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THE 30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by

The Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership

Chicago, IL

21-22 Oct. 2018

Sunday

Registration and breakfast 8:30-9:00
Rm: 711C

All sessions in room 711A/B

Session 1: 9:00-10:00

Holocaust

Chair: Danielle Drew, University of Alabama

“Einsatzgruppe England: Nazi Germany’s Plans for the Destruction of Britain’s Jews in 1940”

Eve E. Grimm, Florida Gulf Coast University

“Fear of a Second Kristallnacht: The View from British Diplomats in Germany in Late 1938”

Paul R. Bartrop, Florida Gulf Coast University

“Kristallnacht 1938/2018”

Steven Leonard Jacobs, University of Alabama

Session 2: 10:30-11:30

Jews and Germany

Chair: Paul R. Bartrop, Florida Gulf Coast University

“Good Things Come in Four: Beethoven’s Jewish Visitors in Summer, 1825”

Theodore Albrecht, Kent State University

“Philanthropy and Obituaries in the Service of Emancipation”

David Meola, University of South Alabama

“Franz Rosenzweig and the German-Jewish Family”

Amy Shevitz, Loyola University Chicago

Session 3: 11:45-1:00

Pre-Modern Judaism

Chair: Steven Leonard Jacobs, University of Alabama

“Trauma, Propaganda, and the Rabbis”

Matthew Goldstone, Academy for Jewish Religion

“Masculine Violence and the ‘Binding of Isaac’”

David Gottlieb, Claremont Lincoln University

“The Solomonic Kingdom of Ethiopia and the Lost Tribes of David Ha-Reuveni:

Tricksters and Identity Thieves Fool Fundamentalists”

Natalie E. Latteri, Independent Scholar

“It’s Funny and It’s in Tanach. But—Is Biblical Humor Jewish?”

Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University

Lunch 1:00-2:00

Rm: Landmark Room, 10th floor

Session 4: 2:00-3:15

Israeli Social Concerns

Chair: David Meola, University of South Alabama

“The Israeli and Palestinian Conflict: A Pedagogical Journey with Interdisciplinary Studies Students”

Jessica Evers, Gratz College

“Representations of Israeli Female Soldiers in Fiction by Women”

Charlyn Ingwerson, Drury University

“Israeli Childhood, Intermittently Accessible”

Laura Wiseman, York University

“Israel and Pakistan, the Only Islamic Nation that has Nuclear Weapons.”

Joseph R. Hodes, Texas Tech University

Inauguration of Dr. Dean Bell as President of The Spertus Institute

Rm: Theater

3:30 Doors open

4:00 Procession begins

Reception to follow

MJSA resumes with Dinner at 6:00 pm

Rm: Landmark Room, 10th floor

7:00pm

Welcome: Dr. Dean Bell,

President, The Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership

Welcome: Dr. Mara W. Cohen Ioannides,

President, Midwest Jewish Studies Association

Plenary: “Creating *Visions of Place: Complex Geographies in Contemporary Israeli Art: Matters of Art, Politics, (and Chutzpah?)*”

Dr. Martin Rosenberg, Rutgers University, emeritus

Monday

Breakfast 7:30-8:00

Rm: 711C

All sessions in Rm 711A/B

Session 5: 8:00-9:00

Jews in the Arts

Chair: Stephen M. Cohen, Independent Scholar

“It’s Just How You See It: Judy Chicago’s ‘Holocaust Project’ Revisited”

Sonja M. Hedgepeth, Middle Tennessee State University

“Negotiating Jewish Assimilation in *Born Yesterday* and *It Should Happen to You*”

Elyce Rae Helford, Middle Tennessee State University

“Judaism from West to East and Back: The Jewish Education of Rodger Kamenetz”

Steven Weiland, Michigan State University

Session 6: 9:15-10:30

American Jews

Chair: Amy Shevitz, Loyola University Chicago

“Jewish Marriage and Family: Challenges And Opportunities”

Roberta Rosenthal Kwall, Depaul University College of Law

“Jewish American Spirituality”

Danielle Drew, University of Alabama

“A Look at the History of the Jews of Cleveland, Ohio: A Mirror of the American Jewish Experience”

Sol Factor, Kent State University

“St. Louis’ Response to the Arkansas Am Olam Community Failure”

Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University

Session 7: 10:45-12:00

Teaching the Holocaust

Chair: Jessica Evers, Gratz College

“Using Images of Beauty and Love for Holocaust Education: How to Encourage Holocaust Remembrance through Literature”

Carrie Bettel, York University

“History and Testimony in the Digital Age: Studying the Holocaust”

Amy Simon, Michigan State University

“Around the World in Forty Days: Approaches to teaching the Holocaust after visiting Ukraine”

Shawn Rubinfeld, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Igniting Interest: American Students at Auschwitz”

Chaya Kessler, Kent State University

Session 8: 12:00-12:45

Science Fact and Fiction

Chair: Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University

“The Last Yiddish Science Books”

Stephen M. Cohen, Independent Scholar

“Star Wars: The Jewish Dimension”

Celia Rothenberg, McMaster University

Lunch 12:45-1:45

Rm: Landmark Room, 10th floor

MJSA Registration for 2018 Conference

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Choose one of the following options (mark with an 'X'):

Registration Sunday and Monday (regular): \$180 _____

Registration Sunday and Monday (student): \$125 _____

Registration Sunday only (regular): \$126 _____

Registration Monday only (regular): \$ 60 _____

Registration Sunday only (student): \$ 84 _____

Registration Monday only (student): \$ 42 _____

Kosher registration Sunday and Monday: \$240 _____

Kosher registration Sunday only: \$170 _____

Kosher registration Monday only: \$ 110 _____

Please choose your menu:

Kosher food is approved by the Chicago Rabbinical Council, breakfasts will not be kosher:

Sunday lunch: portabella mushroom wrap _____ salmon wrap _____

Sunday dinner: linguini primavera _____ chicken brochette _____

Monday lunch: portabella mushroom wrap _____ chicken caesar wrap _____

Non-kosher

Continental breakfasts

Sunday lunch: vegetarian sandwich _____ tuna salad _____

Sunday dinner: Italian vegetarian meal _____ herb chicken dinner _____

Monday lunch: tomato and mozzarella sandwich _____ chicken salad _____

To expedite registration, please send this form back to: dameola@southalabama.edu
and then make checks to: The Midwest Jewish Studies Association

Please send a check (in US Dollars) to:

Dr. David Meola, Treasurer-MJSA
University of South Alabama
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5991 USA Drive North, #344
Mobile, AL 36688

ALL registrations must be received by October 10th to guarantee food and a presentation time. The conference room will have a computer, Powerpoint, and a projector. If you need something else, please let David know.