

The Practice of Jewish Politics, 1492-1880
A Conference to be Held on October 22-23, 2017

Program

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, Tawes Hall (TWS), ROOM 1100

1 PM – 1:15 PM Welcome and Introduction

1:15 PM – 3:45 PM Jews as Actors in the Political Field

Magda Teter, Fordham University: *Jews as Political Actors in Premodern Europe*

Bernard D. Cooperman, University of Maryland: *Jewish Consuls: the Entrepreneurial Dynamics of Collective Political Action*

Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University: *Jews, Lincoln, and the American Election of 1864: A Newly-Discovered Document and its Larger Significance*

Michael Laurence Miller, Central European University, Budapest
Homo economicus or homo politicus? Hungarian Jews in the Constitutional Era

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Limits and Scope of Jewish Autonomy

Joseph Hacker, Hebrew University, Jerusalem: *The Nature and the Limits of Jewish Self-Government: Islamic Courts and Jewish Courts in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*

Elisheva Carlebach, Columbia University: *Jewish Political Identity and Communal Records*

Yair Mintzker, Princeton University: *A Community of Risk: Internal Jewish Politics and the Notorious Case of "Jew Süß"*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, Susquehanna Hall (SQH), ROOM 4116

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Legal and Political Bricolage

Jay R. Berkovitz, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: *'According to the Law of Israel and the Law of the Nations': The Challenges of Legal Syncretism in Early Modern Ashkenaz*

Rachel Manekin, University of Maryland: *Between Freedom of Conscience and Da'as Torah: Jewish Orthodox Party Politics in Nineteenth Century Galicia*

Marsha L. Rozenblit, University of Maryland: *Enlisting the Aid of Government: Viennese Jews, Hungarian Jews, and the Politics of Religious Reform in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Coffee Break

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Jewish and Non-Jewish Networks, Part I

François Guesnet, University College, London: *Jewish Intercession and the Abolition of Torture in Poland, 1776*

Michael K. Silber, Hebrew University, Jerusalem: *An Alliance Not Always Vertical: The Practice of Hungarian Shtadlanut in the Habsburg Empire during the Last Decades of the 18th Century*

12:30 PM – 1:45 **Break**

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Jewish and Non-Jewish Networks, part II**

Adam Teller, Brown University: *Trans-Regional Philanthropic Networks in the Early Modern Jewish World and the Beginnings of Modern Jewish Politics*

David Sorkin, Yale University: *Jewish Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century*

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM **Coffee Break**

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM **Media and Means of Jewish Politics**

Debra Kaplan, Bar Ilan University: *Wine, Power, and Politics*

Joshua Teplitsky, Stony Brook University: *Patronage and Postal Systems: Influence and Political Involvement Across Distance in Early Modern Germany*

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM **Break**

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM **Concluding Discussion**

Conveners: Bernard D. Cooperman, François Guesnet, Rachel Manekin

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