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# Association for Canadian Jewish Studies

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## Association d'études juives canadiennes

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York University  
May 29-31, 2023 | du 29 au 31 mai 2023  
All times EDT

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**MONDAY, MAY 29 | LUNDI LE 29 MAI | ROOM K519 IN KANEFF TOWER (4700 KEELE ST)**

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**10:15 AM – 10:30 PM: Welcome and Refreshments**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Session 1: Co-Authoring Scholarship on Jewish Argentina and Jewish Canada**

Chair: David M.K. Sheinin, Trent University

Robert Brym, University of Toronto

David Koffman, York University

Yolande Cohen, Université de Québec à Montréal

Ruth Panofsky, Toronto Metropolitan University

**12:00 – 2:00 PM: Lunch n' Launch: Catered ACJS Book Launches**

Randal Schnoor (York University) and Robert Brym (University of Toronto), *The Ever-Dying People? Canada's Jews in Comparative Perspective*

Norman Ravvin, Concordia University, *Who Gets In? An Immigration Story*

**2:00 – 3:30 PM: Session 2: "Why Don't You Digitize Everything?": Prioritizing and Strategizing in the Area of Digital Copying for Researchers**

Chair: Janice Rosen

Donna Bernardo-Ceriz, Ontario Jewish Archives, Toronto

Sarah Benlolo Digital Archivist, Jewish Public Library Archives

Melissa Castron, Archives Technician, Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives

**4:00 – 5:00 PM: Session 3: Pop Culture**

Chair: TBD

Jonathan Slater, SUNY Plattsburgh: *If Superman is Jewish, why is he Working in Montreal Disguised as Charles Leblanc?*

Sigrid Thomsen, University of Vienna: *"I'm Growing Where I'm Going to Grow and That's in Multiple Directions": Fluidities of Genre and Identity in Shiva Baby and Periphery*

**6:00 – 8:00 PM: Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award Presentation to Morton Weinfeld, Followed by musical performance by Jonno Lightstone and discussion on Toronto Holocaust Museum**

**Location: Accolade West (Address: 89 York Blvd, Room ACW 307)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30 | MARDI 30 MAI | ROOM YL 280N IN YORK LANES (80 YORK BOULEVARD)**

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**8:00 – 10:00 AM: Annual General Meeting and Open Board Meeting**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Session 4: Community Affairs**

Chair: TBD

Anna Sheftel and Naomi Frost, Concordia University; and Sonia Bazar, Independent: *What Can the Dead Teach us about the Living? Studying Jewish Migration and Integration Through Montreal's Back River Cemetery*

Joanna Krongold, University of Toronto: *"Common Knowledge": Antisemitism and the Quota System at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine*

Ovgu Ulgen, Université de Montréal: *Understanding Pluralism Through the Lens of Language and Recognition: Francophone and Hispanophone Jewish Immigrants in Canada*

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Lunch Break**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM: Session 5: Individuals**

Chair: TBD

Peter Usher, Independent: *The Making of a Jewish Hero*

Tyler Wentzell, University of Toronto: *From Port Arthur to the Hitler Line: Lieutenant Benjamin Cowan in the Second World War*

**2:30 – 4:00 PM: Session 6: Holocaust Memorialization**

Chair: TBD

Audrey Bélanger, Université de Laval: *Étudier l'histoire de l'Holocauste à l'aide d'un récit mémoriel: proposition d'un dispositif interdisciplinaire*

Belarie Hyman Zatzman, York University: *Performing Objects: Responding to the "Heart from Auschwitz"*

Hadassah Danit O'Reilly, Independent: *The Evidence Room Exhibition: Engaging in the Act of Seeing the Forensic Architecture of Auschwitz Crematorium II from a Visual Art Perspective*

**4:00 – 6:00 PM: Dinner Break**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM: Exhibition and Roundtable at the Archives of Ontario (on York campus):**

**Belonging and Identity in Canada: Canadian Jewish Studies in conversation with other Canadian Studies**

**Location: Archives of Ontario; 134 Ian MacDonald Blvd, George Spragge Classroom**

Chair: Vardit Lightstone, University of Maryland

Satwinder Bains, University of the Fraser Valley

Paul Gareau, University of Alberta

Athanasios (Sakis) Gekas, York University

Respondent: David S. Koffman, York University

Exhibit Curators:

Amir Lavie

Simon Vickers

Roberto Perin, York University

David Wilson, University of Toronto

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**9:00 – 10:00 AM: Extra meeting time if required**

**10:00 - 11:30 AM: Session 7: Québec**

Chair: TBD

Ira Robinson, Concordia University: *The Contextualization of Canada in an Early Twentieth Century Montreal Yiddish Newspaper*

Ori Werdiger, University of Toronto: *Léon Askenazi in Montreal*

Simone Grossman, Bar Ilan University: *Les voix poétiques réunies de Rachel Korn et Chantal Ringuet dans Forêt en chambre*

**11:30 – 1:00 PM: Lunch Break**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM: Session 8: Community Affairs II**

Chair: Randal Schnoor

Rebecca Mintz, York University: *Eating Disorders and Orthodox Jewish Life: Navigating the Conflict between Jewish Identity and Mental Health*

Deniz Sheikh-Hassani, York University: *Transgender Jewish Life in Orthodox Jewish Communities*

Aaliah Lewis, York University: *Understanding the Complex Identity of Black Jews in Canada and the US*

**3:00 – 4:30 PM: Session 9: Jews and Gentiles**

Chair: TBD

David Weinfeld, Rowan University: *The Canadian Council for Christians and Jews in Comparative Perspective*

Peter Kopplin, University of Toronto: *Dr “Jakey” Markowitz: Anglophilic Jungle Surgeon — Academic Hero*

***Institutional Participants***

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