Jewish Diasporas: Myths and Realities

Sunday May 15 - Tuesday May 17, 2005
305 York Lanes, York University, Toronto, Ontario

SUNDAY
Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00pm

Opening Remarks: Adrian Shubert, York University
Keynote Address: “The Jewish Diaspora as a Paradigm: Religion, Geography, and Politics” by William Safran (Ph.D., Columbia University), Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Prof. Safran has written numerous articles and contributed chapters on French, European and comparative politics as well as the politics of ethno nationalism, language, religion, and diaspora. Among his most recent books are Identity and Territorial Autonomy in Plural Societies (2000); The Secular and the Sacred: Nation, Religion and Politics (2003); and Language, Ethnic Identity and the State (in press). He is editor-in-chief of Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, and editor of the Routledge book series on Nationalism and Ethnicity.

TUESDAY
CONFERENCE SESSIONS
9:00am - 12:00pm
Round Table: Studying Jewish Diasporas in a Comparative Context
Carl Ehrlich, York University
Tom Gallant, York University
Sara Horowitz, York University
Razmik Panossian, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development
Closing Remarks: Nergis Canefe, York University

MONDAY
CONFERENCE SESSIONS
9:00am - 5:00pm
Jewish Diasporas in the Middle East
Daphne Tsimhoni, Truman Institute, Hebrew University
Bina Toledo Freiwald, Concordia University
Nergis Canefe, York University
Commentator: Jacob Landau, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jewish Diasporas in Europe
Uri Kaufmann, Oberrat der Israeliten Badens/Karlsruhe
Ira Robinson, Concordia University
Santiago Slabodsky, University of Toronto
Commentator: Marty Lockshin, York University

Jewish Diasporas in North America
Howard Adelman, York University
Harold Troper, OISE
Stuart Schoenfeld, York University
Commentator: TBA

6:00pm Dinner

Morton Weinfeld is Professor of Sociology and holder of the Chair in Canadian Ethnic Studies at McGill. He is the author of Like Everyone Else But Different... The Paradoxical Success of Canadian Jews (2001).

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