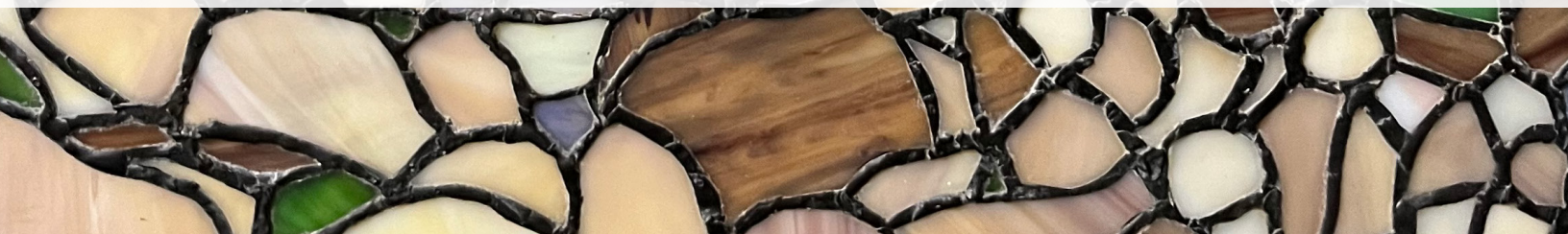




**ASU** Jewish  
Studies  
Arizona State University

**spring 2023**  
**program calendar**





## Welcome to the spring 2023 semester!

The **Center for Jewish Studies** focuses on community outreach through a robust program of public education dedicated to life-long learning. Working with religious and civic institutions in metropolitan Phoenix, the Center disseminates information about Jewish civilization and acts as an agent of social and cultural change. The **Jewish Studies Program** offers undergraduate courses on aspects of Jewish history, religion and culture, to hundreds of students each semester, and ASU students can graduate with a bachelor's degree or a certificate in Jewish studies.

This year, we will continue to offer programs via Zoom while also offering some in-person activities.

Last semester we held an international conference on Jews in Italian musical life, hosted several historians who specialize in Polish-Jewish history, and faculty members of Jewish Studies lectured on the history of Christianity.

We are very excited to offer a wide array of programming in the Spring 2023 semester. Thanks to generous gifts from you, we are able to offer our programs at no cost to our audiences. In addition, these thematically diverse programs have distinguished the Jewish Studies locally, nationally and internationally.

The coming semester promises to be more interesting, informative and creative than ever before.

I invite you to attend all of our programs this year, and ask you to please consider making a gift to Jewish Studies today by visiting our secure website at [asufoundation.org/jewishstudies](https://asufoundation.org/jewishstudies). If you prefer mail in a check, please make it payable to ASU Foundation with a note in the memo line that says "Friends of Jewish Studies" and mail it to:

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Wishing you all a happy, healthy and creative year,




**Hava Tirosh-Samuelson**  
Director, ASU Jewish Studies  
Regents Professor of History  
Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor of Modern Judaism



# The Jews of Summer: Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America

**February 9, 2023 | 7pm (AZ) | Zoom**

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSSummerCamp>**

Explore the lived experiences of youth in postwar Jewish summer camps, sites of intergenerational negotiation in the making of American Jewish culture. This lecture considers how postwar American Jewish leaders representing a diverse range of ideological commitments, including Zionism, Yiddishism, and liberal Judaism used summer camps to expose children to their ideologies, and attempted to transform them according to their visions of authentic Jewishness. Through the elements of camp programs and schedules, Jews with varied ideological, political, and religious perspectives shared nearly identical goals, and aimed to meet them through nearly identical means.



**Sandra Fox  
(NYU)**

## **ALL HISTORY IS LOCAL**

### **The Role of Local and Regional American Jewish Historical Societies**

**February 16, 2023 | 12 pm (AZ) | Zoom**

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSHistoricalSocieties>**

Beginning in the 1950's, over 40 local and regional Jewish historical societies have been organized. These groups play diverse roles within the Jewish and general communities. Little has been written about these institutions and their contribution to the formation and transmission of important aspects of American Jewish history and the competing demands that shape their activities. This lecture explores the history of these societies and the forces that both sustain and threaten their survival. Though often dismissed in the academic community as doing little in terms of contributing to the study of Jewish history, this lecturer will argue that they are in fact an important component of American Jewish history and can serve as resources for better understanding and shaping the lives of Jews in America and the broader communities in which they reside.



**Joel Gereboff  
(ASU)**

# Living Longer, Living Better: How Jewish Texts and Traditions Can Help Navigate the Revolution in Longevity

There is a revolution in longevity that many of us are experiencing, and many of us have been given the gift of time. About 25% of our Jewish community now is over 65 years of age. Thanks to medical technology and public health advances, we are experiencing life spans that open the possibilities for new opportunities as well as unforeseen challenges. During this lecture series, we will examine several approaches from Jewish life that can serve as a guide as we attempt to navigate this new frontier.

## Sacred Texts as Guides for Our Sacred Journey

February 20, 2023 | 12 pm (AZ) | Zoom

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSSacredJourney>**

In this first session, we will examine some key texts from the Torah that provide a textual/spiritual foundation for our own aging process. Each portion sheds light on an aspect of our lives, from the need to be in relationships, to the recognition of mortality, and on to the gift of choice.

## We Pray for Health and Wellness

February 27, 2023 | 12 pm (AZ) | Zoom

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSHealthWellness>**

There is a rich tradition in Judaism regarding the focus on health and wellness. In this session, we will look at some texts that form a foundation for emphasis on physical health. Likewise, we will take a look at the approach our tradition has taken regarding mental health issues with texts drawn from the Tanach and Talmud.

## New Rituals for New Life Stages

March 6, 2023 | 12pm (AZ) | Zoom

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSLifeStages>**

In this final session, we will examine the explosion of creative rituals and prayers that speak to new stages of life that have been created as a result of longevity. We will look at new and re-interpreted prayers and rituals that speak to such issues as older adult co-habitation without marriage, the removal of a wedding ring after mourning, signing your advance directive, and the re-definition of adultery in light of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Rabbi Richard F. Address, D.Min is founder and director of Jewish Sacred Aging®, the web site [jewishsacredaging.com](http://jewishsacredaging.com) and host of the weekly Seekers of Meaning podcast/tv from Jewish Sacred Aging®. Ordained from HUC-JIR in 1972, he has served congregations in California and New Jersey and also served on the staff of Union for Reform Judaism from 1978-2011 as regional rabbi and then as founder and director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns. He is the author of "Seekers of Meaning: Judaism, Baby Boomers and the Pursuit of Healthy Aging". He teaches at the D.Min program at HUC-JIR in New York and in the Certification program on Gerontology and Palliative Care for Wurzweiler School of Social Work. He serves as chair of the Jewish Advisory Committee for Samaritan Health Care/Hospice in South . N.J and on Interfaith Task Force for CTAC (Coalition to Transform Advanced Care). Rabbi Address teaches workshops and seminars for congregations on the implications of longevity for our contemporary Jewish community.



**Richard Address**  
**(Jewish Sacred Aging)**



# Judaism, Science and Medicine Group (JSMG) Annual Conference

February 26, 2023 | via Zoom

## Judaism, Jews, and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Machine Learning vs. Enduring Wisdom

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has changed numerous aspects of contemporary life. Since Jews are deeply involved in the design and use of AI systems, this conference examines the challenges of AI in light of the values of the Jewish tradition. Can Judaism help us build a more just and virtuous AI? Can Judaism instruct us how to live with AI? If so, how?

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conference sessions free and open to all | registration required

RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSMG23>

### 9:00 am – 9:15 am (AZ time)

(LA-8 am, Chicago-10 am, NY-11 am, Buenos Aires-1 pm, London-4 pm, Jerusalem-6 pm)

#### Welcome and Introduction

Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (ASU)  
Ariel Anbar (ASU)  
Dean Jeffrey Cohen (ASU)

### 9:15 am – 10:30 am (AZ time)

#### Session #1: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*The Michael Anbar Memorial Lecture on Judaism, Science, and Medicine*

*What is Jewish Thought's Place in Modern Artificial Intelligence Discourse?*

Chair and Respondent: David Shatz (Yeshivah University)

Keynote Lecturer: David Zvi Kalman (Hartman Institute-North America)

### 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (AZ time)

#### Session #2: Intelligence, Knowledge, and Embodiment

Chair: Heidi Ravven (Hamilton College)

*Pursuing Intellectual Perfection in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*

Moa de Lucia Dahlbeck (Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires)

*Have You Ever Been Experienced? Living Organism vs. Machine Algorithm*

Gary Goldberg (Medical College of Virginia)

*'Artificial Intelligence' Is a 'Category Error'* Peter Rez (ASU)

### 12:00 pm – 12:15 pm break (AZ time)

### 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm (AZ time)

(LA-11:15 am, Chicago-1:15 pm, NY-2:15 pm, Buenos Aires-4:15 pm, London-7:15 pm, Jerusalem-9:15 pm)

#### Session #3: The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

Chair: Jonathan Crane (Emory University)

*The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence: Moral and Practical Considerations*

Mitch Marcus (University of Pennsylvania, Emeritus)

*In Your Face: Deepfakes Meet Deep Ethics*

Mois Navon (Bar Ilan University)

*Who is Responsible? The (Im)Possibility of Artificial Religious Agents*

Daniel Nevins (Golda Och Academy, West Orange, NJ)

### 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm (AZ time)

#### Session #4: Artificial Intelligence and Jewish Law

Chair: Joel Gereboff (ASU)

*Covenantal Jewish Principles and the Design and Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology*

Tal Zarsky (University of Haifa)

Nadav S. Berman (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and University of Haifa)

*Artificial Intelligence and Remembrance: Toward Algorithmic Collective Memory*

Michal Shur-Ofry (Hebrew University)

### 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm (AZ time)

(LA-2:15 pm, Chicago-4:15 pm, NY-5:15 pm, Buenos Aires-7:15 pm, London-10:15 pm, Jerusalem-12:15 am)

### Session #5: Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Medicine

Chair: Michael Yudell (ASU)

*Artificial Intelligence and Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment*

Alan Astrow (Cornell Medical Center)

*The Use of Artificial Intelligence at the Bedside of the Patient*

Alan Jotkowitz (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

*Alexa: "What Pills Do I Take Today"? Artificial Intelligence and the Fifth Commandment*

Richard Address (Jewish Sacred Aging)

### 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm (AZ time)

#### Session #6: Artificial Intelligence in Jewish Society: Secular and Religious Dimensions, Roundtable

Chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (ASU)

*The AI as the Other: Ethics, Authenticity and Veracity*

Laurie Zoloth (University of Chicago)

*The Artificial Intelligence Rabbi/Rabbah as Judge, Halakhist and Spiritual Mentor*

Harris Bor (London School of Jewish Studies)

*Artificial Intelligence, the Jewish Family, and Jewish Religious Practice*

Elliot Dorff (American Jewish University)

### 5:45 pm – 6 pm (AZ time)

(LA-4:45 pm, Chicago-6:45 pm, NY-7:45 pm, Buenos Aires-9:45 pm, London-12:45 pm, Jerusalem-2:45 am)

#### Conclusion

Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan (ASU)

# 2023 Albert and Liese Eckstein Scholar-in-Residence

## A Community in Transition or Decline?

## The Polarized Debate over American Jewish Life Today

March 13, 2023 | 7pm (AZ) | Zoom, & Valley of the Sun JCC

12701 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSJewishLife>

Over the past four decades, the profile of American Jewry has changed dramatically. Not only is the population far more diverse, it is also divided over what Jewishness even means and requires. Observers of the new Jewish communal reality, not surprisingly, are divided in their interpretations of the current American Jewish scene and their understanding of what the new developments portend for the future. During this lecture, we'll explore the new American Judaism and Jewishness, and contend with clashing interpretations.



**Jack Wertheimer**  
(Jewish Theological Seminary)

### Eckstein Scholar-in-Residence Program featuring Professor Rabbi Jack Wertheimer, PhD (JTS)

Jack Wertheimer is professor of American Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also served as provost from 1997-2007. He writes about the communal, religious and educational lives of American Jews since 1945. His most recent books are *The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today* (2018), winner of a National Jewish Book Award, and with Alex Pomson, *Inside Jewish Day Schools: Leadership, Learning and Community* (2022). He has edited 15 volumes and issued numerous reports on aspects of American Jewish education.

## Will the Environment Survive a Renewed Middle East Peace Process? A Blueprint for Progress

RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSEnvironment>

March 20, 2023 | 7pm | Valley of the Sun JCC

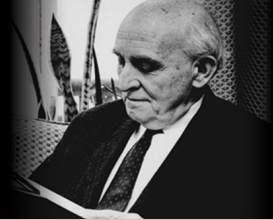
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Because of its modest size, Israel's environmental problems are largely transboundary. Without cooperation with its neighbors, progress in areas from stream restoration to species repatriation will be modest at best. This lecture reviews over twenty years of "below the radar" environmental cooperation in the region and considers the state of the present peace process and how it might be leveraged to ensure an ecological dividend for the region.

Professor Tal's career has been a balance between academia and public interest advocacy. Between 2021-2022 he was a member of Knesset on behalf of the Blue and White party and serves as chair of the Knesset subcommittee for environmental and climate impact on health. Presently he is professor in the Department of Public Policy at Tel Aviv University. Tal has held faculty appointments at Stanford, Ben Gurion, Hebrew, Michigan State, Stanford, Otago and Harvard Universities. He has founded several environmental organizations including Adam Teva v'din, the Israel Union for Environmental Defense and the Arava Institute. Tal has served as deputy chair of the international Jewish National Fund and co-chair of Zafuf, the Israel Forum for Population, Environment and Society. Between 2010 and 2013 Tal served as chair of Israel's green party - "the Green Movement".



**Alon Tal**  
(Tel Aviv University)



# **When Marie met Samuel ... and Joseph: Lessons from a Marriage Scandal in 1902 Baltimore**

**March 27, 2023 | 7 pm (AZ) | Zoom**

**RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSMarriageScandal>**

Marriage in late nineteenth and early twentieth century America was both intensely personal and also a powerful communal institution rooted in religion, culture, law, and politics. Using the lens of a headline-grabbing early twentieth century Jewish marriage scandal, this talk will give insight into the way Eastern European Jewish immigrants used courtship and marriage to perform Americanness and assert their belonging in an era of rising anti-immigrant sentiment and contested notions of citizenship.



**Laura Shaw Frank**  
(American Jewish  
Committee)

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MUSEUM**

## **When Extremist Ideas Are No Longer Considered Extreme**

**March 30, 2023 | 7pm (AZ) | Zoom  
& VOSJCC Scottsdale**

12701 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**RSVP or questions: email [Westernteam@ushmm.org](mailto:Westernteam@ushmm.org)**

Extremist beliefs and violence fueled by white supremacist and other hate groups are on the rise. Often inspired by Nazi ideology, they exploit antisemitic lies, racism and conspiracy theories. When this misinformation goes viral, it runs the risk of appealing to mainstream audiences and dividing society. Holocaust history warns us of the dangers posed when such threats go unchecked and escalate. It also demonstrates the power that ordinary people have to act and make a difference - a message at the heart of the Museum's educational mission.

### **Program**

Prof Arie Kruglanski: Holocaust survivor; social psychologist; expert in Communities of Hate Stay Connected

Vidhya Ramalingam: Founder of Moonshot CVE; expert in USHMM's Global Issues Forum

Patricia Heberer-Rice, expert in Communities of Hate;

Edna Friedberg expert in Foot Soldiers of White Supremacy



# Bioethics in the Shadow of the Holocaust

April 10, 2023 | 12pm (AZ) | Zoom or ASU Coor, 4403

RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSBioethics>

Bioethics emerged mainly after the holocaust and since then it has had an enormous impact on the practice of medicine and life sciences research. Despite bioethics' profound influence, the study of the development and evolution of the bioethical discourse is scarce. My presentation focuses on the tension between the silencing of the Holocaust in bioethical debates on one side, and the persistent use of National Socialist medicine metaphors, on the other hand. By delving into the meanings and the implications of this two-edged discourse, using case studies from historical and current Israeli public health practices, I argue that comparing post-war bioethics with pre-war medical practices from a social and political perspective has the potential to depict a more nuanced account of continuities and discontinuities in bioethics.



**Nadav  
Davidovitch  
(Ben-Gurion  
University of the Negev)**

Because this event is during Passover, a limited selection of carbohydrate-free food will be available. If you have dietary restrictions due to Passover, please bring your own.

## The Jewish Eighteenth Century: A Global Perspective

May 1, 2023 | 6pm (AZ) | Zoom

RSVP: <https://asuevents.asu.edu/JSGlobalPerspective>



**Stanley Mirvis  
(ASU)**

This presentation explores the major Jewish settlements, personalities, and cultural developments of the eighteenth century—without borders. This whirlwind tour makes stops in Eastern and Western Europe, the Ottoman Balkans, Egypt, Anatolia, Tunisia, Safavid Persia, Uzbekistan, Alaouite Morocco, Kerala, Yemen, the Caribbean, and North America. Applying a global perspective to pre-modern Jewish history enables us to decentralize the European experience and to identify elements that transcend state, empire, region, or ethnic distinction.