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Editorial.

2013 -A Year in Review

When the time comes to review the year that is coming to a close, we usually look back at what has been happening, what challenges it posed to us, how we stood up to them and what we achieved. This year was no exception.

It was without doubt a good year. The yearly conference of the AAJS at the University of Sydney, the theme of which was "Jewish Language, Jewish Culture, The Shaping of Jewish Civilization" which resounding success. So lecture series 2013, Kwiet and Dr. Avri Mandelbaum Trust, the Institute and the Civilization, Monash Melbourne and Sydney participants and the of lectures by renown Rosen, Hasia Diner, Christopher Browning no one in doubt about quality that was shared with all who attended.



took place in February, was a was the international Holocaust organized by Professor Konrad Alba in conjunction with Sydney Jewish Museum, the Shalom Australian Centre for Jewish University. This collaboration centres of Jewish Studies in is very much to the benefit of all broader community. The presentation Holocaust scholars, Professors Alan Michael Steinlauf, Dan Michman and were of the highest standard and left the depth of research and its unique

Moreover, our scholars attended numerous conferences and workshops world-wide: in Austria, South Africa, the United States, Israel, New Zealand. Our Vice-President, Dr. Jan Láníček, launched his new book Czechs, Slovaks and the Jews, 1938-1948 in July. The study focuses on the position of Czechoslovak Jewry and the policies of the Czechoslovak

government towards them the interwar period, during the Second World War and the first years that followed its end.

In general, however, there is always a tinge of sadness when we realize that a year went by so fast, a feeling that touches us with every one of its passing. This year gives a special momentum to its meaning. Dr Marianne Dacy, a tireless and dedicated official of our organization, who has been working with the AAJS since 1987, taking part as a presenter, as well as in the organization of many of our conferences, is retiring. Above all, she took over from Beverley Davis as Honorary Secretary in 1996 and also filled the role of Honorary Treasurer. Always ready to give a helping hand with a cheerful smile, her sense of duty never left anybody in doubt that whatever had to be done, would be done perfectly and on time. She has been the mainstay of our association for close to 20 years. Marianne has also been the archivist of the archives of the Australian Judaica. She was honoured in this year's Australia's Honours List for her services aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews, for which she also received international recognition. Marianne resigned from her position as Honorary Treasurer and from membership work but will remain the Honorary Secretary of our association. Luckily for the Association, Marilynne Mill has agreed to takeover as our new Honorary Treasurer and Nathan Compton as our Honorary Membership Secretary. We are very grateful to both of them for agreeing to take on these roles. For my part I would also like to thank Marianne for her assistance with the publication of our newsletter, the presentation of which was always of the highest standard. I am very pleased that Marianne remains the secretary of our organization. We wish her all the very best for her retirement.

Anna Rosenbaum



Australian Association for Jewish



Studies

26th Annual Conference, 9-11 February 2014

Convener: Professor Ghil'ad

Zuckermann

JEWS, JUDAISM AND HYBRIDITY ~ CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2014

8:30 – 9:10 Registration

9:15	<i>Conference Opening</i>
~	Welcome to Country by Kaurna man Jack Buckskin
9:45	Opening Remarks by the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide AAJS President's Report
9:45	<i>Keynote Address ~ Professor Bernard Wasserstein, University of Chicago</i>
~	<i>The Smile of the Cheshire Cat: Reflections on Jewish Cultural Crossings in the 58th century</i>
10:45	

10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

	Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library	Hughes Building, Lecture Theatre 309	Hughes Building, Lecture Theatre 322
11:15 ~	SESSION 1A: LANGUAGE & HYBRIDITY <i>Chair: Kent Anderson</i>	SESSION 1B: RELIGION AND HYBRIDITY <i>Chair: Chris Mortensen</i>	
12:45	Ghil'ad Zuckermann, Yitzhak Pilpel, Brian Towers, Revivalomics: Tarbutomics (Israeli Culturomics) as a Tool to Explore Hybridity and Horizontal Gene Transfer in the Hebrew Revival, 1800-2014 Michael Keren, The Blurring of the Jewish-Palestinian Divide in Sayed Kashua's <i>Second Person Singular</i> Dan Avnon, On the Hybridic Nature of Israeli Political Concepts	Vicky Schinkel, The Cross-Pollination of Philosophical Notions of Interpretation in the Late 13 th Century Seth Kunin, Crypto-Jews: Structural Mediation or Christian-Jewish Hybridity Lauren Meath, 'Feminism, Belief and the Yoatzot Halacha Movement: Changing Israel's Modern Orthodox Communities From Within'	

12:45-13:45 LUNCH BREAK

ANDREW STEINER'S EXHIBITION

13:15-13:45 AAJS AGM

Please note:

all "A" sessions take place in the Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library;

all "B" sessions take place in Lecture Theatre 309, Hughes Building;

all "C" sessions take place in Lecture Theatre 322 (Sunday) / 324 (Monday), Hughes Building.

13:45 ~ 15:15	SESSION 2A: PANEL I: THE ABRAHAM INSTITUTE <i>Convenor:</i> <i>Katherine Goode</i> Omar Lum Roshanak Amrein Lynn Arnold <i>Archbishop Philip Wilson</i>	SESSION 2B: THE HEBREW BIBLE AND HYBRIDITY 1 <i>Chair: Marianne Dacy</i> Revd Matthew Anstey, "In the Beginning was Hybridity": the Genesis of Hybridity in Genesis Caryn Naomi Rogers, Isaiah: One Book, Multiple Voices Megan Turton, Deuteronomy 24:1-4: a Study in Ancient Near Eastern and Jewish Divorce Law	SESSION 2C: JEWS IN AUSTRALIA AND NZ <i>Chair: Andrew Markus</i> Lee Kersten, Sir Aubrey Lewis, an Adelaide Boy's Career Jessica Loyer, Jewish Sabbath Cooking in Australia: One Pot, Many Meanings Zehavit Gross, Suzanne D. Rutland, State Integrated Schools as a Major Challenge for Jewish Education in New land: a Case Study
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15:15-15:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

<p>15:45 ~ 17:15</p>	<p>SESSION 3A: PANEL II: THE ADELAIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY <i>Convener: Lynn Arnold</i></p> <p>Racheline Barda</p> <p>Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky</p> <p>Larry Lockshin</p> <p>Rachel Tanny</p>	<p>SESSION 3B: YIDDISH AND HYBRIDITY <i>Chair: Michael Abrahams-Sprod</i></p> <p>Martin Spigelman, Syncretic Speech – Yiddish as Spoken by Hasidim Today</p> <p>Dashiel Lawrence, No Messiah for Sitka: Jewish Territorialism in Alaska</p> <p>Andrew Firestone, "Warsaw Poet Yisroel Shtern (1894 - ?1942): Cabalist – and Modernist Poet."</p>	<p>SESSION 3C: YOUTH IN ASIA <i>Chair: Huang Ping</i></p> <p>Navras Jaat Aafreedi, Hybridity, Synthesis, Syncretism and Cross- Fertilization Among the Indian Jews</p> <p>Jia XU, Legends of the Kaifeng Jewish Community in China: History, Adaptability and Hybridity</p> <p>Myer Samra, From Buallawn Israel to Benei Menashe</p>
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17:15-17:30 short break

<p>17:30 ~ 18:30</p>	<p>SESSION 4C: PANEL II <i>(continued):</i> THE ADELAIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY <i>Convener: Lynn Arnold</i></p>	<p>SESSION 4B: HELLENISM AND HYBRIDITY <i>Chair: Michael Keren</i></p> <p>Marianne Dacy, Jews Amongst Polytheists and Hellenists</p> <p>Panayiotis Diamadis, Clashing or Complementary? Judaism and Hellenism in Three Modern States (Hellas, Cyprus and Israel)</p>	
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20:00 **SESSION 5: SPECIAL PANEL III: ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND JEWS**
Uncle Boydie, Abraham Schwarz, Barngarla man Stephen Atkinson, Ghil'ad Zuckermann et al.

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014

<p>Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library</p>	<p>Hughes Building, Lecture Theatre 309</p>	<p>Hughes Building, Lecture Theatre 324</p>
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<p>09:00 ~</p> <p>11:00</p>	<p>SESSION 6A: HOLOCAUST REPRESENTATION AND MEMORIALISATION <i>Chair: Jan Lanicek</i></p> <p>Avril Alba, The Holocaust Memorial Museum: a Syncretic 'Sacred Space'?</p> <p>Mary Griffiths, 'Diversity Destroyed: a City Remembers 1933-1938': Memorialising Practices and the Renewal of Democratic Identity in Contemporary Berlin.</p> <p>Dvir Abramovich, The Past That Will Not Go Away: Israeli Literature and the Shoah</p> <p>Helen Webberley, Yosl Bergner vs Tucker, Vassilieff, Perceval, Counihan, Nolan and Boyd. Who Influenced Whom?</p>	<p>SESSION 6B: HYBRIDITY & MODERN ISRAEL <i>Chair: Dan Avnon</i></p> <p>Colin B. Picker, The Israeli Legal System and its Legal Culture: Related Hybridity</p> <p>Randall S. Geller, "Tensions Between Proponents of Integration Versus Segregation as Viewed Through the Prism of the Israeli Defense Forces, 1948-1958."</p> <p>Tessa Satherley, Jews in Israel: Hybridity or <i>Havdalah</i>?</p> <p>Michael RUAN Xiang, A General Observation and Analysis Report on Israel's Participation in the Shanghai 2010 World Expo</p>	<p>SESSION 6C: PANEL IV: JEWS AND CHINA <i>Chair: Mobo Gao</i> <i>Respondent: Huang Ping</i></p> <p>Felix Patrikeeff, The Jewish Communities, China and Australia, 1924-1969</p> <p>Avrum Ehrlich, China, Jews and the Hybridity of Biblical 'Philosophy', Prophecy and Morality</p> <p>Deborah Cao, Popular Perceptions of Jews and Jewish Culture in Contemporary China</p>
11:00-11:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK			
<p>11:30 ~</p> <p>12:30</p>	<p>SESSION 7A : THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MELBOURNE <i>Chair: Suzanne D. Rutland</i></p> <p>Andrew Markus, Judaism and Hybridity: the Post-War Melbourne Community Miriam Munz, Melbourne's Jewish Community 1939 – 1945</p>	<p>SESSION 7B THE HEBREW BIBLE & HYBRIDITY 2 <i>Chair: Caryn Naomi Rogers</i></p> <p>Jonathan Worthen, Truth-Trial: Yahweh's Promise of Protection and the Persian Ordeal</p> <p>William Howell (Bill) Edwards, Israel on Walkabout: Anangu Insights into Old Testament</p>	<p>SESSION 7C: PANEL IV (continued): JEWS AND CHINA <i>Chair: Mobo Gao</i> <i>Respondent: Huang Ping</i></p>
12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK			
<p>13:30 ~</p> <p>15:00</p>	<p>SESSION 8A : HYBRIDITY IN THE DIASPORA <i>Chair: Miriam Munz</i></p> <p>Michael R. Cohen, From 'Judaism in America' to 'American Judaism': Cultural Hybridity and the Reconceptualization of Traditional Jewish Practice</p> <p>Ran Porat One Aspect of Jewish Exilic</p>	<p>SESSION 8B: MAIMONIDES VS YOUR MONIDES <i>Chair: Seth Kunin</i></p> <p>Chris Mortensen, Maimonides as Nominalist</p> <p>Ari Lobel, The Shaping of Maimonides' view of Divine Providence</p>	

	Destiny Shahar Burla , David Hume's "Sympathetic Imagination" and the Diasporic Jewish Imagination	Anna Hirsh , <i>Ruin/Monument: Spaces Between Truth and Death</i>	
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15:00-15:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

<p>15:30 ~</p> <p>17:30</p>	<p>SESSION 9A : HYBRIDITY AMONG GERMAN JEWS <i>Chair: Avril Alba</i></p> <p>Michael Abrahams-Sprod, From Symbiosis to Racial Pollution: the Cases of <i>Rassenschande</i> (Racial Defilement) in Nazi Magdeburg</p> <p>John Strehlow, German Jewish Influence on Australian Anthropology</p> <p>Esther Jilovsky, Memory, Postmemory and Identity in German-Jewish Holocaust Memoirs</p> <p>Gideon Greif, German Jews 1933-1939 – the Compelled Farewell From the Common Cultural Heritage and "Symbiosis"</p>	<p>SESSION 9B HYBRIDITY IN LITERATURE <i>Chair: Dvir Abramovich</i></p> <p>Tsippy Levin Byron, Natalia Ginsburg (1916-1991)</p> <p>Jennifer Dowling, From <i>La Belle Maguelonne to Sheyne Mageleyne</i></p> <p>Leah Kaminsky, The Fish Council</p>	<p>SESSION 9C: PANEL V: JEWS AND GREEKS (FILM SCREENING + DISCUSSION)</p> <p>Michael Tsianikas and Panayiotis Diamadis</p>
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TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

AAJS CONFERENCE LUNCHEON, PORT ELLIOT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Launch of Professor Bernard Wasserstein's new book

Introduced by Professor Jennie Shaw, Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Adelaide.

(Leaving from the Adelaide University Napier Building car park at 11am)

Registration: <http://www.aajs.org.au>

Further particulars: ghilad.zuckermann@adelaide.edu.au

Nathan Compton

Nathan Compton secretary, taking many years of AAJS. This year Bachelor of Bachelor of Arts, and a sub major in English. He has year of teaching Girls' High challenging and and he begins his appointment at College – Oatley year. He explains AAJS as follows:



“The AAJS is a of scholars seeking our knowledge of experience and I facilitate this journey. I came to volunteer with the AAJS at the end of 2012 as I finished my last year of university studies. One of the most devoted educators and scholars I have ever had the experience to meet, Prof. Suzanne D. Rutland, invited me to help with online banking and minor clerical duties at the AAJS in preparation for the 2013 Conference in Sydney. From processing application forms to searching for reliable maps of Sydney in bulk, it was an exciting experience and I hope to continue the great work done by Marianne in her many years of service.

“I look forward to meeting, emailing and getting to know you all in the coming year, and encourage you all to attend the 2014 AAJS Conference in Adelaide.”

Nathan hopes to undertake further graduate studies, and in the meantime continues to read and broaden his knowledge of Jewish Civilization. The AAJS is grateful for his willingness to continue as the AAJS Membership Secretary.

is our new membership over from Marianne's dedicated service to the he graduated with a Education and a majoring in History Jewish Studies and just completed his first History at Liverpool School, a both rewarding position, first permanent Georges River Senior Campus in the new his involvement in

wonderful community to develop and extend the Jewish world and am grateful to help

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014

MEMBERSHIP FEES for the Australian Association for Jewish Studies (ABN 16535824946) are current from 1 January 2014–31 December 2014 (includes the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* published annually and the AAJS Newsletter)

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Overseas: \$80.00 (Aus)

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