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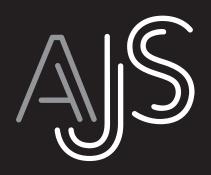
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From the Executive Director

WELCOME!

It seems fitting that we are in Boston this year for the 54th annual AJS conference. Boston is always a bit of a homecoming for the AJS. It's where the organization was founded over 50 years ago, and Boston always draws our largest numbers of attendees; I guess AJS members have a thing for cold December nights. But this year, fingers crossed, is hopefully the year we will see a close-tonormal number of AJS members at the conference. Despite our best planning, nothing could have fully prepared us for the rapid rise of the Omicron variant at last year's Chicago conference, resulting in many last-minute cancellations. While no solution was ideal at that moment, the AJS made the decision in 2021 not to cancel and to go forward with a smaller conference for approximately 600 people. Those who were able to attend valued the ability to meet with other scholars in person, see old friends, and make new connections. We hope that this year sees only more of all those things.

You might be wondering as you hold this guidebook in your hands, where the actual program is and why we have decided not to include it. Over



the AJS conference has weathered a number of events: a strike at the conference hotel in 2018, a virtual conference in 2020, and mass cancellations due to COVID-19 in 2021. All of those major interruptions meant that the hours upon hours of work that the staff spent designing, proofing, and rechecking a print program book were essentially for naught, not to mention the steep economic and environmental costs of printing a full program book that was no longer useful. By the time the conference arrived, the expensive program book was already out of date. Even in a "normal" year, the conference experiences its fair share of last-minute changes and cancellations. Trying to keep up with all this in real time AND make that happen in print form has not been easy. For this reason, the entire program in its most up-to-date form lives on the AJS Conference app, which you can download for free and use over cell service or the free hotel wifi. This program is updated live and offers the most accurate and current view of what is happening, where, and when. We hope, though, that you will still peruse this guidebook for other information about the conference

From the President

as well as take a look at all the offers from the conference's many sponsors whose support of the AJS, financial and otherwise, makes this conference possible. If you have any questions about the conference app, please see an AJS staff member and they will be happy to assist you.

I hope that this conference is a productive, meaningful, and enjoyable experience for everyone. For the staff, it's not just that we spend so much time working on this conference year-round, but it is truly the only time when we can see and interact with so many members face to face. As a membership organization, you're the reason we exist and we, the AJS staff, delight in getting to know you better. For those of you attending your first AJS conference, welcome! And for returnees, it's so good to have you back. Have a wonderful conference.

Warren Hoffman Association for Jewish Studies

WELCOME TO THE 54TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AJS

It is a privilege to greet you in my capacity as the organization's president. In the past year, I have heard from many of you, and I hope that over the course of the conference and the coming year, members continue to reach out to me, AJS Executive Director Warren Hoffman, and the AJS board to share their thoughts and interests. We are a member-based learned society, and it is vital for our success that we understand the diverse–and sometimes conflicting–needs of our members.

The past twelve months have been a period of tremendous growth for the AJS. As we entered last year's conference, we faced several obstacles. Some of those challenges, like the weaknesses in our governance structures, were specific to the Association; others, like the pandemic, were not. Over the last year, AJS leadership has worked hard to improve our governance structures and communications policies, to make ourselves available to members, and to consider and address the many obstacles that our members face in this changing world.

I am proud of the improvements the AJS board has made to its

From the President

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Governance Structure and Practices.

Influenced by member feedback and recommendations made by the 2021 Leadership Task Force, the board implemented several changes. We now regularly meet every other month, which allows the board to be more planful and strategic. There is at least one board member sitting on all committees and task forces, and we have worked to clarify the responsibilities of leadership positions and ways to become involved in organizational leadership. We created a task force to consider how to best review and support our executive director and complemented our onboarding orientation with an exit interview process for leaders at the end of their service.

We have worked to address matters of Access. The board expressed its commitment to extant programs, such as our summer writing workshop, and to working with the newly created Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee. We launched our AJS Conversations series and began to tackle the growing financial need among our members. Because of the high number of applications for travel support for the 2022 conference, the board authorized an additional \$6,000 of spending from our reserves-in addition to the \$46,000 originally budgeted-for

individual travel grants. Current financial needs

also force us to think about how we practice development, and Warren and I have begun to work with the board to change development practices and expectations.

When you read our email communications or look to our website, I hope it is apparent how deeply the AJS board and staff value **Transparency**. We have publicized leadership opportunities, made our board minutes available on the AJS website, and regularly apprise members of AJS programs, opportunities, and developments.

Despite these advancements, we know there remains room for improvement. Our in-person conferences are not accessible to some of our members, and our 2024 online conference will pose obstacles to others. We need to better acknowledge and thank those who volunteer with the AJS. The board will be working on these and other **Strategic Initiatives** as it responds to the shifting needs and interests within our changing membership.

I am so glad that you are here, and hope that you enjoy the conference.

Warmly, Robin Judd Vice President for Program

From the VP for Program

DEAR AJS MEMBERS,

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the AJS conference. Each year that COVID-19 disrupts our daily lives, I am struck anew by what a gift it is to be able to meet with old and new friends and hear about each other's research. Our hearts go out to those who weren't able to be with us this year, particularly those waylaid by health concerns, family needs, or economic uncertainty. As a community, we also owe a particular debt to people's loved ones who made it possible for us to travel, including those who have stepped up to take care of dependents during a busy time. For members celebrating the festival of Hanukkah, I want to acknowledge the extra sacrifice you are making to be with us, rather than at home. We are indebted to a local congregation of Boston for providing us not only with a Torah scroll for services, but also a safe place to light candles on the first night of Hanukkah.

I am tremendously excited about our program for this year. For the first time ever, we will have our plenary online before the conference, accompanied by a 2021 documentary film livestreamed free to members. This year's plenary takes the issues of memory, identity, war, and conflict,



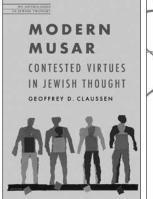
I look forward during these three precious days to learning from all of you.

Best wishes,

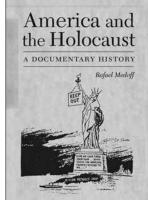
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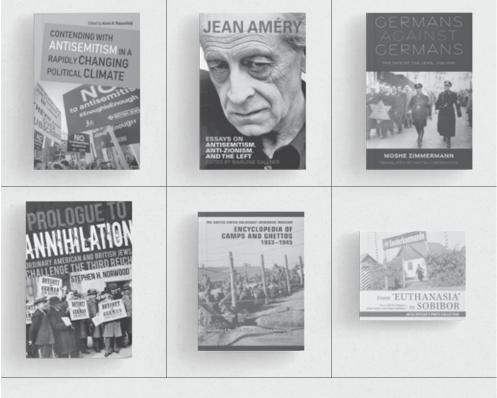
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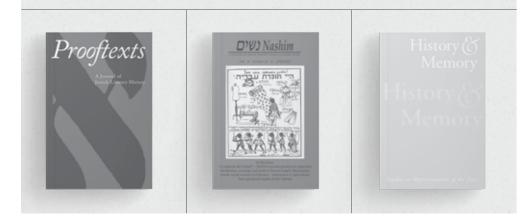


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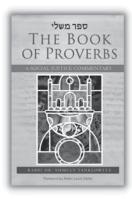
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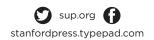
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The hotel does not permit the lighting of candles; Central Synagogue Boston welcomes all conference participants for candle lighting, who have preregistered for this event, which is on Sunday December 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Participants who have not registered should inquire at AJS registration about space for this program.

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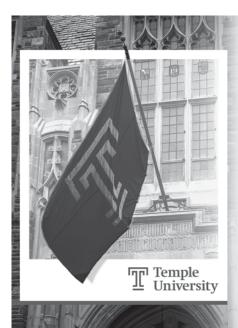




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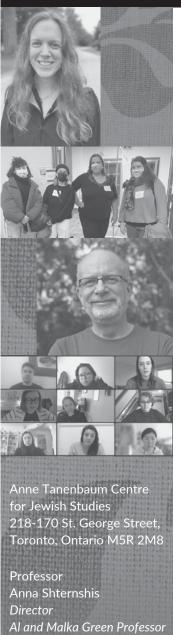
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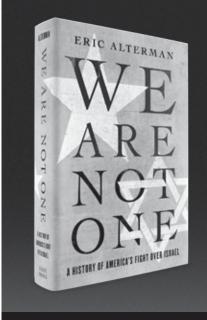
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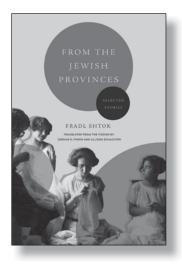


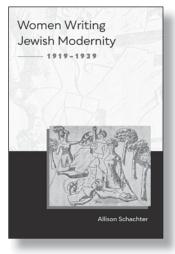
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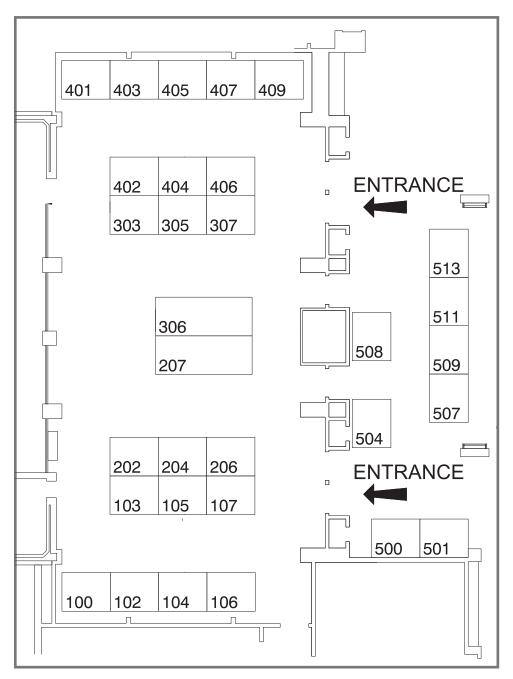


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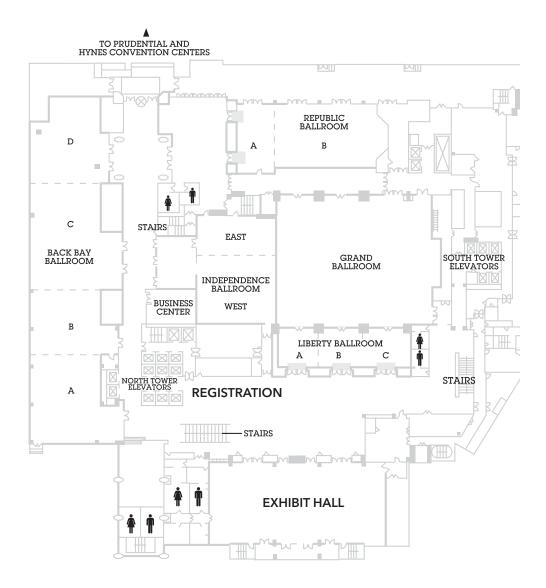
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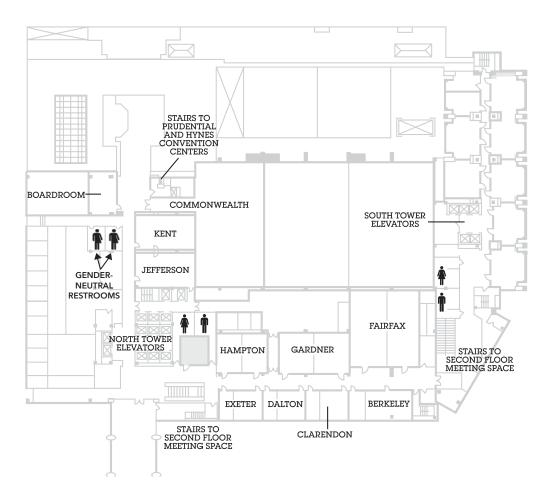
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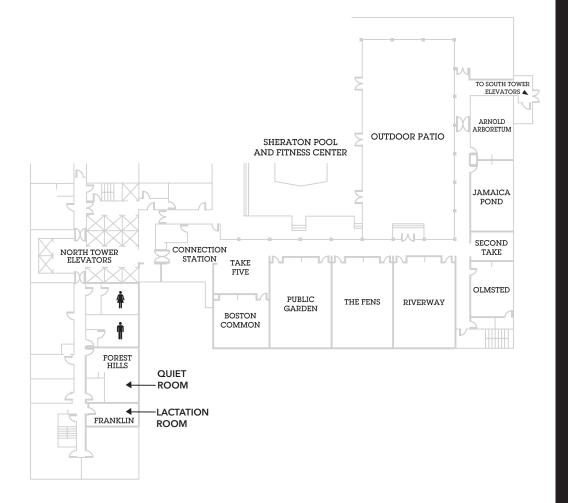
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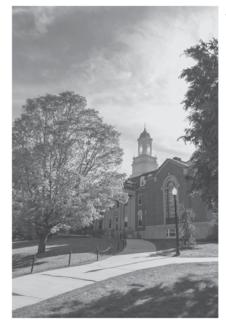
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We conclude with a program, "New Israeli Shorts: The Full Range," which represents a sampling of diverse themes, genres, and viewpoints characterizing Israeli cinema today. These short films correspond perfectly to the many panels dealing with aspects of Israeli society and culture at the AJS conference, and have a particularly good fit for use in a classroom. The entire program will stream online before, during, and after the conference. We hope that this schedule will give everyone a chance to watch the films.

The Film Committee also brings you a pedagogical session, "Teaching through Film," which this year will focus on the theme of refugees, a timely subject in light of the current wars, conflicts, and climate crises that have caused mass displacement. In this panel, we explore how instructors can use film to help students make sense of the political, ethical, and social complexities of forced mass migration. We look forward to seeing you at the screenings and at the pedagogical session. Together, they celebrate the importance of cinema and media in scholarship and teaching. See you at the movies!

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Trembling before G-d

■ Documentary by Sandi Simcha DuBowski, 2001 ● 94 minutes ♀ Israel, France, USA *Trembling before G-d* was the first documentary to portray gay and lesbian Orthodox Jews trying to reconcile their sexuality with their faith. The film follows the lives of several of them in the United States and Israel and includes interviews with rabbis and psychotherapists about Orthodox attitudes toward homosexuality. Among the interviewees is Rabbi Steven Greenberg, known as the first openly gay Orthodox-ordained Jewish rabbi. The film won numerous awards, including Best Documentary at the 2001 Berlin and Chicago film festivals.

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Babi Yar. Context

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In this engaging documentary, Amoneh Asfour, a young Palestinian Israeli born and raised in Jaffa, leads us on a tour of her city, revealing its rich history and complicated present. The film is produced by Sadaka-Reut, a nonprofit organization founded by Palestinian and Jewish Israeli students, which works with youth on issues surrounding identities and inequalities within Israeli society.

The film is available on Sadaka-Reut YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/K2XQvNQRRuc

For more information and screening rights contact: info@reutsadaka.org

Dreidel on Fire/Dmei Hanukah

■ Narrative by Aviad Shtachelberg, 2021 **③** 8 minutes **♀** Israel

Matti is the best dreidel spinner in town. On the seventh night of Hanukkah he tells his boss, the head of "the casino" that he wants to leave. His boss makes him an offer he can't refuse.

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Nine Moons/Tesha` yereḥim

■ Documentary animation by Alma Ben Zeev, 2021 **③** 8 minutes **♀** Israel

An intimate diary of a young woman whose pregnancy causes her to suffer from enhanced nightmares, connected to family history.

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PAULA OGIER is a digital and mixedmedia artist based in Boston. Her artworks of places and of nature elements express the joyful and wondrous energies of both the manmade and the natural world.

Her journey with digital paint began in the 1990s when the technology for working with it was much more simplistic than it is today. As digital art technology evolved, her practice evolved along with it. Today she "paints" with a pen on a large digital screen in her art studio in the SoWa Art + Design District, creating images that are made into archival quality prints. Her works are displayed in Boston Logan Airport, Boston Children's Hospital, the Animal Rescue League of Boston, several Boston office developments, and many private collections. See more of her work at paulaogierart.com or on Instagram as @paula_ogier_artist.





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