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Items for the next **Newsletter** should be sent to The Editor,
Dr. Paul R. Bartrop, 34 Lansdowne Road, East St. Kilda 3183.

The **Newsletter** exists in order to provide A.A.J.S. members with updates in the field of Jewish studies. Any relevant items are welcome, including job changes, research in progress, and requests for information.

FROM THE EDITOR

In the most recent *Newsletter* of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, reference is made to a group of younger Canadian scholars who have formed a Postgraduate Student Division. The main activity of the group in 1993 was a series of practical workshops in such areas as the use of ancient texts, oral research techniques, publishing and financing research, and archives and research resources.

Across large distances, the Canadians are attempting to mobilise their Jewish Studies postgraduates so as to provide practical assistance and develop an *esprit de corps* to help overcome the feelings of isolation which graduate students often experience.

The *Newsletter* commented, however, that 'we did have a problem last year getting faculty members to inform their graduate students of the existence of the group'.

As with the Canadians, so also with the AAJS. Members who have been at the last few annual conferences will know that this is an ongoing hobby-horse of mine, but I again take the opportunity to stress the absolute necessity of promoting and popularising the AAJS to honours and postgraduate students involved in Jewish Studies.

If you know of any such students, in any department or discipline area, who are interested or working in aspects of the Jewish experience, please pass on to them the details of any of the Office Bearers at the head of this *Newsletter*, and we will do the rest.

As you are all aware, there is NO graduate department of Jewish Studies in any Australian university. The AAJS thus has an important role to play in helping graduate students feel as though they belong somewhere.

Finally, please send material in for our *Newsletter*. What you receive in these pages does not come out of thin air; it requires a *broad* input from as many areas as possible. What goes in the *Newsletter* is *your* responsibility; I'm only the Editor!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

•1994 AAJS Conference, Sydney, 2-5 July

Planning is already well under way for the 1994 AAJS Conference, which this year will be held in Sydney at Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Kensington. With a large number of proposals for papers already submitted, this conference promises to be stimulating and well worth attending.

Included with this *Newsletter* is a registration brochure for the conference. I would like to stress the importance of registering early. You will note that a late fee of \$10 will apply for any full conference registrations received after Monday 25 April 1994.

For planning purposes, 25 April 1994 is also the date which has been set as the last day on which proposals for papers for the conference, together with abstracts, will be accepted. Since we plan to produce a booklet of Abstracts, as was done so successfully for 1993, it is vital that intending paper givers provide an abstract by this date.

We are very lucky to have been able to book Shalom College as a venue for the conference. It means that we have access to the student accommodation there, for those who wish to take advantage of inexpensive university accommodation. If there are people who wish to have more upmarket accommodation, Barker Street Motor Lodge is just across the road and offers a discount for people attending conferences at the University of New South Wales. Shalom College has a kosher kitchen and can provide all meals.

Intending delegates should note that they are responsible for their own accommodation if they wish to stay at one of the nearby motels. Those delegates who wish to book a room at Shalom College should do so early, as accommodation is limited.

Kosher lunches will be available each day at Shalom College at a cost of \$5 per person. These lunches must

be booked in advance on the registration form and payment must accompany bookings.

A kosher Conference Dinner can be organised at Shalom College provided there is sufficient interest; intending participants are asked to indicate their interest on the registration brochure.

So far, a healthy number of papers has been submitted, by people from most states in Australia, and covering a wide range of topics including issues in Jewish history and philosophy over the last two thousand years, as well as issues relating to Biblical Study and early Christianity.

We hope to send the second issue for 1993 of the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* with this *Newsletter*, and as always there is a rich and varied range of articles. I would like to thank Dr Rachael Kohn for her sterling efforts; editing a journal is a time-consuming and often thankless job and we are greatly indebted to Rachael for her major contribution to this essential part of the Association's work.

May I remind you once again how important it is that all members who are interested in submitting a paper do so by the due date, 25 April 1994. There is a great deal of work involved in organising a conference, and we have to be very firm about the closing date.

I look forward to seeing you all in Sydney for what should be a stimulating and thought-provoking conference.

GENERAL NEWS

•*Congratulations*

are extended to our Honorary Secretary, Beverley Davis, on being admitted to Professional Membership of the Australian Society of Archivists.

•*Patterns of Prejudice*

Professor Bill Rubinstein of Deakin University has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Patterns of Prejudice*, the prestigious quarterly journal of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

Patterns of Prejudice is an internationally-known journal devoted to surveying the causes and manifestations of racial, religious and ethnic discrimination with special regard to anti-Semitism. It is the oldest and best-known journal dedicated to surveying the history and incidence of anti-Semitism internationally.

From January 1994 *Patterns of Prejudice* will be edited by Dr Tony Lerman (Institute of Jewish Affairs), Dr David Cesarani (Director of the Institute of

Contemporary History and the Wiener Library) and Dr Tony Kushner (Department of History, Southampton University), and will have a new international Editorial Board.

•*New address details*

Dr Paul Bartrop has moved from the Magill Campus of the University of South Australia to the University's Underdale Campus. As from 1 January 1994 he will be lecturing in Australian Race Relations, and located in the Aboriginal Studies and Teacher Education Centre. He can now be reached by telephone on (08) 302 6299, or by fax on (08) 302 6711.

•*Jewish Studies at Monash*

In November 1993 Monash University announced the establishment of the Ada and Toni Murkies Chair in Jewish Civilisation. The new chair was announced at a gala luncheon to mark the renaming of Monash's Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, which will now be known officially as the Martha Jacobson Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation.

The person appointed to the newly created Chair will also become the Centre's Director. The Director will take the leading role and initiative in establishing further programmes for undergraduates as well as making developments in the fields of graduate studies and community education.

At the time of compiling this *Newsletter*, the new Chair has not yet been filled. This is generally regarded as the first chair of its type in Australia.

•*... and in Canada*

Mr Gerry Weiner, Canadian Minister of Multiculturalism, recently announced that his department had granted \$500,000 to Concordia and York universities to be shared equally for the purpose of creating a Chair in Canadian Jewish studies. Each university has taken upon itself the job of fund raising to supplement the sum provided by Multiculturalism as well as to co-operate with each other in projects of teaching and research in Canadian Jewish studies. For further information, contact Dr Sydney Eisen, Program in Jewish Studies, York University, and Ira Robinson, Department of Religion, Concordia University.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

•Adler, Jacques, 'The Changing Attitude of the "Bystanders" towards the Jews in France, 1940-1943', in John Milfull (ed.), *Why Germany? National Socialist Anti-Semitism and the European Context*, Providence and Oxford: Berg, 1993, pp. 171-91.

•Bartrop, Paul R., 'Incompatible With Security: Enemy Alien Internees from Singapore in Australia, 1940-45', *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 149-69.

- Bartrop, Paul R., *Australia and the Holocaust, 1933-45*, Kew (Victoria): Australian Scholarly Publishing, 1994.
- Caplan, Sophie, 'Polish and German Anti-Semitism', in John Milfull (ed.), *Why Germany? National Socialist Anti-Semitism and the European Context*, Providence and Oxford: Berg, 1993, pp. 221-25.
- Goutman, Rodney, 'A Spy Within: Security, Zionism and the South Australian Jewish Community', *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 143-48.
- Kwiet, Konrad, 'From the Diary of a Killing Unit', in John Milfull (ed.), *Why Germany? National Socialist Anti-Semitism and the European Context*, Providence and Oxford: Berg, 1993, pp. 75-90.
- Rubinstein, Hilary L., 'Sir James Barrett (1862-1945): Australian Philo-Semite', *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 91-100.
- Rubinstein, W.D., *Capitalism, Culture and Decline in Britain*, London: Routledge, 1993.
- Rubinstein, W.D., 'The Attitude of the Australian Jewish Community and of Non-Jewish Opinion Leaders to the Rise of Nazi Germany and Nazi Anti-Semitism in 1933', *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 101-14.
- Rubinstein, W.D., 'Jews in the 1991 Federal Census: The Welfare Society's Survey', *The Jews of Melbourne: A Community Profile*, *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 235-38.
- Rutland, Suzanne D. et al, *One Land: Two Peoples. A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, Marrickville (NSW): Harcourt Brace, 1993.
- Turnbull, Malcolm J., 'The Carlton United Hebrew Congregation: A Short History', *Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society*, vol. 12, part 1 (November 1993), pp. 115-30.

NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

- Ben Shlomo, Yosef, *Lectures on the Philosophy of Spinoza*, Jerusalem: Open University of Israel.
- Bering, Dietz, *The Stigma of Names: Antisemitism in German Daily Life, 1812-1933* (translated by Neville Plaipe), Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992.

- Frager, Ruth A., *Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Jewish Labour Movement of Toronto, 1900-1939*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993.
- Kaufman, Yehezkel, *Christianity and Judaism: Two Covenants*, Jerusalem: Magnes Press, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Lipstadt, Deborah E., *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, New York: Free Press, 1993.
- Polonsky, Antony, Basista, Jakub and Link-Lenczowski, Andrzej (eds.), *The Jews in Old Poland, 1000-1795*, London: I.B. Tauris, 1993.
- Schwarzfuchs, S. and Toaff, A. (eds.), *The Mediterranean and the Jews: Banking, Finance and International Trade in the XVI-XVII Centuries*, Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University Press.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

1. **11-12 June 1994: Radisson President Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne.**

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission invite the community to a Special Conference: *Without Prejudice: Racism and Anti-Semitism in Contemporary Australia*.

For further details, contact the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, GPO Box 5402CC, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.
Telephone: (03) 828 8570; fax: (03) 828 8584.

2. **12-13 June 1994: University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.**

The 1994 annual conference of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society will be held in conjunction with the Learned Societies' Congress at the University of Calgary. This is an open call for papers, although special attention will be given to topics relating to the history and culture of Jews in Western Canada. For further information, contact either of the following: Dr Paula Draper, 142 Pears Ave. #C4, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1T2, or Jay Joffe, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta, 1607-90th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2V 4V7.

3. 2-5 July 1994: Shalom College, University of New South Wales.

The Australian Association for Jewish Studies will be holding its 8th Annual Conference between the above dates. Please send prospective paper titles and abstracts to: Mrs Beverley Davis, Honorary Secretary AAJS, PO Box 255, Camberwell, Victoria 3124. Telephone: (03) 882 2600; fax: (03) 882 0259.

Previously announced:

4. 29 May to 3 June 1994: Jerusalem.

Fourth International Seminar on Jewish Art, under the auspices of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Contact Seminar Steering Committee, Center for Jewish Art, POB 4262, Jerusalem 91042, Israel. Fax: 0011+972+2+586672

5. 10—13 July 1994, in Hamilton, New Zealand.

New Zealand Association for the Study of Jewish Civilisation plans to hold a second Seminar in Jewish Studies.

Copies of the formal registration brochure may be obtained from Dr. Norman Simms, Executive Secretary, NZ Association for the Study of Jewish Civilisation, PO Box 1998, Hamilton, New Zealand. Telephone: 64-7-856-2889, ext. 8424; fax: 64-7-856-2158; e-mail: NSimms@Waikato.ac.NZ.



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FROM THE EDITOR

At the July conference of this Association I presented a short Newsletter Editor's report to the Annual General Meeting. Rather than write an editorial, I would like to share my Editor's report with the wider membership:

"There have been two Newsletters produced since the last AGM. My preference is to always aim to send out the Newsletter between Journals; it keeps an ongoing interest in the AAJS insofar as the members receive at least four informative mailings per year. The most ideal situation, however, would be for three Newsletters to be produced annually.

"One of the reasons for the infrequency in compiling and sending out Newsletters concerns a lack of material being sent to me. There will be a new Newsletter going out within the next month (no. 13), but my problem is the ongoing one of a lack of copy — not quality copy, but any copy, from anyone.

"In this regard, it would be remiss of me if I did not take this opportunity to express my utter dismay at the extraordinarily low esteem in which the Newsletter seems to be held by many of the members. I refer, for instance, to a total lack of any input from some of our members who hold Jewish Studies-related positions at Melbourne, Monash, Macquarie, UNSW, residential tertiary colleges, the Jewish Day Schools around the country, and the Rabbinate. The record shows that only Deakin, Sydney, and the University of South Australia have consistently supported the Newsletter, and such support has come from a few dedicated individuals only.

"Those whom we might term the Jewish Studies professionals receive a great volume of information that would be of interest to the wider membership, and it is an enormous waste that none of this material is ever passed on to me for incorporation into the Newsletter for the information of members.

"If things remain as they are, only one of two possibilities can be envisaged: either the Newsletter will come

out as a paltry single sheet, or fewer Newsletters will appear (and far less regularly, at that!).

"It is therefore the responsibility of all members to consider their position with regard to the Newsletter, and to make an attempt at providing information for inclusion in the next issue. Number 14 will appear in November 1994 — its character will depend on you."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

•1994 AAJS Conference, Sydney, 2-5 July

The Australian Association for Jewish Studies 8th Annual Conference was held at Shalom College, University of New South Wales. This conference proved to be intellectually and academically stimulating with a wide range of papers which reflect the richness and diversity of research in tertiary Jewish Studies taking place in universities across Australia.

The conference opened with the keynote address by Dr Warren Osmond who spoke on *Ethnic Politics: the writing of Australian Jewish History*. Warren Osmond has worked with the *Sydney Morning Herald* for the past twelve years, serving as Foreign Editor from 1987-1993 and Diplomatic Editor 1993-1994. He became interested in issues relating to Jewish refugee migration to Australia while doing research for his doctorate on Sir Frederic Eggleston, and during his year in the USA on a Fullbright Scholarship he spent substantial time researching in the archives of HIAS and YIVO in New York. His address focused on recent research and publications on the issue of Jewish refugee migration to Australia, including the work by Paul R. Bartrop, Michael Blakeney, W.D. Rubinstein and S.D. Rutland. There was a lively discussion after the presentation in relation to a number of the points raised by Dr Osmond's thought-provoking address.

The remainder of the conference went very much according to program. The main change was that we were unable to hear the paper of Aaron Aaron because

he was in Israel but we had not been informed. We had 24 people who registered for the whole conference, with a total of 70 people who participated in some aspect of the conference. The largest attendance was on the Sunday with 39 participants in the session before lunch, and 34 at the session after lunch. This large participation, including a number of members of the Jewish public, was very gratifying.

We had a total of 24 papers relating to a wide range of themes, including Biblical Studies, Early Christianity, Jewish History, the Holocaust, Zionism and Israel, Antisemitism, Jewish Education, and Jewish Literature and Philosophy. While we did not have any international speakers this year, we had papers from several Australian states including New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria, from a very representative group of both Christian and Jewish scholars, including some postgraduate students.

To summarise the content of all the papers presented would be an impossibility and the Book of Abstracts is available for those who were unable to attend the conference. Some of the highlights in relation to the Holocaust were the paper presented by Ken Lee of the University of Newcastle on *Porrajmos and Shoah: Some Comparisons between Romani and Jewish experiences of the Holocaust*, which provided a different perspective on this important area of study, and the session which dealt with the issue of the Allied reaction, with papers by Professor Bill Rubinstein of Deakin University on the British National Committee for Rescue from Nazi Terror, 1942-45, and Dr Paul Bartrop of the University of South Australia who discussed the reactions of Britain's colonial Empire during the Holocaust.

On the Monday morning there was a fascinating collection of papers which dealt with different aspects relating to Jewish literature and Jewish identity. Alan Collins gave an account of *The Jewish Fiction Writer in Australia* which included some personal insights, while Dr Rodney Goutman reviewed Bryan Cheyette's book, *Constructions of 'the Jew' in English literature and society — racial representations, 1875-1945*, and discussed implications for Australia. This paper resulted in a heated debate on the teaching of the *Merchant of Venice* and the ways of dealing with the character of Shylock.

During the second session on the Monday morning, the two papers on Viennese Jewish writer Elias Canetti and his novel *Auto-da-fé*, by Dr Eva Meidl of the University of Tasmania, and on German sociologist Georg Simmel, by Pam Maclean of Deakin University, dovetailed very nicely. Both papers shed light on the issues of emancipation, Jewish identity and assimilation in Germany and Vienna in the period from 1880 to 1935 and the lack of

acceptance of Jews into their host societies despite the impact of emancipation and assimilation.

The range of other papers included a fascinating presentation on the history and future of Russian Jewry by Dr Anna Frenkel, an historical overview of Jews and modernity in Hungary by Dr Vera Ranki, and a well-researched presentation on problems associated with ageing, health care and Holocaust survivors by Avrum Ehrlich. Jewish Education issues were dealt with by Rabbi Aryeh Lev Solomon in his discussion of the educational implications of Hassidic philosophy, and Dr Suzanne Rutland speaking on the problems experienced by Israeli teachers in the Australian Jewish day school system and the need for an induction program.

The conference ended with two papers relating to Australian Jewish history, one on the Newcastle congregation by Dr Lionel Fredman, and the final paper dealing with the effect of restrictions during World War II on the Zionist Youth Organisation *Shomrim* by Glenn Gordon. This included a discussion of the monitoring of *Shomrim* members by the Department of Internal Security (the forerunner of ASIO).

On the Monday afternoon, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held. As this was not an election year (it is in the middle of the two-year term) the present committee was ratified by the AGM with all committee members continuing in their present positions. The meeting discussed ways of increasing involvement in the work of the Association, especially from the two Melbourne centres at the University of Melbourne and Monash University, both of which offer a range of Jewish Studies courses but which were again not represented at an AAJS annual conference.

It was decided that the 1995 conference will be held in Melbourne, and that one day of the conference would deal with the theme of Herzl and Zionism to mark the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Herzl's campaign for political Zionism. There was a need to establish a conference sub-committee for 1995, and the Victorian Vice-President Ron Gilbert will be requested to assist with this. We would also like to see more papers relating to Biblical Studies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the organisation of the conference, including all the paper givers and those who chaired sessions so willingly and efficiently. In particular, I would like to thank our Honorary Secretary Mrs Beverley Davis, whose hard work and efficiency were key factors in the success of the conference. I would also like to thank Dr Paul Bartrop, Immediate Past President of the AAJS, for his advice and support, and Dr Myer Samra, NSW Vice-President, for all his ready

assistance even though he could not attend the conference himself since he was in Israel. I would also like to thank my students Tom Nagel, Kirrily Foley and Nicki Lurie for all their help during the conference.

GENERAL NEWS

•Congratulatory

*Associate Professor Lionel Fredman, recently retired from the University of Newcastle, has been elected the first-ever Life Member of the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association (ANZASA). This Association was established in Canberra in January 1964, and its inaugural conference was held in Melbourne in August of that year. Given the longevity of that Association, Lionel's is a superb achievement worthy of our hearty congratulations.

*Malcolm Turnbull on the award of his PhD from Deakin University with his thesis *Judaism in Melbourne, 1870-1970*.

•Wallenberg Collection

With the co-operation of the B'nai B'rith Unit Wallenberg, the State Library of Victoria has established the Wallenberg Holocaust Collection for central, permanent and it is hoped, continually-expanding housing of archival material accessible to all, from schoolchildren through to scholars and researchers in the field.

The Library thus welcomes contributions of books, memoirs and all other suitable mementos to the collection, along with financial donations which are tax-deductible, or the purchase of bookplates which may be affixed to the books. Both donations and bookplates can be made in honour of family or friends.

All materials in the Library's own holdings and in other locations are listed in its catalogue and thus become part of a wide network linking tertiary institutions and country towns, thereby facilitating inter-library loans.

Enquiries may be made of the staff of the State Library of Victoria.

(From: *Australian Jewish News*, Melbourne edition, 17 June 1994, p. 8)

•New appointment

Dr Hilary L. Rubinstein will be teaching the course on Modern Jewish History at Monash University in the second semester of 1994. She has also begun research toward a history of philo-semitism in the modern world.

•Developments at Deakin

Deakin University is in the process of acquiring a number of research sources for its library which should be noted. These include the Global Jewish Database (the Response Project) on CD-ROM, containing the Tanach, Mishna, Talmud, Midrash, etc. on disk, produced by Bar-Ilan University; and two important primary sources for studies of the democracies during the Holocaust, the typescript final report of the US War Refugee Board, held only at the F.D. Roosevelt Library in New York, and microfilms of the Minutes and other documentation of the UK National Committee for Rescue from Nazi Terror.

Deakin hopes to produce its Holocaust course in off-campus format in 1995 or 1996, and to introduce a new unit on the History of Zionism and the State of Israel in 1996.

•Research Fellowship #1

The United States Holocaust Research Institute, the scholarly division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, with support from the Merck Company Foundation, has established a Fellowship Program for Research on Medical Ethics and the Holocaust. Fellowships will be awarded to assist health professionals, scientists, and other scholars with research projects that draw directly on the resources of the Museum to link contemporary issues in medical ethics with the lessons of the Holocaust. Fellows will be appointed for up to six months. The maximum stipend will be \$10,000.

Fellows will be selected by a panel of distinguished experts in medicine, history and ethics.

Applicants should normally hold doctoral degrees. They should submit a project description of no more than three pages; a reprint or other sample of their writing; a resumé; a proposed budget; and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two persons who can provide information about their abilities, achievements and character to: Medical Ethics and the Holocaust, United States Holocaust Research Institute, C/O Office of the President, New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029, USA.

Applications will be accepted from 1 June 1994. Awards will be announced on an ongoing basis.

•Research Fellowship #2

The United States Holocaust Research Institute, the scholarly division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, with support from Pearl Resnick

and Burton P. Resnick, has established the Pearl Resnick Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program to provide young, promising scholars with a year in residence at the research institute.

The institute fosters research in Holocaust and genocide studies, broadly defined. Fields of inquiry include, but are not limited to, historiography and documentation of the Holocaust; ethics and the Holocaust; comparative genocide studies; and the effect of the Holocaust on contemporary society and culture. Other areas of concern include refuge and rescue, and propaganda and mass media as they relate to genocide. The institute welcomes a variety of approaches by scholars in history, political science, philosophy, religion, sociology, literature, psychology, and other disciplines. It especially encourages scholarly work that uses the extraordinarily rich archival materials that the museum has collected in Eastern Europe, Germany and the former USSR.

The Pearl Resnick Post-Doctoral Fellowship provides a stipend of \$40,000 for the academic year; office space; part-time research assistance; postage; and access to a computer, telephone, facsimile machine and photocopier. Travel expenses for Fellows, their spouses and dependent children are also provided.

Applications are welcome from persons of any country who have received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree and are no more than forty years of age. Applicants should submit a brief project description and work plan; a reprint or other sample of their writing; a cv; and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: Dr Wesley A. Fisher, Deputy Director, Research Institute, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington DC 20024-2150, USA Fax: (202) 479-9726.

• "Our" contact at the ABC

For all the negative comment we hear about (and from) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on Jewish matters, there are still occasional beacons of light to help us through the gloom. The recent record of Dr Rachael Kohn, Editor of our *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* and Religious Radio producer at the ABC, is a case in point (or rather, several points):

- in March 1994 she produced (with Dagmar Strauss) a feature on Israel, *If I Forget Thee, O Jerusalem*, aired on Radio National.

- she received a Finalists' Certificate from the New York Festival Awards in Radio for a program aired in 1993 entitled *Family Business: Jewish Writing in Australia, Canada and America*. This program featured, among others, Ron Elisha, Mordecai Richler and Alfred Kazin.

- this year another feature documentary, *The Parliament of the World's Religions* made it to the finalists for the United Nations Peace Prize in Radio.

(All of the above programs are available by ringing ABC Radio Tapes during business hours on (02) 333-1034.)

• New Short-Wave Jewish Radio Show

Phil Fink's *Shalom America* broadcasts live worldwide from Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday nights from 11pm to 1am. This is a wide-ranging talk and music show covering many Jewish-American and Israeli subjects. It has a phone-in portion and features guests with a variety of academic and cultural interests. The show is broadcast on 7.395MHz.

Information for the program can be sent via Internet to Phil Fink: ag543@Cleveland.Freenet.edu.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

• The meagre list which follows is based only on information received by the Editor, and does not — I hope — reflect the actual quantity of output by members in recent times.

• Apple, Rabbi Raymond, 'A Chapter in Rabbinic History: Origins of the Sydney *Beth Din*', *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. 12, part 2 (June 1994), pp. 346-53.

• Bartrop, Paul R., 'From Lisbon to Jamaica: A Study of British Refugee Rescue during the Second World War', *Immigrants and Minorities*, vol. 13, no. 1 (March 1994), pp 48-64.

• Goutman, Rodney, 'Brothers and Sisters? The Response of Adelaide Jewry to Anti-Jewish Atrocities in the Twentieth Century', *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. 12, part 2 (June 1994), pp. 359-72.

• Rutland, Suzanne D., "I never knew a man who had so many cousins": Differing Attitudes to Postwar Survivor Migration: Melbourne and Sydney', *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. 12, part 2 (June 1994), pp. 393-406.

NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

• Bosworth, R.J.B., *Explaining Auschwitz and Hiroshima: Historians and the Second World War, 1945-1990*, London: Routledge, 1994.

• Cesarani, David (ed.), *The Final Solution: Origins and Implementation*, London: Routledge, 1993.

•Cheyette, Bryan, *Constructions of 'The Jew' in English Literature and Society: Racial Representations, 1875-1945*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

•Cohn-Sherbok, Dan, *Atlas of Jewish History*, London: Routledge, 1993.

•Dobroszycki, Lucjan and Gurock, Jeffrey S. (eds.), *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union: Studies and Sources on the Destruction of the Jews in the Nazi-occupied Territories of the USSR, 1941-1945*, Armonk (New York) and London: M.E. Sharpe, 1993.

•Felman, Shoshana and Laub, Dori, *Testimony: Crises and Witnessing in Literature, Psychoanalysis, and History*, New York: Routledge, 1992.

•Kühl, Stefan, *The Nazi Connection: Eugenics, American Racism, and German National Socialism*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1994.

•Matsdorf, Wolf Simon, *No Time to Grow: The Story of the Gross-Breensers in Australia*, edited by Richard Dreyfus, Sydney: University of Sydney (Archive of Australian Judaica), 1994.

•Valent, Paul, *Child Survivors: Adults Living with Childhood Trauma*, Melbourne: William Heinemann Australia, 1994.

•A note on the following remarkable book has been received from Dr Myer Samra:

The Directory of Individuals Interested in the Jews and the Jewish Communities of East, Southeast and South Asia (first edition, March 1993; viii, 44p.), compiled and edited by Frank Joseph Shulman, is an extensively indexed, alphabetically-arranged listing of 216 individuals and ten organisations worldwide with an expressed interest in some aspect, past and/or present, of the Jewish experience in Asia. It has been published in conjunction with the international conference "Jewish Diasporas in China: Comparative and Historical Perspectives" convened at Harvard University in August 1992. Copies of this directory have recently been distributed to selected university and research libraries in the United States. Additional copies are available at \$10 postpaid within the US, \$15 for overseas requests, from the Sino-Judaic Institute, 232 Lexington Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, USA. Individuals and institutions who wish to be listed in an expanded future edition of the Directory are invited to complete the questionnaire published within the present directory or to request a questionnaire directly from Frank Joseph Shulman, 9225 Limestone Place, College Park, MD 2070-3943, USA.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

1. 23-24 September 1994: New York, USA

The Warsaw Uprising of 1944 conference will be held in New York City. The Kosciuszko Foundation invites scholars to submit papers on the following topics: In the Front Lines — The Home Army; The Nazi Response to the Revolt; The Soviet Stance; The Warsaw Uprising and the Allies; Jewish Participation in the Revolt; Warsaw — the City and its People; or Literature and Art in the Besieged City. Deadline for submissions 30 June, 1994. For more information, contact the Kosciuszko Foundation, Cultural Department, 15 E 65th Street, New York, NY 10021-6595. Telephone: (212) 734-2130. Fax: (212) 628-4552.

2. 7-10 December 1994: Deakin University, Geelong

The Australian Sociological Association will be holding its Annual Conference at Deakin University, Geelong Campus. The theme is **Human Rights and the Sociological Project**. Further information is available for those individuals interested in presenting a paper at the conference or attending the conference by contacting: Cathy Tay, Conference Co-ordinator; Telephone: (052) 272-262; Fax: (052) 272-018; or Grazyna Zajdow, Conference Convenor; Telephone: (03) 244-7258; Fax: (03) 244-7354.

3. 26 December 1994 — 2 January 1995: Jerusalem, Israel

Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide in Universities and Secondary Schools. The conference will focus on teaching about the Holocaust and genocide from the perspectives of history, philosophy, ethics, theology, literature, law, education, psychology and sociology. Call for abstracts by 1 September 1994. For more information, contact: Bernard Klein, Chair, Dept. of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11235, USA. Telephone: (718) 368-5417; Fax: (718) 368-4654.

4. 4-8 January 1995: Australian Catholic University, Sydney

The Second International Conference on Religion, Literature and the Arts. Sponsored by the Australian Catholic University, Sydney University, Institute for Theology and the Arts. Speakers include: Mark Taylor, leading American writer and commentator on post-modernism in religion and art; Stephen Prickett,

Professor of English, University of Glasgow; Veronica Brady, writer and broadcaster; John Carroll, La Trobe; Francis Moloney, Professor of Theology, ACU; Rachael Kohn, ABC Radio National. Papers invited in the areas of: Language and Silence; Religion and the Fantastic; Body and Knowledge; Re/Constructing Australia; Creativity and Self-Knowledge; Period Studies in Religion, Literature and the Arts. Contact: Dr Michael Griffith, ACU, 170 Albert Road, Strathfield, NSW 2135; Telephone: (02) 739-2192; Fax: (02) 739-2105; or Assoc. Prof. James Tulip, Sydney University; Telephone: (92) 692-2367; Fax: (02) 692-2434 for the summer school.

5. **16-18 February 1995: La Trobe University, Melbourne**

The Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand is holding its 7th Biennial Conference at Menzies College, La Trobe University. All topics and all disciplines in Canadian Studies are welcome including those with trade or partnership as a particular theme. Abstracts are due by 31 October 1994. Contact: Lois Foster, Graduate School of Education, La Trobe University, Bundoora Vic. 3083; Telephone: (03) 479-2517; Fax: (03) 478-7807.

6. **23-26 July 1995: Budapest, Hungary**

The Society for Biblical Literature extends an open invitation to scholars in any area of biblical and related studies to make proposals for special sessions and symposia, papers, and reports for the 1995 SBL International Meeting.

Special sessions and symposia should be of interest to a broad cross-section of scholars in biblical and cognate studies, and they may vary in format (e.g. a series of papers, a major paper with a panel discussion, slide-lectures) and in length (e.g. 1.5 to 2.5 hours). Reports on research projects should be kept to 15-20 minutes; papers, to 20-30 minutes. Since more paper proposals are received than can be accepted, please indicate whether the proposal would work just as well as a report. Special sessions/symposia and reports on research projects may be in any area of biblical and related studies. Paper proposals should indicate which of the areas listed best fits the proposal. All papers must include an abstract in the language of the presentation (German, French or English); see instructions below. A full draft of the paper or report, although not required, may be submitted with an abstract.

Abstracts should be typewritten, double spaced, and printed with a fresh ribbon on a separate sheet of high-quality paper (please do not exceed 200 words, do not

write by hand, and do not send abstracts on lightweight paper or letterhead; abstracts may be transmitted by fax only if the original follows by mail.)

All proposals must be received by 15 September 1994. Due to the large number of proposals considered each year, proposals should be submitted as early as possible. Send all proposals to: David J. Lull, Executive Director, Society for Biblical Literature, 1549 Clairmont Road, Suite 204, Decatur, GA 30033-4635, USA. Telephone: (404) 636-4744; Fax: (404) 248-0815. Bimnet: sblexec@emoryul. Internet: sblexec@unix.cc.emory.edu.

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Items for the next **Newsletter** should be sent to The Editor,
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The **Newsletter** exists in order to provide A.A.J.S. members with updates in the field of Jewish studies. Any relevant items are welcome, including job changes, research in progress, and requests for information.

FROM THE EDITOR

As forecast in the last *Newsletter*, the ongoing lack of interest from members in sending me suitable items for inclusion in these pages means that the current issue will be comprised only of items that I have been able to collect myself.

This means, as I have said before, that many areas of Jewish Studies interest will be unrepresented in these pages; if you are concerned that there is not sufficient accent placed on your area of interest, therefore, it is *your* responsibility to let me know, and to provide me with material to redress the imbalance.

Several weeks ago I saw a letter sent to an AAJS office-bearer in which the following was written: "... the latest newsletter of AAJS omitted to list my own publication this year or the research work in which I am currently involved". This exemplifies the situation pertaining to the *Newsletter* and the items it includes. *If* items are sent to the *Newsletter* Editor or the Secretary, they will be published; if no items are received, it is highly likely that they will be missed.

The onus is thus on all members to see to it that if they wish their work to receive publicity, notification of it is forwarded appropriately.

GENERAL NEWS

• A Call for Papers and Preliminary Announcement of the 9th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies, to be held in Melbourne, Victoria, from 9–11 July 1995.

Prospective paper titles and abstracts should be sent to Dr. Paul R. Bartrop, Conference Convenor AAJS 95, PO Box 255, Camberwell, Victoria 3124.

• *Dr Rachael Kohn*

– Gave a paper at the Sydney Institute on Religious Sects, Democracy and the Law; this will be published soon in the Institute's journal *Sydney Papers*.

– Is working on a number of projects, including: a chapter on "Religion in Australia" for a new high school textbook on religion (Oxford University Press; and a chapter for a Festschrift for Professor Eric Sharpe, School of Studies in Religion, University of Sydney.

• *New Journal*

Notification has been received of a new journal from Frank Cass Publishing, London. Entitled *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, its editor-in-chief is William Safran, with editors Donald Rothchild and Jean Toumon. The purpose of this journal is to explore the varied political aspects of nationalism and ethnicity in order to develop more constructive intergroup relations (ISSN 1353-7113, vol. 1, 1994/1995; first issue, Autumn 1994).

• *Canadian Jewish Historical Society*

I am pleased to announce that the Australian Association for Jewish Studies now has a formal relationship with the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, an organisation with kindred interests to our own. In the most recent issue (Fall–Winter 1994) of the CJHS Newsletter, a complete listing of CJHS affiliates and accompanying addresses has been published. Also, a number of Internet addresses are listed for contact with academics across Canada.

If you wish to make use of this listing, please contact our Honorary Secretary Mrs Beverley Davis at the central AAJS address (PO Box 255, Camberwell 3124, Australia).

• *Congratulations*

– Dr Rodney Goultman of the University of South Australia (Underdale Campus) has recently been elected as Interim Leader of the University's Centre for International and Regional Studies. As the Centre begins its second year of operation, Rodney's role will be an important one of co-ordination and consolidation, and we wish him well in his new role.

– Mrs. Beverley Davis, our Honorary Secretary, has been accepted as an Associate of the Records Managers Association of Australia.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

This list is based only on information received by the Editor. Please forward the titles of your publications and conference presentations to me for inclusion in the next *Newsletter* by 15 March 1995.

- Bartrop, Paul R., "The Nuremberg Trials and the Holocaust: Crimes Against Humanity as Viewed from Australia (1945–46)", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 606–18.
- Bartrop, Paul R., "Landscape of Death, Kingdom of Night: Children's Literature of the Holocaust", in Wendy Parsons and Robert Goodwin (eds) *Landscape and Identity: Perspectives from Australia*, Adelaide: Auslib Press, 1994, pp. 136–44.
- Bartrop, Paul R., "Indigenous Peoples under Colonialism: Genocide, Ethnocide or Something Else?", paper delivered at *Australian Sociological Association, Biennial Conference (TASA'94)*, Deakin University, Geelong, 7–10 December 1994.
- Dacy, Marianne, "The Archive of Australian Judaica After Ten Years", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 624–30.
- Mendes, Philip, "Jewish Involvement in the Communist Party of Australia", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 584–605.
- Rubinstein, Hilary L., "A Disgrace to Christendom: Australian Reactions to the Dreyfus Affair", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 467–83.

- Rubinstein, W.D., "Survey: What do Australians Know About the Holocaust?", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 619–23.

- Turnbull, Malcolm J., "Rev. Abraham Ormsien", *Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, vol. XII, Part 3 (November 1994), pp. 443–66.

- Zuesse, Evan M., "'Schindler's List', Morality and Popular Culture", *Gesher*, vol. 1, no. 4 (October 1994), pp. 76–79.

NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

- Edwards, John, *The Jews in Western Europe 1400–1600*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1994.

- Geyer, Michael and Boyer, John W. (eds.), *Resistance Against the Third Reich 1933–1990*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994.

- Maccoby, Hyam, *Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil*, New York: Free Press, 1992.

- Marks, Jane, *The Hidden Children: Secret Survivors of the Holocaust*, London: Judy Piatkus, 1994.

- Panayi, Panikos, *Immigration, Ethnicity and Racism in Britain 1815–1945*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1994.

- Wistrich, Robert (ed.), *Terms of Survival: The Jewish World Since 1945*, London: Routledge, 1994.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

- **1995: Australian Catholic University, Ballarat**

The Australian Association for the Study of Religions (AASR) is calling for papers for its 1995 National Conference. No details have been provided as to a precise date at this time. There will be twelve sections within the Conference, encompassing a range of disciplines. Departments interested would include Religion/Theology, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts. For further information please contact Felicity Thyer, AASR 95 Committee, Australian Catholic University, PO Box 650, Ballarat, Victoria 3353. Telephone (053) 37 3100; fax (053) 37 3105.

• 10-12 February 1995: Trinity College, University of Melbourne

The Australasian Modern British History Association Biennial Conference will take place between 10-12 February 1995, and will include a paper by Professor Bill Rubinstein on "The Myth of Rescue: The National Committee for Rescue From Nazi Terror and the Holocaust, 1943-45". Contact Trinity College for details regarding convenor and registration.

• 26-28 April 1995: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Australian Government (through the Office of Multicultural Affairs), in conjunction with the New South Wales State Government (through the NSW Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Australian Multicultural Foundation), will host the 1995 Global Cultural Diversity Conference to mark 1995 as the UN-designated International Year for Tolerance and the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and UNESCO. The Conference will look at social cohesion in diverse societies and at ways in which diversity can be viewed as a social and economic asset. It will provide a forum for government leaders and prominent members of the international community to exchange views and experiences on living with religious, racial, cultural and linguistic diversity.

The Conference will be held over three days with a mix of plenary and concurrent seminar sessions. The plenary sessions, which will set the scene for more detailed discussion in seminar sessions, will deal with the following themes:

- The International Forces of Diversity – the international movement of people, international communications and trade;
- Redressing the Balance: the Struggle to be Heard;
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- Looking to the Future/Building Cohesion in Diverse Societies.

Conference seminar sessions have been structured to cater for delegates with particular fields of interest. There will be up to ten seminar sessions running concurrently, structured around the following themes:

- Public Policy and Diversity;
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Key speakers will include the United Nations Secretary-General, H.E. Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali and the UNESCO Director-General, Dr Federico Mayor.

The Conference will be opened by the Australian Prime Minister, who will also host a dinner for delegates on the first evening of the Conference. The NSW Premier will host and address a dinner for delegates, on the second night, at the 2000 Olympics site at Homebush.

For additional information, contact the Conference Secretariat: 1995 Global Cultural Diversity Conference, GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001. Telephone (02) 262 2277; fax (02) 262 2323.

• 28-29 May 1995: Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

Submissions are invited for the Canadian Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference to be held in Montréal, Canada. Topics will focus on the history and culture of Jews in Quebec. There will be a session commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two, a walking tour of Jewish Montreal, and an evening program, "A Celebration of David Rome".

Specific topics under consideration are: Montreal's Jewish Artists; the Political Future of Jews in Quebec; Canada's Sephardic community; Montreal: A Canadian Jewish Metropolis; Jews in Canada's Armed Forces; The Rescue of Syrian Jewry; the Canadian Connection; Montreal's Jewish Merchants; Holocaust Survivors in Canada.

Those interested in presenting a paper on any of the suggested topics or with other ideas for sessions, please contact Dr Paula Draper, 142 Pears Ave. #C4, Toronto M5R 1T2, by 31 January 1995.

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The Association for Canadian Studies will be hosting a conference during the Learned Societies Congress at the Université du Québec à Montréal. The topic of the conference will be *Immigration and Ethnicity in a Comparative Context*. Contact Program and Liaison Officer, Association for Canadian Studies, UQAM, V-5130, PO Box 8888, Station Centre-Ville, Montréal, Québec, H3C 3P8. Telephone: 1 + 514 + 987 7784; fax: 1 + 514 + 987 8210.

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• 27 August-3 September 1995: Montreal, Canada

1995 will see the XVIII International Congress of Historical Sciences, *Multiculturalism and History of International Relations, Problems and Perspectives (since 1700 up to the present)*. Please send written reports (20 pages at most), either in English or French to Mr Pierre Savard, Département d'Historie, Université d'Ottawa, 157 Wilbrod, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5. Fax: 1 + 613 + 564 9599.

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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the *Newsletter* will be leaner than in the past, owing to an almost total lack of information received from members. The main focus, as will become apparent, is on the Holocaust — perhaps not inappropriate, given the 50th anniversary commemoration of the end of the Second World War and the defeat of Nazism.

The major news concerning the Association centres around our forthcoming Annual Conference, a separate item of which is included with this mailing.

Please make the effort to send me any items for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. As I have said previously, if you do not send me material, I will have nothing to edit, and there will consequently be no *Newsletter* for the Association to send (or for you to receive!).

AAJS '95 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 9th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies will be held at Kimberley Gardens Motel and Conference Centre, 441 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda, between 9–11 July 1995.

The response to the Call for Papers has so far been outstanding. To date we have had over thirty offers of papers, and, while in the normal course of events this would have been sufficient to more than fill the program, it has been decided that on at least one of the days of the Conference we will run parallel sessions in order to accommodate demand.

This is a powerful indication of the interest currently being generated in Jewish Studies, and I urge you to seriously consider becoming involved in this year's conference.

There will be several important highlights this year, which those with any interest in Jewish Studies will not want to miss. These include:

- The presence of one of the most distinguished contemporary German scholars of Nazism and the Holocaust, Professor Hans Mommsen, who will be offering a paper on Heinrich Himmler and Nazi resettlement policy
- Sessions on aspects of Zionism and Israel presented by Professor W.D. Rubinstein, Dr Rodney Gouzman, Dr Robert Hall and Dr Ian Bickerton
- A session on memorialising Auschwitz, with papers from Dr Peter Monteath and Adrian Rudzinski
- Papers on aspects of Jewish Studies resources from Dr Helen Light (Jewish museums) and Geraldine Jones (Jewish Studies on the Internet)
- Work-in-progress papers from postgraduate students
- Other papers range from topics concerning the Holocaust, to Jewish film, Antisemitism and Philosemitism, Passover in Biblical times, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Jewish Literature in German, Hebrew and English
- A major highlight of the conference will take place on the evening of Sunday 9 July, when delegates will be invited to attend a public screening and lecture presented by Professor Konrad Kwiet. Entitled *Unearthing the Holocaust*, it will examine the exhumation of the murder site at Semiki, Ukraine, by Australian forensic examiners at the time of the Polyukhovich war crimes trial. As Professor Kwiet was the Official Consultant Historian to the trial, he is in a unique position to explore with us this most fascinating aspect of the entirely new area of Holocaust

archaeology. A separate flyer advertising this event is attached to this *Newsletter*, and you are urged to publicise it as widely as possible.

All in all, this year's conference is shaping up as one of the best yet, and for your own sake you should fill in and return the enclosed registration form now, to avoid disappointment.

GENERAL NEWS

•Congratulations

To our Honorary Secretary, Beverley Davis, who received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in this year's Australia Day Honours list, for her many years of voluntary work in the field of Australian Jewish history and in the general community.

To Rabbi Ian Morris of Beit Shalom Synagogue, Adelaide, on having been elected Chairman of the Council of Progressive Rabbis of Australia and New Zealand.

To Professor W.D. (Bill) Rubinstein, upon his appointment to the Chair of Modern British History at the University of Wales (Aberystwyth). This is a major career move for Bill, one of our former Presidents, and for his wife Dr Hilary Rubinstein, our former *Newsletter* editor. Both of them will be relocating to the United Kingdom, and we wish them well with this new phase in their lives. Bill and Hilary have provided outstanding service to the cause of Jewish Studies in this country, and their stimulating contributions will be sorely missed.

To Dr Malcolm Turnbull on winning the Isi Leibler Prize 1994 for his Ph.D. thesis. The prize is awarded annually by Deakin University for the M.A. or Ph.D. thesis "which best contributes to advancing knowledge of racial, religious or ethnic prejudice in any time or place, or advancing knowledge of multi-culturalism and community relations in Australia."

•Fellowships

- (i) The United States Holocaust Research Institute, the scholarly division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, seeks applications for the **Pearl Resnick Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program**, established with support from Pearl Resnick and Burton P. Resnick to provide young, promising scholars with a year in residence at the Research Institute.

The Institute fosters research in Holocaust and Genocide Studies broadly defined. Fields of inquiry include, but are not limited to historiography and documentation of the Holocaust; ethics and the Holocaust; comparative genocide studies; and the impact of the Holocaust on contemporary society and culture. Other areas of concern include refuge and rescue, and propaganda and mass media as they relate to genocide. The Institute welcomes a variety of approaches by scholars in history, political science, philosophy, religion, sociology, literature, psychology and other disciplines. It especially encourages scholarly work that utilises the extraordinarily rich archival materials that the Museum has collected in Eastern Europe, Germany and the former USSR.

The Pearl Resnick Post-Doctoral Fellowship provides a stipend of \$40,000 for the academic year. Applications from any country are welcome from persons who have received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree and are no more than 40 years of age. Applicants should submit a brief project description and work plan; a reprint or other sample of their writing; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: Dr Wesley A. Fisher, Deputy Director, Research Institute, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2150, USA. Fax (1-220) 479 9726.

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The United States Holocaust Research Institute, the scholarly division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, with support from the Merck Company Foundation has established a **Fellowship Program for Research on Medical Ethics and the Holocaust**. Fellowship will be awarded to assist health professionals, scientists, and other scholars with research projects that draw directly on the resources of the Museum to link contemporary issues in medical ethics with the lessons of the Holocaust. Fellows will be appointed for up to six months. The maximum stipend will be \$10,000. Fellows will be selected by a panel of distinguished experts in medicine, history, and ethics. Applicants should normally hold doctoral degrees. They should submit a project description of no more than three pages; a reprint or other sample of their writing; a resume; a proposed budget; and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two persons who can provide information about their abilities, achievements and character to: Medical Ethics and the Holocaust, United States Holocaust Research

Institute, Office of the President, New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029, USA.

•New Archive

With a major contribution from producer and director Steven Spielberg, announced on 28 October 1994 by Council chairman Miles Lerman, the United States Holocaust Research Institute will create and operate a new film and video archive that will be the foremost moving image repository for Holocaust-related material in the United States.

Through the Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive, researchers will have unprecedented centralised access to newsreels, Nazi documentary and propaganda films, censored wartime footage and a wealth of other Holocaust-related film images. Advanced technology will make both images and information available worldwide through a digitised distribution system.

During the first phase of developing the archive, the Museum will focus on finding and acquiring significant film images and on designing and creating a state-of-the-art digital storage system.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Sadly, very little news has been received concerning this important area of AAJS activity. The following surely cannot represent the output of our membership since the last issue of the *Newsletter*; please forward your achievements if you wish them to be publicised.

- Mendes, Philip, "Jewish Left Journals Around the World", *Australian Jewish Democrat*, vol. 4, no. 4 (Summer 1994/95).
- Bartrop, Paul R., "South Australia and the Nuremberg Trials: Perceptions of Inhumanity and Justice", *Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia*, no. 22 (1994), pp. 98–112.
- Bartrop, Paul R. (ed.), *False Havens: The British Empire and the Holocaust*, Lanham (Md.) and London: University Press of America, 1995.
- Rogozinski, Szymon, *Moje Szczesliw Zycie (My Happy Life)*, Lodz, 1994.

NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

• New Journal

The British Journal of Holocaust Education

Editor: Dr John Fox, FRHistS, London, UK. Editorial Committee: Joseph Finklestone, Julius Gould, Trudy Gold, Ben Helfgott, Lukasz Hirsowicz, Aubrey Newman, Antony Polonsky, Laurie Rosenberg.

The British Journal of Holocaust Education is devoted to all aspects of Holocaust education. It aims to provide a forum for informed debate on a wide range of historical, educational, philosophical, religious and sociological issues concerned with the teaching and research of the Holocaust in the UK. With the range of topics it covers, the journal appeals to a broad spectrum of readers.

Two issues per year: Summer, Winter. Subscriptions: Individuals, £24 (\$US36); Institutions: £40 (\$US65). Order from: The Woburn Press, Newbury House, 890–900 Eastern Avenue, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex IG2 7HH, United Kingdom.

• Books

Boyarin, Daniel, *A Radical Jew: Paul and the Politics of Identity*, Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1994.

Kushner, Tony, *The Holocaust and the Liberal Imagination: A Social and Cultural History*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1994.

Lesser, Jeffrey, *Welcoming the Undesirables: Brazil and the Jewish Question*, Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1994.

Markus, Andrew, *The Right Road? A History of Right-Wing Politics in Australia*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1995.

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FROM THE EDITOR

At the AGM held in July 1995 I took over as editor of the Association's Newsletter from Dr Paul Bartrop who did a sterling job as Newsletter editor. As immediate past president I felt that I would like to accept the position as Newsletter editor so that I could continue my contribution to the Association which, I believe, has such a key role to play in fostering Jewish tertiary studies in Australia.

This is the first Newsletter with a new committee whose Executive consists of almost all new members. This year there has been a strong connection between the executive and the University of Sydney. Our honorary secretary, Ms Sarah Gornall, is the Administrative Officer in the School of Asian Studies, as well as an M. Phil. student in the Department of Semitic Studies; our honorary treasurer, Sister Marianne Dacy, is the archivist at the Archive of Australian Judaism located in the University of Sydney Library; the NSW Vice-President, Dr Myer Samra, tutors in the Department of Anthropology; and I lecture in Jewish Studies in the School of Teaching and Curriculum Studies in the Faculty of Education.

As Paul Bartrop continually stressed, this Newsletter can only be as good as the contributions which the editor receives from you, as members. Paul wrote of his

frustration of not receiving materials from members. He was kind enough to send me a pile of material to assist with my first Newsletter. I realise that as academics we are all under great pressure of time, but if you could drop me a note with a few details about your latest project, publication or any other news in Jewish tertiary studies which you feel would be of interest to our members, it would be most appreciated by all.

Suzanne D. Rutland

AAJS '96 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Since the July conference we have had a number of executive meetings when our president, Bernard Rechter, has been in Sydney. We have planned the conference for 1996 which will be held at the newly opened Mandelbaum House next to the University of Sydney main campus. We are sending out with this Newsletter a call for papers. We decided that we would introduce a new element with a call for papers relating to a specific theme which will be run as one half-day of the conference. The theme for this year is "Jewish contribution to the Arts". As well, we decided that we would experiment with the concept of a conference lunch (rather than dinner which has not eventuated in the past) with a special guest speaker. More details will follow.

A PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTION

The health of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies is closely linked with the development of such studies in Australian universities. It is encouraging, therefore, to see that, despite the increasing shift in universities to vocationally rewarding degrees, the last few years have been periods of growth in Jewish tertiary studies. In formal, deliberately established lectureships in Victoria and New South Wales, and in areas under more general auspices (e.g. Genocide Studies) in a number of states students can now enrol in academic fields wholly or partly related to the Jewish historical experience. University Professorships (in Hebrew and Semitic Studies) have gone or are going, but a new one is now at the advertisement stage.

Most encouraging are developments, several years under way in NSW, and new in Victoria, involving programs of preservice and in-service courses in Faculties of Education, designed to train Jewish Studies and Hebrew and Yiddish teachers, and to enhance the skills of those already in the schools. These developments have been financially supported by the Jewish day schools, the Zionist Federation of Australia and by the Pinchus Foundation in Israel.

However, all is far from well. Deakin University in Melbourne is quickly phasing out a course leading to a degree in Jewish studies. It represents a clear warning that courses established or planned cannot be taken for granted. The proportion of Jewish university students taking Jewish studies is sadly very small. And while in all courses the enrolment of non-Jewish students is very welcome, in the final analysis a key measure of success for Jewish Studies must be their attraction for the very large numbers of Jewish students enrolled in the universities. This is not the place to canvass the reasons for our failure to enrol more Jewish students in our courses. No single hypothesis (e.g. disillusionment with Jewish studies after school experience, preference for rewarding vocational study) stands up to scrutiny. It is a major issue for those of us concerned with improving the situation.

A second problem is the failure of the community, with notable exceptions, to recognise the need for massive investment in this enterprise as a significant factor affecting the future of Australian Jewry.

There are a number of excellent graduates keen to continue postgraduate work—but no scholarships. There are numerous relatively small outlay initiatives to develop new areas of study, languishing for want of sponsors. The generous contributions of a number of Australian donors to Israeli tertiary institutions is notable. We have so far not succeeded in convincing some of those in a position to give, of the importance of the Australian scene.

Our association, including as it does, researchers and teachers from many institutions, is in a unique position to contribute to making the community aware that, however successful it has been in primary and secondary education, in building museums and galleries, however meritorious it is in raising money for its many good causes, it neglects tertiary Jewish studies at its own peril.

Bernard Rechter

GENERAL NEWS

• Farewell

To Dr Bill and Hilary Rubinstein: two stalwarts of the Association, Bill and Hilary Rubinstein, left for Wales last year. Their departure from Melbourne will mean the loss of two of our most valued members, both of whom have made an enormous contribution to this Association. Bill was a past president of the Association and Hilary introduced the Newsletter and was its first editor. We wish them every success in their new life in the UK.

• Congratulations

To Professor Konrad Kweit of Macquarie University, who was awarded a research grant—the Shapiro Senior Residence Fellowship, from the Holocaust Museum, Washington—and is at present researching in Washington.

To Dr Myer Samra on his forthcoming marriage in Israel. We wish him every happiness in the future.

To Sarah Gornall, who won the 1995 Noel Bowen Memorial Prize offered by the Department of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney for her essay on “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Religious Diversity”.

• *New appointments*

Dr Claudia Prestel, who was appointed at the beginning of Semester 2 as lecturer in Jewish Studies in the Centre for Jewish Civilisation at Monash University.

Geoffrey Levy was appointed at the beginning of Semester 2 as lecturer in Jewish Studies in the School of Political Science, UNSW.

Noga Ganor has been appointed to the Einhorn Lectureship in Modern Hebrew for 1996 in the Department of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

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• Rubinstein, Hilary L., 'Senator T.J.K. Bakhap', *Biographical Dictionary of the Australian Senate* (forthcoming 1996).

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NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

As always, there are many new books which have appeared that are of interest in the field of Jewish Studies. Harwood Academic Publishers have produced a booklet listing new and recent titles in Jewish Studies covering the areas of Muslim-Jewish Relations; History; Law; Yiddish Studies; and Jewish Thought. Their address is: STBS, Order Department, PO Box 786, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276, USA and their fax number is (212) 645 2459.

New Jewish titles from Oxford University Press:

Doniach, N. (ed.), *The Oxford English-Hebrew Dictionary*, 1024pp.

Goldberg, Michael, *Why Should Jews Survive?*, 208pp.

Jacobs, Louis (ed.), *The Jewish Religion: A Companion*, 646pp.

Schwartz, Howard (trans.), *Elijah's Violin and Other Jewish Fairy Tales*, 320pp.

Schwartz, Howard (trans.), *Gabriel's Palace: Jewish Mystical Tales*, 432pp.

Oxford University Press Australia & New Zealand: 253 Normanby Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205, GPO Box 2784Y, Melbourne VIC 3001, tel: 61 3 9646 4200, fax: 61 3 9646 3251.

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CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

3-5 March, 1996, Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, 26th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, "Confronting the Holocaust: A Mandate for the 21st Century". For further information contact Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, University of St Thomas, 2260 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105, fax: 1 612 962 5790.

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FROM THE EDITOR

This is the second Newsletter for the 1995-1996 term. With our conference drawing closer we are including our conference brochure with this Newsletter. I would like to urge all members to try to attend this conference which promises, as always, to provide a wide variety of stimulating papers.

The field of tertiary Jewish Studies continues to grow and flourish in Australia and we are slowly beginning to provide at the tertiary level Jewish Studies in the same rich diversity as has existed in Jewish education at the secondary level in Australia for many years.

Support for the Australian Association for Jewish Studies still needs to be encouraged at all levels. If your friends are not members of the Association and are interested in Jewish Studies at an academic level, please encourage them to join; do also encourage as many people as possible to attend the July conference.

Once again, can I please ask for contributions of information towards the Newsletter. I am most grateful to Professor W. D. Rubinstein for writing to me from Aberystwyth. If he can do so from Wales, surely others can let me know about their conference papers and

other publications from a little closer to home. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our honorary secretary, Sarah Gornall, for all her hard work with the layout of the Newsletter.

Suzanne D. Rutland

CONFERENCE UPDATE

A number of proposals have been received to date for the 1996 Annual Conference. Presenters include: Rabbi Raymond Apple, Professor Sol Encel, Dr Serge Lieberman and Dr Suzanne Rutland.

A reminder for call for papers is included with this Newsletter. NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS IS FRIDAY 17 MAY.

The 1996 conference is being held at the newly opened Mandelbaum House, adjacent to the main campus of the University of Sydney.

FROM THE PRESIDENT*New developments in Tertiary Jewish Studies*

Readers will have seen the advertisement for a Chair in Jewish Civilisation at Monash University. The successful appointee will also take the position of Director of the Centre.

Meanwhile a number of other developments may be of interest. The Monash Centre is involved in a joint project with the Department of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney to develop an introductory course in Jewish Civilisation through the Open Learning Agency.

The Agency has now formally approved the proposed course, which will consist of three semester-length units. The first unit to be offered will survey the history of ancient Israel from the Patriarchs to the rise of Rabbinic Judaism. The unit will consist of twelve audio-taped lectures, each of some 45 minutes in length, and one video to introduce the course.

Students enrolled in the unit will also receive a reader containing essential reading material for the unit and a study guide. Tutorial assistance will also be provided as part of an enrolment package.

The assessment procedure for the unit will involve two essays and a three-hour examination. Successful completion of the unit will count towards the acquisition of a degree in Arts or General Studies.

The second unit to be offered will focus on medieval Jewry in the Christian and Muslim Worlds; the third unit will deal with Jews in the Modern World.

The proposed Open Learning mode will make this course, targeted at first year students, available to persons who otherwise would not have access to a formal university course. It is hoped in the future to offer the course on the Internet as well.

As part of the arrangements with the Open Learning Agency, these units in Jewish Civilisation will also be available, in slightly modified form, for students attending a university campus. Sydney University already offers a course in *Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture*. Monash University will

offer an *Introduction to Jewish Civilisation* over two semesters in 1997.

Hebrew at Monash: A Centre dedicated to the study of Jewish Civilisation must inevitably consider the role of Hebrew—biblical, mishnaic and modern.

It is difficult to conceive of any graduate study in a field of Jewish Civilisation without a knowledge of Hebrew. The Jewish schools tackle the matter of Hebrew study with some success, in a curriculum context beset by many other priorities. A number of universities (notably Sydney and Melbourne) have a long record of Hebrew study.

This year Monash University enrolled some ten students—all having completed year 12 Hebrew satisfactorily—in its first Hebrew class, which focuses on both language and literature. The initiative has proven successful and it is hoped that a number will continue on to a minor and even a major in Hebrew.

Bernard Rechter

MANDELBAUM HOUSE OPENING

The new Jewish residential college in Sydney—Mandelbaum House—was officially opened on Sunday 18 February by Sir Zelman Cowen, former Governor-General of Australia, with a capacity crowd being present. The opening of the College brought to reality the dream of Mrs Rachel Lipton who, together with her husband Harry, left a bequest for the building of a Jewish residential college at the University of Sydney, to be named after her late parents, Reverend Bezalel and Freda Mandelbaum, and to become a centre for tertiary Jewish Studies. Reverend Mandelbaum was related to the leading Mandelbaum family in Jerusalem and Mandelbaum Gate is named after the family which also had a Mandelbaum House in Jerusalem as a centre for Jewish learning.

This achievement was made possible largely by Professor Alan Crown, Head of the Department of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney, and one of the trustees of the College, together with the hard work of Lia Friedler who co-ordinated the project. Professor Crown and Rabbi Raymond Apple are joint Masters of the College, while Gidon Drury has been appointed CEO.

Since its opening the College has been full. Its first scholar-in-residence is Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, former Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth who will be in Australia in May/June. Applications have already been received from other leading Jewish scholars to be associated with the College as scholars-in-residence; this will greatly strengthen Jewish Studies, particularly at the postgraduate level.

Our 1996 conference is being held at Mandelbaum House which will provide an aesthetic and comfortable venue for our meeting. It is hoped that as many scholars, students and interested members of the public as possible will register for the conference, being held from 7 to 9 July.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Professor Bill Rubinstein is settling into his new position in the Department of History and Welsh History at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He writes that both he and Hilary will miss not being at the AAJS conference this year in Sydney. Bill is at present well on the way to completing his book on "Rescue during the Holocaust", while Hilary is researching for a book on philo-semitism in the modern world.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

• Dacy, Marianne. A grant of \$1000 from the NSW Ethnic Affairs Commission has facilitated the publication of music composed and arranged by Boaz Bischofswerder, who came to Australia with his son Felix Werder in 1940 on the infamous *Dunera*. The music, *Phantasia Judaica*, originally composed while on the *Dunera* for four tenor voices, and subsequently arranged for violin and piano while in the Hay and Tatura Camps, and *Mi Adir* and *Sheva Brochoth*, is available from the Archive of Australian Judaica at a cost of \$25 for each of the two volumes.

• Rutland, Suzanne D., "Preface" and editor, Daniel Johannes Huygens, *Opposite the Lion's Den: A Story of Hiding Dutch Jews* (Brandl & Schlesinger, Sydney, 1996).

• Rubinstein, Hilary L., "Australia", in *The American Jewish Year Book 1996* (forthcoming).

• Rubinstein W. D., "Melbourne Jewry: A Diaspora Community with a vigorous Jewish Identity", *Jewish Journal of Sociology*, vol. XXXVII, no. 2 (December 1995), pp. 81-99.

• Rubinstein W. D., *A History of the Jews in the English-Speaking World: Great Britain* (MacMillan, London, 1996).

• Rubinstein W. D., "The Cold War, the Australian Jewish Community, and the Marginalisation of the Jewish Left, 1942-1960", *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, vol. 41, no. 3 (1996), pp. 373-90.

NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

Information from Ms Gila Ansell Brauner of the Pedagogic Centre, Joint Authority of Jewish/Zionist Education in the Diaspora: I hope not to duplicate any notices you may have already received, but Mark Hurvitz has put on-line his updated Haggadah with hypertext links, but no graphics as yet. He is also looking for comments!

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1-5 July 1996, Leo Baeck College Summer Study Week, "Jewish Messianic Thought—On the Edge of the Millennium", Leo Baeck College, Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East Road, London N3 2SY, UK, tel: 44 181 349 4525, fax: 44 181 343 2558, email: <leo-baeck-college@mailbox.ulcc.ac.uk>.

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FROM THE EDITOR: CONFERENCE UPDATE

We have an exciting program for the Tenth Annual Conference of our Association. As always the papers which have been submitted cover a wide range of themes, including the biblical period, Zionism, the Holocaust and its meaning, contemporary Diaspora Jewry, issues relating to the arts including Hebrew and Yiddish literature and music. We have presenters from most states in Australia including New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the ACT as well some coming from Israel. We are including with this Newsletter a draft program of all the papers for the conference.

We are holding the conference lunch on Sunday, rather than Monday, so please note this change to your program. Professor Bettina Cass, the new Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Sydney, will be presenting the keynote address, on "Religion, Politics and Welfare". The introduction of a conference lunch is an innovation for this year and we are very fortunate that Professor Cass has agreed to speak.

The conference location at Mandelbaum House is a particularly pleasant one and we have excellent conference facilities.

So—allow yourselves a few days off to be intellectually stimulated, and enjoy meeting with colleagues from other states and from Israel, catching up with old friends and making new ones. If you have not already registered, make sure you do so immediately!

Once again, thank you to those members who have sent me information about themselves, their universities and their publications. This has made the production of the Newsletter much easier. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the conference next month.

Suzanne D. Rutland

JEWISH STUDIES AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Participants in the Conference of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies may be interested to have some news of the Department of Semitic Studies in view of the many changes that are taking place.

You should be aware that I am retiring from the headship of this department though I hope to continue my association with it and its graduate students as an Honorary Research Associate.

In the next year it is very likely that my position will be replaced by a senior

lectureship which for the first time at the University of Sydney will be specifically advertised as being in Jewish Studies and will be at senior lecturer level. Our Modern Hebrew lectureship—the Malka Einhorn Lectureship—at present occupied by Mrs Noga Ganor with considerable distinction, is also becoming vacant and is currently being advertised at lecturer level, hopefully with tenure track. The third position in the department is the new Henry Roth Lectureship in Yiddish which will bring Yiddish to the campus in a formal way for the first time at any Australian university.

These changes and developments mean that Sydney University will continue to see Jewish Studies as one of its areas of research and teaching excellence and we hope that the new appointments will continue the tradition that has already been established of coordinated courses in modern and classical Jewish languages and modern and classical culture in a close relationship with other Semitic languages and cultures. The old-style Semitic department has thus given way to the newer style of Jewish Studies that has been seen in the best universities overseas.

In 1997 the options in Jewish Civilisation III will be open to students from UTS Government and History. This cross-institutional teaching makes for enrichment in the courses.

In the new year we will be working together with Monash University to develop three new courses for Open Learning in Jewish Civilisation. As previously, Leanne Piggott will remain our coordinator and current indications are that our liaison with Monash and Bernard Rechter will be close and fruitful.

Mandelbaum Publishing will continue to publish new volumes, though it may not be located in the department. Two new books scheduled for 1996 are Eliyahu Honig's *Zionism in Australia* and Glen Gordon's *Shomrim: Zionist Youth Movement*. It is fitting that these two books should appear in time for the 100th anniversary of the Zionist Movement. The general editors will remain Rabbi Raymond Apple, AM, and myself, with Lucy Davey who has added considerably to our publishing capabilities.

Professor Alan D. Crown
Head, Department of Semitic Studies
University of Sydney.

JEWISH STUDIES AT UNSW

This year has seen established a teaching Program in Jewish Studies at the University of New South Wales. Co-ordinating the Program is Geoffrey Brahm Levey, the first appointee to the Hakoah Lectureship in Jewish Studies. The Program is administratively independent though 'housed' within the School of Political Science. The School is defining the area of Jewish Studies quite broadly, albeit in keeping with the University's resources in work on the modern era.

Jewish Studies subjects will be situated in the wider context of modern world history and the emergence of cultural modernity. They will take account of both developments internal to Jewish civilisation and of broad changing patterns of relations between Jews and others.

In 1996 two subjects in Jewish Studies are being offered: "Jews in Modern Society", which introduces students to the social scientific study of the Jews and their communities in the modern period; and "Jews and the Liberal State", which examines the Jewish encounter with the liberal state from the perspective of political theory and public policy. Both are senior level units and enrolments have been high.

In 1997 additional Jewish Studies units will be offered at UNSW. These include: Hebrew Language; The German-Jewish Experience; The Messiah Complex; History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict; Talmudic Law; and Religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam.

UNSW is currently in the process of appointing a Visiting Scholar in Jewish Studies for 1997. The position has attracted an impressive pool of applicants from Britain, Hungary, Israel, South Africa and the United States. The appointee will teach a course in Modern Jewish History and/or Literature.

The Program in Jewish Studies has established co-operative links with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Haifa University, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the Petersburg Jewish University in Russia. In collaboration with UNSW's Centre for European Studies and ANU's Humanities Research Centre, an

international conference on the "Politics of the Diaspora" is being planned for 1998.

Success in the teaching of any subject ultimately depends on the opportunities for researching that subject. The UNSW Library has now added impressively to its holdings of books, monographs and journals in modern Jewish Studies. The UNSW now ranks as one of best institutions in Australia in which to pursue modern Jewish Studies.

PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

- Lionel E. Fredman, Newcastle Synagogue Jubilee History (1977, revised and forthcoming 1996); this booklet will be issued for the 70th anniversary of the synagogue and Bicentennial of Newcastle, in 1997.
- Geoffrey Brahm Levey, "Towards a Theory of Disproportionate American Jewish Liberalism", in Peter Y. Medding, ed., *Studies in Contemporary Jewry*, vol. 11: Values, Interests and Identity: Jews and Politics in a Changing World (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp. 64-85.
- Geoffrey Brahm Levey, "Equality, Autonomy and Cultural Rights", *Political Theory* (forthcoming).
- Geoffrey Brahm Levey, "The Liberalism of American Jews: Has It Been Explained?", *British Journal of Political Science*, 25 (forthcoming 1996).
- Philip Mendes, "On Demidenko, the Left and Morality", *Reconstruction*, Autumn 1996, pp. 55-6.
- Philip Mendes, "Left Attitudes towards Jews: Anti-Semitism and Philo-Semitism", *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, Vol. IX, Nos. 1 & 2 (1996), pp. 7-44.
- Philip Mendes, "Senator Sam Cohen", *Biographical Dictionary of the Australian Senate* (forthcoming 1996).
- Philip Mendes, "A Historical Controversy: Causes of the Palestinian Refugee Problem", *Journal of Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies* (forthcoming July 1996).
- Philip Mendes, "Jews, Ukrainians, Nazi War Criminals and Literary Hoaxes Down Under", *Patterns of Prejudice* (forthcoming August 1996).
- Philip Mendes, "Noam Chomsky and Holocaust Denial Down Under", *Political Expressions* (forthcoming 1996).
- Rubinstein, W. D., *The Myth of Rescue: Why the Democracies Could Not Have Saved More Jews During the Nazi Holocaust* (Routledge, London, forthcoming).

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

30 June-4 July 1996, "The Second International Conference: Teacher Education: Stability, Evolution and Revolution", hosted by the Zinman College for Physical Education and Sport, Wingate Institute, Israel. Contact person: Dr Nevat Ephraty, Co-chairperson, Academic Program Committee, The Zinman College for Physical Education and Sport, Wingate Institute, Netanya, 42902, Israel, fax: 972 9 639222.

1-5 July 1996, Leo Baeck College Summer Study Week, "Jewish Messianic Thought—On the Edge of the Millennium", Leo Baeck College, Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East Road, London N3 2SY, UK, tel: 44 181 349 4525, fax: 44 181 343 2558, email: <leo-baeck-college@mailbox.ulcc.ac.uk>.

7-9 July 1996, 10th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies, at Mandelbaum House, University of Sydney. Special theme: "Jewish contribution to the Arts". Enquiries, prospective paper titles and abstracts to the Conference Convenor, PO Box 233, Holme Building, University of Sydney NSW 2006, Australia, email: <sarah.gornall@asia.su.edu.au>.

8-12 July 1996, The Third International Conference on the Sources of Contemporary Law, "Jerusalem—City of Law and Justice". The Jewish Legal Heritage Society, Box 7483, Jerusalem 91074, Israel, tel: 972 2 708552, email: <JewishL@gold.net.il>.

1-8 August 1996, CAJE, Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, Jerusalem. Contact person in Israel: Sophie Holzer, fax: 972 2 759167, email: <caje21il@eironet.co.il>.

11-13 August 1996, "Jewries the Frontier", the Kaplan Centre, Jewish Studies and Research, University of Cape Town. Contact person: Milton Shain, Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7700, South Africa. Email: <Shain@beattie.uct.ac.za> (30 January 1996 closing date for abstracts).

19-24 August 1996, Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht; theme: "Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium", workshop on 'Caught

between a Rock and a Hard Place: Zionism vs Assimilation', co-ordinated by Professor Michael Berkowitz and Professor Sam Bloom. Contact person: Dr Lenette van Buren, University for Humanist Studies, PO Box 797, 3500 at Utrecht, the Netherlands. Fax: 31 30 539111, email: <ISSEI96@univforhuman.nl>.

13-16 October 1996, Nanjing, China, "Jews in the World", an international conference sponsored jointly by Tel Aviv University, Hebrew Union College and Nanjing University; applications and abstracts due by 1 April. Applications from: Professor Xu Xin, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA, 02138, fax: 1 617 496 8904; or Beverly Friend, Oakton Community College, 1600 Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL, 60016, tel: 1 847 635 1848, fax: 1 847 635 1987, email: <friend@oakton.edu>.