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THE  
MEZUZAH

Jews Between Public  
and Private Space

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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February 11-12, 2016  
Walnut Room, IMU

What does it mean for a space to be Jewish? How do we construct, mark, contest, the borders, walls, and boundaries of Jewish and non-Jewish spaces? How is Jewishness performed within these spaces. This conference will explore the ways in which Judaism and Jewishness have been, and continue to be negotiated with respect to space and place.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30-9:40 am WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

PANEL I DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES: INTELLECTUAL & POLITICAL DEBATES  
9:45- Respondent: Professor Mirjam Zadoff

- 11:05 am
- Oleksii Chebotarov (*University of St. Gallen*) - "Transmigration Areas as Communication Spaces: The Case of Russian Jews in Late Imperial Galicia"
  - Sarah Garibova (*University of Michigan*) - "In Search of Home, In Search of Family: Soviet Holocaust Survivors and Their Hometown Burial Landscape"
  - Anya Quilitzsch (*Indiana University*) - "Everyday Judaism after the Holocaust: a Story from the Soviet Periphery"

PANEL II BUILDING COMMUNITY IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
11:20 am- Respondent: Professor Mark Roseman

- 1:05 pm
- Matthew Niemi (*Indiana University*) - "Touching the Tsinnor"
  - Tori Golden (*Loyola University*) - "Identity through Education: Jewish Women in Interwar Poland"
  - Valeria Navarro-Rosenblatt (*University of Wisconsin*) - "Memory, and Politics in the Jewish-Chilean Community: Private and Public Remembrance of the Jewish Victims of State Repression"
  - Oskar Czendze (*Emory University*) - "Redefining Identity: Landsmanshaftn in the United States Today"

PANEL III MIGRATION AND MOVEMENT ACROSS BORDERS  
3:50- Respondent: Professor Guadalupe González-Diéguez

- 5:10 pm
- Joshua Lupo (*Florida State University*) - "The Political Theology of Moses Mendelssohn and the Limits of Agonistic Democracy"
  - Mario Rewers (*Vanderbilt University*) - "The Flight from English: Jewish Scholars and the Creation of American Studies"
  - Eric Maurer (*Brandeis University*) - "The Rebbe's Menorah: The Debate over Judaism's Place in the Public Sphere"

Samuel & Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture & Conference Keynote

"Makom: The Place of Space in Jewish Cultures"  
PROFESSOR BARBARA MANN, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York

7:30 pm • Oak Room, IMU

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PANEL IV TEXTS, TRANSFORMATION, AND TRADITION: LINGUISTIC & LITERARY SPACES  
9:00- Respondent: Professor Barbara Mann

- 10:20 am
- Mazalit Haim (*New York University*) - "Lamentations and Affective Space in Modern Hebrew Literature"
  - Sean Sidky (*Indiana University*) - "'And Over Our Heads the Hollow Seas Closed Up': An Examination of Boundaries, Meaning, and Spatial Relations in Primo Levi's *Se questo e un uomo*"
  - Jaron Kanegson (*Indiana University*) - "The Golem, the Riverbank and Jewish Masculinity"

PANEL V FROM STAGE TO SCREEN: ARTISTIC & PERFORMATIVE SPACES  
10:35- Respondent: Professor Sarah Imhoff

- 11:55 am
- Lindsey Pullum (*Indiana University*) - "'Because of His Customers. They're all Jewish': A Linguistic Analysis of Sayed Kashua's Sitcom Arab Labor and the use of Hebrew and Arabic Demarcate Public and Private Space"
  - Zachary Scalzo (*Indiana University*) - "'Suppose after all this...[Silence]': Theatrical Representation and the Holocaust"
  - Adi Nester (*University of Colorado*) - "Roth, Zeisl, Hiob: Exile as Identity"

12:00- CONCLUDING REMARKS, Dr. Carolyn Lipson-Walker  
12:10 pm