



Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award conferred on Professor Pierre Anctil

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS) is very pleased to announce that Professor Pierre Anctil of the University of Ottawa is the 2015 recipient of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award.

Professor Anctil obtained his PhD in Social Anthropology at the New School for Social Research in New York in 1980. In the 35 years since, he has greatly advanced the field of Canadian Jewish studies by way of an ongoing and rich engagement with the history of the Jewish community of Quebec. Producing numerous important original writings on the history of that community as well as translations from Yiddish to French of memoirs and historical and literary texts, he has deepened our understanding of the Canadian Jewish experience. Professor Anctil has amassed a vast body of scholarly publications, including essays, monographs, and translation. His work *Jacob-Isaac Segal (1896-1954) : Un Poète Yiddish de Montréal et son milieu* (Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 2012) earned him the 2014 Canada Prize for the best French-language book in the Social Sciences from the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. His most recent work, *À chacun ses Juifs 60 éditoriaux pour comprendre la position du Devoir à l'égard des Juifs (1910-1947)* (Septendrión, 2014), offers a significant contribution to our understanding of Jewish-Québécois dynamics. This academic work has been complemented by a longstanding commitment to facilitating rapprochement between these two groups.

Dr. Anctil has also committed himself extensively to education in the area of Canadian Jewish studies. From 2002 until 2008, while director of the Institute of Canadian Studies at the University of Ottawa, he was closely involved in founding and promoting the university's Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program. As a full professor in the University of Ottawa's Department of History, he has taught a variety of classes devoted to the history of Jews

in Canada at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has mentored numerous young scholars in the field of Jewish Canadian studies. He has also advanced the cause of Canadian Jewish studies beyond Canada's borders, serving as guest professor in 2012 at the Halbert Center for Canadian Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.



Pierre Anctil

It is a distinct honour to be able to present the Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award to Pierre Anctil for his service in advancing Canadian Jewish studies. We look forward to presenting him with this award as the ACJS convenes at the University of Ottawa for the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in spring 2015.

Version française

L'association des études juives canadiennes (AÉJC) est heureuse d'annoncer la nomination du professeur Pierre Anctil au titre de lauréat du prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes pour 2015.

Professeur Anctil complète son doctorat en anthropologie sociale au sein de la New School for Social Research à New York vers 1980. Au cours des trente-cinq années suivantes, il contribue grandement au champ des études juives canadiennes par un engagement riche et constant avec l'histoire de la communauté juive

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About Us

The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies/l'Association des études juives canadiennes was founded in 1976 as the Canadian Jewish Historical Society/Société d'histoire juive canadienne. 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 Sarah Jane Kerr-Lapsley at sjkerrlapsley@gmail.com.

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Message from the Editor

Thank you all for your contributions to this year's Spring Bulletin! We have a great deal to celebrate and so much to look forward to.

As always, the biggest thank-you to Shirley Muhlstock Brodt for her tireless work formatting and editing the bulletin. We could not do this without you.

I look forward to seeing you all in Ottawa at the end of the month!

Sincerely,

Sarah Jane (SJ) Kerr-Lapsley
ACJS Bulletin Editor

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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 Janice Rosen at acjssecretary@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to the following institutions for their support of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies: Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies; Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies (York University); Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies (Carleton University); and Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program (University of Ottawa).



President's Message

Dear members and friends of the ACJS,

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming conference at the University of Ottawa, from May 31 to June 2, 2015. At this year's conference, we will be delighted to honour Professor Pierre Anctil of the University of Ottawa, winner of the 2015 Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award. The ACJS proudly recognizes the exceptional contributions that Professor Anctil has made to Canadian Jewish studies. The high quality of his research and his enormous output of scholarship over the last 25 years are exemplary, and his achievements in bringing Canadian Jewish history and culture to French readers, most notably through his translations of Yiddish writers, are unmatched.

The program for this year's conference can be found in this bulletin and is available on our website at www.acjs-aejc.ca/conference.html. Thank you, as always, to Rebecca Margolis for her efforts in putting this conference together.

I took on the role of ACJS president at last year's conference at Brock University, in St. Catharines, Ontario. Over the past year I have been working to establish the foundation for what I hope will be numerous programs and initiatives to benefit and strengthen our association. The first is the Educators' Roundtable, which will have its inaugural session at our upcoming conference in Ottawa. The purpose of the Educators' Roundtable is to create a forum for improving the quality and quantity of Canadian Jewish studies taught at the primary, secondary, and university levels, strengthen the field by better understanding job market opportunities that would benefit from Canadian Jewish studies skills, and establish a means for educators of all kinds from across the country to engage in the discourse surrounding Canadian Jewish studies.

This year's roundtable will be moderated by Professor Ira Robinson of Concordia University, our new Academic Committee Chair, and there is still time to R.S.V.P. for this event! I hope you will join us. I believe that through self-reflection and dialogue, we can do more to improve Canadian Jewish studies education.

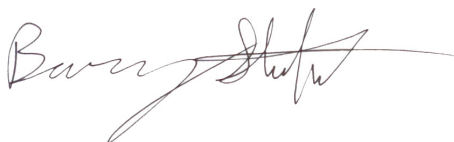
Another seed that has been planted, which will hopefully bear fruit with your involvement, is the survey for institutional improvement designed by Allie Cuperfain and me and that was distributed to 173 past and present ACJS

members. Many of you participated in this survey between August and October 2014. The feedback that we received was very valuable. A report on the survey results has been compiled, which I would like all members to review prior to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, June 1. The survey results are key to the discussion of where the ACJS currently stands and how we should move forward in both the short and long terms. This discussion will begin at the AGM in Ottawa, so I ask all of you who are attending to come prepared.

My distinguished predecessor, Randal Schnoor, concluded his last ACJS Bulletin President's Message by saying: "While our association is running smoothly, there is certainly room for new initiatives, for expanded reach and for grander visions of what we might become," and this is something I intend to follow through on. I cannot do it alone — everyone is important to this process. Please come prepared to work together, and with a vision for the future of the ACJS.

Lastly, there are numerous people who have been part of the ACJS's important leadership team over the last year, and I thank you all for your dedicated service.

Yours most sincerely,



Barry L. Stiefel
President



Barry L. Stiefel

Executive Summary: Results of the 2014 ACJS Survey for Institutional Improvement

*by Barry L. Stiefel
ACJS President*

Between August and October 2014, a survey for the purpose of collecting data for the institutional improvement of the ACJS was conducted, designed by Allie Cuperfain and me, with input from several members of the Executive Board. It is hoped that this report and data will be used as a starting point for improving the ACJS, according to the collective vision of its members. The following is a summary of the findings, which should be reviewed prior to the next Annual General Meeting, where it will be discussed in detail.

The survey was conducted online and was advertised primarily through the Listserv as well as through word of mouth and other informal means of communication. Approximately 173 email addresses received the survey, which was announced multiple times, with 31 people responding. Due to some members – or past members – having multiple email addresses and not using email addresses that have remained on the Listserv, it is likely that 173 different individuals did not receive the survey. Nonetheless, it might be assumed that there are approximately 31 people who can be considered “involved” members of the ACJS, since they responded.

Of the 31 who responded, there was a significant demographic correlation. The average member is male, between the ages of 41 and 70, with a doctorate degree, and resides either within the province of Ontario or Quebec, where he works as either a college or university professor or as a teacher of Jewish education (thus having an affiliation with an educational institution). Most of the respondents have been members for between three and 25 years, with the majority between six and 15 years.

On average, respondents appear to be pleased with ACJS initiatives and services, including the annual conference, journal, newsletter, bulletin, website, and Listserv, though some minor improvements could be made (see qualitative data in the survey results). The exception is the Twitter feed, as the vast majority of respondents do not use this resource. With regard to the annual ACJS conference, most respondents either attend every year, miss an occasional year or do not attend at all, which showed that irregular or occasional attendance is rare. Of those who attend the annual conference, most would like to see the ACJS continue to have it as an annual event associated with Congress, regardless of Congress’s location.

According to the respondents, professional scholarship is an important priority. This is not surprising, considering that the majority of respondents were academics. Programming (events, etc.) is also valued, but was not ranked as highly as professional scholarship. The majority of respondents would like to see Canadian Jewish studies promoted, alongside an increase in ACJS membership, and a more developed marketing strategy.

Most respondents did not have any interest in fundraising for the ACJS, nor expertise or background. In general, respondents were enthusiastic about promotional activities related to Canadian Jewish studies and the ACJS’s image and membership; however, these possibilities will require further financial resources. In terms of willingness to volunteer, respondents were divided, with a fairly equal three-way breakdown between “yes,” “no,” and “no response.” With a minority of respondents unwilling to volunteer their time for the ACJS, this compounds the challenge of accomplishing goals related to the promotion of Canadian Jewish studies and ACJS membership since the prospect of significant fundraising is unlikely. While respondents were divided between definitely being willing or not willing to donate regularly to the ACJS, a significant minority responded with “maybe.” The ACJS board should further explore how those “maybes” might be converted into a “yes.”

A majority of respondents believed that the size of the Board of Directors, currently ten positions, was an appropriate size. By and large, there was indifference to consciously balancing the board’s demographics with respect to geography, gender, language (Anglo/Francophone), or profession.

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du Québec. Par ses nombreux écrits originaux sur l'histoire de cette communauté et par ses traductions du yiddish au français de mémoires, de littérature et de textes historiques, il a approfondi notre compréhension de l'expérience juive canadienne. Professeur Ancil publie abondamment sous différentes formes, incluant articles universitaires, monographies et traductions. Son livre, *Jacob-Isaac Segal (1896-1954) : Un poète yiddish de Montréal et son milieu* (les presses de l'université Laval, 2012) lui valut le prix du Canada pour le meilleur livre en français dans la catégorie des sciences sociales remis par la fédération des sciences humaines. Son œuvre la plus récente, *À chacun ses Juifs : 60 éditoriaux pour comprendre la position du Devoir à l'égard des Juifs (1910-1947)* (Septentrion, 2014), offre une contribution significative à notre compréhension des dynamiques entre Juifs et Québécois. L'ensemble de sa carrière est marqué par un engagement à faciliter les rapprochements entre ces deux groupes.

Dr Ancil s'est aussi dévoué à l'enseignement des

études juives canadiennes en milieu universitaire. De 2002 à 2008, alors qu'il occupait la direction de l'institut des études canadiennes à l'université d'Ottawa, il œuvre à la mise sur pied et à la promotion du programme des études juives canadiennes Vered.

Comme professeur titulaire au département d'histoire de l'université d'Ottawa, il donne un éventail de cours consacrés à l'histoire des Juifs au Canada, autant au premier cycle qu'aux cycles supérieurs. Ses qualités de mentor inspirent plusieurs de ses étudiants à poursuivre dans le champ des études juives canadiennes. Plus encore, il avance la cause des études juives canadiennes à l'étranger, quand en 2012 il s'illustre comme professeur invité au centre des études juives canadiennes Halbert à l'université hébreu de Jérusalem en Israël.

C'est un grand honneur de pouvoir présenter le prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études juives canadiennes à Pierre Ancil pour ses services portés à l'avancement des études juives canadiennes. Nous anticipons grandement de lui remettre ce prix lors du regroupement de l'AEJC à l'université d'Ottawa pour le Congrès des sciences humaines au printemps 2015. □



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**University of Ottawa | Université d'Ottawa
May 31-June 2, 2015 | 31 mai au 2 juin 2015
PROGRAM | PROGRAMME**

SUNDAY, MAY 31 | DIMANCHE LE 31 MAI

**NEW DIRECTIONS IN
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NOUVELLES DIRECTIONS EN
ÉTUDES JUIVES CANADIENNES**

**Location | Emplacement : Soloway Jewish Community
Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa**

Sunday's sessions are open to the public for a fee of \$18, which includes lunch and an introductory membership to the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies. Tickets are available at the door.

Les séances du dimanche sont ouvertes au public pour un coût de 18\$, incluant un repas ainsi que l'adhésion à l'Association des études juives canadiennes. Les billets seront disponibles à l'entrée.

R.S.V.P. | Pour réserver : rmargoli@uOttawa.ca

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

**10:00–12:00 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 1
Panel: *Outside the (Archival) Box: Bringing Canadian Jewish History to the Public***

Paul Gifford (JAHSENA, Edmonton), **Shannon Hodge** (JPL, Montreal), **Agi Romer Segal** (JHSSA, Calgary), **Donna Bernardo-Ceriz** (Ontario Jewish Archives), **Saara Mortensen** (Ottawa Jewish Archives)

Chair | Présidente de séance : Janice Rosen (CJCCC, Montreal)

12:00–1:00 PM: Lunch break (a light lunch will be served on site) | pause diner (un repas léger sera servi sur place)

1:00–3:00 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 2

Constructing Moroccan Jewish Identities in Montreal: Work, Music, Food /

Construction des identités juives marocaines à Montréal : travail, musique, nourriture

Jessica Roda (UQÀM), **Samy Elmaghribi** (Salomon Amzallag): *Développer une nouvelle liturgie sépharade au Canada*

Stephanie Schwartz (UQÀM, Museum of Jewish Montreal), *Mapping Samy Elmaghribi/Salomon Amzallag*

Katherine Romanow (Museum of Jewish Montreal), *Mufleta, Zaban and Sushi: The Development of the Mimouna and its Foodways from Morocco to Montreal*

Sonia Sarah Lipsyc (ALEPH-Centre d'Études Juives Contemporaines), *Le monde des études juives pour adultes dans la communauté sépharade de Montréal aujourd'hui au travers de ses lieux d'études et sa production littéraire*

Chair | Présidente de séance : Rebecca Margolis (University of Ottawa)

3:00–3:30 PM: Break | pause

3:30–5:30 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 3: Jewish Educators' Roundtable

Participants: **David Koffman** (York University), **Sarah Jane Kerr-Lapsley** (McGill University), **Barry Stiefel** (College of Charleston), **Deirdre Butler** (Carleton University)

Chair | Président de séance : Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

5:30–7:00 PM: A Celebration of Jewish Canadian Studies | Une célébration des études juives canadiennes

Presentation of the Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award to **Pierre Anctil**, University of Ottawa

Présentation du Prix d'excellence Louis Rosenberg en études canadiennes juives au professeur **Pierre Anctil**, Université d'Ottawa

Launch of **Richard Menkis** and **Harold Troper's** *More Than Just Games: Canada and the 1936 Olympics* (please see page 10 for more information)

Lancement du livre de **Richard Menkis** et **Harold Troper**, *More Than Just Games: Canada and the 1936 Olympics* (pour plus d'information, veuillez consulter la page 10)

MONDAY, JUNE 1 | LUNDI LE 1ER JUIN

JEWS AND WAR: A DAY OF SESSIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WORLD WAR II LES JUIFS ET LA GUERRE : UNE JOURNÉE DE COMMÉMORATION DE LA FIN DE LA DEUXIÈME GUERRE MONDIALE

Location | Emplacement : Fauteux (FTX) 133, University of Ottawa | Université d'Ottawa

9:00–10:30 AM: Annual General Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies | Assemblée générale annuelle, Association des études juives canadiennes

10:30–11:00 AM: Break | pause

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 4

Le Canada et l'immigration juive dans les années 1930 et les 1940 : politique migratoire, discours politiques et mobilisations communautaires

Sandra Dubé (UQÀM), *'Des suppliants indésirables'. Les discours des responsables politiques canadiens et québécois sur l'immigration juive entre 1938 et 1945*

Annelise Rodrigo (Université Toulouse II/Laboratoire France Méridionale et Espagne), *Une fragmentation de l'accueil : les associations canadiennes et l'arrivée de réfugiés juifs européens pendant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale*

Antoine Burgard (UQÀM)/Université Lumière Lyon 2), *Entre exigences administratives et attentes de la communauté, le Congrès juif canadien et l'immigration d'orphelins de la Shoah depuis l'Europe de l'immédiat après-guerre*

Chair | Président de séance : Pierre Anctil (Université d'Ottawa)

12:30–1:30 PM: Lunch break | pause diner

1:30–3:00 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 5 | Canadian Jews in World War II

Sandra Lipton (University of Calgary), *For Freedom and Country: Revealing the Full Extent of Southern Albertan Jewish Participation in World War II*

Elin Bessner (Centennial College), *Canadian Jewish Casualties in Uniform in the Second World War*

Mark Celinscak (Trent University), *Witnesses to the Holocaust: Canadian Jewish Military Personnel at Bergen-Belsen*

Chair | Président de séance : Peter Usher (Independent researcher)

3:00–3:30 PM: Break | pause

3:00–4:30 PM: CSJS/SCEJ Annual General Meeting and Executive Meeting

3:30–5:30 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 6 | Changes and encounters

Richard Menkis (UBC), *A Socialist Life: Abraham Rhinewine in Toronto, 1907b1932*

Joseph Kary (Kary and Kwan, Barristers and Solicitors), *Montreal's Jewish Courts of Arbitration, 1923b1976*

Randal Schnoor (York University), *Jewish Identity in the Urban Landscape: A Toronto Case Study*

David Koffman (York University), *The Canadian Jewish–First Nations Encounter: Sketch for a Synthetic History*

Chair | Président de séance : Barry Stiefel (College of Charleston)

5:00–7:00 PM: President's reception

7:30–9:00 PM: Film screening | Projection de film

Chava Rosenfarb: *That Bubble of Being* (Josh Waltetzky, League for Yiddish, 2015)

Introduced by Goldie Morgentaler

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 | MARDI LE 2 JUIN

Location | Emplacement : Thompson (THN) 124, University of Ottawa | Université d'Ottawa

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

10:00–10:30 AM: Break | pause

10:30 AM–12:00 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 7 | Jewish Student Life

Howard Gontovnick (SUNY), *Building the Foundations of Identity: A Look into the Contributions of a Zionist Youth Group within a Jewish Farming Settlement in the 1920s*

Hernan Tesler-Mabe (University of Ottawa), *Strength via Soccer: Hakoah Vienna in the United States and Canada in the late 1920s*

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Frank Bialystok (University of Toronto), *The "J"CR and the Refectory: Jewish Student Life at University College*
Chair | Président de séance : David Koffman (York University)

12:00–1:00 PM: Lunch break | pause diner

1:00–3:00 PM: ACJS/AEJC session 8 | Yiddish
Yosef Robinson (Concordia University), *Montreal's Keneder Odler in the 1920s and 1930s*

Goldie Morgentaler (University of Lethbridge), *The Absence of Canada in the Canadian Novels of Chava Rosenfarb*

Steven Lapidus and Ira Robinson (Concordia University), *Hasidic Migration to Montreal, 1941-2014*

Rebecca Margolis (University of Ottawa) and **Meghan Cavanagh** (University of Ottawa), *Canadian Yiddish in the Internet Age*

Chair | Président de séance : Simon-Pierre Lacasse (Université d'Ottawa)

3:00–3:30 PM: Closing remarks | remerciements

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Articles, essays, book reviews, short notes, and bibliographies from all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences are welcome. Submissions are concurrently accepted and should be sent by email to:

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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN JEWISH STUDIES

Public Programs This Semester

January 9

Canadian Jewish Studies Institute Forum featuring Sharon Gubbay Helfer, "A View of Her Own: A first look at the life and legacy of Aline Gubbay"

March 9

Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies public lecture featuring Dr. Jack Lipinsky of Toronto, "The Place to Which All Waters Must Flow: the Immigration Muse in Canadian Jewish Life, 1900-1960"

Monday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m.

Canadian Jewish Studies Institute Forum in R-103 (2050 McKay Street): Joseph Kary (Toronto) "Judgements of Peace: An Unorthodox Court for the Orthodox and Not-so-Orthodox Jewish Community of Montreal, 1923-1976"

Friday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Canadian Jewish Studies Institute Forum in R-103 (2050 McKay Street): Chantal Ringuet, "Transmissions et héritages de la Shoah aujourd'hui."

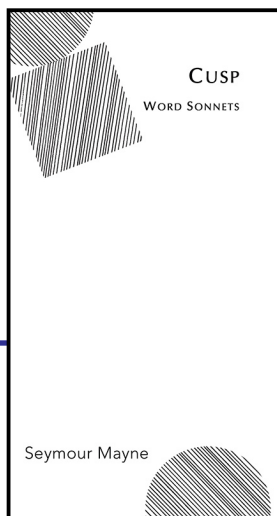
The Institute is pleased to announce its Awards Competition for the 2015-2016 academic year, including the Naim Mahlab Fellowships, the Miriam Aaron Roland Fellowship, the Romek Hornstein Memorial Fellowships, the Harris and Ann Wetstein Foundation Graduate Scholarship, and the Kanfi-Holzbauer Award. For further information on these awards, go to: <http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/research/jewish-studies/research/fellowships.html>.

In collaboration with the Dahan Centre, Bar-Ilan University, the Institute will co-sponsor a conference at Concordia on the topic "Sephardic, North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Communities in North America." The conference will take place on August 23-25, 2015. Researchers are invited to submit papers related to the conference theme in areas such as: Immigration to North America, Communities in North America, and Education and Culture. Other subjects relevant to the conference theme will be considered. Presentations will be accepted in English, French, and Hebrew. Researchers should prepare an application form (see website), including an abstract of no more than 300 words in length. This should be attached to an email sent to dahan.center@mail.biu.ac.il and received no later than May 19, 2015.

ON THE *Bookshelf*



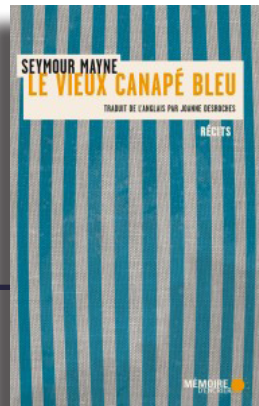
Poet and short-story writer Professor **SEYMOUR MAYNE** is the author, editor or translator of more than sixty books. His latest collections include the following two titles: *Cusp: Word Sonnets* and *Le vieux canapé bleu et autres récits*.



Cusp: Word Sonnets, a selection of new work, was published last fall by Ronald P. Frye & Co. to mark 50 years since his first collection appeared in Montreal. That first gathering of poetry was actually printed in 1964 at the Jewish Public Library, corner Esplanade and Mount Royal avenues, under the auspices of the director of the library, the late David Rome, who was committed to encouraging younger authors in the Jewish community. For further information on *Cusp*, please access the publisher's website: <http://www.ronaldpfrye.com/blog/announcing-cusp-word-sonnets.html>.

Le vieux canapé bleu et autres récits appeared early this past winter in Quebec and was released in Belgium

and France in March. *Le vieux canapé bleu* is the most recent rendering of Seymour Mayne's selected short fiction *The Old Blue Couch and Other Stories* (Ronald P. Frye & Co.) that has already appeared in Hebrew, Romanian and Spanish editions. Set mainly in Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto, the stories offer a humorous but genial take on various aspects of contemporary Jewish life in Canada – and three of the stories deal with 'shul' life and 'antics.' No other Jewish writer in Canada has included

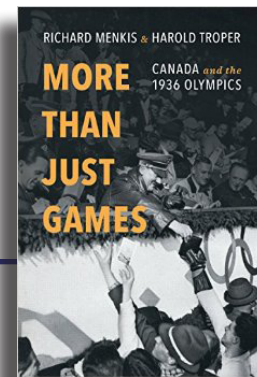


as many 'shul' stories in any of his or her collections. For further information, please check out the publisher's website: <http://memoireencree.com/le-vieux-canape-bleu/>.

HELD IN GERMANY, the 1936 Olympic games sparked international controversy. Should athletes and nations boycott the games to protest the Nazi regime? *More Than Just Games: Canada and the 1936 Olympics*, published by the University of Toronto Press, Scholarly Publishing Division, is the history of Canada's involvement in the 1936 Olympics. It is the story of the Canadian

Olympic officials and promoters who were convinced that national unity and pride demanded that Canadian athletes compete in the Olympics without regard for politics.

It is the story of those Canadian athletes, mostly young and far more focused on sports than politics, who



were eager to make family, friends and country proud of their efforts on Canada's behalf. And, finally, it is the story of those Canadians who led an unsuccessful campaign to boycott the Olympics and deny Nazi Germany the propaganda coup of serving as an Olympic host.

Written by **RICHARD MENKIS**, associate professor in the Departments of History and Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia, and **HAROLD TROPER**, professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, *More Than Just Games* brings to life the collision of politics, patriotism and the passion of sport on the eve of World War II.

The launch of *More Than Just Games* will take place May 31, 2015, at the ACJS Annual Conference. (Please see page 7.) □

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The West

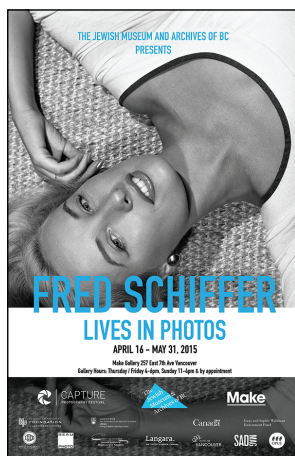
Jewish Museum & Archives of BC



The Jewish Museum & Archives of BC has had a busy and exciting start to 2015! After undergoing strategic planning, we embarked on a rebranding process in conjunction with the development of a new website, including a new archives software (AtoM) that will make it easier to access our archival collections online.

Look for the launch of our new brand and website this summer.

We also launched a new exhibit, the first exhibit we have had in five years. Part of the city-wide Capture Photography Festival, we launched the “Fred Schiffer: Lives in



Photos” exhibit April 16 at the Make Gallery. The exhibit will run for six weeks and end May 31, 2015.

We will then make the Fred Schiffer exhibit available as a travelling exhibit to other interested institutions and will create an online exhibit to be included on our new website.

Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada



The Jewish Heritage Centre welcomes the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, which has met with a favourable response from the public since its opening in Winnipeg.

Exhibits

In February, the Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre displayed “The Face of the Ghetto,” an exhibit of photographs taken in the Lodz ghetto by Jewish photographers, commissioned by the Litzmannstadt (Lodz) “Jewish Council,” to take photographs of almost every aspect of ghetto life. The exhibit was jointly sponsored by



our group and Ogniw, the Winnipeg Polish Museum, which hosted the exhibit in its gallery. Members of both groups acted as docents. **Dr. Thomas Lutz**, who curated the exhibit for the Topography of Terror Foundation of Berlin, spoke at the conclusion. The exhibit was opened by a showing of the feature-length Polish film “The Great Szpera,” based on interviews with Jewish survivors. Unfortunately, family illness prevented the director,

Piotr Weychert, from attending this North American premiere.

An exhibit on **Frances Goffman Bay** and the Jews of Dauphin went up recently. Frances Goffman came from Dauphin, MB, acted in the Yiddish theatre in Winnipeg in the late 1930s,



worked for CBC during World War II and went to Hollywood after the war. Frances Bay is best known for her roles late in life in Jerry Seinfeld episodes and Adam Sandler films. After her death, a collection of her papers was given to the Jewish Heritage Centre.

Programs

The 10th Annual Sol and Florence Distinguished Lecture presented **Art Shavit**, Israel journalist and author of *My Promised Land*, on April 19.

The 14th Annual Holocaust Symposium will feature survivor **Eva Kuper** of Montreal on May 12.

Our fall 2014 programs were: “Jews in World War I,” with papers presented on Canadian (author **Jim Blanchard**), French (Prof. **Robert Young**), German (Prof. **Lionel Steiman**), and Russian Jews (Prof. **Daniel Stone**), and the unveiling of a bronze plaque honouring the General Monash Legion, founded in 1933 by Jewish veterans of World War I.

Six Winnipeg cantors presented a concert entitled “Songs of Our People” and released a long-delayed CD of a 1985 cantorial concert.

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A recent program went “Behind the Scenes at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.” Director of Research and Curation **Dr. Jodi Giesbrecht** described how exhibits were conceived, prepared, and mounted, and staff curator **Dr. Jeremy Maron** provided an example with a Yiddish poem written in the Radom Ghetto by Herschel Zynberg and donated to the Museum. He explained how research and conservation affect the presentation of artifacts.

The Holocaust Education Centre offered a local premiere of the film by Winnipegger **Randy Guest** entitled “Under the Same Roof,” telling the stories of four female Holocaust survivors who live in Winnipeg.

Publications

The Garment exhibit (December 2013-June 2014) formed the basis of an article by curator **Stanislao Carbone** entitled “A Stitch in Time: Winnipeg Jews and the Garment Industry” in the winter 2015 issue of *Manitoba History*, the journal of the Manitoba Historical Society.

Daniel Stone, Chair of the Programs and Exhibits Committee, published an article entitled “The Other Jewish Winnipeg: Jews in the South End before 1945” in *Manitoba History* (Fall 2014). An earlier version was given at the ACJS conference in Ottawa.

Ongoing Collections

The Genealogy Institute continues to update its comprehensive database and its photographic record of recent passings in Manitoba and surrounding areas. The database of newspaper articles in the *Jewish Post and News* is also continually updated.

**Ontario Jewish Archives,
Blankenstein Family
Heritage Centre**



With a Federal Cultural Spaces Fund grant matched by funds from the Blankenstein family, this winter the Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre renovated its vault and research area.

By early May, the OJA’s collection (including over 5,000 cubic feet of textual records and 60,000 historic photographs) will be moved back into its state-of-the-art vault with a dedicated HVAC, new lighting, and monitoring system.

New compact and moveable shelving provides the archives with increased storage space and better environmental conditions. The OJA’s office and public areas have also been



updated, creating a more comfortable and efficient space for researchers and staff. New wayfinding has been designed that also functions as an exhibition with

images and text, conveying messaging about the kinds of research queries that can be answered through the OJA’s vast collection.

The East

**Saint John
Jewish Historical Museum**

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum has embarked upon



a project to remember each of the Jewish veterans of World War II from Saint John.

It is our intention to create a “Memory Book” to tell the story of each of the men and women who served in the First World War (1914-1918), in the Second World War (1939-1945), in Korea (1950-1953) and in peacetime roles. In this way we can be sure that current and future generations will remember the service of these men and women as more than the reading of names on Remembrance Day.

The exhibit will open in early November 2015.

The first step was to identify the information we wanted to gather for each veteran, as can be seen in the diagram below.

We want to include photographs from the time period, including formal

Name
Birth/Death Dates
Burial Location
Photograph
Branch of Service: (Army/Navy/RCAF)
Rank(s) Held
Enlistment and Discharge Dates
Service Number
Postings
War Experiences/Memories/Stories
Awards/Citations
Medals
Appended Documents
Family History
Life After the War
Bibliography
Things to Check
Family Contacts

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In 2017, Canada will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Most respondents felt that the ACJS should do something to honour and recognize this event. Suggestions included a special conference or conference theme for that year, a special publication, a book, a special reception at Congress for that year, and/or an online or travelling exhibit. This should be discussed further as soon as possible so that preparations can begin.

Many of the respondents would like to see the ACJS partner with other organizations on initiatives of common interest. Recommendations included university programs in Canadian studies and Canadian Jewish studies, historical and genealogical societies, public libraries, the Association for Jewish Studies, the Canadian Historical Association, synagogues and Jewish schools. Again, this is something that should be discussed further.

A majority of respondents would like to see the ACJS reach out to Jewish parochial schools and synagogue

Sunday schools to engage them in Canadian Jewish studies curriculum and pedagogy. Again, this is something that should be discussed further with the members regarding approach and opportunities.

Additional discussion points for the next AGM are:

- Do we need to diversify the appeal and image of Canadian Jewish studies and the ACJS? If so, how will this be achieved? If there are insufficient financial resources or too few members willing to volunteer to accomplish these ends, how will that be resolved?
- How can we improve membership retention? Currently, the most significant loss occurs during/after the first and second years.
- Committee Chairs should review the data sections specific to their purview, especially the journal, newsletter, and membership.

In addition to reviewing the quantitative results of the survey, members are encouraged to read the qualitative responses, as they are illuminating and informative. □



ACJS/AÉJC on Twitter!

Stay up to date with the latest call for papers, news items and events in Canadian Jewish studies: <https://twitter.com/ACJSaejc>.

Follow us and share with your networks!

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portraits in uniform and photographs taken with fellow veterans and in the field, as well as copies of various documents, including newspaper clippings, military documents and photographs of medals.

We need your assistance with this project:

- first, by sharing any memorabilia that you have (either as a permanent gift to the museum or by loan with permission to copy or photograph

the material);

- second, by recalling what memories you have of a family member's service during the war; and
- third, by writing a letter and filling in a request form that will release information from the Library and Archives of Canada about a family member's war service.

We will be conducting research in the collections of the Saint John

Jewish Historical Museum, the New Brunswick Museum Library and Archives, the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick and Library and Archives Canada, as well as searching for material through genealogical and military websites.

The proposed exhibit has received funding from the Heritage Branch of the Province of New Brunswick. We welcome additional contributions to cover the costs of this project. □

**ACJS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2014
BROCK UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE 116**

Present: Faith Jones, SJ Kerr-Lapsley, Ellen Scheinberg, Randal Schnoor, Barry Stiefel, Kelly Train, Peter Usher

The meeting was called to order by Randal Schnoor at 3:45 p.m. EST.

2013 AGM Minutes

The 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Faith Jones, seconded by Ellen Scheinberg.

President's Report: Randal Schnoor

Randal noted the passing of Edgar Bronfman (age 84) and the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray (age 82), and that Dr. Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University had a heart attack the previous week and was recovering.

He said that he would reserve his parting remarks for later and went on to address the incorporation resolution. He explained that to remain a non-profit corporation, we must apply for continuance under the Non-Profit Corporation Act, because there had been changes to the law. Some members consulted with lawyers following last year's meeting, and as a result Randal was convinced that it was best to apply to remain a non-profit corporation. The board voted online, with a majority in favour. Barry suggested co-signing. Randal noted that changes to the Board would be recorded in the minutes, which should be sufficient. Randal thanked our secretary, Janice Rosen, who helped to assemble the paperwork.

On a motion by Barry, seconded by Faith, the President's report passed unanimously.

Journal Report: Barry Stiefel, on behalf of David Kaufman and Stephanie Schwartz

David and Stephanie were pleased to

report a successful first year as co-editors. They extended their thanks to Rebecca Margolis, Faith Jones, Cimminnee Holt, Janice Rosen, Ira Robinson, Chantal Runguet, Lee Ah-nen, Teresa Lynne, and Dave Friesen of Hignell Publishing. The journal had been behind for a few years, but it was catching up. Volume 20 (2012) was mailed to members in January 2014. With the publication of Volume 21 (2013) and Volume 22 (2014) no later than early 2015, we would be caught up. Articles for Volume 23 were currently in peer review, and a special issue on Canada and the U.S. was underway, guest edited by Hernan Tesler-Mabe and Barry Stiefel.

Barry asked about the student journal, and Randal was unsure if it had remained active – it was produced at Concordia and published online versions – but the ACJS was supportive of it when it was active. Randal talked about how hard David and Stephanie were working and how much energy they had! He also referred to the amount of work that went into its publication and how great it was that there were two people sharing the position. He also noted that there were libraries in Canada and the U.S. that receive the journal.

On a motion by Kelly, seconded by Barry, the Journal report passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Randal Schnoor, on behalf of Emily Lam

Randal noted how difficult this position was and what an excellent job Emily had done. He then discussed our income through membership and donations, as

well as our investments and assets. Our main income was getting progressively lower, which was of concern. Randal clarified that he would only know some of the answers to financial questions but that any questions he could not answer would be forwarded to Emily. As to the question of only \$19 of profit on investments, Randal clarified that we sometimes need to borrow from our investments for cash flow.

He noted that the cost of producing the bulletin had declined, thanks to the transition to digital versions, though libraries, Jewish studies programs and some individuals still liked a hard copy, which would continue to be provided. Randal thanked Susan Landau-Chark for all her hard work on the bulletin.

Randal pointed out that ACJS membership is listed as 79, but that figure was too low. It was at 86 last week and there were now at least 87 – which was noted in Steven's report on membership. In 2011 there was a membership drop-off. Randal noted that the location of conferences could raise membership for that year, e.g. the years it was held in Montreal and Ottawa we had very high membership. We do have someone who is calling people, which has really helped retain members. Steven Lapidus, Membership Chair, had said that there were some prominent members who were active or had been quite active and who had not renewed their membership.

There was a brief discussion about the general retention of members and specifically about the retention of active

members. Faith noted that reminders to renew were really helpful. Randal said we have a professional “nudger,” but she will need to do more nudging. He also noted that Robin Bergart had raised the concern of membership in the past, and that was still a relevant concern. Barry asked if donors receive a thank-you. Randal said yes. It had been suggested that donations could go through the website; we would also need to brainstorm other ways of raising money. Sometimes a partnership with a synagogue could result in a donation, and there was the annual donation for the student paper award. Barry asked about advertisements, and Randal said that it had been done on an ad hoc basis, but we could think about advertisements in the bulletin and indicate rates in the little blurb in the bulletin. Peter asked about journals that require scholars to pay a publication charge. There was discussion of publication charges limiting who could submit to a journal and that it could be particularly problematic for graduate students, sessionals, etc. Ellen and Randal had not encountered publication charges, and Faith said it was more common in open-access science journals. Randal noted that the Oyf’n Veg (On the Road) conference held for Gerald Tulchinsky – who is now 80 years old and not well – had a phenomenal turnout and that there would be a journal volume from it published next year.

Emily suggested deliberate fundraising and encouraging membership. It was noted that in 2008, funds were raised locally to offset the cost of the annual conference in Vancouver. Faith said that some people in Vancouver sponsored speakers to attend. Randal thought we needed to focus on encouraging membership. Barry noted that not every Jewish studies program was involved – York, Ottawa, Concordia and Carleton have \$180 institutional memberships and are listed as sponsors in the Bulletin. There was also the issue that there were

prominent people who might otherwise be involved but who were not specifically involved with Canadian Jewish studies.

At the report’s conclusion, it was noted that the auditors are given an honorary membership in exchange for their pro bono work.

On a motion by Peter, seconded by Kelly, the Treasurer’s report and proposed budget passed unanimously.

The motion to retain Silver & Gordon as our auditors was moved by Randal, seconded by Kelly, and passed unanimously.

The motion that Silver & Gordon become honorary Board members for the coming year in exchange for all their hard work was moved by Randal, seconded by Kelly, and passed unanimously.

Bulletin Report: Randal Schnoor, on behalf of Susan Landau-Chark

Susan thanked Howard Gontovnick and Randal Schnoor for their support and encouragement and extended a heartfelt “kol ha’kavod” to Shirley Muhlstock Brodt for her tireless work in editing and formatting the Bulletin.

Ellen stated that she had not received her copy of the spring bulletin, and Barry suggested that it might be going to junk email. Randal suggested emailing Janice. Randal thanked Susan and Shirley for their dedication, and SJ for assuming the role of bulletin editor for next year.

On a motion by Randal, seconded by Peter, the Bulletin report passed unanimously.

Conference Report: Randal Schnoor, on behalf of Rebecca Margolis

Randal announced that we would not be in Taro Hall tomorrow; we would be back in International Centre. He would arrange for Janice to email everyone tonight and would put a sign on the room in Taro Hall. Thanks were extended to Rebecca for organizing the conferences since 2009; it is a very big job! She apologized for being unable to attend

the conference due to childcare and scheduling conflicts. Randal prefaced Rebecca’s report by saying that she was a very easygoing person and not someone who typically complained. Rebecca said that in all of her time organizing the ACJS conference, she had never encountered coordinators as bad as the ones at Brock: Communication was a disaster, requests for confirmation went unanswered, and the people in charge were unavailable. For various reasons, several presenters had to drop out this year, and the conference ended up being very small. Rebecca said she would give a big push for Ottawa next year and for the ACJS in general. From the ACJS side of things, coordination went smoothly, people followed the CFP guidelines, and Emily made a great Google Form for subsidy applications. People were a bit slow to get their paperwork in to Emily though. Rebecca was happy to stay in her role but was also happy to co-chair with someone if he or she were interested in transitioning into the position.

Randal read Rebecca’s report to two Congress executives and they were working on our behalf to fix some of the issues we had encountered. The good news was that Rebecca was willing to stay on, after everything she has had to deal with! This was particularly good news for next year because Congress would be on her home turf, at her university.

Randal concluded by noting that the room we were given in Taro Hall was a very small computer lab and that the room for tonight was not accessible without a swipe card. Congress confirmed that there would be a security person there to let people up. It was also confirmed that tomorrow we would be in International Centre 303 and 203. The ACJS would be in 203, and CSJS would be in 303.

On a motion by Randal, seconded by Barry, the Conference report passed unanimously.

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Membership Report: Randal Schnoor, on behalf of Steven Lapidus

Steven noted that the membership database did not allow for deep analysis and was not able to trace membership decline over the years. That having been said, there was a significant decline since 2010, from a high of 150 members to 86 members today. One explanation was that there were a number of researchers in the field who had not paid their membership dues for quite some time. These people should be contacted. There were also members who joined initially when their work focused on Canadian Jewish studies but who did not renew when their research moved into other areas. There was also the possibility of ACJS members joining the CSJS instead, but we do not have access to that data.

Barry suggested the possibility of a discount if one was a member of both the ACJS and CSJS – we have 87 now and could easily have five to seven more if we offered a deal on dual membership.

Cimminnee Holt had been attending to administrative matters, membership retention, etc., for some time now, but she was moving to Australia. Randal had spoken to Ira about recruiting a new Concordia student. Ellen suggested that for the “big machers,” it might be better to have a colleague rather than a student.

On a motion by Randal, seconded by Faith, the Membership report passed unanimously.

Parting Remarks: Randal Schnoor

Randal spoke about taking on his position in 2005, with his six-month-old daughter in his arms, and now it was nine years later. It was a labour of love and he derived great satisfaction in doing the job but thought it was healthy to have turnover. He was pleased to have been able to bring in new members and

had tried to recruit young graduate and undergraduate students, such as SJ, get them involved and taking on positions of leadership. Rather than sending an email, he had made a point of personally contacting people. When he took over the organization, it needed some attention and infrastructure improvements.

Randal was proud of building up the ACJS's basic infrastructure and felt that the journal was in very good shape with David and Stephanie at the helm and that while the newsletter had always been good, it was now great.

He discussed the evolution of the website on Robin's suggestion that we needed something more professional. There was a friend of the organization who was running it initially, but the decision was made to recruit a company. As a result, we now have a system that can be edited and adjusted by both us and the professionals. Randal discussed the activity on the Listserv and noted that one could track the number of messages on Yahoo Groups and that over the last 100 months there had been some activity nearly every month.

During his tenure, the award for distinction was changed to the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award, and after it was awarded to Marcia Koven, an individual from Fredericton donated \$350 to be given to the best student paper at the conference each year: \$250 to the winner and \$100 to the runner-up.

Randal felt that while the basic infrastructure was in place, he did not do enough to fulfill the grander potential of the organization. He emphasized that there was a lot of room to grow and room for grander visions and that the ACJS needed to be maintained. There had been great ideas over the years, but there had to be people willing and able to see them through. He encouraged future Association presidents to have a personal relationship with all the people running the different parts of the organization.

(Ellen noted that the website formats strangely on iPhones. Randal and Faith said that it should show up properly. Robin had noted that that was in place.)

Randal stated that as we went forward with the next chapter of the ACJS, he would be an active past president and would work closely with Barry to support the transition. He encouraged us to do the same, noting that it took many different skills to run the organization. He extended his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their contributions over the years.

Faith then spoke on behalf of all those present and absent regarding the wonderful job Randal had done for the organization over the last nine years.

A motion to thank Randal for all his hard work and dedication was moved by Peter, seconded by Barry, and enthusiastically passed unanimously.

Election of New Slate

Executive

President: Barry Stiefel

Vice-President: Rebecca Margolis

Treasurer: Emily-Rose Lam

Secretary: Janice Rosen

Past-President: Randal Schnoor

Journal Editors: David and Stephanie

Bulletin Editor: Sarah Jane (SJ) Kerr-Lapsley

Chair, Communities and Archives: Dara Solomon

Chair, Membership: Steven Lapidus

Chair, Programs & Conference: Rebecca Margolis

Book Review Editor: Ira Robinson

Chair, Nominations: Barry Stiefel

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Yiddish in Canada: Bernie Katz

Board Members

Board Members for 2014-2015

David Koffman (ON)

Richard Menkis (BC)

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ACJS OPEN BOARD MEETING MAY 26, 2014 BROCK UNIVERSITY

Attendance: Allie Cuperfain, SJ Kerr-Lapsley, Randal Schnoor, Stuart Schoenfeld, Barry Stiefel, Peter Usher

The meeting was called to order by Barry at 8:59 a.m. EST.

Barry began by introducing himself and thanking the ACJS for electing him as president. There were no new or continuing issues from AGM, so on Randal's suggestion, Barry provided Allie with a quick overview of the AGM.

Planning for the 2015 ACJS Conference

Barry would talk to Rebecca about re-instituting a community day. He explained that the idea behind the community day was that it was an opportunity to involve the local Jewish community and that this year the closest Jewish community was in Buffalo. Randal noted that there is a shul in St. Catharines but that he was not sure why it was not engaged. Typically there is an event that includes members of the local Jewish community – which is often when the Rosenberg award is presented – as well as panel sessions related to that community/locality. Randal said that there would likely be very good community partnership in Ottawa and that the first ACJS conference he attended was in Ottawa in the early 2000s.

New Initiatives

Canada's 150th Anniversary

Barry had several ideas for the next few years. Canada's 150th anniversary is July 1, 2017, and Barry would like to have activities and events that year that simultaneously honour the anniversary and promote the ACJS at the local level across Canada – a publication, outreach to Jewish schools, community centres, etc. Randal noted that David Kaufman was planning a big conference to celebrate the 150th anniversary and wanted to talk about the Jewish presence in Canada as well as that of

other ethnic groups.

Allie suggested changing the communication strategy and offered to expand to social media, Twitter, Facebook, etc. Randal said that Robin had also suggested that, and that she and Allie might work together. There was discussion about the use of social media, which has pros and cons, but ultimately they would expand influence and information.

SJ asked about advertising in local Jewish newspapers, which Randal said had happened in the past, though Barry noted that it was expensive.

Peter said that he heard Tim Cook speak at a different conference at Congress. Cook is a pre-eminent scholar of World War I, who was also talking about Canada's 150th anniversary and the anniversary of Vimy, and hoping that it was not a nationalistic fanfare but rather a more thoughtful presentation. Peter suggested doing something on the involvement of Jews in World War I. Barry noted that his family fought on both sides, German and American. Barry asked if Peter would be interested in doing something on World War I, which he is doing, but he will have to think more about it.

Peter read a book by Derek Pinslar about Jewish involvement in World War I. Peter thought Pinslar should be involved in the ACJS and with this program.

Barry noted that there is a monument in his ancestral town in Germany that has two sides, World War I and World

War II, and near Vimy there is a very large cemetery of German soldiers from World War I, with many of the gravestones bearing Jewish names.

Student Exchanges

Barry wanted to explore the possibility of student and faculty exchanges between Canada and the U.S. and other places in the world. Exchange tends to be between a country and Israel, which Barry thought was great but was not taking advantage of fantastic opportunities to learn about Jewish studies elsewhere, especially in the U.S. and Canada. Barry hoped there would be more people at the Open Board Meeting to talk about this but would really like to do it. He wondered if York might be interested, which would be dependent upon department discussions, and also mentioned encouraging Jewish studies programs that are not institutional members to join the ACJS, e.g. McGill.

Barry would also like to start an undergraduate and graduate roundtable that would focus on using each Jewish studies program's strengths. Randal asked about Barry's college and involvement in exchange and roundtables, and Barry said that once it had its new Jewish Studies director, he would look into it more. Barry's field is in historical preservation, not Jewish studies, and the college is currently going through the process of cultivating a professional relationship

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with Carleton. Through dealing with that paperwork, he said that it seems as if it would be quite straightforward to simply add Jewish studies to the list.

Partnerships with Other Organizations

Peter asked about the relationship between the ACJS and a similar organization in the U.S. – he is a geographer, and the American and Canadian geography associations have a very good relationship. Barry said that the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) is our closest counterpart, but we were not as focused on Jewish history as we had been in the past. Also, the U.S. does not have an organizational structure comparable to the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Barry has had an informal relationship with the AJHS, and Ira and David are involved with them. Barry thought it would be beneficial to have a joint conference, but logistics might be problematic. St. Catharines may have been a good venue due to its proximity to Buffalo. Peter noted that he was not thinking of joint conferences but rather joint memberships, bulletins, newsletters, etc. How do we have mutual communication between the two: Listserv, etc.? Barry noted that the AJHS is located in the Centre for Jewish History in New York and that we could definitely explore things with them but that he had tried contacting the past president a while ago and did not get a response. Randal

noted that it was one thing to partner with American associations, and another to partner with other smaller organizations in England and Australia, because they were more comparable to the ACJS. We are conditioned to compare ACJS to organizations in the U.S., but we could expand beyond that and explore other options.

Barry also stated that the Latin American Jewish Studies Association was a very interesting association, and Randal noted that they were quite active. It held conferences and a journal, based out of UT Austin. Randal noted that we had not talked about the Association of Jewish Studies (AJS) and its conference in December. The ACJS had presented and organized panels in the past, but the AJS was not knocking down the door to be involved with us. As an aside, the AJS has a list on its website of all the Jewish studies programs.

New Business: Going Forward

Barry emphasized that his focus was on the next five years and that he was eagerly looking forward to assuming the presidency. He said that he hoped to see everyone continue to be involved and then opened the floor to participants.

Peter noted that there was impressive attendance at the Waterloo conference and fewer participants in Victoria, perhaps due to the latter city's location, but that Brock's attendance was surprisingly low, given its proximity to Toronto. Stuart noted that events connected to the local community really help. Randal said that attendance was the lowest he had

seen but was not concerned because it depended on various elements, such as location and people's prior commitments. Though this year's attendance was low, the conference was vibrant nonetheless.

Randal asked for Barry's thoughts concerning the next five years. Barry noted the 150th anniversary and the student-faculty exchanges and emphasized that he would like input from everyone in the ACJS.

Barry stressed member participation and ideas coming from beyond the officers or board members. Barry opened the floor to Randal, who reiterated that holding the position was a pleasure and a wonderful experience – the good, the bad and the ugly, but not much of the ugly. He noted how many things happen behind the scenes and how much hard work goes into them: the journal, bulletin, the website, and especially the finances.

Randal expressed his pleasure over Barry's assumption of the presidency. He encouraged Barry to motivate members and to hire someone to follow up on membership. Randal and Rebecca will be available to help and support Barry. He concluded by congratulating Barry and wishing us all luck moving forward.

Barry concluded by stating that he felt he had big shoes to fill. Randal had done a remarkable job, and Barry hoped to carry on what Randal had accomplished with such great success. Barry reiterated how thankful the association was to Randal and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m. EST. □

Don't forget to renew your membership!

ACJS membership is open to academics, students, professionals and others interested in the study of Canadian Jewish life. Members receive the Association's Bulletin, a bound copy of the Canadian Jewish Studies Journal, and attend the annual conference at a reduced rate.

The ACJS welcomes the participation of graduate and undergraduate students. Becoming a member of the ACJS will provide you with connections to scholars on the cutting edge of research in the field as well as opportunities for furthering research and professional development.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS CHARITIES COMMITTEE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Collections and CJHN Update

OVER THE PAST YEAR at the CJCC National Archives, we have again been able to accomplish a great deal at minimal cost, thanks to the help of a new crop of Information Science and Document Management student interns as well as the continued support of our loyal volunteers.

Newly catalogued collections include the **Zionist records** of the **Bloomfield family** of Montreal, **Canadian Friends of Peace Now** and **B'nai Brith** records from Stephen Scheinberg, organizational additions from the **Labour Zionist Alliance** and

going back in some instances to the late 1920s. We have also catalogued the records of **ACJS** going back to 1991, which were recently deposited by Ira Robinson.



This photograph of volunteer cataloguer Willie Glaser was taken right after he remarked with satisfaction: "Another box safeguarded for eternity!" Now 94 years young, Willie has been volunteering at the CJCC National Archives since 1986.

Canadian Jewish Heritage Network

In 2014 the CJHN began using an integrated search engine which seamlessly searches the museum

and archival listings and the name-associated family history data available on the site. Users can now make use of narrowing options or facets, a spell-checking feature, and browsing lists. They can save records as a PDF document for emailing to themselves or to request more information. A hierarchical display button shows the archival records in context, while the "Permalinks" feature facilitates linking and finding individual listings through Google and other search engines. Site partners at the **Canadian Jewish Congress CC National Archives**, the **Jewish Public Library Archives**, and the **Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre** have been adding videos and scanned documents throughout the year, as well as new teaching aids. Come check it out (<http://cjhn.ca>)! □

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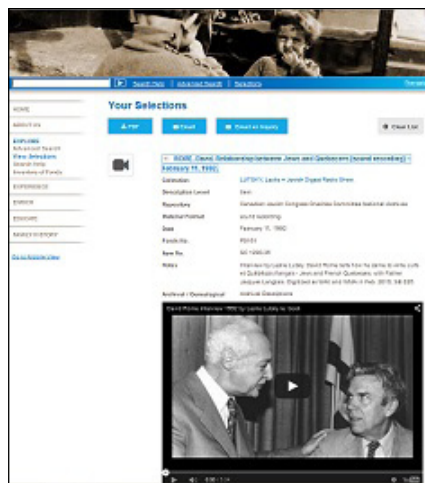
The new slate was elected by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment
At 5:00 p.m. EST, Randal moved to end the meeting, seconded by Kelly. □



This May 1949 newsletter was among the discoveries made in recent cataloguing of backlogged records from the JIAS collection. It describes how Montreal's Fletcher's Field park on the side of Mount Royal had become a rallying point for recently arrived Jewish post-War refugees.

the **Lord Reading Law Society**, and backlogged nuggets from the **JIAS** and **Canadian Jewish Congress** collections



Screen shot of an online video made from an audio recording in the CJCCNA collection.



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