



Association for Canadian Jewish Studies

Association d'études juives canadiennes

COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULE May 29th, 2016

Tickets are available for purchase through the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA)
403.444.3171 or jhssa@shaw.ca

9:30am Registration and Refreshments

Sponsored by: Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA) and the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies

10:00am Welcome/Introduction

10:05am-11:30am Southern Alberta Jewish History Panel

Dr. Richard Menkis (UBC), Bernie Katz (Independent Researcher), Agi Romer-Segal (JHSSA), Harry Sanders (Local Historian)

11:30-12:30 Lunch. Local seniors who grew up in rural areas and small towns in Western Canada will speak informally about their experiences.

12:30pm-1:15pm Book Launch. Dr. Ira Robinson will give a keynote speech to launch his latest book, "A History of Antisemitism in Canada". Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

1:15pm-1:30pm Coffee Break and Book Signing

Sponsored by: WLU Press and Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program

1:30pm-3:00pm Little Synagogue on the Prairie (Montefiore Institute) Panel

Dr. Trudy Cowan (Heritage Advisor & Vice President, Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project), Irena Karshenbaum (President, Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project), Ellen Gasser (Public Programming Coordinator, Heritage Park Historical Village), and Reva Faber (Educator and Curriculum Developer)

3:00pm Chartered bus to Heritage Park Historical Village

3:15pm-5:00pm Visit the Little Synagogue on the Prairie (Montefiore Institute) at Heritage Park

5:00pm Walk or bus back to the JCC

5:00pm-5:30pm Appetizers and the JHSSA photo exhibit on Southern Alberta Jewish history

5:30pm-7:30pm 40th Anniversary Banquet. A kosher buffet dinner will be followed by the presentation of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award and a speech by archivist Janice Rosen, winner of this year's Rosenberg Award, reflecting on the growth of Canadian Jewish historical societies and scholarship over the last 40 years.

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Monday, May 30th

9:00-10:30 **ACJS AGM**

10:30-10:45 *Coffee Break*

10:45-12:30 **ACJS Session One: Quebec**

Chair: Janice Rosen

Dr. Richard Menkis (UBC) – Richler was Right: Why We Need to Study Jewish Organized Crime in Canada, and How

Daniel Simeone (McGill) – In Prison for Debt: Jewish Debtors in the Montreal District Prison between 1865 and 1900

Dana Ionescu (UQAM, External Associate for the Dr. Alexandru Safran Center for the History of Hebrews and Hebrew Culture, Iasi Romania) – L'émigration juive roumaine (1938-1945) et l'immigration au Canada dans les années d'après-guerre: Périples mouvementés

10:45-12:30 **CSJS Session One: Jewish Thought**

Chair: Ira Robinson (President, CSJS)

Sarah Gelbard (McGill University) – Sacred Zoning: Spatial Demarcations in Jewish Thought

Martin Lockshin (York University) – Does Halakhah Uproot the Meaning of the Biblical Text?

Eliezer Sarel (Sha'anun College, Haifa; Ohalo College, Katzrin) – Inner Insight: A Proposal for a New Methodology of the History of *Halakha*

12:30-1:30 *Lunch*

**1:30-3:00 ACJS/CSJS Joint Session Two – 2nd Annual Educators’ Roundtable:
Canadian Holocaust Education** (*free and open to public*)

Ilana Krygier-Lapides (Human Rights and Holocaust Education Director, Calgary Jewish Federation), Sarah Jane Kerr-Lapsley (McGill University), Aviva Atlani (University of Western Ontario), Dr. Belarie Zatzman (York University)

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 ACJS Session Three: Music and Narrative

Chair: TBA

Maria Rachwal (Independent Researcher) – A Jewish Maestra and her All-Women’s Orchestra: Reflections on Femininity, Class and Race

Dr. Goldie Morgentaler (University of Lethbridge) – A Tale of Two Writers: Women, Literature and the Post-War Correspondence of Chava Rosenfarb and Zenia Larsson

Yosef Robinson (Concordia) – ‘Rewritten Bibles’ in North American Literature

Scarlett Andes (University of Illinois) – Writing Their Names on the Walls: Remembering and Forgetting in Jewish Montreal

3:30-4:30 CSJS Session Three: Jewish Literature

Chair: Simcha Fishbane

Eliezer Segal (University of Calgary) – Are You Talking to Me?: Animal Language in Jewish and Greco-Roman Thought

Laura Wiseman (York University) – Waiting for Love at the Second Cup: Telling and Retelling Rachel

4:30-5:30 **CSJS AGM** (Ira Robinson, Presiding)

Tuesday May 31st

8:30-10:00 *ACJS Open Board Meeting (Cancelled – lack of quorum)*

10:15-10:45 **ACJS Session Four – Keynote: Dr. David Bercuson** (*free and open to public*)
“Canada’s Jewish Soldiers in the Second World War: A Historical Context”

10:45-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:30 **ACJS Session Five: Canadian Jews and WWII panel** (*free and open to public*)

Chair: Dr. David Bercuson

Dr. Peter Usher (Independent Researcher) – ‘Will the Jews Enlist?’ A Sketch of Those Who Did
Saundra Lipton (University of Calgary and President, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta) – She Also Served: Bringing to Light the Contributions of the Canadian Jewish Women Who Served in World War II

Ellin Bessner (Centennial College) – Rose ‘Sweepy’ Goodman and the Wedding Night Accident
Dr. Adara Goldberg (Independent Researcher) – Witnessing Bergen-Belsen: Memories of a Canadian Jewish Soldier

11:00-12:00 CSJS Session Five: Contemporary Jewish Life

Chair: Justin Jaron Lewis

Simcha Fishbane (Touro College and University, New York) – *Mipnei Darkei Shalom: The Promotion of Harmonious Relationships in the Mishnah's Social Order*

Alexandra Granke (University of Manitoba) – *Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's Winnipeg Years & the Jewish Renewal Movement's Roots in Winnipeg's North End District*

12:30-1:15 *Lunch*

1:15-2:15 ACJS Session Six: Medicine and Ritual

Chair: TBA

Dr. Irving Rosen (University of Toronto) – *Toronto's Society Doctors and Their Activities: Correcting Overlooked Jewish History*

Lindsay Jackson (Concordia) – *Covenant without Cutting: An Alternative to the Ritual of Circumcision*

1:15-2:15 CSJS Session Six: Jewish Mysticism

Chair: Laura Wiseman

Justin Jaron Lewis (University of Manitoba) – *Storytelling in the Teachings of the Toshiyoshi Rebbe*

Daniel Maoz (Concordia University, Montreal; Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Wilfrid Laurier University) – *Silence as Presence: Perceiving the Imperceptible*

2:15-2:45 ACJS: C-Train to the Glenbow Museum

2:15-2:30 *Coffee Break*

2:45-4:00 **ACJS Tour of the Glenbow Museum archives.** Free, but limited space; advance registration required. Contact JHSSA at 403.444.3171 or jhssa@shaw.ca

2:30-4:00 CSJS Session Seven: Jewish History

Chair: Daniel Maoz

Aviva Halamish (The Open University of Israel, Ra'anana, Israel) – *Canadian Hashomer Hatzar in Historical and Comparative Perspective*

Haim Rechnittzer (Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem) – *Let the Other be Me – The Theological Predicament and the Arab in Shin Shalom's Early Writings*

Ira Robinson (Concordia University, Montreal) – *Neturei Karta in the 1950s: the Case of the 1956 Haifa Industrial Exhibition*

4:00-4:30 **CSJS Annual Business Meeting** (Ira Robinson, Presiding)