jtouf007@uottawa.ca). Puisque les propositions sont soumises à une procédure d'évaluation à l'aveugle, nous vous prions de ne pas y inclure d'informations personnelles nous permettant de vous identifier. À la place, veuillez indiquer votre nom, affiliation, adresse, numéro de téléphone et adresse courriel dans le corps de votre courriel.

La date limite pour nous faire parvenir une proposition est le **14 janvier 2020**. Suivant la procédure d'évaluation à l'aveugle par des pairs, les candidat.e.s retenu.e.s seront contacté.e.s au plus tard le 12 février 2020.

Tous les candidat.e.s doivent être membres de l'AJC pour l'année de la conférence (2019) au moment de la soumission de leurs propositions, faute de quoi celles-ci ne seront pas évaluées. Des informations sur les modalités d'inscription à l'AJC sont disponibles sur notre page web : <http://acjs-aejc.ca/membership>. Veuillez joindre le reçu de votre adhésion 2019 à votre proposition.

Un appui financier partiel est disponible pour pallier à une partie des coûts des étudiant.e.s habitant à plus de 100 kilomètres de Ottawa et nécessitant donc un soutien financier. Puisque les fonds de l'AJC sont limités, tous les conférenciers sont tenus de s'adresser en premier lieu à leurs institutions respectives. Les demandes d'appui financier, qui seront acheminé.e.s aux candidat.e.s éligibles dont les propositions auront été retenues, doivent nous être renvoyées au plus tard le 4 mars 2020 et feront l'objet d'une réponse au plus tard le 25 mars 2020.

La meilleure présentation faite par un.e étudiant.e sera soulignée par la remise du prix Marcia Koven, qui est accompagné d'une récompense en argent. La ou le lauréat.e sera sélectionné.e en fonction de la qualité de sa recherche et de sa contribution au champ des études juives canadiennes. □



ACJS OPEN BOARD & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 3-4, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Present: Christine Barrass, Franklin Bialystok, Rotem Fellus, Megan Hollinger, Michael Kent, David Koffman, Simon-Pierre Lacasse, Justin Lewis, Rebecca Margolis, Richard Menkis, Ira Robinson, Janice Rosen, Hernan Tesler-Mabé, David Tollerton, Jesse Toufexis

Secretary: Simon-Pierre Lacasse

1) Call to Order and Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

The agenda and the 2018 AGM minutes were approved.

2) Annual Reports

a. President's Report – Rebecca Margolis

"In my second year as president, my report consists of thanks to all on our fantastic ACJS team for their amazing work this year. Everything is running smoothly. In terms of new initiatives this year, special thanks go out to Rotem Fellus for her work on social media, Michael Kent and Frank Bialystok for sorting out our financials, David Koffman and Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein for expanding the Journal team and moving from one to two issues per year, Adara Goldberg for expanding our Bulletin with new features and making it more bilingual, Simon-Pierre Lacasse for his work on the Bulletin and doing outreach to francophone circles of scholars in the field, Hernan Tesler-Mabé for his outreach work and building a new student scholarship, and, of course, Richard Menkis and Jesse Toufexis for putting together an outstanding community day and conference this year.

"A special thanks to Barry Stiefel for his invaluable work from afar and in nominations for the Rosenberg Award and Board. A special welcome to our

new board members!

"We are working to continue to expand our reach as an organization and build partnerships."

Discussion:

Margolis suggested that we promote partnerships with different associations, such as the British Jewish Studies and the Latin American Jewish Studies, to further the partnership we already have with the American Jewish Studies Association.

b. Treasurer's Report – Michael Kent (see budget on page 21)

Discussion:

The revenue grants were planned to decrease in the next year since the \$5000 grant from Azrieli, received last year, would not be renewed. Koffman stated that other grants might be considered, but Margolis suggested we should realistically expect around \$1500 total grant and that the association apply for an SSHRC local workshop grant.

Menkis asked how the membership categories were broken down and how we could promote the community day as an incentive for membership, since the community day is free. Margolis proposed that we repeat the model of a "one-year trial period" for \$18, which could then be renewed through a reminder email. This would promote membership during the

community days.

Koffman proposed sending an email to gather donations before the end of the year. We could add different areas of the Association's activities to choose from, which would empower the donor by giving him/her the option to contribute to a preferred activity.

Margolis proposed that we use the services of a devoted fundraising agent, who would be attending community activities.

Bialystok asked what travel subsidy budget students were receiving. An amount of \$2200 was gathered and \$2500 were spent. Margolis reminded the group that in Montreal, more money was spent to invite students from abroad with the goals to make the conference larger and to gather international attention.

Bialystok discussed our investments, noting that the cash and mutual fund have now been transferred into the Associations account at TD. The value was approximately \$12400, with the IG Mortgage and Short Term Income Fund of \$11800. Bialystok recommended that we sell the mutual fund and then place all the cash in an investment savings account, currently paying 1.6% p.a. so that it would remain safe and be available when the funds needed to be distributed.

Koffman suggested that we put the interest money from a year aside for special projects in order to spread our brand out. This could be named the ACJS Special Project Fund.

c. Vice President's Report – Hernan Tesler-Mabé

Koffman suggested that ACJS organize a panel at different conferences, such as the Canadian Studies Association in Israel, and wondered whether contacts had been established with the AJS conference held in San Diego in December. Menkis mentioned that AJS also had caucuses which gather.

Tesler might move to D.C., where he would be able to develop new connections. Tesler also wanted to have feedback on the best approach to promote the Association to institutions.

d. Secretary/Nominations – Barry Stiefel (read in absentia)

"The Nominations Committee Chair would like to thank Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, Adara Goldberg and Richard Menkis for serving on the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award. After the Committee's deliberations, it was decided that Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph would be the 2019 recipient. Congratulations again to Dr. Joseph!

"The Nominations Committee requests that all non-presenting student members email the Chair at bstiefel@yahoo.com concerning the 2019 conference for the 2019 Marcia Koven. We look forward to 2019-2020!"

e. Journal Report – David Koffman and Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein

The editorial team of *Canadian Jewish Studies/Études juives canadiennes*, editor-in-chief David Koffman, managing editor Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, and associate editor Alan Bariman announced several accomplishments since the last AGM in June 2018.

Volumes Update:

Volume 26 was published in late autumn 2018. The volume broke new disciplinary

ground by including the Journal's first articles on architecture and visual arts as part of a special sub-section called "Faces of Israel at Expo 67," edited by Csaba Nikolenyi.

Volume 27 was mailed to 2019 ACJS paid-up members on May 30 and is now online and open access. The volume was produced in collaboration with The Azrieli Foundation and was guest-edited by Ira Robinson. The volume is entitled *1944: A Moment in the Life of a Community*.

Several articles centre on Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung, a world-renowned Torah scholar who was born in Poland in 1912, studied in Lublin, and escaped Europe for Montreal, where he served as Chief Rabbi for almost thirty years. The year 1944 signifies when he published *The Vale of Tears*, a memoir of his escape to Canada, an excerpt from which appears in translation.

Volume 28 is well underway and in the copy editing stages. Paid-up ACJS members could expect to receive the issue in late 2019. The online version would be posted around the same time.

Volume 29 is in the peer-review and revisions stages. The anticipated release date is early 2020.

Grant Received:

The Journal received a \$3,000 over two-years Support for Scholarly Journals Grant from York University's Liberal Arts & Professional Studies.

Two-Issues-Per-Year Plan:

The pace of production has been increased. The Journal is on track to move to two issues per year so that the editors would be in a position to apply for a large SSHRC grant in 2021 (valued at \$30,000). This past year's application was denied due to ineligibility. Although the raw number of articles threshold for the grant was met, SSHRC would only

fund journals that produce two issues per year. An increase in labour and design costs was expected. Copy editing and translation would remain in the same ballpark.

New Staff:

Alan Bariman, a graduate student in English literature at McGill, is the new Associate Editor. Marc Zilbert, a graduate student researching Emmanuel Levinas at Université de Montréal, is the new French-language translator. Amir Lavie, who is finishing his doctoral dissertation at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information, is the new Associate Editor.

Translation Section:

We are actively interested in sources or people who can acquire sources for translation in the Journal. As members of the ACJS, please help actively recruit documents of any sort (poems, letters, official or administrative documents, newspaper editorials, etc.) that speak to the Canadian Jewish experience in languages other than French or English. Sources are featured in their originals, translated into French or English, with short introductory remarks. The section highlights the polyglot reality of Canadian Jewish life and history and simultaneously features the important scholarly work of translators.

Send details, suggestions or contacts to koffman@yorku.ca or alan.bariman@gmail.com.

Archives Matter Section:

The section continues to thrive under the stewardship of Janice Rosen. Museum and archive professionals are encouraged to actively participate, suggest themes for issue sections, and expand the range of holding institutions and materials to promote to our readers. Contact Janice at jrosen@cjarchives.ca or David at koffman@yorku.ca.

Book Review Section:

The section continues to thrive under the

stewardship of Michael Rom. Propose books for review to Michael at michael.rom@yale.edu or David at koffman@yorku.ca.

Online Interface & Back End:

Since early 2018, Elizabeth and David have been laying the groundwork for improvements with the Digital Librarians at York University. We successfully migrated our Journal from OJS 2.0 to OJS 3.0, and have made aesthetic changes as well as some improvements to the site layout and design affordance.

We hope to: (1) add a full-text search function for Journal articles on the site itself; (2) improve Journal articles' findability through university library search engines and aggregators; (3) mint stable DOIs for each article; (4) improve the Journal's visibility online; and (5) ensure that read-only text versions of each article appear on each article page, along with the available PDF for downloading.

New Email Address:

All Journal emails should be sent to: cjeditor@yorku.ca. York has been hosting the Journal free of charge.

Article Recruitment:

We encourage ACJS members to canvas colleagues to submit papers and proposals and seed suggestions to Canadianist colleagues and/or Jewish-studies scholars to do comparative work, including co-written articles.

We also welcome suggestions and proposals for special volumes on a theme, with or without co-sponsorship opportunities, as well as special sub-section proposals.

On-Line vs. Print Access to Journal Issues for Members:

Individual ACJS members will only receive a hard copy of the Journal if they opt in and pay an additional fee of \$15 per year on top of the standard \$25 or \$60 annual membership dues. Institutional

members will continue to receive a print copy of the Journal. We will also explore alternative print-on-demand printer service providers to ensure we have the most affordable arrangement. Moving to online-by-default will save approximately \$2,200 per year in printing and mailing costs, and we will be able to channel membership funds into improving our Journal's capacity online, where the vast majority of our readers access it.

Appreciations:

Thank you to everyone who helps produce our ever-improving Canadian Jewish Studies/*Études juives canadiennes*: David Koffman, Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, Alan Bariman, Janice Rosen, Michael Rom, Chris Chanco, Marc Zilbert, Amir Lavie, Dave Friesen, Derek Broad, Cimminnee Holt, Tirza Harris, and Rotem Fellus. Thanks to Arielle Berger, Ira Robinson and Yosef Robinson for their work on Volume 27.

Discussion:

Koffman requested that members propose themes that could constitute a special issue or a section of an issue, or to propose forming a partnership with other institutions.

Koffman proposed that the Journal be available on demand only, which would require an opt-in as part of the membership subscription process.

This proposition was pending confirmation from the publisher that there was no minimum number of prints.

The Association voted in unanimity, in principle—provided that the publisher confirm that there was no minimum order—to make the Journal an opt-in for members.

Since the Journal is open-access, it is not accessible through mainstream academic search engines and databases. Koffman is looking to enable the metadata in the articles to be picked up by these search engines, which are used by most students and academics with an institutional library access.

f. Bulletin Report – Adara Goldberg (read in absentia)

“Greetings from rainy New Jersey. I wish that I could be with you in person, but I value the opportunity to share an update about the Bulletin. It has been a pleasure serving the ACJS as our Bulletin editor this past year. I am amazed by the impressive scholarship and programming being produced by our members and academic institutions and the rich and extensive activity being undertaken by our archives, libraries, and heritage organizations. Kol hakavod!

“One of my primary objectives as editor was to curate issues that reflected the diversity of our membership, linguistically and geographically, and to highlight achievements at various career stages. To increase bilingual content, we solicited original French-language contributions from the list serve. Thanks to our French translator, Simon-Pierre Lacasse, a record number of submissions were featured in both English and French. This will continue to be a priority in future issues.

“Recognizing the importance of local histories, we introduced the new feature ‘Canadian Jewish Figures.’ Thanks to overwhelmingly positive feedback, this highlight on extraordinary ‘ordinary’ leaders coast to coast will be a permanent addition to the Bulletin. Please continue to share these biographies with me for inclusion in future issues.

“Our progression away from the medium of print has erased previous limitations on issue length, enabling us to explore these new topics in depth. While we will continue to mail hard copies to members upon request, publishing digitally is saving the Association hundreds of dollars in printing and postage costs. Shirley Muhlstock Brodt did a brilliant job with the layout and production.

“I appreciate everyone who contributed their time, energy, and creativity to help ensure that this issue was a

success. A special thanks to Shirley Muhlstock Brodt for the wonderful production work. Feel free to reach out anytime: adaragoldberg@gmail.com.”

g. Communities and Archives Report – Janice Rosen

“As co-chair of this committee along with Dara Solomon (Director of the Ontario Jewish Archives), I am submitting this brief report focusing primarily on the activities which best fit the mandate of our Archives Liaison committee; to foster communication and cooperation among Jewish archives and museums across the country. True to the spirit of the committee, I have consulted with my colleagues across the country while assembling these notes.”

Cooperative Projects Between Our Jewish Archives and Museum Members

The Archives Matter section of the Canadian Jewish Studies Journal continues now in its sixth edition, with this year’s collection of articles focusing on CJC history, including four contributors.

An Archives lunchtime roundtable for the conference was organized, with contributors from two B.C. organizations and from Montreal.

The Canadian Jewish Heritage Network website (cjh.ca), now with seven partners from three provinces, is undergoing a major upgrade and refurbishment to make it more modern and mobile-responsive.

The Jewish Public Library is working with the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives on its rare books project, during which the JPL will be creating a detailed catalogue of all its very old books, and notably those rescued from the Nazis after WWII.

Notes From Individual Archives:

Agi Romer Segal, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA): “Thanks to a multi-year grant from the

Government of Canada’s Documentary Heritage Communities Program, we have been able to continue our work on the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta Archives Backlog Project.

“Since our last website update, we have processed over six meters of additional textual records (approximately 21 banker boxes) establishing fonds for another 14 organizations, including Bertha Gold Jewish Seniors Residence, Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association, Calgary Jewish Federation, Calgary Jewish Welfare Fund, Calgary Young Judaea, Calgary Zionist Association, Calgary Zionist Council, Calgary Zionist Federation, Camp BB-Riback, Histadrut, Jewish Family Service Calgary, Jewish National Fund Calgary, Meadowlark Athletic Association [curling club], Medicine Hat Jewish Community, Mizrahi Women Calgary, Na’amat Canada-Calgary, Sharon Zionist Club of Calgary, State of Israel Bonds, The Calgary Zionist Organization, and The Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project Society.

We have also processed significant accruals (archival additions) to several of our extant fonds and completed an inventory of all of the unprocessed oversized material.

“In addition, we have begun work on the establishment of subject-specific collections, such as Zionism, Military, and Performing Arts. For more information on the collections or on any other aspect of the JHSSA Archives Backlog Project, please contact our office.

“This project has been made possible [in part] by the Government of Canada.”

Jessica Zimmerman, Jewish Public Library of Montreal:

- In partnership with McGill’s Department of History and EXCLR program and the Jewish Learning Lab, the JPL-A is launching its first series of local Jewish history podcasts.

- The Pointe-à-Callière museum has launched a semi-permanent (10-year) show called “Les Bâtisseurs de Montréal,” featuring photographs from the JPL-A’s collection. These will also be part of their multi-media app and walking tour created in celebration of Montreal 375.
- The McCord Museum exhibited Shalom Montreal, which featured the JPL-A’s photographs as well as a video installation where Director of Archives Jessica Zimmerman discussed her role in caring for local history.

Donna Bernard-Ceriz, Ontario Jewish Archives:

For Jewish Heritage Month, the OJA partnered with the Toronto District School Board to organize tours for 3,000 students, grades 6-10, from 59 public schools through Kensington Market, including a stop inside the historic Kiever Synagogue. Tours ran four times per day, every day for the month of May.

The teaching goals were to present students with the challenges and opportunities of living in early 20th-century Toronto; to develop awareness of and empathy for the Jewish people and their experiences of the past and present; and to demonstrate contemporary resonances and connections with Toronto’s present-day immigrant population. In preparation for the tours, the OJA produced an eight-minute video detailing a brief history of Jewish immigration to and settlement in Toronto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiHmthYP-WI>.

The OJA is launching an exciting Digital Preservation Project with the support of a Documentary Heritage Communities Program grant from Library and Archives Canada. The OJA’s Digital Preservation Project will establish a robust digital preservation system thoughtfully designed to preserve and make accessible born-digital records of

enduring value in its care. The digital preservation system will ensure that the OJA's collection is accessible, renderable and trustworthy into the future, allowing research access to records created in the "digital age."

Janice Rosen, Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives:

"The ADCJ Archives moved to a new Montreal location last August. In the new location, we have a greater capacity to welcome individual researchers, class groups of students, and team projects. Our collecting capacity has increased, and some significant new acquisitions are currently under consideration."

h. Membership Report – Simon-Pierre Lacasse, Intercultural Liaison Ad Hoc Committee

"We are counting a total of 89 paid members for the year 2019, a decrease of seven members from 2018. In spite of this slight decrease, we are satisfied to have kept most of our student members as well as attracting a few new student members. A few initiatives were taken this year to increase membership renewal as well as attracting new members.

"Thanks to the coordinated work of Cimminnee Holt, Hernan Tesler-Mabé, Rebecca Margolis and myself, the membership drive seems to have been a success. Updated 'we miss you' renewal forms were mailed to former members who were not registered in 2018, and emails with a similar content were sent to past members up to five years back.

"I am looking forward to working with you in the next year."

i. Conference Report – Jesse Toufexis

"Planning has gone well, and I was extremely happy to get to work with Richard Menkis on this. I'd like to formally thank him for his help and

guidance. I'm still learning the ropes of not only conference planning but professionalization in general, so getting to bounce ideas off Richard and Rebecca was a great bonus for me...

"[I]'s always a little tough planning something in another city, where I can't just walk over to the venue and coordinate and plan and visualize... There were some technical difficulties yesterday, but that's to be expected when we go off-campus for the community day.

"Next year, we'll be holding the conference in Ottawa, and I'm extremely excited to be able to be on location as we plan. I think it's going to be our best one yet."

j. Graduate Student Liaison Report –Simon-Pierre Lacasse

"This year, most of my work relating to promoting the Association among graduate students was focused on the Collectif judéités, which has hosted different activities at the Université de Montréal. This collectif gathers students from all four universities in Montreal as well as Ottawa.

"I suggested that the collectif enter into a partnership of some kind with the ACJS. There is some resistance expressed by members of the Collectif to partner with the ACJS, perhaps because they feel they would be limited in their autonomy.

One sociologist PhD candidate was also uncomfortable with the term "Jewish studies" itself; he questioned its legitimacy as a self-standing discipline...

What emerges from my discussions with Collectif is that the ACJS may appear to them as being closer to a community organization rather than a free-thinking, multi-disciplinary, rigorous academic association.

"This is an ongoing discussion which

will resume in the new year."

k. Social media officer — Rotem Fellus

Overall summary of what I did this year:

- Created ACJS Instagram account
- Created ACJS social media email account
- Posted on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and ACJS Blog
- Managed ACJS social media email account.

Statistics

ACJS Facebook Page

Page Likes

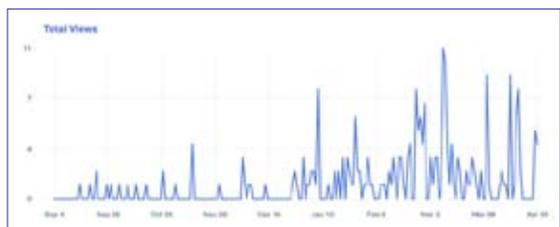
The page likes doubled from September to April.

September 6, 2018 →	32 likes
April 22, 2019 →	66 likes



Page Views

The amount of views from September to April increased from month to month.



ACJS Instagram Page

Page followers: 120

Created an Instagram account for the ACJS in September 2018.

ACJS Twitter Page

Tweet Impressions, followers and profile visits had a good increase between September and April.

Around 1,200 **tweet impressions** in September 2018, increased to 1,800 **tweet impressions** in April 2019.

Over 100 **profile visits** in March.

I. Election of new slate: Nominations Officers

President: Rebecca Margolis
 Vice-President External Affairs: Hernan Tesler-Mabé
 Treasurer: Michael Kent
 Secretary/Nominations: Barry Stiefel

Executive Committee Chairs

Journal Editors: David Koffman, Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein
 Bulletin Editor: Adara Goldberg
 Chair, Communities and Archives: Dara Solomon, Janice Rosen
 Chair, Membership: Simon-Pierre Lacasse
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Mark Celinscak (2018-2020)

Everyone was in favour of the slate.

m. Venue for Next ACJS Conference

Discussion:

The issue at hand was whether to go with Congress in London, Ontario, or to organize it separately. A bigger budget could be gathered if the Association organized the conference on its own, since attendees are used to paying up to \$200 for Congress.

Margolis suggested that the Association hold the conference in Ottawa, where a partnership with Deidre Butler of Carleton was possible. Since most students are from out east, much less budget would be devoted to travel subsidy.

Tesler-Mabé wondered if membership from westerners would be lost or if the Association was too “eastern centric.” The Regina library dropped its membership following the Association’s absence from Congress in that city in 2018. The ACJS needed to nurture the partnerships outside of the centres of Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

Menkis summed up the dilemma, pointing out that ACJS will either promote the financial health of the Association (by holding the conference in Ottawa) or strengthen bonds with local communities by reaching out to people in London and being a part of Congress.

Margolis believed that for the following year, it might be easier from a logistics point of view to host the conference in Ottawa. Also, the Association could participate with Congress as part of a small gathering without holding the conference in its midst.

Koffman suggested that we have a public event in Ottawa that might attract people, such as a movie or a high-profile politician, since the expenditures would be lower.

It was unanimously voted to hold the

conference in Ottawa.

n. Ideas for New Initiatives

Kent proposed that a donor be found to allow Canadian scholars to travel and present Canadian Jewish studies topics. Robinson proposed that the ACJS connect with local newspapers, such as the *Canadian Jewish News*, to promote activities.

Margolis proposed that ACJS increase its visibility by ensuring that the Association’s logo be added to different activities or associations. Tollerton proposed that a hashtag be used for the conference on Twitter and ACJS’s Facebook page.

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ACJS/AÉJC Proposed Budget for January–December 2020

Submitted by Michael Kent, Treasurer

Expenditures

<i>Canadian Jewish Studies Journal</i> (editorial assistant and copyeditor, translation, layout and design, image usage fees, printing, and mailing) <i>Note: Two volumes, standard and special issue</i>	\$5000
<i>ACJS Bulletin</i> (2 issues per year: editing, publishing, printing, and mailing)	\$1,100
Annual conference expenditures (student travel subsidies, facilities, community day AV rental, award plaque, CFHSS membership, student paper awards, printing, coffee break, and banquet)	\$7,500
Donations from ACJS	\$200
Advertising	\$100
Bank Charges	\$60
Filing Corporate Fees (Quebec and Canada)	\$74
Office & General Expenses (Student Administrative Assistant and other misc. costs)	\$1,200
Postage	\$200
Web Site (maintenance, file backup hosting, and domain name renewal)	\$300
Accountant	\$500
TOTAL	\$16,234

Revenue

Membership dues	\$6,500
Private Individual Donations	\$2200
Interest on Investments	\$50
Sale of Back Issues of Journal	\$50
Conference	\$700
Sale of Bulletin Advertising	\$0
Copyright Fees	\$25
Grants	\$8000
TOTAL	\$16,500
PROJECTED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FISCAL 2018	\$266

ACJS CONFERENCE

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Left to right: Student presenter Rotem Fellus; Hernan Tesler-Mabé, who coordinated the scholarship; Susan Jung Kemeny; conference co-chair Jesse Toufexis; and student presenter Megan Hollinger. A fund established in memory of Robert L. Kemeny supported student participation at the 2019 ACJS conference.



Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir, conducted by David Millard, Community Day, Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture.



Left to right: Faith Jones, Cynthia Ramsay, Dr. Catherine Caufield, Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph, and Dr. Rebecca Margolis. ACJS Conference, Community Day panel "Challenging the Status Quo."



Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph, the 2019 Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Award recipient.



Selection of Canadian Jewish Studies Journals.



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