

Judaic Studies Distinguished Lecture Series, 1984-2004

2003-2004:

- Dr. Ghil'ad Zuckerman of the University of Cambridge, England, lectured on "The Revival and Survival of Hebrew: The Genetics of the Israeli Language" on October 28, 2003.
- Prof. James F. Strange of the University of South Florida spoke on "Bible and Archaeology: Unearthing the Truth?" and "Biblical Narrative and Archaeological Contexts: The Case of Abraham and David" on November 3 and 4, 2003.
- Prof. Gabriel Sheffer of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on "Palestinian-Israeli Relations Now and In the Future" and on "The War in Iraq and the Arab-Israeli Conflict" on November 17 and 18, 2003.
- Editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Hershel Shanks, spoke on "Biblical Archaeology: Looting and Forgeries" on January 12, 2004.
- Prof. David Kertzer of Brown University lectured on "The Vatican and Anti-Semitism," on February 12, 2004.

2002-2003:

- Dr. Daniel Pipes, Director of the Middle East Forum, lectured on "The Terrorist Threat Today" and on "America's Response to Terrorism" October 7, 2002.
- Composer and Author Henry Sapoznik spoke on "The Joys of Yiddish: Flourishing of Yiddish in the U.S.A" and on "Yiddish Culture: The First Thousand Years" on October 21 and 22, 2002.

2001-2002:

- Prof. Lawrence H. Schiffman of New York University lectured on "The Contribution of the Now Published Qumran texts to the History of Judaism and the Background of Christianity" and "The Recently Published Letters of the Rebel Leader Simeon Bar Kosiva as evidence for the Course of the Bar Kochba Revolt" on October 22 and 23, 2001.
- Prof. Henry L. Feingold of Baruch College, New York, spoke on "The American Jewish Experience: From Commandment to Persuasion: Is American Jewry in Crisis?" and "America, American Jewry, and the Holocaust: Did American Jewry Do Enough during the Holocaust?" on November 5 and 6, 2001.
- Prof. Frank Peters of New York University lectured on "Holy War in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Traditions" and "Jerusalem: The Contested Inheritance" on February 4 and 5, 2002.
- Prof. Jane Gerber of City University of New York spoke on "Jews and Arabs, Their Encounter in History" and "The Fate of the Sephardi Jews during the Holocaust" on March 4 and 5, 2002.

2000-2001:

- Prof. Michael V. Fox of the University of Wisconsin lectured on "The Dimensions of Job" and "Biblical Wisdom and Its View of Women" on October 16 and 17, 2000.
- Prof. Omer Bartov of Brown University spoke on "The Holocaust: From Event and Experience to Memory and Representation" on November 9, 2000.
- Dr. Eyal Zisser of Tel Aviv University lectured on "War and Peace in the Middle East: The Peace Process."
- Prof. Yaffa Eliach of Brooklyn College spoke on "Restoring a Vanished Past: There Once was a World" and "Spiritual Resistance: Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust" on January 19 and 20, 2001.
- Prof. Shalom Paul of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on "The Archeology-Bible Controversy: New Light on the Bible from Archeological Discoveries" and "The Ever Alive Dead Sea Scrolls" on February 5 and 6, 2001.
- Dr. Leon I. Yudkin of the University College of London spoke on "War and Peace in Israel: The Arab-Israeli Conflict in Recent Israeli Literature" and "Masculine and Feminine Voices in Current Israeli Fiction" on March 26 and 27, 2001.

1999-2000:

- Prof. Charles F. Liebman of Bar-Ilan University lectured on "Religious Pluralism in Israel" on October 19, 1999.
- Prof. Moshe Idel of Hebrew University in Jerusalem lectured on "Messianism and Mysticism in Judaism" and "Hasidism: Ecstasy and Magic" on October 21, 1999.
- Prof. Yair Mazor of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee lectured on "The Bible and Literature: Poetics and Ideology in the Bible" and "Leading Trends in Contemporary Israeli Poetry" on November 3 and 4, 1999.
- Rabbi Sholom B. Dubov of Congregation Ahavas Yisrael in Orlando lectured on "What is Orthodox Judaism?" on April 4, 2000.
- Prof. Tang Yating of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music spoke on "The Jews in China: Kaifeng Jews and their Liturgical Music" on April 10, 2000.
- Rabbi Aaron Rubinger lectured on "What is Conservative Judaism?" on April 11, 2000.
- Prof. Joseph Gutmann of UCF lectured on "What is Reform Judaism?" on April 13, 2000.

1998-1999:

- Prof. Henry Green of the University of Miami lectured on "The American Sephardic Experience" on November 2, 1998.
- Prof. Judith Baskin, Chair of the Department of Judaic Studies at the University of Albany spoke on "Discovering Women in Jewish History" on March 3, 1999.

1997-1998:

- Prof. Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on "The Holocaust: World Conscience and Responsibility" on October 20, 1997.
- Prof. Ithamar Gruenwald of Tel Aviv University on "Kabbalah: Mysticism and Judaism" and on "Modern Jewish Messianism" on February 16 and 17, 1998.

1996-1997:

- Prof. Norman Stillman of the University of Oklahoma lectured on "Jews and Arabs: The Historical Encounter" on October 14 and 15, 1996.
- Dr. Caroline Adam, Dr. Bruce Pauley, and Dr. Moshe Pelli present a discussion on the film "Night and Fog" on March 3, 1997.
- Dr. Anita Grossman of Columbia University spoke on "Jewish Women in Nazi Germany" on March 20, 1997.
- Dr. Marion Kaplan of Queens College New York lectured on "Victors, Victims, and Survivors" on March 20, 1997.

1995-1996:

- Dr. Daphna Sharfman, Chairperson of the Israeli Labor Party's Civil Rights Committee, spoke on "Social and Political Status of Women in Israel" on October 2, 1995.
- Holocaust survivor Tess Wise spoke about "Holocaust Identity" on October 18, 1995.
- Prof. Yoseph Nevo of Haifa University lectured on "The Middle East Peace Process" on February 5, 1996.
- Dr. Dan Bahat, former Chief Archaeologist of Jerusalem lectured on "Jerusalem: The Eternal City, Linking the Past to the Present" on April 15, 1996.
- Artist Julia Terwilliger "Reflecting on Women, Resistance, and the Holocaust."
- Dr. Rochelle Saidel, Director of the Remember the Women Institute, spoke on "Ravensbruck, Memory, and Memorialization."

1994-1995:

- Dr. James E. Young of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, lectured on "The Art of Memory: Holocaust Memorials in History" on November 9, 1994.
- Dr. Hanan Eshel of Bar-Ilan University spoke on "Recent Discoveries in the Judean Desert: New Light on the Bar-Kochba Revolt" on February 8, 1995.
- Brigadier General Shimon Naveh lectured on April 26, 1995.
- Prof. Gershon Shaked of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on May 28, 1995.

1993-1994:

- Prof. Carol Meyers of Duke University lectured on "The Images of Eve: Women and the Bible" on November 2, 1993.
- Author Alicia Appelman-Jurman spoke on her book "Alicia: My Story" on November 4, 1993.
- Prof. David Patterson of Oxford University lectured on "Facing a World without G-d: The Crisis of Faith in Modern Hebrew Literature" on November 16 and 17, 1993.
- Rabbi Larry Halpern of the Congregation of Liberal Judaism in Orlando spoke on "Reform Judaism" on February 8, 1994.
- Dr. Tankred G. Golanpolsky, publisher of the International Jewish Gazette, spoke on "Judaism and Jewishness in Russia" on February 15, 1994.
- U.C.F. professor Dr. Kenneth L. Hanson lectured on "The Dead Sea Scrolls: An Update" on February 17, 1994.
- Rabbi Alan Londy of Temple Israel in Orlando spoke on "Conservative Judaism: Personal Perspectives" on February 22, 1994.
- Rabbi Shlomo B. Dubov of Congregation Ahavas Yisrael in Orlando lectured on "Traditional Judaism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives" on March 8, 1994.

1992-1993:

- Prof. Lawrence Schiffman of New York University lectured on "Scholars, Scrolls, and Scandals: The Dead Sea Scrolls Controversy" on October 28 and 29, 1992.
- Israeli Ambassador to Washington D.C., Zalman Shoval spoke on "Visions of Peace in the Middle East" on January 14, 1993.
- Dr. Hadassa Kantor of Bar-Ilan University lectured on "Current Trends in the Secularization of Hebrew" on February 9, 1993.
- Dr. Moshe Pelli lectured on "How the Images of the Holocaust Affect Us Today."

1991-1992:

- Journalist Oded Yinon spoke on "The Middle East Peace Conference: Political and Economic Perspectives" on October 14, 1991.
- Prof. Aharon Appelfeld of Ben-Gurion University lectured on "A Personal View of the Holocaust," on November 10, 1991 and "The Arts and the Holocaust" on November 12, 1991.
- Prof. Bruce Pauley of U.C.F. lectured on "Origins of the Holocaust" on February 25, 1992.
- Prof. Joseph Gutmann of Wayne State University lectured on "Spanish Jewish Life before Columbus" on April 2, 1992.

1990-1991:

- Prof. Jacob Neusner of University of South Florida lectured on "The Origin and Development of Judaism" on October 29, 1990.
- Prof. Gabriel Sheffer of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on "Ethics, Oil, and Power in the Middle East Crises" on November 14, 1990.
- Israeli Actor Dan Turgeman spoke on his film "Shell Shock" December 3, 1990.
- Rabbi Aaron Rubinger of Congregation Ohev Shalom spoke on "Night and Fog: Israel During the Gulf War" on January 30, 1991.
- Prof. Joseph Gutmann of UCF lectured on "The Temple of Solomon: Fact and Fantasy" March 5, 1991.
- Prof. Anton Pelinka of the University of Innsbruck, Austria, lectured on "The Lingering Shadows of the Past: Austria's Dealing with Nazism" on March 7 and 8, 1991.
- Prof. Alice L. Eckhardt of Lehigh University spoke on "The Impact of Nazism and Shoah on Palestine and the State of Israel" on April 15, 1991.

1989-1990:

- Prof. Nahum Sarna of Brandeis University lectured on "Job vs. G-d: Protest against Evil" on October 30 and 31, 1989.
- Dr. Philip Hallie of Wesleyan University lectured on "Good and Evil in History" on November 8, 1989.
- Dr. Irving Greenberg, President of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York, lectured on "Will there be one Jewish People in the Year 2000?" on January 12, 1990.
- Prof. Zev Garber of the University of California, Riverside, lectured on "Historic Accountability: German Historians Debate the Holocaust" and "The Meaning of the Holocaust in America: Democracy and Morality" on March 7 and 8, 1990.
- Dr. Kenneth Libo, curator of Historical Exhibits at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, lectured on "We Lived There, too: Jewish Participants in the American Frontier Experience" and "In the Footsteps of Columbus: Jews in America 1654-1880 " on April 3, 1990.

1988-1989:

- Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel lectured on "Building a Moral Society: What Ancient Masters Could Teach Our Generation" on October 24, 1988.
- Dr. Steven Katz of Cornell University lectured on "American Jewry at a Crossroad" and "The Encounter of Judaism and Modernity: Challenges and Responses" on March 22, 1989.
- Dr. Sheldon Isenberg of the University of Florida lectured on "Women s Voice's in Contemporary Judaism" and "Jewish Mysticism: Resource for Contemporary Renewal" on March 27, 1989.

1987-1988:

- Prof. Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on the Holocaust September 13, 1987 and September 14, 1987.
- Hy Meltz lectured on "The International Language Problem: Esperanto as a Solution" on November 18, 1987.
- Prof. Jan Karski on his experiences as a courier in Wartime Poland.
- Prof. Pinchas H. Peli of Ben-Gurion University lectured on Judaism and Israel.
- Israeli author A. B. Yehoshua lectured on Hebrew Literature and on the 40th anniversary of Israel.

1986-1987:

- Israeli author Amos Oz lectured on "Israel: Peace and War" and "Israel throughout Its Literature" on November 3, 1986, and November 4, 1986.
- Prof. Barry Mesch of the University of Florida lectured on Medieval Jewish Philosophy, on February 24, 1987.

1985-1986:

- Prof. Eric Meyer of Duke University lectured on biblical archaeology December 3, 1985 and December 4, 1985.
- Nobel Laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer lectured on his philosophy as a Jewish writer, and reads his unpublished stories on March 4, 1986 and March 5, 1986.

1984-1985:

- Prof. Shalom Paul of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on the Hebrew Bible.
- Prof. David S. Wyman of University of Massachusetts, Amherst, lectured on the Holocaust and the book "Abandonment of the Jews."
- Prof. Eliezer Rafaeli of Haifa University lectured on Israeli Society.
- Prof. Gershon Shaked of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, lectured on Modern Hebrew Literature and Kafka and Jewish Heritage March 30, 1987 and March 31, 1987.