THE LOUIS J. KURIANSKY
FALL 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 2, 2008, 9:45 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

In the Gen Re Auditorium at UConn, Stamford

American Politics and the Jewish Community: Voting Patterns, Demographics, and Middle East Policies

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

10:10 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Dr. Barry Kosmin
Trinity College
Jewish Voters, Jewish Beliefs & Jewish Interests

11:10 a.m.—12:00 noon
Dr. Ian Lustick
University of Pennsylvania
American Policy in the Middle East: The Israeli and Jewish Factors

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

12:50 p.m.—1:40 p.m.
Dr. L. Sandy Maisel
Colby College
Prominent Jews in American Politics: From Mordecai Noah to Joe Lieberman and Beyond

1:45 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
RESPONDENT: Dr. Jeffrey LeFebvre
UConn, Stamford

2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Symposium:
The 2008 National Election and Current Jewish Concerns

MODERATOR: Dr. Joel Blatt
UConn, Stamford

PANELISTS: Drs. Lustick, Kosmin, Maisel, and LeFebvre

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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Author of numerous publications in the areas of sociology, politics, philanthropy, and policy research, Dr. Kosmin is Professor of public policy and law and Director of the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society at Trinity College. He was co-editor of the Monograph series American Jewish Society and of Patterns of Prejudice. Dr. Kosmin has directed many national social surveys and opinion polls, including the CUNY National Survey of Religious Identification, the American Religious Identification Survey of 2001, and the CIF 1990 US National Jewish Popularity Survey. He served as Director of numerous research institutes, among them the Centre for the Study of Jewish/Non-Jewish Relations at the University of Southampton and the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research.

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Dr. Ian Lustick

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Dr. Lustick’s fields are comparative politics, Middle Eastern politics, and agent-based, computer-assisted modeling for the social sciences. Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, he is a recipient of awards from the Carnegie Corporation, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Social Sciences Research Council, and the United States Institute for Peace. His present research interests include the politics of Jewish and non-Jewish migration into and out of Palestine/the Land of Israel, and prospects for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Among his many publications are Trapped in the War on Terror (2006), and Fractured Fairy Tale: The War on Terror and the Emperor’s New Clothes.

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Dr. Maisel is Professor of Government at Colby College and Director of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civil Engagement. His recent work, funded by the National Science Foundation and titled “The Candidate Emergence Study,” examines the ways in which potential candidates for the United States House of Representatives determine whether or not they will run for the house. He is the author of several acclaimed books: Running on Empty: Political Discourse in Congressional Elections (2003), Parties and Elections in America: The Electoral Process (1999), Jews in American Politics (1998), Two Parties—Or More? The American Party System (1998), The Parties Respond: Changes in the American Party System (1990). Dr. Maisel also serves as the Director of the Colby College in Washington Program.
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Please indicate your luncheon choice:  _____ Tuna on Rye  _____ Bagel with Cream Cheese and Lox

Dietary Laws Observed

Number of Reservations __________________________ Enclosed check for $ ________________

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