



## ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN JEWISH STUDIES

### 2007 FINAL PROGRAM

**MAY 27 - 28, 2007 — SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN**

**(THE CONFERENCE OF THE *CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR JEWISH STUDIES* [CSJS] WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29, 2007).**

#### ***Friday 25 May 2007***

*Those ACJS members, who are in Saskatoon on this day, are cordially invited to attend the Friday night B'nai Brith Gerry Rose Volunteer Award Dinner at the synagogue when a volunteer will be honoured. The cost will be approximately \$20-\$25.*

#### **Sunday May 27**

**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

#### **ACJS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

University of Saskatchewan, MURRAY Building, room 12

(Should the delegates wish to have lunch after the annual general meeting, there is an attractive little restaurant, Alexander's, at 414 Cumberland Avenue North close to College Drive. It is situated across the street from the campus.)

#### **Sunday 1:00 pm**

#### **"Spiels on Wheels - Jewish Saskatoon"**

A bus will pick up ACJS participants in front of **Place Riel**. Gladys Rose and June Avivi, our tour guides, will provide background information and anecdotes as the bus progresses through parts of the city of historic interest to Jewish Saskatoon. We are hoping that members of our current Jewish community will also attend. There will be bottled water on the bus. The tour will end at the synagogue where there will be refreshments of wine, cheese, pickles and a fruit platter; an exhibit of pictures of Jewish people, past and present, who have made contributions to Saskatoon's Jewish community and the Junior Klezmer Band will provide background entertainment. The ACJS members will then have transportation back to their respective hotels. The charge for the afternoon will be \$10 per person.

**Sunday 7:00 pm**  
**Congregation Agudas Israel**

715 McKinnon Avenue South

**1) ACJS Award**

Presentation of the 2007 Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Cyril E. Leonoff of Vancouver.

Award to be presented by Dr. Randal Schnoor (president of the ACJS)

**2) Lecture**

The History of Saskatchewan's Jews: Thirty Years of Oral History Interviews Anna Feldman (Congregation Agudas Israel)

Henry Woolf and Susan Williamson will be assisting Anna in her lecture. As veteran actors who have appeared on many stages, including those of London, England and New York, they will add a great deal to the evening by reading anecdotes, which will be interspersed throughout the presentation.

Nadine Charabin of the Saskatchewan Archives Board will give a slide presentation.

Light refreshments will be served

**Monday, May 28**

All Sessions held at the University of Saskatchewan MURRAY Building, Room 12.

**Session 1**

**10:00 am-11:00 am**

Canadian Jewish History and Tradition

**Chair:** Daniel Maoz (University of Waterloo)

Phil Gold (London, Ontario)

It's a long way to *Petach Tikvah*, it's a long way to go...

Hannah Mayne (York University)

An Ethnographic Study of Power Dynamics and Gender at Jewish, Modern Orthodox Sabbath Tables in Toronto

**Session 2**

**11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

***Extra, Extra – Learn all about it...***

**Chair:** Aviva Atlani (University of Western Ontario)

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

Yehuda Kaufman's Montreal Journalism, 1913-1917

Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia)  
Prolegomenon to a Historiographical Analysis of Narratives of the Canadian Jewish Experience

## **LUNCH**

### **Session 3**

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

#### **Exploring Jewish Diversity in Canada (Joint ACJS-CSJS Session)**

**Chair:** Randal Schnoor (York University)

Stephanie Tara Schwartz (University of Ottawa)  
The Absence of Naim Kattan: A New Emphasis on Diversity in Canadian Jewish Studies

Shelly E. Nixon (University of Ottawa)  
The Montreal Memorial Holocaust Museum: A Narrative of Survivorship and Diversity

**3:15 pm - 4:30 pm**

#### **ACJS OPEN BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday May 29/07**

#### **Presentations under the auspices of Canadian Society for Jewish Studies (CSJS)**

All Sessions held at the University of Saskatchewan - MURRAY Building, Room 12.

### **Session 1**

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

#### **Comparative Literature**

**Chair:** Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

Braj M. Sinha (University of Saskatchewan)  
The Androgynous Divine: the Dialectic of the Masculine and the Feminine in Tantra and the Kabbalah Mysticism

Sigalit Zohar (Haifa University)  
Folklore Studies: Elements of Jewish Society in Israel as Reflected in Graffiti

Messod Salama (Memorial University)  
Folksong and Paraliturgical Songs of the Sephardim in the United States

**Session 2**

**10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**Expressing Rabbinic Diversity**

**Chair:** Daniel Maoz (University of Waterloo)

Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

Rabbi Nosson Slifkin on Science and Torah: a Contemporary Re-presentation of Classical Sources

Justin Jaron Lewis (Queen's University)

The Radical Hasidic Thought of the Tasher Rebbe

Andrea Gondos (Concordia University)

The Ramban's Solution to the Medieval Exegetical Conundrum

**LUNCH**

**Session 3**

**1:45 pm - 2:45 pm**

**Current Trends in the Study of Rabbinic Literature**

**Chair:** Justin Jaron Lewis (Queen's University)

Laliv Clenman (University of Toronto)

Legal Systems and Rules Related to Intermarriage in Rabbinic Literature

Daniel Maoz (University of Waterloo)

The Hermeneutics of Haggadic Midrash and Comparative Midrash: A Return to the Sources

**3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

**Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Jewish Studies (CSJS)**

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