



**2023
Association
for Canadian
Jewish Studies
Conference**

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Jesse Toufexis)**



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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 Adara Goldberg at adaragoldberg@gmail.com.

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<https://twitter.com/ACJSaejc>.

Suivez-nous et partagez au sein de vos réseaux!

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.

Le site web de l'AÉJC:
www.acjs-aejc.ca.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS / AVIS AUX MEMBRES

All membership renewals to the Association can now be made online using Paypal. Simply go to www.acjs-aejc.ca to renew. Also, if you have a change of address, email or phone number, please let us know by emailing the secretary at acjssecretary@gmail.com.

Le renouvellement de votre abonnement à l'association peut à présent s'opérer en ligne via le service PayPal. À cet effet, veuillez visiter le www.acjs-aejc.ca. Pour signaler un changement d'adresse, d'adresse courriel ou de numéro de téléphone, veuillez contacter le/la secrétaire au acjssecretary@gmail.com.

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President's Message



Dear members of the Association and scholarly and community supporters,

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies is mounting a number of new projects, and we invite you to follow their development at our newly redesigned website at <https://acjs-aejc.ca/>. In the spring, Congress will take place in Montreal, and our conference organizers, Janice Rosen and Jonathan Slater, are busily preparing the ground for our events under the apt title "Let Us Compare Mythologies." Following a successful return to in-person conference activities at York University, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at McGill and elsewhere in the city to talk about subjects relevant to all versions of Canadian Jewish geography, identity and daily life.

In the meantime, visit the site dedicated to our journal *Canadian Jewish Studies/Études juives canadiennes* at <https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs> to appreciate the range of recent work in the field.

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Chers membres de l'Association et sympathisants universitaires et communautaires,

L'Association d'études juives canadiennes met en place un certain nombre de nouveaux projets et nous vous invitons à suivre leur développement sur notre site Web nouvellement remanié à l'adresse <https://acjs-aejc.ca/>. Au printemps, la conférence annuelle aura lieu à Montréal, et nos organisateurs Janice Rosen et Jonathan Slater s'affairent à préparer le terrain pour nos événements sous le thème « Comparons les mythologies ». Après un retour réussi des activités en présentiel à l'Université York, nous nous réjouissons de vous voir aussi nombreux que possible à McGill pour discuter de sujets pertinents à toutes les versions de la géographie, de l'identité et de la vie quotidienne des Juifs canadiens.

Entre-temps, visitez le site consacré à notre revue *Canadian Jewish Studies/Études juives canadiennes* à l'adresse <https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs> pour apprécier l'éventail des travaux récents dans ce domaine.

Best / Meilleurs vœux,

Norman Ravvin
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Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta

JAHSENA has been very busy this summer! We have continued our digital initiative as we were successful in receiving funding for a professional grade scanner. We plan to of course use it for our own collection to make items more accessible for members and patrons as well as centering programming around how to digitize one's own collection, and how to store digital images properly.

Our fantastic library of over 1500 books is closer and closer to being fully catalogued. With the help of our great team of volunteers it is seventy percent complete. When complete the lending section of the library will be available for members and researchers to take out where the reference and periodical sections will be for in house use only.

Our newest edition of *Heritage/Yerusha* has come out this month. Inside were these articles:

President's Report

Archivist Report

JAHSENA Mourns the Passing of Jack Chetner

A Partial History of Kashruth in Edmonton

Meandering Out of Africa

Book Review - *In the Midst of Civilized Europe* by Jeffery Veidlinger

How and Where to Start with

Jewish Genealogy

The cover is found on the facing page.

Our annual general meeting was held on October 15, 2023, with Vicki Varga (Executive Director of Collections, Marketing, and Technology at Edmonton Public Library) speaking. We were very excited to hear her insights on collection development and how we could apply it to our small but mighty library.



Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada

We are sad to report the passing of Roz (Rosaline) Usiskin, last president of the Jewish Historical Society and first president of its successor organization, the Jewish Heritage Centre. Her activities with the JHS/JHC, scholarship, social activism, and family devotion were celebrated in a program featuring excerpts from Professor Nolan Reilly's seven-hour oral history interview which is available through the Oral History Centre of the University of Winnipeg. The Usiskin family presented Roz's papers to the JHC Archive.

The renovated Holocaust Education Centre has hosted many school and community groups who want to learn about the tragedy and our survivor community. Representatives from Yad Vashem, the Azrieli Foundation, and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights visited us to discuss Holocaust education for young people.

Holocaust Education Month features four programs in November. The JHC will partner with other community organizations in the Kristallnacht commemoration by showing *Reckonings*, a film and discussion about the West German restitution agreement and its impact locally. Another film, *The Cure*

for Hate, will be screened followed by a panel discussion with the participation of former Neo-Nazi, Tony McAleer. Professor Ralph Stern will discuss "Two Streets and a Synagogue: Urban Encounters in Nazi Berlin" and, finally, Daniel Stone will present his research on "Holocaust Awareness in Winnipeg, 1945-1980."

We congratulate Kelly Hiebert, a Westwood Collegiate history teacher, who won the Governor-General's Award as well as the Prime Minister's Award, both for Excellence in teaching history. He and his students have worked with the HEC on several significant projects.

The 2023 Switzer-Cooperstock Student Prize went to Kenneth Grad, a Ph.D. student from Osgoode Hall Law School, for his essay on "Civil Law Alternatives in the Fight Against Hate Speech: The Case Study of the Marcus Hyman Act." The senior Switzer-Cooperstock Prize for the best essay on Western Canadian Jewish history will be awarded in Spring 2024. Watch for details on the JHCWC website.

Other programs included "The Soundtrack of Our Live," Jewish jazz, rock and folk musicians, as well as the launch of a virtual exhibit of Gray Academy student drawings from photographs in the JHC archive.

An oral history collection has been completed that will serve as the basis for an exhibit on "Jewish Communal Life and the Role of Women."

The Genealogical Institute updated our comprehensive photographic and textual record of Jewish burials from Thunder Bay to Saskatoon. The records, available online, include burials in non-Jewish cemeteries. The Archives continue to update its collection and study improvements to its database.

The JHCWC contributed an article on its museum to the roundtable published in *Western States Jewish History* (Spring 2023). Our website, jhcwc.org, has updated its collection of historical vignettes under "Exhibitions" and the sub-topic "Jewish Heritage Centre Connects." □

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B'nai Brith Edmonton Lodge c. 1950

Back row: 4. Herb Leon, 5. Burton Margolus.
Middle Row: 3. Howard Starkman, 5. Ted Shnitka.
Bottom Row: 3. Eli Adler, 5. Hyman Goldstick
Courtesy of JAHSENA collection

If you see anyone who isn't listed in the photo, please contact us and we will update our records.

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

Judy Goldsand has donated items from her own personal collection, including several JNF programs to add to our collection.

Cory Felber has donated items from her own personal collection, including personal documents and photographs of her family.

Kindly contact our office if you have any questions about donating items.

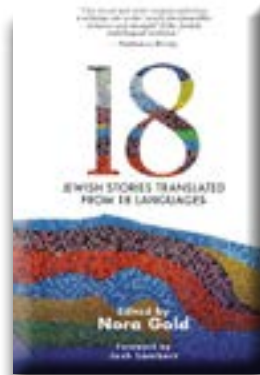
ON THE *Bookshelf* SUR *les rayons*

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

NORA GOLD

Nora Gold's fourth book, *18: Jewish Stories Translated From 18 Languages*, was published on October 17, 2023, by Academic Studies Press in Boston. It is the first book of its kind in 25 years, and it has received enthusiastic praise from *Publishers Weekly*, Cynthia Ozick, Dara Horn, and Joseph Kertes, among others.

Gold's fifth book, *In Sickness and In Health/Yom Kippur In A Gym* (two novellas) will be published on March 1, 2024, by Guernica Editions.



DAVID S. KOFFMAN

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2023 Publishing Updates:

Koffman, David S. "William Kurelek and the Painting of Canadian Jewish Life" in Sarah Milroy (ed.) *William Kurelek: Jewish Life in Canada*. Kleinberg: Goose Lane Editions with McMichael Canadian Art Collection, 2023, pp. 27-43.

Koffman, David S. and Paul L. Gareau, "Jews and Métis in Canada: Ethnic Mobility and the Politics of Counting" in Robert Brym and Randal Schnoor (eds.) *The Ever-Dying People? Canada's Jews in Comparative Perspective*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2023, pp. 214-229.

Koffman, David S. "Afterword: Seven Theses on the Ongoing Impact of None Is Too Many," in Irving Abella and Harold Troper, *None Is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe, 1933-1948*. Toronto, University of Toronto Press, ([1982],

2023)

Koffman, David S. "Praying for British Royalty and Republican Government (Quebec, 1877)," in Laura Arnold Liebman and Adriana M. Brodsky (eds.) *Jews Across the Americas: A Sourcebook, 1492 – Present* (NYU Press, 2023), p.247.

Koffman, David S., "Jews and Native Americans (Nebraska c. 1875)," in Laura Arnold Liebman and Adriana M. Brodsky (eds.) *Jews Across the Americas: A Sourcebook, 1492 – Present*. (NYU Press, 2023), p. 241.

SEYMOUR MAYNE

Seymour Mayne's collection, *Cusp: Word Sonnets* (2014), first published in the original English by Ronald P. Frye & Co., has just recently been released in a bilingual Turkish edition by a leading literary publisher headquartered in Istanbul, 160. Kilometre.

The editor and chief translator, Mert Morali of Izmir, serves as a lecturer in a western Turkish university.

Prof. Gürçağlar, who introduces the book and comments that the collection may well have a palpable influence in contemporary Turkish writing, is a leading senior scholar in the field of translation and interpretation.



Cusp: Word Sonnets (Eşik: Sözcük Soneleri). Bilingual edition. Edited by Mert Morali. Translated into Turkish by Mert Morali, Gizem Çolakoğlu, Berken Hezer et al. and with an Introduction by Şehnaz Tahir Gürçağlar. İstanbul: 160. Kilometre, 2023.

Cusp has also been published in French, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish editions that have received worldwide notice, with special attention given to the innovations of the word sonnet sub-genre Mayne has developed. Copies of *Cusp: Word Sonnets (Eşik: Sözcük Soneleri)* may be ordered from the Turkish website of Amazon.

RANDALL SCHNOOR

Brym, Robert and Randal F. Schnoor, (Eds.) 2023. *The Ever-Dying People? Canada's Jews in Comparative Perspective*. University of Toronto Press.

Schnoor, Randal F. 2023. "The Centrality of Jewish Education in Canada" in Robert Brym and Randal F. Schnoor's *The Ever-Dying People? Canada's Jews in Comparative Perspective*. (University of Toronto Press) p.44-54.

Let the Quran Speak / Islamic Relief Canada. Invited speaker on interfaith panel to discuss Jewish and other religious responses to poverty and hunger. Mississauga, Ontario. February 4, 2023.

JACOB SIVAK

For many years I taught and led a research program at the School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of Waterloo. Since retiring I've switched directions, and much of my time these days is occupied by writing magazine articles, blogs and opinion pieces on topics related to Jewish history and events in Israel. These have appeared in a number of Jewish publications, such as the *Canadian Jewish News* (when the paper version existed), *Algemeiner Journal*, *Jerusalem Report*, *Jerusalem Post* and others.

A few years ago, I undertook a project related to a Jewish settler who came to the Region of Waterloo in the early 1830s, and this led to an article I published in the latest annual volume (Volume 109, 2021) of the Waterloo Historical Society, entitled "A Jewish Settler In Upper Canada Jewsbury: Samuel (Leyser) Liebshitz 1795-1849."

KELLY AMANDA TRAIN

"Indian Jewish Experiences and the Creation of Congregation BINA (Ontario 1979-2010)." In *Jews Across the Americas: 1492–Present*. New York: New York University Press, pp. 430-434. (Adriana Brodsky and Laura Arnold Leibman (Eds.)). Published September 2023.



JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Before the Law Sits the Gatekeeper: German-Jewish book culture

A collaborative rare books workshop with presentations from Renate Evers at the Leo Baeck Institute in New York City and Eddie Paul from the JPL. | Un atelier collaboratif sur les livres



rares avec des présentations de Renate Evers de l'Institut Leo Baeck à New York et Eddie Paul de la BPJ.

Monday, November 13, 2023 | Lundi 13 novembre 2023
12PM EST | 12 h EST

Presentation in English | Présentation en anglais
Virtual | Virtuel
Free, open to all | Gratuit, ouvert à tou.te.s
Registration required at the link below | Inscription requise ci-dessous :

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/before-the-law-sits-the-gatekeeper-german-jewish-book-culture-tickets-722863122057?aff=oddtcreator>

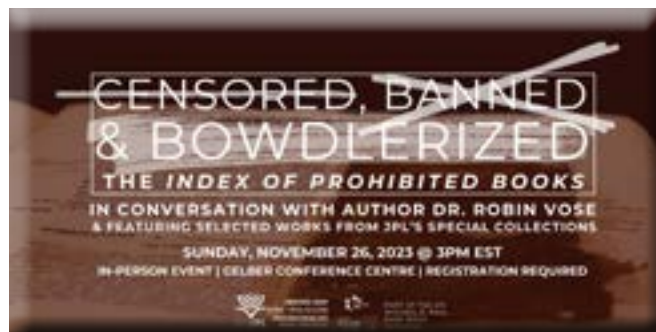
Censored, Banned and Bowdlerized: The Index of Prohibited Books

In celebration of Dr. Robin Vose's newest book, we will be hosting a conversation with the author and the JPL's Eddie Paul, as well as a rare book workshop of censored books from the JPL's Special Collections. | Pour célébrer le nouveau livre de Dr Robin Vose, nous organiserons une conversation avec l'auteur et Eddie Paul de la BPJ, ainsi qu'un atelier de livres rares provenant des collections spéciales de la BPJ.

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | Dimanche 26 novembre 2023
3PM EST | 15 h EST

Presentation in English | Présentation en anglais
Gelber Conference Centre | Centre de conference Gelber

Free, open to all | Gratuit, ouvert à tous.
 Registration required at the link below | Inscription requise ci-dessous :
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/censored-banned-and-bowdlerized-the-index-of-prohibited-books-tickets-732040562027?aff=oddtcreator>. □



The Azrieli Foundation's Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program invites you to celebrate the launch of *The Smallest Hope* by Jack Klajman z"l



This year marks **80 years** since the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the largest act of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

Come hear about the life of London author and survivor, Jack Klajman z"l, whose luck and bravery helped him endure life in Warsaw through the war.



Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
 London Jewish Community Centre
 536 Huron Street, London, ON N5Y 4J5

Admission is free and guests will receive a complimentary copy of the memoir. Dessert reception to follow.

RSVP: (519) 673-3310 or brandi@jewishlondon.ca



SAVE THE DATE of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies Conference at McGill University, Montreal, June 16-18, 2024

- And think about submitting a proposal for a paper

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies is pleased to announce that its 2024 annual national conference will take place at McGill University from **Sunday to Tuesday, June 16-19, 2024**. The call for papers will be going out in the coming weeks, and proposals will be due in January 2024.

Given the fact that the conference is in Montreal, birthplace of Leonard Cohen, Mordechai Richler, Canadian Jewish Congress, cheese bagels, and smoked meat, we are considering "**Let us Compare Mythologies**" as our conference theme. But, as always, we welcome and encourage submissions in English and French on any

topic relating to Canada's Jews.

Individuals will be invited to submit proposals for paper presentations of 20 minutes in length. Please remember that all presenters must be paid members of the ACJS for the year of the conference (2024) at the time that proposals are submitted. Membership information for the ACJS can be found on our website: <http://acjs-aejc.ca/membership>.

If you would like more information in advance of the formal CFP, contact the ACJS Conference proposals address c/o Co-Chair Jonathan Slater (slaterjr@plattsburgh.edu).



Photo by Janice Rosen. A view from an upper-floor conference room at Résidence La Citadelle on the McGill campus.

RÉSERVEZ LA DATE de la conférence de l'Association canadienne des études juives à l'Université McGill, Montréal, du 16 au 18 juin 2024

- Et pensez à soumettre une proposition de conférence

L'Association d'études juives canadiennes est heureuse d'annoncer que son congrès national annuel 2024 aura lieu à l'Université McGill, **du dimanche 16 au mardi 19 juin 2024**. L'appel à communications sera lancé dans les prochaines semaines et les propositions sera dû en janvier 2024.

Étant donné que la conférence se déroule à Montréal, lieu de naissance de Leonard Cohen, Mordechai Richler, le Congrès juif canadien, des « bagels au fromage » et de la viande fumée, nous envisageons « **Let us Compare Mythologies / Comparons nos mythologies** » comme thème de notre conférence. Mais, comme toujours, nous accueillons et nous encourageons les soumissions en

anglais et en français sur tout sujet lié aux Juifs du Canada.

Les individus seront invités à soumettre des propositions de présentations d'une durée de 20 minutes. N'oubliez pas que tous les présentateurs doivent être membres en règle de l'AEJC pour l'année de la conférence (2024) au moment où les propositions sont soumises. Les informations sur l'adhésion à l'AEJC peuvent être trouvées sur notre site Web : <http://acjs-aejc.ca/membership>.

Si vous souhaitez plus d'informations avant l'appel à propositions formel, veuillez contacter l'adresse des propositions de la conférence de l'ACJS, c/o le co-président, Jonathan Slater (slaterjr@plattsburgh.edu).



**ACJS OPEN BOARD
& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday May 30, 2023
ROOM YL 280N IN YORK LANES (80 YORK BOULEVARD)
York University**

Present: Melissa Castron, Miranda Crowdus, Megan Hollinger, David Koffman, Norm Ravvin, Janice Rosen, Jonathan Slater, Joshua Tapper, Hernan Tesler-Mabé, Sigrid Thomsen, Jesse Toufexis, Ovgu Ulgen

1. Call to Order and Approval of 2022 AGM minutes (see Bulletin)

On a motion by Hernan, seconded by Norm, the 2022 AGM minutes were approved.

Hernan asked if there any items to add to the agenda. Jesse wanted to know the role of the board members. Hernan explained that they served in a representative role (from the CJC days to represent the different regions of Canada). He suggested that the next president should think tactically about what they wanted to do with the board. David added that functionally, they did not really do anything.

2. Annual Reports

a. President's Report – Hernan Tesler-Mabé

As I have done every year, let me begin by thanking everyone for their work and devotion to the ACJS over the past year. This past year has been our first where we have left COVID behind and transitioned back to in-person work (life?). You have persisted in your work throughout, not only with the ACJS but also in your commitment to the field of Canadian Jewish studies. Thank you!

This also marks our first in-person conference since 2019, and it is amazing to reflect that after four years, this is both my first year presiding over the conference in person and also my

last as president. At least I got one! But it also means these discussions are a bit of a summary but also a bit of a challenge to the new president and the team he chooses to work with.

Over the past year we have been lucky to have many of our colleagues take up and/or flesh out initiatives: David Koffman and his team worked tirelessly on the journal; Adara Goldberg (with Shirley Brodt) continued to produce a magnificent bulletin; Valentina Gaddi and Alex Stankovich who in their *Collectif Judéité(s)* series helped bring the work of graduate students to our attention (and rolled this even more formally into our ACJS programming); Megan Hollinger, who has worked tirelessly as our Membership Chair and Treasurer, helping us resolve many of the banking difficulties we were facing when she took over; and Jesse Toufexis for his work in bringing together this conference and all our other conferences over the past few years (as well as my VP and friend); as well as all those have faced this year with great devotion to this field

Over the past two years I have laid stress on the need to rethink the ACJS and position it most effectively for the future (cognizant that I could have done so much more). This report will reflect on this key theme, recognizing that there is much work to do.

A. To continue to reflect (at the macro level) what the future of our discipline

will look like. This has been our greatest strength, as scholars in our field have pursued all varieties of research and we continue to think about how to position and render Canadian Jewish studies most relevant.

B. ACJS home base: Last year I discussed moving our operations to Ontario. In the end we did not complete this, but we did make an important change to our bylaws, allowing for the ACJS to be situated anywhere in Canada rather than in Montreal. I did not complete the task of moving ACJS only because it did not fit with the parameters of my position at Huron. In the past, we considered a rotating office structure, moving with the presidency, but doing so would be complicated unless we remained in one province. As Norm Ravvin takes over as president, he can give some thought to this.

C. Make changes to make the ACJS nimbler and better reflect the world in which we live As for financial changes, should we, for instance, forego mailed cheques and limit all membership renewals to PayPal? We are already discouraging this. We need a way to update our website to include social media and we should explore the role of social media and outreach more generally. Facebook certainly makes sense, but how much should we focus on others? Again, the president will have to decide how to commit to this strategy,

if at all.

D. Continue to pull in more regions: This is a longstanding matter. We must ensure that ACJS is not too geographically focused; for example, the Maritimes and Western Canada must be represented. Conferences in Golden Triangle only? (Next year: Montreal.)

E. Bylaws horribly outdated (i.e., relationship to CJC!)

F. Finances: We still have a substantial investment put away – should this be freed up and used, and what is it being used for?

Next year will be a period of transition, but I encourage Norm et al. to act swiftly to make changes lest circumstance, inertia, etc., interfere. Thank you all once again, and I look forward to working with you as the ACJS continues to thrive and grow in the years to come.

Discussion:

Jesse noted that we had a good social media experience with Rotem. It faltered after that. He suggested that we bring back a social media chair (see below).

Norm wanted to know more about finances. Hernan wanted to know what we thought about doing something with our investments. We need to make our investments accessible. Norm would check with Frank Bialystok about what is going on with our investments. Megan could help since she was in contact with Frank and the advisor regarding our investment statements.

We could move the investments to an endowment with York. Discussion ensued on the role of the Honorary Officer and how we could streamline all of this. No decision was reached.

David said that York University would be happy to host the ACJS officially. It has the infrastructure to host it. There are different ways to have this set up. Hernan's concern was that there would be too much going on in Toronto and to de-centre Jewish Canada from other

communities. He stated that we really did not have many other viable options. Norm thought it could be good to have an office in Toronto but a president in Montreal.

David suggested we could financially run things like we do now or cancel all accounts and move everything to York, and York could take care of the finances. Megan suggested we keep the status quo on how our money is handled for at least the next year as we begin to transition. Then we could revisit this issue next year.

Hernan moved to vote on moving the ACJS to York University. The majority approved the motion; the ACJS will move to York University.

It was decided that a vote on the financial setup would be delayed for now.

On a motion by Janice, seconded by David Koffman, the motion to approved the report was passed.

b. Treasurer's Report – Megan Hollinger

Expenditures

Note: Projected surplus is based on

Canadian Jewish Studies Journal (editorial assistant and copy editor, translation, layout and design, image usage fees) *	\$2,137.62
Note: In 2022, the journal expenses have mostly been covered by the SSHRC grant we received last year. This total comes from past reimbursements we needed to issue.	
ACJS Bulletin (2 issues per year, editing, publishing, printing, and mailing)	\$1,125.00
Note: We had two payments, plus one later payment made for 2021.	
Annual conference expenditures (AV and tech help, CFHSS membership, student paper awards, Rosenberg Award)	\$1,025.94
Note: Our 2022 conference was online again and so expenditures were low.	
Bank Charges, PayPal commissions, Federal GST	\$300.16
	\$ 0.00
Postage and office supplies	
Website (domain name renewals)	\$120.00
Donations	\$0.00
Professional Services (Accountant)	\$3,277.00
Quebec Registration	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$7,965.72

similar projected expenditures to 2022, subtracted from projected similar revenue to 2022, but with \$4,228.62 added back on since in 2023 we will have no journal expenses or back payments, extra Bulletin payments, or extra payments to our accountant. This add-on amount also includes the 2022 surplus.

Revenue

Membership dues*	\$3,557.29
Donations	\$1,812.41
Journal	\$50.98
Surplus from 2021	\$2,333.62
TOTAL	\$7,753.28
Surplus at end of Fiscal 2022	\$134.00
PROJECTED SURPLUS FISCAL 2023	\$4,006.18

Other Business:

We transitioned the signing authority at the bank from Simon-Pierre Lacasse to Jesse Toufexis and me. I have been keeping the books and checking the PayPal regularly. I have also been preparing cheques, tax receipts (for donations only), and invoices for our disbursements and revenues.

Most of our revenue comes from membership dues. I think it may be a good idea to consider fundraising efforts to ensure consistent and reliable income, especially since we will not have the SSHRC grant forever, and the journal expenses are large.

*This total is close but there may be some inaccuracies as PayPal transfers may have included some donations, not membership fees. Most PayPal transfers were comprised of membership fees though, so total is quite close.

Discussion: Jesse wanted to know how much we pay to CFHSS annually. I said it depended each year on how many regular members and student members we had. Discussion ensued on whether our membership is worth it due to us not necessarily doing Congress each year. Megan said her understanding from her predecessor was that it was positive to have representation from our field in the CFHSS. Attendees generally agreed with this too. Hernan added that they track demographic data for our organization and that we could take advantage of other programs they offer for marginalized groups that they offer members, which we had not yet been doing. We would need to track what is being offered to send it to our membership, but nobody had as yet been doing that.

Megan wanted to know how we make profit from the journals sold through Amazon. David said that we were selling them at cost but that he would be happy to double the price to \$20 per journal so as to increase our profit.

Megan thought that we should have a plan to cover costs once the SSHRC grant dried up. David thought that a fundraising or annual campaign would not be a bad idea. He also suggested changing our status to donation-based, not member-based. Janice wanted us to at least keep a membership option for organizations as they like to support but cannot make donations. Attendees generally preferred to maintain both a membership component and introduce some sort of fundraising efforts. Megan said that there are smaller things we are not doing that could be helpful (e.g., Giving Tuesday, pushing donations, better advertising alternative ways, like donations, to support the field) and that we could use social media to advertise donating, or advertise this at our events. Hernan reminded us that accessing our investments and bringing

them into our banking could also help us pay bills. Jonathan Slater thought that a membership component was very important in our context and that we should make any fundraising program strategic and precise. This could mean having levels of donations, with added value for each donation level. David suggested preparing an email template that members could circulate to their networks for donations. Miranda and David suggested applying for grants that allowed for more focused projects or journal content and funding could cover some of those costs for producing that content.

On a motion by Jesse, seconded by Janice, the report was approved.

c. Vice-President's Report – Jesse Toufexis

The grand majority of my work this past year had to do with the conference, so I'll talk more at that point. As Vice-President, I mostly supported Hernan and helped him problem-solve with his various tasks. We had frequent unplanned brainstorming sessions to work out the many issues that would come up on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis. I also met up with Megan to sign cheques. My formal mandate in the last year was the conference, so that was what I concentrated on. I also did the work that I had done previously, like running the message board and the ACJS website and taking care of design things like the ACJS banner.

On a motion by Miranda Crowdus, seconded by Megan, the report was approved.

d. Social Media Officer's Report – N/A

We need to better our social media presence. Jesse suggested finding an undergraduate and incentivize him or her with some money. David said that the journal paid someone an hourly rate to make regular social media

posts and that consistency was key. David asked how to measure success, e.g. memberships, donations. Jesse questioned if it was worth it to have a paid basis. Megan did not think we could afford to pay somebody to do this, but Jesse thought somebody would not keep up with the tasks if he or she was not paid.

The debate on our social media presence would be saved for a later date.

Megan suggested we leave it vacant and revisit it in a year.

David suggested moving the Bulletin to another format that is cheaper and less time-intensive. Since we pay someone to do it, we have to decide if the Bulletin is worth it (see discussion below).

On a motion by Hernan to suspend this chair position for one year, the decision was accepted by a majority vote.

e. Nominations – Barry Stiefel

Mort Weinfeld will be the recipient of the Rosenberg Award. Thank you to those who served on the Rosenberg Award Review Committee. Unfortunately, I think their names need to remain anonymous, as they always have. Before you is the nomination slate for AY 2023-2024 officers, committee chairs, and board members, for which a vote is needed to pass.

On a motion by Megan, seconded by David, the report was accepted.

f. Journal Report – David Koffman

Productivity: Since our last AGM, the journal published two volumes.

Volume 34, fall 2022, <https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs/issue/view/2299>, included three feature essays, a sub-section from *Le collectif Judéité(s)* edited by Valentina Gaddi and Ashley Mayer-Thibault with an introduction and three additional essays, a Roundtable on Canadian Jewish

Poetry edited by Adam Sol and David Koffman (the first of our roundtables), an installment of *The Archives Matter* subsection edited by Janice Rosen on the theme of poetry, a translation installment (Turkish to English) by Övgü Ülgen, a Reflection by Ira Robinson (section edited by Amir Lavie), and book reviews in both English and French (section edited by Amir Lavie and Valentina Gaddi).

Volume 35, Spring 2023, will be published in the first few days of June. It includes three feature essays, a Reflections section by the late Jerry Tulchinsky (his undelivered Queens' "Rosen Lecture" adapted), a translation installment (Russian to English) by Josh Tapper, and book reviews in both French and English.

The journal editorial team successfully transitioned from our paper printer to a print-on-demand service. The Journal volumes are now available here: https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B0BCJWSH6B?binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_rwt_sb_pc_tpbk. Thanks to Simon-Pierre Lacasse and our designer, Derek Broad, all the back issues of CJS/Ej will also be available for print-on-demand purchase. These have all been inputted into our supplier. About one-third of them are now available. By the end of the month, you should be able to buy any volume you like.

Finances: Since June 2022, the journal incurred a total of \$12,534.50 in expenses, including \$4,208 for volume 34, \$3,201 for volume 35, and \$5,125.50 for other initiatives such as social media outreach and graphic design to format back volumes for including the whole collection in print-on-demand. By comparison, the journal had spent \$7,129.40 in the last year (from June 2021 to June 2022). The difference can be explained by the SSHRC grant which allowed us to remunerate the managing and associate editors position and provided funds to spearhead new

initiatives, including readying our past volumes for print-on-demand.

The total earnings for our print-on-demand sales since we moved to this format is about \$40. We sold 54 books at close to cost, i.e. \$10 per volume. This was our initial experiment – to make these as cheaply as possible.

Once we get all of the back volumes up on amazon.ca (our print-on-demand service), we will send out an eBlast, listserv and a social media campaign to offer paper copies at a "discounted" price of \$15 per volume for a specific window of time. When that window passes, we will raise the price to \$20 per volume, which is still cheap for a book, but will bring us some income. Keep in mind that the material is available electronically free, so we are not taking advantage of anyone by upping the price point.

SSHRC Grant and Social Media: As reported last year, the journal received an Aid for Scholarly Journal award from SSHRC in March 2022. In addition to covering all costs associated with the production of the most recent two volumes (Vols. 34 and 35), it will continue to cover our costs for the next two years (i.e. four more volumes), as well as the labour costs of our Social Media Officer, who has been creating posts about all our published content on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram since August 2022), and our ongoing Collaborative Co-Authorship Program.

Our TikTok video production experiment was a failure. The content was difficult to coordinate, not particularly exciting, and the producer's expenses were deemed an unworthy expense, given how little money we have and how little traction they received.

The editorial team is uncertain about the value proposition of social media promotion. On the one hand, it seems that one is not supposed to function in today's world without social, and indeed, the posts are drawing some attention. On the other, it is difficult to determine

the cost-value of this attention, and the posts don't seem to be driving a significant increase in hits to our actual journal.

In the spring of 2024, we will reassess the value of this experiment with data that we'll be able to scoop about social media hits, hits to our actual website, and data tracking that will tell us if the social media posts actually lead to engagement with the Journal itself. Of course, it's possible that social doesn't lead directly to better journal numbers but improves our overall visibility and brand and may be worth the expense on those grounds. We will debate this next year so that we give the experiment the time it needs.

I also want to remind the ACJS that we're starting year 2 of 3 in a SSRHRC grant that covers all of our expenses – valued over \$55,000 in total. These are funds that the ACJS has, in effect, earned, since it does not need to cover journal expenses. This means there's a huge opportunity for the ACJS to grow – to pay people to create innovative and effective ways of expanding the field. I will share a list of brainstorm ideas when it comes time in the AGM to discuss "other initiatives".

Personnel: Simon-Pierre Lacasse will be stepping down from his role as the Journal's Managing Editor, a role he has served since 2019, for close to four years.

Dr. Lacasse's contributions in professionalizing the Journal, in its operations through the publication of eight volumes, and as a true leader in the field, are inestimable. We are truly grateful for his immense contributions.

Simon-Pierre will remain on the editorial team as an Associate Editor. He will continue to consult on major issues, help steer the recruitment and peer review process forward for our French-language submissions in particular, and will continue to oversee the editorial process for the special subsection of the

Journal devoted to Na'im Kattan (with Simone Grossman) until its publication (expected in fall 2023).

We are absolutely thrilled that our newest Associate Editor, Josh Tapper, has agreed to serve as the next Managing Editor. We're very excited to be working with Josh.

Looking Ahead: The CJS/EJC will promote Vol.35 in the weeks ahead.

We expect to publish Vol. 36 on schedule in autumn 2023. It should include a special subsection devoted to the work and legacy of Na'im Kattan, edited by Simon-Pierre Lacasse and Simone Grossman.

We are in the midst of creating a special volume on Jewish education in Canada, guest edited by Daniel Held, Karen Gazith and Laura Wiseman. This volume will likely be our spring 2024 issue, Vol. 37. The volume will include essays, a roundtable, an installment of Archives Matter, a more elaborate than usual Reflections sub-section, and book reviews.

We are also in the early stages of developing a special volume on Art/Jews/Canada, to be guest edited by Sara Angel and David Koffman.

We are, finally, formulating another special volume on Music/Jews/Canada.

We thank Amir Lavie, Valentina Gaddi, Josh Tapper, Janice Rosen, Derek Board, Lucy Gripper, Chris Chanco and Marc Zilbert for their hard work, flexibility, bonhomie, and professionalism.

Discussion:

David wanted to increase the cost of print copies from \$10 to \$20. If nobody objected, he would go ahead with this plan.

Janice Rosen wanted to pass the baton to edit the Archives Matter section, perhaps to Amir Lavie.

Hernan wanted to know how the Journal did its call for papers. David said there were multiple platforms on which

they go out, for example on the ACJS Listserv, H-Canada, H-Judaica, and special editions to other organizations. CFPs are also sent to people who can circulate them within their networks.

David may advertise that our journals would be \$10 for a limited time, and then increase to \$20 for bound copies for the Amazon platform. Attendees generally agreed with this proposal.

On a motion by Norm Ravvin, seconded by Jesse Toufexis, the report was accepted.

g. Bulletin Report – Adara Goldberg

Greetings from New Jersey! I am sorry that I could not join everyone for the first in-person conference since I joined the ACJS executive but am confident that the sessions are going brilliantly. This past year proved a successful one for the ACJS Bulletin. Submissions for the fall and spring editions were plentiful, and the content - new publications, lectures, conferences, and celebrations – were demonstrative of the richness and diversity of Canadian Jewish studies. There was also an increase in bilingual (English/French) contributions, and contributions from emerging scholars. As always, Shirley Brodt did an outstanding job designing the newsletter. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our members during the next academic year! All the best, Adara.

Discussion:

People generally like the Bulletin and want to keep it. Josh Tapper suggested a newsletter site to help bring down costs (e.g., Mailchimp). Janice liked the PDF format. We could investigate that. It was decided to keep the format for now and shop for less expensive formatting options.

On a motion by Josh Tapper, seconded by Miranda Crowdus, the report was accepted.

Communities and Archives Report –

Janice Rosen

As the Communities and Archives Committee was established to encourage and promote cooperation between the Jewish archives and heritage institutions across Canada, this report aims to highlight instances of inter-institutional cooperation.

A panel about digitization was organized for this conference, featuring participants from the Ontario Jewish Archives, the Jewish Public Library of Montreal, and the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives.

The fall 2022 edition of the Canadian Jewish Studies journal included an Archives Matter installment about the poetry holdings in the collections of four archival institutions, with articles by Teigan Goldsmith from the Ottawa Jewish Archives, Agnes Romer Segal representing the JHSA in Calgary's, Shyla Seller writing about the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, and me (Janice Rosen) for the Canadian Jewish Archives.

In autumn 2022, the Jewish Public Library of Montreal presented a three-part series of virtual panels called "The Archives Roadshow: 11 Objects, 11 Stories, 11 Jewish Archives." Bringing together speakers from Saint John, New Brunswick, to Vancouver, BC, and including repositories as small as the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue of Westmount and as large as the National Library and Archives Canada, this unique approach gave curators the chance to speak about how one item can be a portal to a wide area of study.

Vancouver's Jewish Historical Museum and Archives of BC and the Centre for Jewish Heritage in Western Canada have joined with the Ontario Jewish Archives and the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives in promoting the inclusion of the Canadian Jewish Congress archival fonds, as represented in those four locations, as worthy of inclusion in the UNESCO Memory of the

World Registry.

The Ottawa Jewish Archives, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, and the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives have all contributed their pertinent collection descriptions to the EHRI portal on Holocaust-related resources. Other Canadian Jewish archives and museums are listed on the site as well and can be expected to post more detailed information soon. See: <https://portal.ehri-project.eu/institutions/ca-005596>.

The Ottawa Jewish Archives is involved in three major digitization project initiatives. Material from these projects is uploaded monthly to the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network. Located at <http://cjhn.ca>, this database site is shared by seven Jewish archives, museums, and synagogues.

The Jewish Public Library Archives is engaged in the large-scale migration of its archival descriptions to a new online platform using AToM (Access to Memory) software. Their original catalogue remains available at cjhn.ca, and research is underway to make the new AToM listings also accessible through the CJHN website. A long-term plan to integrate AToM more fully into the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network is being discussed by JPL-A director Maya Pasternak and me (Janice Rosen) at the CJArchives.) We may aim for the creation of a federated portal such as those developed by the [Eastern Townships Archives Portal](#) and the [Manitoba Archival Information Network](#).

Discussion:

Janice raised the point of reaching out to communities more. Her archives have helped community archives (e.g., synagogue archives) to organize their archives. Hernan wanted the ACJS to have a presence of our past material in the Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives.

On a motion by Norm Ravvin,

seconded by Miranda Crowdus, the report was approved.

h. Membership Report – Megan Hollinger

a. Report:

2022:

- 79 members
- We were up slightly from 2021 (74 members), so that's great!
- "Individual Member": 35
- "Student, unwaged": 16
- "Senior": 15
- "Historical society, Library, Archives, or similar organization": 8
- "University or college program or department": 3
- "Benefactor": 2

2023:

- 72 members (thus far). Hopefully even more members will join during and following the conference.
- "Individual Member": 25
- "Student, unwaged": 21
- "Senior": 16
- "Historical society, Library, Archives, or similar organization": 4
- "University or college program or department": 1
- "Benefactor": 5
- Down for the individual members, historical society/library/archive/organization, and university/college departments categories. Up for seniors and students, and benefactor members.

b. Membership Drive:

We held our annual membership drive. Hernan, Jesse, Noe, and I worked on the drive. We reached out to all members who hadn't renewed or joined since 2018. We need to consider increasing our visibility through various means (e.g., social media, more programming, and partnerships).

Discussion ensued about increasing graduate student membership. We want to increase it but can reach out through departmental channels and personal and professional networks.

Miranda Crowdus suggested increasing engagement by intersecting with other current fields (e.g. Queer Studies). Engagement through journal activities and promotion: David Koffman thought that if we ran a donation campaign with a membership drive, we should remove the set dollar amount from the benefactor membership category. Advocates for a more aggressive membership drive that we could circulate/using more captivating wording and advertising materials.

Should we add a link to the newsletter instead of sending an attachment? Janice raised this issue.

Issues with secretarial duties and finding people to take on some of the regular ACJS duties.

Jonathan Slater suggested adding a membership link to the CJS site. David thought that this should not be a problem.

On a motion by Jesse Toufexis, seconded by Janice Rosen, the report was accepted.

i. Conference Report – Jesse Toufexis

Thankfully, this was our first year gathering in person again. I'm writing this before the conference, so I'm hoping it all goes smoothly. This will be my last year as conference chair after serving in the position for five years. Here's my report for this year, sort of framed as suggestions for the future:

We should think twice about going with Congress in the future. This experience has been continually and unnecessarily frustrating for the better part of six months.

We spent multiple hours per week going back and forth since December solely on the topic of enabling one presenter to present via Zoom.

Another example: I was asked to fill out room requests many months in advance, which I did, on time and with appropriate detail. Two weeks before

the conference, I was informed that one of our rooms, which I had already confirmed in promotional material, in our program, to caterers, to the CSJS, etc., had space for 20 people when I had stated in my forms months ago that we were expecting 30-40. I had to contact everyone and change the room numbers, which were changed yet again a week after that. It's expensive for ACJS attendees.

I don't need to continue, but I'll end this portion by saying that there are certain pros for the conference chair and for attendees: It was nice not to have to figure out accommodations, for sure. And for attendees, the atmosphere of a massive interdisciplinary scholarly conference is nice to wander around in; to see colleagues from other associations; and that sort of thing. Overall, though, if I were the conference chair next year, I would not want to work with Congress.

Finally, a note on our partnership with the CSJS. The CSJS started out as a small group adjacent to the ACJS, and at the time it made sense for them to hold their smaller meeting as part of ours. Now though, they've grown to where their conference is about the same size as ours. It no longer makes sense for the ACJS conference chair to essentially plan all of the logistics of the CSJS conference, doubling the workload and heavily complicating the process when it comes to Congress.

My suggestion would be to part ways in the future or to alternate responsibilities. As it stands, the conference chair of the CSJS needs to plan their calls for papers and conference schedule, while the ACJS chair needs to plan calls for papers, schedules, room bookings for two organizations, accommodations for two organizations, A/V for two organizations, costs for two organizations, and all the other small annoyances that come with working with Congress. If we do continue working with Congress, the CSJS is now large enough that it should have its own

account with them.

Discussion:

There were concerns about planning a double conference that was covertly passed off as one ACJS conference to Congress as well as the issue of the ACJS taking on all conference responsibilities for the two associations. Jonathan thought that we should, instead of a motion, have a dialogue with the CSJS and keep it at the administrative level. People had mixed views on this.

There was a concern about hosting a conference with Congress. We pay costs, but what do we get out of it? People generally like having representation with them for our field. David suggested that we may not be able to access the other membership benefits they offer. Jesse found Congress to be difficult and expensive to deal with and book with respectively. He suggested that if we do not partner with the CSJS, the next Conference Chair may find it better to deal with them, and may prefer dealing with Congress rather than planning everything on their own (e.g., finding accommodations, logistics, etc.). Since this was a year-by-year decision, we could change our minds in the future, and having representation was a good incentive to continue membership. People also liked the giant academic event atmosphere that being with Congress provided. Janice suggested that it made sense, with these considerations, to partner with Congress when convenient. McGill was conveniently located, so people thought it would be good to try again next year with them.

Joining with Congress next time—Attendees vote to host our 2024 conference with Congress at McGill.

Jesse moved to vote that the ACJS would not be assisting the CSJS with hosting a conference (not organizing a joint conference). Vote in majority to not assist the CSJS with their conference. ACJS would not assist the CSJS with

their annual conferences.

On a motion by David Koffman, seconded by Sigrid Thomsen, the report was accepted.

j. Programs Report – Valentina Gaddi

Academic Partnership

1) (Inter)Connections

January–May 2023

Partnership with the Collectif Judéité(s) for a yearly bilingual lecture series. The lecture series hosted eight conferences where students and young professors presented their recent work, with a specific focus on the construction of knowledge in Canadian Jewish studies. All the lectures are available online: <https://www.youtube.com/@collectifjudeites891>.

2) Ma Nishtana:

Valentina Gaddi and Alexandra Stankovitch's four-episode podcast about four issues regarding contemporary Jewry in Canada. Developed in partnership with the Museum of Jewish Montreal (MJM), Prof. Miranda Crowdus (Canadian Jewish Studies Chair, Concordia University) and the MicroProprogramme en Études Juives de l'UdeM).

Available on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/539wOtN609LyMne18TCOD>

B) Community Partnership

1) Immigrant Waves and Musical Tastes:

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Roundtable exploring the great range of Jewish musical expression in the long arch of Canadian history. Collaboration with the Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies and the Department of Music in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design at York University.

Available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tcfz0F6IP1c>

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2) Downtown Tikkun Leil Shavuot in Toronto:

Thursday May 25, 2023

An all-night Jewish learning festival that will take place in Toronto. ACJS partnered with the organization of the event and made it possible for two members of our association (Robert Brym and Randal F. Schnoor) to present their new book, *The Ever-Dying People?: Canada's Jews in Comparative Perspective*.

Miscellaneous

This year's ACJS program, the first one for the Chair, was aimed at strengthening our partnerships and supporting existent local initiatives. Special attention was given to supporting student and community initiatives as well as bilingual projects. Our initial program plan included two more events: Perspectives and Yearly Lecture in Canadian Jewish Studies (see below for details). We were not able to put them in place due to a lack of resources (mainly time and funding). They could be considered for next year's program plan. A clear discussion of the budget, the funding possibilities (grants, sponsorships, etc.) and the intention of the organization could also help set up a realistic program.

1) Perspectives

Partnership with the Journal of Canadian Jewish Studies

The Journal of Canadian Jewish Studies hosts the subsection Roundtable/Co-authors discussions, where two or more scholars are invited to discuss their research topic in a comparative. This means either 1) from the perspective of CJS and another minority in Canada or Canadian wider society; or 2) from the perspective of Canadian Jewish studies and Jewish studies in another country. ACJS can host an online conference series showcasing these discussions. The collaboration could be at different stages of the process: the

initial brainstorming, in the middle of the writing process, after their paper is finalized, etc.

2) Yearly Lecture in Canadian Jewish Studies

This is a yearly hybrid conference where a professor or young scholar (with PhD) in Canadian Jewish studies discusses her or his research, trying as much as possible to connect it with contemporary issues related to CJS. An artistic event (exposition, concert, installation, etc.) will be connected to the event. The event is set up to

strengthen community participation in CSJ activities and set forth ACJS as a core actor in discussing issues

related to Canadian Jewry, both contemporary and historical. The event could take place each year in a different location, therefore developing local collaborations (with libraries, local universities, chairs in Jewish studies, etc.). The initiative could possibly be connected to the ACJS conference.

On a motion by Megan Hollinger, seconded by Sigrid Thomsen, the report was approved. accepted.

j. Graduate Student Liaison Report – Alex Stankovic

Dear members of the Executive Committee Chairs of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS), this paper acts as my annual report on the activities carried out in my role as graduate liaison. Briefly, you will find a description of the activities supported and their relevance to the Association, followed by a section on the potentialities that would be – in my humble opinion

– relevant to develop next year (2023-2024).

a. (Inter)Connexions: Collectif judéité(s)' Online Lecture Series

This year, we continued our collaboration – as lead partner – for the *Collectif judéité(s)* online conferences. The (Inter)Connexions online lecture series featured ten conferences in French and in English, between January and May 2023. The main objective of those events was to put forward the work of graduate

students (Master's and Ph.D.) and junior researchers whose work focuses on Jewish issues.

This year, the *Collectif Judéité(s)* hosted more than fourteen guests from Canada, France, Israel and the United States, who put forward research that touched on various Jewish issues and engaged in discussions with an audience composed of actors involved in the field as well as novices. Those events sought to build bridges, establish dialogue and promote excellence in Jewish studies research and to bridge the gaps between the French and English research communities.

b. Ma Nishtana: A Podcast Created by Two Members of the ACJS: Linked to the Museum of Jewish Montreal *MJM)

The second project we were involved in this year was the podcast "Ma Nishtana." This project, supported by several organizations including the ACJS, was elaborated by two of our members,

Name(s)	Affiliation
Anne Lévesque	Assistant Professor at Université de Montréal
Emmanuel Bodi	Post-graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania
Sarah Richardson	Professor at the University of Ottawa
Boris Dolin	Rabbi at the Dorshei Emet Congregation
Malki Poyres	Ph.D. Candidate at Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Ashley Mayer	Ph.D. Candidate at Université de Montréal, Montréal
Thibault, Bernard Bobbot	Ph.D. Candidate at Université du Québec à Montréal
Domen Fabre	M.Sc. Candidate at Université de Bordeaux-Montaigne
Myriam Ackermann-Sommer	Aynka's Co-founder
Miranda Crowdus	Assistant Professor at Concordia University
Sacha Kagan	Research associate at the University of Hildesheim Ph.D.
Valentina Gaddi	Ph.D. Candidate at Université de Montréal
Valérie Itarucci	Ph.D. Candidate at Université du Québec de Montréal
Shaul Magid	Full Professor at Dartmouth College

Valentina Gaddi and Alexandra Stankovich. In the podcast, they entered into dialogue with community leaders, intellectuals and people involved in the Montreal, Quebec and Canadian Jewish

the members in charge of the ACJS Journal could be invited to present the expectations of publications and/or create a courroie de liaison between both spaces.

Name(s)	Affiliation	Question explored in the episode
Lisa Grushcow	Rabbi of the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom in Montreal	What is different about approaching Jewishness from a queer perspective?
Ashley Mayer-Thibault	Ph.D. Candidate at Université de Montréal, Host of the Toldot podcast	What is different between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews in Quebec?
Rivka Cambell	Founder of Jews of Colour Canada, Host of the Rivkush podcast	What is different about looking at Jewishness through the lens of race?
Simon-Pierre Lacasse	Ph.D. in History, Editor-in-Chief at the Canadian Jewish Studies Journal	What is different when a non-Jewish person studies issues affecting these communities?

communities to question how various issues shape their understanding of Jewishness today.

The podcast has two episodes in French and two in English and is intended for a large audience (scholars or the broader community). Through this medium, the goal was to take up the same questioning ritual as the Passover Seder and examine some contemporary issues of Montreal and Canadian Jewry, at the crossroads of academic reflection, community and personal experiences.

2023-2024: Multiplying Activities

a..Bringing Back Graduates' Reviews

When I joined the ACJS, my predecessor, Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein, did one activity where a group of graduates were invited to review and give constructive feedback on two articles written by their peers. Next year, I would like to reintroduce this activity, once in the fall semester and once in the winter semester. This would allow members of the association to share their work in a critical, yet benevolent, space. Moreover, it would help develop a network of young researchers in Jewish studies, which is not a negligible goal considering that ACJS members are dispersed over a wide geographical area.

If it is relevant, this activity could also be a privileged moment where

b. In-Person Roundtable at the Annual ACJS Conference

Considering that this is one of the graduate liaison's tasks, although I was not able to do it this year, I would like to create a roundtable at next year's annual ACJS' conference, bringing together members of the Association who are either at a master's or doctoral level.

The theme will be chosen at the start of the academic year and a reflection around the issue will be developed; everything will be submitted to the Association before the call for submissions.

As I cannot present this report in person, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

On a motion by Jesse Toufexis, seconded by Janice Rosen, the report was approved.

j. Election of New Slate: Nominations

ACJS Officers, Executive & Board Members 2023-2024 (Presumptive)

Officers

President: Norm Ravvin

Vice-Presidents: Jesse Toufexis; Josh Tapper

Treasurer: Megan Hollinger

Nominations: Barry Stiefel

Secretary: TBD

Past President: Hernan Tesler-Mabé

Executive Committee Chairs

Journal Editors: David Koffman; Josh Tapper

Bulletin Editor: Adara Goldberg

Chair, Communities and Archives:

Janice Rosen

Chair, Membership: Megan Hollinger

Chair, Conference: Janice Rosen;

Jonathan Slater (local contacts)

Chair, Programs: Valentina Gaddi

Associated Book Review Editors: Amir

Lavie; Valentina Gaddi; Simon-Pierre

Lacasse

Chair, Finance: Frank Bialystok

Chair, Nominations: Barry Stiefel

Chair, Graduate Student Liaison:

Alexandra Stankovich

Honorary Officer

Jerry Silver

Board Members

Adriana Brodsky (2023-2024)

Rebecca Margolis (2023-2024)

Elizabeth Moorhouse-Stein (2023-2024)

Natalia Vesselova (2023-2024)

Monda Halpern (2023-2025)

Simon-Pierre Lacasse (2023-2025)

Miranda Crowdus (2023-2025)

On a motion by Hernan, the motion to accept the slate for next year was approved.

k. Venue for next ACJS Conference

Discussion:

It would be helpful to have a new conference chair soon, but it could be helpful to have a small team that could divide the conference duties. It would be helpful to include on this team someone connected to Montreal who knows the city well. Montreal—McGill University for Congress (for vote, see Item j).

l. Ideas for new initiatives

David Koffman had some ideas

to grow the ACJS's mission and the Journal's. Examples included: social media officer, offer stipends for the executive members, possible to deal with fundraising efforts (need money for this), fostering collaborative efforts between people in the field that can lead to expanding the field, publications, etc. (Co-Authors Collaboration Project), maybe a stipend for a webmaster,

incentive grant to get help with writing bigger grant applications for the CJS, obtaining grants for writing books or getting books published, help organize community events around Canada to feature our scholars. David will send around these and other ideas by email later on. Another idea is a Wikipedia blitz, during which participants would enter Wikipedia articles and add

citations to point out that they come from CJS work. This could increase traffic to the Journal's website.

m. Varia

Jesse congratulated Hernan for his great work leading the ACJS through the COVID years. Thank you, Hernan!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Hernan. □



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