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THE LOUIS J. KURIANSKY
FALL 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, November 5, 2006, 9:45 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
In the Gen Re auditorium at UConn, Stamford

MAJOR CONTROVERSIES IN JEWISH HISTORY:
The Issues and Personalities That Fueled Them

10:00 a.m. • Introduction • Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

10:10—11:00 a.m.
Dr. David Berger
Brooklyn College
Tumultuous History:
The Catholic Church and the Jews from Denigration to Dialogue

11:10 a.m.—12:00 noon
Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson
Arizona State University
In Pursuit of Happiness:
Jewish Self-Definition Between Rationalism and Mysticism

12:00 noon—12:45 p.m. • Luncheon at the Rich Concourse

12:50—1:40 p.m.
Dr. Ilan Troen
Brandeis University
The Pragmatic and the Extreme
in Israeli Political and Cultural Discourse

1:50—3:00 p.m.
Symposium and Q & A
MODERATOR:
Dr. Joel Blatt

PANELISTS: Drs. David Berger, Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Ilan Troen

This program is recommended by the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford,
New Canaan and Darien as an enrichment program for community leaders and educators.
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The 2006 Louis J. Kursiansky Annual Conference
Sunday, November 5, 2006
9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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10:00 a.m. • Program

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Dr. David Berger

Tumultuous History: The Catholic Church and the Jews from Desperation to Dialogue
Brooklynian Professor of History at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Dr. Berger is also visiting Professor at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, and has taught at other universities in the US and Israel. He served on the board of several academic organizations and was President of the Association for Jewish Studies from 1998 to 2000. Author of numerous articles, his book "The Jewish-Christian Debate in the High Middle Ages," was the recipient of the John Nicholas Brown Prize by the Medieval Academy of America and co-authored "Judaism's Encounter with Other Cultures: Rejection or Integration?", a Finalist for the Jewish Book Award. His recent book, "The Bible, the Messiah, and the Scandal of Orthodox Indifference," recently published also in an updated Hebrew version, received the 2003-2004 Samuel Belkin Literary Award.

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson

In Pursuit of Happiness: Jewish Self-Definition Between Rationalism and Mysticism
Professor of History at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, Dr. Tirosh-Samuelson writes on Jewish intellectual history in pre-modern Judaism, the cultural interaction between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the Middle Ages, feminism, philosophy, Judaism and ecology, and religion and science. Born and educated in Kibbutz Afiqim, Israel, she holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She also taught at other universities in the US and is currently a visiting fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford University and a visiting scholar at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Prof. Tirosh-Samuelson recently received a grant from the Templeton Foundation for a project on Religion, Science, and Technology.

LUNCH: 12:00 noon—12:45 at the Rich Concours

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Dr. Ilan Troen

The Pragmatic and the Extremist in Israeli Political and Cultural Discourse
The Stoll Family Professor of Israeli Studies at Brandeis University and the Lepas Professor of Modern History at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Dr. Troen has authored or edited ten books in American, Jewish, and Israeli History and in the founding editor of Israel Studies, published three times a year by Indiana University Press. His most recent books are "Jewish Centers in Peripheries: European Jews Im between America and Israel Fifty Years after World War II" (Transcend, 1995) and "The Americanization of Israel (a special issue of Israel Studies, Spring 2000)," with Deborah Dash Moore, eds., "Divergent Jewish Cultures: Israel and America" (Yale, 2001); and "Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs, and Realities in a Century of Jewish Settlement" (Yale, 2003). Recent articles include: "Settlement and State in Ezra Israel, The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies" (Oxford University Press, 2002).
## Credit Courses & Outreach

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<td>(Includes a lecture on Zionism as a modern revolutionary movement by Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy)</td>
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<td>Interfaith Conference:</td>
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The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford, offers credit courses within the academic curriculum in the humanities as well as non-credit outreach programs for the community at large in all areas of Judaic culture, literature, and history, from antiquity to modern times, Israeli and Middle Eastern literature and politics, as well as in interfaith studies. Now celebrating its twenty-sixth year, the Center has created a learning community around itself which gathers for intellectual pursuits and discussions of scholarly and contemporary issues. Its outreach programs are attended by diverse groups from the local communities. The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects.

Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community recognition and has been financially supported by individuals, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

The Center is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and is also supported by the UJF of Westport/Weston/Wilton/Norwalk.

For more information on our current programs and the Certificate in Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, please call 203-251-8925.