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The George L. Mosse/Laurence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies
invites you to an unforgettable week of summer fun and learning.

Whether you're an alum who wants to relive your college days, a friend of Jewish Studies who wants to share the excitement of Jewish learning, or a member of the public interested in studying Jewish identity, the George L. Mosse/Laurence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies invites you to participate in its Eighth Annual Greenfield Summer Institute, *Encountering Israel: History, Culture, and Politics*.

The Institute will showcase the expertise of the Center's faculty in the morning and afternoon lectures on the history of Israel and Zionism, as well as Israeli culture, education, and of course, politics. An added feature this summer is the Keynote Address by Professor Mark Tessler from the University of Michigan. A variety of afternoon events and special evening programs will add to this wonderful intellectual experience amid the sights and sounds that make summer in Madison a visitor's haven.

We invite you to join us. Space is limited, so please register early. Registration deadline: June 15, 2007.

THE PROGRAM

Sunday, July 8

5:00–6:00 p.m. **Registration**
University Club, 803 State Street

6:00–7:00 p.m. **Opening Dinner (no charge)**
Hosted by **Daniel Pekarsky**, *Director of the Center for Jewish Studies*

7:00–8:00 p.m. **Schmoozing Time**

Monday, July 9

All lectures will be held at the Wisconsin Historical Society (816 State Street) unless otherwise noted.

9:00–10:30 a.m. **“Conflicting Visions: The Origins and Varieties of Zionism in Europe”**

David Sorkin, *Frances and Laurence Weinstein Professor of Jewish Studies, UW History Department*

Zionism from its inception was a multiform movement that encompassed multiple factions and parties—secular and religious, political and practical, socialist and capitalist, cosmopolitan and hyper-nationalist. Each of these factions and parties had its own version of what form colonization and/or the Jewish state should take. This lecture will explore the complex origins of Zionism and trace the development of its disparate and conflicting visions until 1948.

10:45 a.m.–12 noon **“Zionism and the New Jew”**
Joshua Shanes, *Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, College of Charleston*

Zionism is typically seen as a movement that, in response to a violent wave of European anti-Semitism, sought to relocate European Jews to a secure state of their own, ideally in the land of Israel. This lecture will argue that this paradigm is problematic and that Zionism primarily represents an attempt to reconstruct Jewish identity along secular, national lines. In other words, Zionism had little to do with building a new Jewish state and everything to do with building a new Jew. We will look at images of this new Jew and reconsider the responses of Orthodoxy to the Zionist movement in light of this agenda.

12:00–1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:30–3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion:**
“Religious Conceptions of Israel”

Dr. Ronald Troxel and *Assistant Professor Joshua Shanes*, among others

Join us for a lively discussion as panelists share multiple religious perspectives on Israel today.

4:00–6:00 p.m. **Music on the Terrace**
Enjoy an afternoon of klezmer by Madison’s own Yid Vicious. The music, the Terrace, the scenery, who could ask for anything more?

Evening **Free time**

Tuesday, July 10

9:00–10:30 a.m. **“Israel in the Eyes of the American Left...and Why It Matters”**

Tony Michels, *Mosse Professor in Jewish History, UW History Department*

In 1948, almost everyone on the American Left, from Communists to liberals, enthusiastically supported the creation of Israel. Yet, five decades later, diverse elements of the American Left—including many Jews—have become Israel’s staunchest critics and opponents. How did this change of position happen? What are its implications for American Jews and Israel?

10:45 a.m.–12 noon **“Where is the Land of Israel? Zionism in Historical Perspective”**

Nadav Shelef, *Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Israel Studies, Professor of Political Science, UW Political Science Department*

The borders of the Land of Israel are hotly contested, not just between the state of Israel and its neighbors, but among the Zionist movements themselves. This lecture will discuss the ways in which Labor, Religious, and Revisionist Zionists conceptualized the extent of the Jewish homeland and how these mental maps changed over time.

12:00–1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:30–4:00 p.m. **A Visit to UW–Madison’s NewsLab**

UW NewsLab and Joyce Foundation invite you to witness the most comprehensive examination of news ever conducted. The project, known as the Midwest News Index (MNI), tracks the content of local news aired on ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, and Univision. While the main focus will be on political coverage, the MNI will capture and categorize all stories. Please sign up for an afternoon tour of their facilities, located in Ingraham Hall. For a sneak peak, please visit their Web site at mni.wisc.edu.

7:00 p.m.

Madison Early Musical Festival

This evening's offering includes Fortune's Wheel, a spirited collaboration of four distinguished early-music performers devoted to rediscovering the riches of medieval musical traditions. Their performances combine a meticulous attention to vocal sonority and instrumental virtuosity with an engaging sense of theater and improvisation. Their deep experience and personal warmth have won them a devoted following wherever they appear. Lydia Heather Knutson (vocals), Aaron Sheehan (vocals) and Robert Mealy (vielle, harp).

Wednesday, July 11

9:00–10:30 a.m. "Which Israel? Competing Visions of Israel in the Schools"

Daniel Pekarsky, *Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the Joint Program in Education and Jewish Studies, Professor of Educational Policy Studies, UW School of Education*

This session examines some of the different ways Israel is represented in school curricula and what this reveals about our contemporary situation.

10:45 a.m.–12 noon "A Song of a Different Hero: Exploring a Paradoxical Israeli War Anthem"

Matan Rubenstein, *Composer and Lecturer, Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison*

Israeli's War of Independence produced a multitude of songs by some of the country's greatest song writers and lyricists. "Eliphelet" holds a unique place among them: a perplexing song of questions, inverted prose, and quirky melody that remains, arguably, one of the most meaningful and moving songs in the Israeli oeuvre. The lecture will begin with a live performance of the song (translated into English) and proceed to examine its content, its place in history, and its significance within Israeli culture.

12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch on your Own

1:30–3:00 p.m. "Henry Kissinger and American Foreign Policy Toward Israel since 1967"

Jeremi Suri, *Associate Professor, UW History Department*

In the aftermath of the 1967 War, America's relationship with Israel changed significantly. The United States became a more direct supporter of Israeli military strength, but it also pursued closer relations with "moderate" Arab states in the region. This lecture will focus on Henry Kissinger and his role during the 1970s in negotiating a new American relationship with both Israel and its neighbors. The lecture will examine Kissinger's policies, and also his interpersonal relations with Jewish figures in Israel and the United States. The present state of Middle East politics is, in large part, a legacy of Kissinger's actions. Professor

Suri has recently completed a new book on Henry Kissinger, *Henry Kissinger and the American Century*, and he will discuss parts of this book, as well as his personal interviews with Kissinger, in this lecture.

3:30 p.m.

Film: *The State of Israel*

What is the condition of the State? After an informative overview about the origins of Zionism, featuring Abba Eban and Ehud Olmert, mayor of Jerusalem, we are treated to a debate between the prominent writer David Grossman and the former Soviet dissident, now minister, Natan Sharansky. After the opening statements, witnesses for each side are called to support their respective arguments. These include Amos Oz, Elie Wiesel, Professor George Steiner, Shulamit Aloni, Rabbi David Hartman, and Dr. Azmi Bishara. A marvelous study of a changing society. (1998, 72 minutes)

Evening

Concert on the Square

Enjoy Madison's historic Wisconsin State Capitol as you listen to a concert of pop music by the Madison Chamber Orchestra.

Thursday, July 12

9:00–10:30 a.m. "Is Israeli-Palestinian Peace Possible?"

Mark Tessler, *Samuel J. Eldersveld Collegiate Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan, Vice Provost for International Affairs and Director of the University's International Institute*

The Oslo Accord of 1993 laid a foundation for a two-state solution and mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians. Both sides thereafter entered the Oslo Peace Process with a mixture of hope and skepticism, endorsing the Accord's principles but doubtful that the other side was sincerely committed to a historic compromise. Fourteen years later, the peace process appears to be dead, with each side blaming the other and convinced that its doubts were justified. The significance of recent events should be understood against this background. Israel's unilateral approach to the West Bank and Gaza, as well as the victory of Hamas in Palestinian legislative elections, suggest to some that both communities have given up on negotiations and peace. But there have always been turning points in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and it will be instructive to ask whether recent developments are laying a foundation for one of these.

10:45 a.m.–12 noon Open Forum with Mark Tessler

Please save all your inquiries for this second session, devoted entirely to answering your questions about Israeli politics. It is guaranteed to be interesting and thought provoking!

Noon–2:00 p.m.

Farewell Lunch (no charge) University Club

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION



Fees

The fee for the Greenfield Summer Institute is \$125. This covers classes and selected meals.

Optional Free Events

- A variety of afternoon lectures
- An afternoon of klezmer music with Yid Vicious on the Union Terrace
- Afternoon tour of UW's NewsLab
- Concert on the Square

Parking

Parking is available close to the Pyle Center classrooms and will cost \$8/day for the duration of the Institute. Application forms will be sent to you upon request.

Lodging

The Institute has reserved rooms at several nearby hotels/motels. Information will be sent in the registration packet.

Information

For more info about Madison, please contact:
The Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau
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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

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Return before June 15 to:

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- Please register me for the Greenfield Summer Institute, \$125.
- I will be attending the opening dinner at the University Club (no charge)
- I need information on a parking permit (information sent separately; \$8/day)
- I would be interested in visiting Hillel
- I will be attending the farewell luncheon at the University Club (no charge)
- Enclosed is my check, made payable to UW-Madison/CJS

Once your registration has been received, information about the lectures, housing, specific events and parking will be sent to you in a month's time.

