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Greenfield Summer Institute

# **Jews and their Neighbors**

**July 13–17, 2014**

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From ancient Babylonia to medieval Spain, from renaissance Europe to the modern Americas and the Middle East, Jews have lived among others. How have Jews interacted with their neighbors, and how have their neighbors interacted with them? How has Jewish life shaped—and been shaped by—the surrounding community? And how have the relationships between Jews and their neighbors changed across five thousand years of Jewish history? These are some of the questions to be explored in the Fifteenth Annual Greenfield Summer Institute: **Jews and their Neighbors**.

Space is limited, so please register early.

**Can't make it for the whole Institute?** Now for the first time, you can register for each day's lectures and events separately!

**Registration deadline: June 13, 2014**

**Online registration: [jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield](http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield)**

*The Greenfield Summer Institute is sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies through the generosity of Larry and Roslyn Greenfield.*



***“My favorite memory is the camaraderie, all the new people you meet, and sitting and having discussions with the professors during and after their presentations.” – George Strick (Milwaukee, WI)***

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

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**5:00–6:00 p.m.**

Check in and pick up information packets  
Fluno Center (601 University Avenue)

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**6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Opening Dinner  
Fluno Center

Welcome and opening remarks by Michael Bernard-Donals, Director of the Center for Jewish Studies.

All lectures will be held at Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

## MONDAY, JULY 14

### Laws, Restrictions, and Identity

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Marginal Merchants: American Jews and the Liquor Trade in the Age of Prohibition**

Marni Davis (Georgia State University)

This talk offers a novel perspective on a previously unstudied area of American Jewish economic activity—the making and selling of liquor, wine, and beer—and reveals that alcohol commerce played a crucial role in Jewish immigrant acculturation and the growth of Jewish communities in the United States.

***“I’ve always been a student, my whole life...being able to come back, sit in on lectures from professors who are experts in their field, and share those experiences with other people who have similar interests—to me that sounds like a really fun vacation. A learning vacation.” – Robin Berman Thompson ’72 (Fairfax, VA)***

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**10:45 a.m.**

**Food and Identity in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**

David M. Freidenreich (Colby College)

The evolution of Jewish dietary laws and the ideas they convey about Jewishness will be explored in this talk. We will also examine the role food restrictions play in shaping Christian and Islamic identity, and the ways in which traditional ideas about “us” and “them” continue to shape interfaith relations today.

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**1:30 p.m.**

**Faces from Tadmora, a Syrian City**

Jeremy Hutton (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

The Roman era city of Palmyra (Tadmora of 2 Chr 8:4) was a major hub of international trade, populated by people from across the ancient world (including Jews). This presentation will discuss the historical and geographical importance of the city before turning to the portraiture of its citizens, their religious practices, and their hybrid identity as Semitic people in a Roman world.

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**3:15 p.m.**

**Greenfield Book Club (Optional)**

Faculty-moderated discussion groups will meet to discuss Marni Davis’s *Jews and Booze: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition*. Please indicate on the registration form whether you plan to participate.



## TUESDAY, JULY 15

### Responses to the Holocaust

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9:00 a.m.

#### **Gratitude to the Decent Rescuer**

Claudia Card (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

This presentation explores the philosophical question of whether it is inappropriate to express gratitude to those Holocaust rescuers who view what they did as an act of basic human decency.

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10:45 a.m.

#### **What Did the Polish Neighbors See? Watching the Warsaw Ghetto from the Aryan Side**

Rachel F. Brenner (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

The Polish population of Warsaw could hardly ignore the Jewish ghetto established in the middle of the city. This talk considers responses to the tragic history of the Warsaw ghetto in the wartime diaries of notable Polish writers.

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1:30 p.m.

#### **Central-European Jewish Refugees and their Chinese Neighbors in Wartime Shanghai, 1938–50**

Weijia Li (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Between 17,000 and 20,000 European Jewish refugees fled from the Nazi terror to Shanghai in the 1930s; many remained in China for over a decade. This presentation examines the intercultural encounters between the Jewish refugees and the Chinese locals, and their perceptions of each other.

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3:15 p.m.

#### **Choice: Film or Chazen Museum of Art presentation**

Stay at Grainger Hall to view the Israeli film *The Flat*, or walk to the nearby Chazen Museum of Art for a presentation on Jewish ritual objects. The Chazen event has a limited capacity; tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the Registration Table on Monday, July 14.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

### Cultural Exchanges

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9:00 a.m.

#### **Divination, Espionage, and Ménage À Trois: Tales from Rabbinic Encounters with Romans**

Jordan D. Rosenblum (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Discussions of encounters with the neighboring Romans appear throughout rabbinic literature. This presentation will cover some of the more intriguing moments of contact between rabbis and their Roman neighbors.

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10:45 a.m.

#### **How Jewish Peddlers and Shopkeepers Helped Integrate Jews into America**

Hasia Diner (New York University)

Most Americans met Jews through commerce. The Jews they saw, talked to, and forged relationships with sold them goods of various kinds, whether in the nineteenth century as peddlers or later as the owners of stores around the country. This talk explores the role of commerce in creating a common civic space between Jews and their customers, without ignoring the ways in which it also served, at times, as a catalyst for conflict.

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1:30 p.m.

#### **Jews and Blackness, Blacks and Yiddish**

Jonathan Z. S. Pollack (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

This presentation will trace the history of Jews using African-American speech patterns and African Americans using Yiddish. The intertwined history of these languages in the United States during the twentieth century gives us insight into the connections and conflicts between Blacks and Jews.

***“This is my first year and I love it so I will be back... I came with my parents, who are visiting from out of town, so it’s a wonderful thing for us to do together.  
– Debbie Minkoff ’81 (Madison, WI)***

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**4:30 p.m.**

**Panel: Food and Jerusalem**

Jordan Rosenblum, Philip Hollander, Corrie Norman  
(University of Wisconsin–Madison)  
UW Hillel (611 Langdon Street)

Listen to three experts offer their perspectives on food and Israeli culture.

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**5:30 p.m.**

**Closing Dinner**

Enjoy a festive meal with a menu inspired by *Jerusalem: A Cookbook*.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 17**

### **Israeli Interactions**

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Israel and its Neighbors: Where do We Go from Here?**

Nadav Shelef (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

The events of the last few years have thrown the Middle East into turmoil. We have witnessed a revolution, coup, and military retrenchment in Egypt, civil war in Syria, and the combination of stagnant negotiations and new international options for the Palestinians. What do these mean for Israel? This talk explores these developments and their implications for the relationship between Israel and its neighbors.

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**10:45 a.m.**

**Sharing Culture with the Neighbors: Hebrew Poetry and Prose by Palestinian Israelis**

Philip Hollander (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Palestinians now compose more than twenty percent of the Israeli population, and they have accommodated themselves to Israeli rule in different ways. This talk discusses their increasing participation in the Hebrew literary sphere as one of the most interesting forms of accommodation.

## REGISTRATION/PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Fees** > The fee for the Greenfield Summer Institute is \$175 for all programming, including the opening and closing dinners. Registration forms postmarked after June 13 will be subject to a \$25 late fee. For more information about kosher meal options, please contact the Center for Jewish Studies.

**NEW this year! A la carte pricing** > \$45 to attend lectures and afternoon activities on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday; \$30 to attend lectures on Thursday morning; \$25 opening OR closing dinner.

**Registration Online** > Participants are encouraged to register and pay online with a credit card at [jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield](http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield).

**Registration By Mail** > You may still register by mail using the form on the next page and mailing it to the address below with a check for \$175 (\$200 after June 13). Please make checks payable to UW–Madison/CJS.

**Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies**  
**4227 Mosse Humanities Building**  
**455 N. Park Street**  
**Madison, WI 53706-1319**

### **Please be sure to register only once!**

Confirmation of your registration, as well as information about the lectures, housing, specific events, and parking will be sent to you after your registration has been processed. This information will be sent via e-mail if you register online, and via US Mail if you register via mail.

**Parking** > Underground parking is available in Grainger Hall. Information about access to parking will be sent after your registration has been received.

**Lodging** > The Institute has blocked rooms at several nearby hotels. A list of hotels, with information about discounted rates, is available on our website and will also be sent after your registration has been received.

**PLEASE CHOOSE AN ENROLLMENT OPTION**

- Complete package: all programming Sunday through Thursday, including lectures, events, and opening and closing dinners. *Note: if you wish to register additional dinner guests, please indicate under “a la carte options.”*
- A la carte pricing

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Complete Package	\$175	x	\$ _____
	(\$200 after June 13)		
<i>A la carte options</i>			
Sunday opening dinner	\$25	x	\$ _____
Monday lectures and events (includes book club)	\$45	x	\$ _____
Tuesday lectures and events (includes film/museum)	\$45	x	\$ _____
Wednesday lectures and events (including Jerusalem cookbook panel; does not include dinner)	\$45	x	\$ _____
Wednesday closing dinner	\$25	x	\$ _____
Thursday morning lectures	\$30	x	\$ _____

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- This is my first time attending the Greenfield Summer Institute
- I plan to participate in the optional discussion of Marni Davis's book, *Jews and Booze*

Names of additional dinner attendees for **opening dinner on July 13:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional dinner attendees for **closing dinner on July 16:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your name(s) and hometown to appear on your nametag? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special assistance you require due to dietary restrictions, visual and/or hearing impairments, or mobility limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information:** Phone: 608-890-3572 / E-mail: [greenfield@cjs.wisc.edu](mailto:greenfield@cjs.wisc.edu) / [jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield](http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield)





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