ACJS 41st Annual Conference
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences
Ryerson University, Toronto
May 28th – 30th 2017

Sunday May 28th 2017
Ryerson University
Room: Podium (POD) 358

9:25AM  Greetings

9:30 – 11:00 AM  Session 1 – Historiography and Memory
• Richard Menkis (UBC, Departments of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies, and History)
  * Needing a Re-Write: B.G. Sack on Canadian Jewry’s Patrician Class
• Mark Celinscak (University of Nebraska Omaha, Department of History)
  * The Politics of Remembrance: Canada and the Holocaust
• Monda Halpern (Western University, Department of History)
  * The 30th Anniversary of The Riot at Christie Pits: Perceptions of The Clash Before and After the Book

11:00AM – 11:15 AM  BREAK

11:15AM – 12:45 PM  Session 2 – Orthodoxy and Identity
• Jessica Roda (Concordia University, Department of Anthropology/Sociology)
  * Beyond Blood and Filiation: Solidarity, Affinity and Caring Among Ultra-Orthodox Jews
• Simon-Pierre Lacasse (Université d’Ottawa, Department of History)
  * À la croisée de la Révolution tranquille et du judaïsme orthodoxe : l’implantation de la communauté hassidique des Tasher au coeur du Québec francophone et catholique (1962-1967)
• Dr. Simone Grossman (Bar Ilan University, Department of French Culture)
  * Des marranes au Québec? Tensions identitaires et judéité dans Une Juive en Nouvelle-France de Pierre Lasry

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM  LUNCH

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM  Session 3 – Toronto
• Stuart Schoenfeld (York University, Department of Sociology)
  * Uptown Versus Downtown Jews in the First Decades of the 21st Century
• Kelly Amanda Train (Ryerson University, Department of Sociology)
  * Negotiating New Territory: Indian Jewish Women in the Family in Toronto
• Rebecca Margolis (University of Ottawa, Jewish Canadian Studies Program)
  * Yiddish Language Shift in Canada
• Irving Rosen (University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine)
  * The “Commie Camp” in Toronto’s Jewish Life, Then and Now
4:15 PM – 5:45 PM  
Ontario Jewish Archives’ Stories of Spadina Walking Tour  
Meet at the Kiever Synagogue (25 Bellevue Avenue) in Kensington Market

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM  
DINNER BREAK

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**EVENING PROGRAM AT MAKOM**

402 College Street  
Kensington Market

*This program is generously co-sponsored by the Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University, the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies at Concordia University, and the Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program at the University of Ottawa.*

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7:00 PM – 7:15 PM  
**Refreshments**

7:15 PM – 7:30 PM  
**Launch of In Your Words: Translations from the Yiddish and the Hebrew by Seymour Mayne**

7:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award – Ruth Panofsky**  
**Launch of The New Spice Box: Canadian Jewish Writing, edited by Ruth Panofsky**

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
**Keynote Panel Session – “No Better Home Than Canada?”**

- David Koffman (York University, Department of History)  
  *Has There Ever Been a Better Home for the Jews... than Canada?*
- Susan J. Landau Chark (Carleton University, Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies)  
  *Not at the Table: The Jewish Community at Confederation*
- Ira Robinson (Concordia University, Department of Religion)  
  *Creating and Sustaining a Community in Montreal: Federation CJA in Its First Century*
- Franklin Bialystok (University of Toronto, Centres of Diaspora and Transnational Studies, Jewish Studies, and Canadian Studies)  
  *Out with a Whimper: The Demise of Canadian Jewish Congress*
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9:00 AM – 10:00AM  Session 4 – Ritual Matters

- Deidre Butler (Carleton University, College of Humanities) and Betina Appel Kuzmarov (Carleton University, Department of Law and Legal Studies)
  *Capital Divorce: Stories of Jewish Divorce in Ottawa*
- Lindsay Jackson (Concordia University, Department of Religious Studies)
  *Challenging the Dominant Ritual System: Brit Shalom and Anti-Circumcision Advocacy in North America*

10:00AM – 10:15AM  BREAK

10:15AM – 11:45AM  Session 5 – Historical Moments

- Barry Stiefel (College of Charleston, Historic Preservation & Community Planning, Art & Architectural History, Urban Studies)
  *Jewish Automobile Consumption in Canada During the Boycott of Ford Motor Company, 1920-1947*
- Gesa Trojan (Technische Universität Berlin)
  “Add Matzo meal and stir well”: Food as a Practice and a Representation of Urban Jewishness in Interwar Toronto.
- Jennifer Shaw Lander (UWO, Department of Women’s Studies and Feminist Research)
  *Sewing for the War Effort: Canadian Jewish Women’s and Girls’ Experiences on the Homefront During World War II*

11:45AM – 1:00PM  LUNCH – Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: Reflections on the Future of the Field (12:15-1:00)

1:00PM – 2:30PM  Annual General Meeting (AGM) + Open Board Meeting (OBM)

2:30PM – 2:45PM  BREAK

2:45PM – 4:45PM  Session 6 – Celebrating Milestones: Archives Roundtable

- Agi Romer Segal (Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta)
- Christine Barrass (Library and Archives Canada – Social and Aboriginal Affairs Section)
- Saara Mortensen (Ottawa Jewish Archives)
- Dara Solomon (Ontario Jewish Archives Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre)
- Janice Rosen (Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  President’s Reception (Mattamy Athletic Centre, Maple Leaf Gardens)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  Session 7 – 4th Annual Educators’ Roundtable: Jewish Education and Jewish Identity

- Simon Wolle (Director, Camp Northland B’nai Brith)
- Rabbi Lee Buckman (Head of School, TanenbaumCHAT)
- Leslie Shapiro (Principal, Ahavat Yisrael Hebrew School)
- *Moderator*: Dr. Randal Schnoor (Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University)
9:00AM – 10:30AM  
**Session 8 – Jewish Literature**

- Ruth Panofsky (Ryerson University, Department of English)  
  *The Spice Box, Old and New: Defining the Field of Canadian Jewish Writing*
- Emily Robins Sharpe (Keene State College, Department of English)  
  *“The heart above the ruins”: Miriam Waddington’s Poetry of Spain*
- Baruch Beckerman (Bar-Ilan University, Department of English)  
  *Permutations of Ethnicity in Canadian Jewish Literature*

10:30AM – 10:45AM  
**BREAK**

10:45AM – 12:45PM  
**Session 9 – Contemporary Concerns + Interactive Game Demonstration**

- Belarie Zatzman (York University, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design)  
  *Staging the Holocaust in Canadian Theatre for Young Audiences*
- Amir Lavie (University of Toronto, Faculty of Information and the Centre for Jewish Studies)  
  *Archival Collections as Markers of Identity, Purpose and Pride: Responses within the Jewish Community to the Multicultural Historical Society of Ontario’s Efforts to Collect Canadian-Jewish Archival Materials*
- Stephanie Schwartz (Ontario Jewish Archives Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, York University, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies)  
  *Gaming Toronto Jewish History: The Archives as Palette*
- Interactive Game Demonstration

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**Where Sinai Meets Spadina**  
Miles Nadal JCC  
750 Spadina Avenue  
8:00 – 9:00 PM

**Leonard Cohen Panel**

- Aviva Chernick (Musician)
- Kevin Courrier (Music Critic)
- Frank Bialystok (Historian)
- *Moderator: Jessica Roda (Ethnomusicologist/Anthropologist)*