

## CONFERENCE ON WORLD WAR I AND THE JEWS

Presented by Center for Jewish History and the Skirball Department for Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University

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### Day I - The State of Scholarship

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Registration

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Greetings  
Judith C. Siegel, Center for Jewish History  
David Engel, New York University

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: Keynote Presentation: *Jewish Diplomacy and the Politics of War and Peace*  
Carole Fink, Ohio State University  
Introductions: David Engel, New York University

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Session 2: *The Jewish World in 1914 and 1919: What Changed?*  
Marsha Rozenblit, University of Maryland  
Introduction: Gennady Estraikh, New York University

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 3: *Jews in the Military*  
Derek Penslar, University of Oxford and University of Toronto  
Introduction: Deborah Dash Moore, University of Michigan

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Session 4: *Political and Social Transformations during World War I*  
David Engel, New York University  
Introduction: Marsha Rozenblit, University of Maryland

5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Session 5: *The War and Jewish Culture*

Emily Bilski, Independent Scholar

Introduction: Jonathan Karp, Binghamton University

6:30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception

**Day 2 - New Research (for college faculty and students only)**

8:15 a.m. Coffee

8:45- 10:30 a.m. Session 1: *Western and Central Europe*

Chair: Jess Olson, Yeshiva University

Erin Corber, University of Maine

“How to be an ‘Exemplary Hero’: Jewish First World War Heroes and the Politics of Sacred Union in Wartime and Interwar France”

Steven Schouten, Scientific Council for Government Policy, the Netherlands

“Jewish Identity, War, and Matriarchy: Ernst Toller and the First World War”

Mirjam Zadoff, Indiana University, Bloomington

“Revolutionaries and Kabbalists: The Scholem Brothers and World War I”

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 2: *Eastern and Central Europe*

Chair: Gennady Estraikh

Mihaly Kalman, Harvard University

“The Union of Jewish Soldiers between Ukrainian Nationalism and Soviet Internationalism”

Daniel Rosenthal, University of Haifa

“Confronting Mass Death: Philanthropy, Public Health, and Jewish Responses to Typhus in Poland, 1914-1921”

Polly Zavadivker, University of Delaware

“Rescue and Representation: Jewish Home Front Activists in Russia’s Great War”

Rebekah Klein-Pejšová, Purdue University

“Between Refugees and the State: Hungarian Jews and Wartime Hungarian Refugee Policy”

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 3: *North America*

Chair, Hasia Diner, New York University

Jessica Cooperman, Muhlenberg College

“The US Military in World War I and American Religious Pluralism”

Jaclyn Granick, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

“Organized American Jewish Responses to Child Sufferers of World War I”

Melissa Klapper, Rowan University

“American Jewish Women’s Organizations and the Great War”

Matt Silver, Max Stern College of Emek Yezreel

"Louis Marshall and Transformations in Diaspora Politics during World War I"

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3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Session 4: *Ottoman Empire*

Chair, Sarah Stein, UCLA

Michal Ben Ya’akov, Efrata College for Education, Jerusalem

“The Social and Economic Impact of the First World War on Sephardi Women in Palestine”

Paris Papamichos Chronakis, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Global Conflict, Local Politics: The Jews of Salonica and the First World War”

Reeva Simon, Columbia University

“World War I and the Jews of Baghdad”

Devi Mays, University of Michigan

“The 1919 ‘Haggadah dela Gerra’ and the Myth of Ottoman Jewish Loyalty in World War I”

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Session 5: *Concluding Roundtable*

Chair: Jonathan Karp

Emily Bilski, David Engel, Rebecca A. Kobrin, Marsha Rozenblit, Sarah Stein

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