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### **NEWSLETTER No. 7, May 1992**

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#### **1. 1992 International Congress for the Study of Religion: Melbourne 12-17 July**

Please see enclosed pages detailing final arrangements for this exciting event, the printed programme for which runs to 144 pages. We look forward to many A.A.J.S. members being part of this Congress.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

#### **The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies will take place Wednesday 15 July from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.**

The A.G.M. is open to all A.A.J.S. members who are financial for 1992 (including those who join at the meeting).

#### **2. Theses on Jewish topics: an enquiry**

For the next edition of his Bibliography of Australian Judaica, Dr Serge Liberman is hunting B.A.Hons., Master's and Doctor's theses on Jewish themes undertaken at Australian universities. If you know of any such theses (and any other items considered worthy of his notice now or in future years) please contact Serge at 2/64 Hotham Street, Balaclava 3183. Remember to include appropriate bibliographical details.

#### **3. Deakin Jewish Studies: an update**

Having taken over Victoria College Toorak, Deakin University has inherited the Jewish Studies programme under Dr Eliezer Paltiel and Ms. Ilana Meydan. With input from academics at its Geelong campus, Deakin's eventual aim is to expand Jewish Studies into a distance education programme. Preliminary meetings have been held on the matter, and it is envisaged that an official report will be ready by the time of the upcoming A.A.J.S. Conference.

**4. Dr. Suzanne Rutland** advises that the Guild Centre, School of Teaching and Curriculum Studies, University of Sydney, now has two Jewish Studies teaching methods for the Dip. Ed. These are the Hebrew Method and the Judaic Studies Method. She has also initiated a course entitled 'Foundations of Jewish Education' as part of the Master's Programme at the University of Sydney. This is a one-semester course which Suzanne will be teaching for the first time in the second half of this year.



## 5. Jews in the English-speaking world

Prof. Bill Rubinstein is writing a history of Jews in the English-speaking world. It is the first such comparative history and reflects the viewpoint in his article in *Menorah*, Vol. 4, Nos. 1 & 2, December 1990. He should complete the work in the latter half of this year. It is due to be published by Macmillan (U.K.) in 1993.

## 6. American Jewish Year Book

Hilary Rubinstein (presently Research Fellow in History at the University of Melbourne) has succeeded Sam Lipski as Australian correspondent for the *American Jewish Year Book*, published in New York by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society. Coverage of Australian events relating to Jews and Israel in 1989/90 and 1991 will appear in the 1992 and 1993 Year Books respectively. It is hoped that this will not only serve the contemporary record but will also be a useful tool for future historians of Australian Jewry.

## 7. Holocaust Oral History Project

The State Library of Victoria has inaugurated a project which aims to collect oral testimonies and relevant pictorial items from Holocaust survivors living in Victoria. The material thus acquired will become a permanent feature of the Library's collection. Among those associated with the project are librarians Ms. Christine Downer and Ms. Rebekah Marks, Jewish Museum of Australia curator Dr Helen Light, and University of Melbourne academic Dr Jacques Adler. If anyone has relevant input, these people would be pleased to hear from you.

## 8. Dr. Rachael Kohn writes:

(a) as Editor of the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, I would like to apologise to members for the lateness of Volume 5 No. 2 (1991) which also was printed without the vital information on the inside covers. These problems arose due to a host of difficulties that resulted from the unexpected liquidation of Confidential Print and Copy which produced the Journals. However, I have secured a new printer, Centatime, in Rosebery, Sydney, which specialises in small print runs, has a 14-year old reputation servicing some very large clients such as BHP and IBM, and which has quoted a very competitive price for the same quality of production. However, I do plan to improve the quality of the print in order to ensure a more uniform density of pigment.

(b) I am currently compiling Volume 6 No. 1 (1992) with the assistance of Lucy Davey, who expertly formatted the last two numbers. However, I shall make provisions for an additional proofreader, because the two of us did not catch all the mistakes before the previous printings. A *Corrigenda* will be included in the next issue. I am targeting July/August for distribution. Volume 6 No. 2 (1992) will contain the proceedings from the Symposium outlined below, as well as additional articles. **I am looking for suitable articles for this issue, which is due out in December 1992, and wish to encourage members to submit the fruits of their research. I would also encourage scholars to inform me of books which they would particularly like to review for the A.J.J.S.**

(c) On 24 July, 1992, from 10am to 3 pm, a Symposium will be held at the School of Studies in Religion, University of Sydney, sponsored jointly by the School and the Australian Association of Jewish Studies. The Symposium, entitled ***Australian Jewish Literature and American Jewish Literature, Comparative Themes***, will feature three special guests: author and poet, Fay Zwickle from Perth; prize-winning author of *Jewels and Ashes*, Arnold Zable from Melbourne; and Dr. Alan Berger, author of several works on Jewish literature, from Syracuse, New York. Other participants in the conference will include Dr. Ivor Indyk and Associate Professor Jim Tulip. **Additional participants are welcome.**

(d) As of 6 July 1992, I shall be assuming a new position as ABC Broadcast Officer of Radio (Religion). I will continue to teach at the School of Studies in Religion, University of Sydney, but will be leaving my fractional position at the Department of Semitic Studies, University of Sydney. As one of my duties, I shall be covering for the ABC the 1992 International Congress for the Study of Religion, in addition to giving my research paper there.

(e) The University of Sydney Curriculum Committee for the Faculty of Arts has approved a course entitled ***Christian Jewish Relations***, which I designed and shall teach for the School of Studies in Religion, 1993.



1992 International Congress for the Study of Religion  
Melbourne, Australia 12-17 July  
**Participating Organisations**

The American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
The New Zealand Assoc. of Theological Schools (NZATS)  
The Australia and New Zealand Society for Theological Studies (ANZSTS)  
The Australian Association for Jewish Studies (AAJS)  
The Australian Association for Religious Education (AARE)  
The Australian Association for the Study of Religions (AASR)  
The Assoc. of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)  
The Catholic Biblical Association of Australia (CBAA)  
The New Zealand Association of Theological Schools (NZATS)  
The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

## REGISTRATION

Sunday, 12 July	12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
Monday, 13 July	8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 14 July	8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Wednesday, 15 July	8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thursday, 16 July	8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

All pre-registrants and those wishing to register for the entire congress are asked to come to the Registration Desk in Wilson Hall at your earliest convenience to pick up information about parking, schedule changes, and other matters of importance.

Maps and other information will be available to all congress participants at the Registration Desk.

### Onsite Registration Fees\*:

Congress Participant	\$150
Accompanying Person	\$ 70
Student Participant	\$ 70
One Day	\$ 35

\*Onsite registration fees must be paid in Australian dollars.

Prior to the congress, additional information regarding registration may be addressed to Ms. Betsy R. Morgan, Scholars Press, P.O. Box 15399, Atlanta, GA 30333-0399, U.S.A. (telephone: 404/636-4757; fax: 404/636-8301).

## PROGRAM UPDATE

A Program Update will be available on Sunday afternoon at the Registration Desk in Wilson Hall. It will include program changes, deletions, additions, and other timely information.

Prior to the congress, questions regarding program matters may be addressed to Professor Kent Harold Richards, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210, U.S.A. (telephone: 303/744-1287; e-mail: KRICHARD@DUCAIR.BITNET). Please note that the fax number previously published has been discontinued.

## OPENING RECEPTION

The reception will be held at the University of Melbourne. Due to uncertainty regarding the total number of registrations, the location had not been set when the program went to press. Please check with the registration desk or consult the Program Update. Dress is informal.

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

On Wednesday afternoon and evening various of the organizations will conduct business sessions. The exact time and location of these sessions will appear in the Program Update.

## COMPUTER DISPLAY

A computer display with resource people headed up by Professor Robert A. Kraft will be located in Old Arts 262. Hours will be posted both at the Registration Desk and at the computer display room.

## PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT

A book display will be located in Wilson Hall during the following hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

The list of publishers scheduled to exhibit appears on page 42. Any questions which arise prior to the congress may be addressed to Ms. Betsy R. Morgan, Scholars Press, P.O. Box 15399, Atlanta, GA 30333-0399, U.S.A. (telephone: 404/636-4757; fax: 404/636-8301).

## MESSAGE BOARD

A message board will be provided for congress participants to contact other persons in attendance. A list of all congress participants will not be available. We apologize, but the enormity of the list makes that impossible.

## SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Prior to the congress, requests for additional information regarding sleeping accommodations may be addressed to Wilcox World Travel and Tours, 1705 BB&T Building, Ashville, NC 28801, U.S.A. (telephone: 800/438-5828 or 704/254-0746; fax: 704/255-8212).

## CONGRESS SESSIONS

Congress sessions will take place on the campus of the University of Melbourne. Three buildings (Babel, Economics and Commerce, and Old Arts) will be utilized and are abbreviated in the program with the letters B, EC, and OA respectively. A map depicting the location of these buildings appears on the inside back cover.

1992 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

12-17 July 1992

AAJS PAPER-GIVERS

- Monday 13 July, 8.30 am: Naomi Gale, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: 'Immigration of Jews from the City of Safed, Israel to Western Australia at the Turn of the Century: Final Findings' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).
- Monday 13 July, 9.10 am: Paul Bartrop, University of South Australia: 'Double Standards and Inconsistencies: Australian Policy Towards European Jews During the Second World War' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).
- Monday 13 July, 9.50 am: Glen Palmer, University of South Australia: 'Refugees and Evacuees: Australia's Differential Response to Unaccompanied British and Jewish Children in World War II' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).
- Monday 13 July, 2.00 pm: Myer Samra, University of Sydney: 'A Mutual Attraction: Jews in Search of the Lost Tribes, and Tribals in Search of Judaism' (Old Arts Theatre B).
- Monday 13 July, 2.40 pm: Helen Sharp, La Trobe University: 'Lubavitch-Chassidim - Jewish Activists Against Secularisation' (Old Arts Theatre B).
- Monday 13 July, 3.20 pm: Marianne Dacy, University of Sydney: 'Sukkot in the Late Second Temple Period' (Old Arts Theatre B).
- Wednesday 15 July, 11.30 am: Rachael Kohn, University of Sydney: 'Lutherans and Jews in Australia, 1933-45' (Babel, Middle Theatre, Room 3036).

- Thursday 16 July, 2.40 pm: Don Barrett, University of Queensland:  
'Teaching the Holocaust: Problems and Prospects' (Economics and Commerce Building, Wood Theatre).
- Friday 17 July, 8.30 am: Bill Rubinstein, Deakin University.  
'Australian Jewish and Mainstream Press Reactions to Nazi Anti-Semitism, 1932-35' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).
- Friday 17 July, 9.10 am: Rodney Gouttman, University of South Australia,  
'Jerusalem from the Antipodes - a Political View 1947-1967' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).
- Friday 17 July, 9.50 am: John Dally, University of South Australia:  
'The Australia First Movement and the Jindyworobaks: Ultra-Nationalism and Literature' (Old Arts Hall, Room 222).



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### **Report on AAJS Annual Conference/International Congress for the Study of Religion, Melbourne 1992** *(by Dr. Paul R. Bartrop)*

The Australian Association for Jewish Studies annual conference took place this year between 12-17 July. It was unlike any of our previous conferences in that it was affiliated with a much larger international congress, where many academic organisations were also holding their annual or biennial conferences. Although the number of papers presented under AAJS auspices was smaller than in past years, there was a large body of papers on Jewish-related topics offered by members of other organisations. Although it was unfortunate that more of our Association members did not attend or present, it was nonetheless gratifying to see that the overall quantity of work being done in Jewish studies was thus not diminished.

A full list of AAJS paper-givers, and their topics, was distributed in an earlier *Newsletter*; members should be aware that attendances at these sessions averaged around 30 for each

paper, the audiences often comprised of people from academic backgrounds far removed from our usual. This certainly brought the AAJS to a wider audience than before, and exposed us to people on both the domestic and international level who had not even previously known of our existence. In this respect it could be said that our participation in the International Congress – an uncertain experiment, to begin with – could be seen to have had some success.

In the afternoon of Wednesday 15 July the Annual General Meeting of the Association took place. Reports concerning the previous year's activities were received from the office-bearers, indicating that things were progressing smoothly. We could always use new members, however, and the recruitment of people interested in the Jewish Studies area should be a priority for all current members if this Association is to have a respected and influential voice in the wider community.

As this is not an election year, executive positions were not an



item for discussion. The position of office-bearers was confirmed, however, as follows: President: Dr. Paul Bartrop; Vice-President NSW: Dr. Myer Samra; Vice-President Victoria: Mr. Ron Gilbert; Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Beverley Davis; Honorary Treasurer: Dr. Rachael Kohn.

Although not office-bearing positions, the editorships of the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* (Dr. Kohn) and the *AAJS Newsletter* (Dr. Hilary Rubinstein) were also confirmed, by acclamation.

The dates and venue for next year's conference were also determined at the AGM. The conference will take place in Adelaide between 10-13 July 1993. A preliminary announcement and call for papers is enclosed with this *Newsletter*.

All in all, the participation of the AAJS in the 1992 International Congress of Religion was a successful one. We can now put this unique event behind us and look forward to a resumption of our regular conferences from next year. I look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide!

## **Membership News**

Congratulations to Professor Bill Rubinstein, who was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (F.A.S.S.A.) in September. Bill thus joins a very small band of academics who have the distinction of being members of both the Academy of the Social Sciences and the Academy of the Humanities.

## **Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs — Research projects**

The A.I.J.A. is currently conducting three research projects: (i) a survey of the attitudes of non-Jewish tertiary students towards racism, immigration, and Jewish affairs (jointly with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students); (ii) a survey, jointly with the Jewish Welfare Society, of how the recession has affected Jewish households in Melbourne; (iii) a study of the ethnic press in Australia for its attitude towards Jews and the Arab-Israeli dispute.

## **Generation magazine**

*Generation*, the successful Jewish issues periodical edited by Mark Baker, has a new location. It is renting office space from the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, 2nd Floor, Jetset Centre, 5 Queens Road, Melbourne 3004. (Needless to say, the periodical is an independent publication, in no way associated with the A.I.J.A. or the A.A.J.S.).

## **Deakin update**

Deakin University's Academic Board recently gave its approval in principle to the creation of a Centre for Jewish Studies, which will co-ordinate all of Deakin's Jewish Studies offerings, research, and postgraduate work. It is hoped to institute a sequence of distance education courses in Jewish Studies over the next few years.



## Monash's Yiddish Collection

The Joseph Giligich Foundation recently presented Monash University Library with one thousand Yiddish volumes. These include reference works, and essential texts in history, biography, ethnobiography, social theory and other non-fiction, as well as memoirs and other primary source material for the Holocaust. Fictional prose, poetry and drama are also represented.

## U.K. research facilities in Judaica

(by Prof. Bill Rubinstein)

There are a number of research facilities in England available to scholars of modern Jewish history and related fields, which should become more widely known. Three, in particular, deserve some mention.

The Wiener Library (officially: The Institute of Contemporary History and Wiener Library) at 4 Devonshire Street, London, W1H 2BH (not far from the Regents Park tube station) contains a large library concerned, in particular, with the Holocaust and contemporary anti-Semitism. It also hosts numerous conferences and speakers, including a very valuable one on 'Anglo-Jewish Emancipation in a European Context' which I was able to attend on a recent trip to England. Dr. David Cesarini, an outstanding younger historian of recent Anglo-Jewish history, has recently been appointed its Director. The well-known *Journal of Contemporary History* (not restricted to Jewish topics) is published from the Wiener Library, as well as the *Wiener Library Bulletin* and other periodicals.

Secondly, the Parkes Library at the University of Southampton (about an hour from London by train, on England's south coast) is a remarkable library on Jewish history, anti-Semitism, Zionism and related topics. It is gradually building up an archive of Anglo-Jewish primary sources along the lines of the Archive of Australian Judaica at Sydney University. The library is named for Rev. Dr. James Parkes (1896-1981), a remarkable philo-Semitic Anglican vicar who argued, during the Holocaust period, that the roots of modern anti-Semitism lay in Christian hostility to the Jews — a message as rarely heard at the time as it was unpopular. His enormous library of Judaica was transferred to Southampton University in 1956. Since then, a Parkes lecturer in Jewish History has been appointed (Dr. Tony Kushner, another younger historian of Anglo-Jewry), and a number of researchers and post-graduate students are based there. The library hosts seminars and publishes an interesting *Newsletter*. It would welcome contacts from Australian academics. (Parkes Library, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, SO9 5NH, England.)

Thirdly, something must be said of the Institute of Jewish Affairs (11 Hertford Street, London, W1Y 7DX, England), which chiefly monitors anti-Semitism and publishes a number of well-known journals such as *Patterns of Prejudice*. It holds a large open shelf library of Judaica and Jewish-related works, especially on modern anti-Semitism, which is open to researchers by arrangement, as well as important seminars.

This does not, of course, exhaust the notable British archives available to scholars. For



instance, the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies holds the Kressel Collection of 400,000 (!) items, including 30,000 books on Jewish and Israeli sources.

### **The Jewish National Library**

The Jewish National Library in Jerusalem may be expected to increase substantially its holdings of Australian Judaica, following the visit to Australia in July/August this year of Rabbi Meir Wunder, one of the library's senior staff members. During his visit, Rabbi Wunder toured major Jewish repositories in Melbourne and Sydney, liaised with relevant persons, and returned to Jerusalem armed with considerable bibliographical information. (Rabbi Wunder has just published a mammoth four-volume work on Jewish scholars and rabbis of Galicia, in Hebrew, entitled *Meorei Galicia*, published by Hed Press, Jerusalem).

### **Holocaust Revisionism: an appeal for sources**

Rivkah Knoller of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Faculty of Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan 52900, Israel (Fax 03-344622) has just compiled a comprehensive booklet bibliography of Holocaust materials from around the world, *Denial of the Holocaust* (cited in *AAJS Newsletter* No. 6, March 1992). She would like to know of any source material, books, or articles on any Australian aspect of 'Holocaust denial' propaganda (both sober analyses and anti-Semitic propaganda) to include in any revised edition of her bibliography. Please send any such material to her at Bar-Ilan University. Readers may recall

that this phenomenon 'peaked' about twelve years ago with the efforts of John Bennett, the Melbourne solicitor. The League of Rights disseminates most such material here, and there have been recent outbursts from Muslim anti-Semites.

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#### **Editor's plea**

The **Newsletter** cannot exist without input from members! *In particular, I would welcome updated information from academics regarding Jewish studies courses.* Please keep me posted!

#### **From the President**

• **1993 AAJS Conference, Adelaide, 10-13 July 1993**

I am delighted to announce that this year's Conference will be held at the Hines Hall, Adelaide Hebrew Congregation/Jewish Community Centre, from the evening of Sunday 10 July onwards.

Included with this *Newsletter* is a registration brochure for the Conference. So far we have received a number of interesting paper proposals from Australian and overseas academics, and all is looking well for a successful gathering in July.

Allow me to take the opportunity to stress the importance of registering early. You will note on the brochure that a late fee of \$10 will apply for Full Conference registrations received after **13 May 1993**. **For planning purposes, this date has also been set as the last day on which proposals will be accepted for Conference papers.**

Intending delegates should note that they are responsible for their own accommodation. A separate list of nearby hotels has been compiled for your assistance, and is included with the Conference brochure.

Kosher lunches will be available on a daily basis at the cost of \$10 each. These **must** be booked in advance on the registration form, and payment **must** accompany bookings.

Intending participants are also asked to nominate whether they would be interested in attending a Conference Dinner on the night of Monday 12 July. Whether or not this goes ahead will depend upon the amount of interest shown. As there are no kosher restaurants in Adelaide, it is envisaged that a booking will be made at a nearby fish or vegetarian restaurant. The menu will be *a la carte*, with payment on an individual basis (i.e. not through the Association).

Other details of the Conference will be provided in the next **Newsletter**. As we plan to produce a booklet of Abstracts for dissemination to each registered participant in the Conference, intending paper givers are requested to provide an Abstract to the Conference Committee.



### **Announcement of the 23rd Annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the German Church Struggle**

Founded in 1970 by Franklin H. Littell and Hubert G. Locke, the 1993 conference will be held from 7-9 March 1993 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted by The University of Tulsa.

The conference theme is *The Uses and Abuses of Knowledge*, and will include panels on

- The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: Its Promise and Purpose
- Remembering Rescuers and the Meanings of Their Actions (50 Years After the Rescue of the Danish Jews)
- The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Remembered: Symbol of Resistance and Courage (1943-1993)
- The Hermeneutics and/or Politics of Memory

For further information, write to: Henry F. Knight, The University of Tulsa, 600 South College Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104-3189, U.S.A. Fax: (918) 631 2066.

### **Dictionary of National Biography updates**

The DNB has been for a century the standard reference source for the lives of prominent Britons, with Supplementary Volumes appearing regularly at ten-year (now five-year) intervals. Two developments merit attention. First, in January 1993 Oxford University Press will publish *The DNB: Missing Persons Supplement*, containing about 1400 biographies of people omitted from previous volumes for one reason or another – chiefly because they were not well-known at the completion of

previous volumes or because they were eminent in unorthodox fields. The supplement aims to remedy these deficiencies, and will contain many more women.

Of the biographies, about 15 to 20 appear to be Jewish. These include Aaron of Lincoln (d. 1186), the leader of medieval English Jewry; Isaac Rosenberg (1890-1918), the poet killed in the First World War; Lucien Wolf (1857-1930), the unofficial diplomat on behalf of Jewish causes; Cecil Roth (1899-1970), the distinguished historian of Anglo-Jewry; and Dr. Marion Phillips (1881-1932), the Australian-born historian who was the first female Labour member of the British Parliament.

Secondly, the Editors of the DNB have also announced plans to begin research for *The New Dictionary of National Biography*, and are seeking to identify prospective contributors, either for revised entries of persons already noticed in the DNB, or for entries of other prominent persons still omitted. (Such persons must, of course, be deceased.) Anyone interested in contributing should write to: Colin Matthew, *New DNB*, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford, England OX1 6BR. But please check carefully to ensure that the person in whom you are interested has not already been covered.

### **Holocaust Exhibition, Adelaide 1993**

*(Tom Blumenthal, Adelaide)*

In April 1993 B'nai B'rith units in Adelaide, together with the Jewish Community Council of South Australia and the Jewish Museum of Australia, will organise an exhibition entitled *Courage to Care – Rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust* at the South Australian Migration Museum.



The exhibition has already been shown in Sydney and Melbourne and the official opening is planned to coincide with Yom Hashoah – the Day of Remembrance. It will be a tribute to the few but significant courageous people who risked their lives during the Holocaust to help save Jews and through their moral stance ensured that some human decency remained in those dark and most brutal times. The particular focus in this exhibition is on testimonies of the Rescued who now live in Australia and the Rescuers of Jews who are now Australians.

B'nai B'rith in Adelaide was in the past closely involved with Yom Hashoah commemorations. 1993 sees B'nai B'rith's 150th birthday and we are proud to be associated with the organisation of this important event. An organising committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Georges Rich, consisting of dedicated volunteers from our Jewish community. It is our aim to show South Australian people, and the younger generation in particular, not only the horrors of the Holocaust but some positive aspects regarding the many ordinary people in Nazi-occupied Europe who did not hesitate to save others.

Most of the material (visual, displays, audio-interviews, video and memorabilia) was collected in the eastern states. We would also like to enrich this exhibition with local South Australian material. We appeal to members of our Jewish community for help to obtain any relevant material, mainly memorabilia (documents, photographs, artefacts, identifications, etc) from this period. If you don't possess any material, maybe you know of someone who does. If you are aware of any real stories, facts, rescuers, rescued people, living in South Australia please inform us. We

would welcome anyone who would like to be associated with the exhibition in any capacity (guide, sponsor, helper, etc.). If you need more information feel free to contact me (Tom Blumenthal) during working hours on (08) 228 5060 or after hours on (08) 294 5620. Any suggestions or help will be highly appreciated.

### **AIJA Research Report**

The Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs will issue its first Research Report for 1993 in February or March. The report will examine the results of a survey of political and social attitudes among a randomly chosen sample of nearly 400 non-Jewish tertiary students from various backgrounds at ten campuses in Eastern Australia, carried out (anonymously) with the assistance of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students. The emphasis in the survey was on current student attitudes to Jews, other minority groups, and controversial issues such as immigration. The survey will show that there is apparently very little anti-Jewish feeling among tertiary students, although there are much higher rates of hostility to Asians and Aboriginals. Support for Israel still exceeds support for the PLO by about 2:1.

### **Jewish Chronicle on Microfilm**

Researchers in recent Jewish history may be unaware that the National Library in Canberra has a complete run (1841 to the present) on microfilm of the *London Jewish Chronicle*, the distinguished weekly of the Anglo-Jewish community. These microfilms are available for borrowing on interlibrary loan by scholars. Apart from the emergence of Anglo-Jewry in all its aspects, from the struggle for political emancipation to



the present concerns over assimilation, the security of Israel, and fundraising, the newspaper has excellent weekly coverage of Jewish affairs in all foreign countries.

An Index, on microfilm, from 1841 to 1881, is available for consultation by arrangement with the Australian Jewish Historical Society – Victoria Inc. For further information, please telephone honorary secretary Mrs. Beverley Davis on (03) 882 2600.

### **Encyclopaedia Judaica Entries**

Prof. Bill Rubinstein, Immediate Past President of this Association, has assumed the authorship of entries on Australia and New Zealand for the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* supplementary and decennial volumes. The contributor to previous volumes was Rabbi Dr. Israel Porush, who died last year.

### **Histories of American Jewry**

The endless flow of monographs and general histories on modern Jewish history continues unabated. The year 1992 alone saw two new very lengthy general histories of American Jewry: Howard M. Sachar's *A History of the Jews in America* (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1992) and Henry L. Feingold (ed.), *The Jewish People in America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 1992), a five-volume work sponsored by the American Jewish Historical Society. The work by Prof. Sachar – author of *The Course of Modern Jewish History* and *A History of Israel* – has 1051 pages, more than twice the length of the most recent previous history (Arthur Hertzberg's *The Jews in America*, published in 1989).

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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 no articles were received from AAJS members, this **Newsletter** will merely list a number of events which are to take place during 1993 and 1994. In order for this publication to be of maximum help and interest, it is essential that I receive updated information from academics regarding Jewish studies courses.

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#### But first:

#### From the President

As announced in the January **Newsletter**, and reinforced in subsequent mailings to you, this year's A.A.J.S. annual Conference will be held in Adelaide between 10 – 13 July. You would all by now have received your Conference Registration brochure, several of which have already been returned with payment to Beverley Davis. I again stress the importance of early registration as *a late fee of \$10 will apply for Full Conference Registrations received after 13 May 1993.*

So far the proposals received for papers have been plentiful and of the usual diverse and stimulating topic mix. I am delighted to inform you that, in addition to local papers from within Australia, a number of leading scholars from Canada, the United States and Israel have

so far expressed an interest in presenting papers on subjects as diverse as Holocaust revisionism, Newfoundland refugee policy, and Creation science. When next I write to you a list of confirmed paper-givers and titles will have been settled and distributed. It is our intention to finalise the programme no later than by the middle of June.

If there are those among you who have been thinking of offering a paper, I urge you to send a title and abstract to Beverley Davis as soon as possible. As things currently stand, we are in the position of having received so many offers that parallel sessions are a distinct possibility; by the time of the cut-off date for the Call for Papers (13 May 1993) we may well be full to bursting. *No offers of papers will therefore be received after this date.* People adopting a relaxed approach to this will more than likely miss out, and so — for the last time — I strongly advise intending paper-givers to look into this matter at their earliest opportunity.

In the same vein I also urge you to nominate whether or not you wish to book Kosher lunches for the three days of the Conference. As announced in the last **Newsletter**, these *must* be booked in advance on the Registration Form, and payment *must* accompany bookings. Owing to the difficulty of Kosher catering in a small community such as Adelaide, these details of necessity have to be established well in advance. *There can be no exceptions.*



All in all, plans for the Conference are proceeding well, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Adelaide in July.

On another matter, I am pleased to congratulate *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* editor Rachael Kohn on the production of another excellent edition of the journal; her fourth since assuming the mantle of editor. Some of the papers in the current issue were taken from a one-day conference in Sydney held under A.A.J.S. auspices last July. Rachael's initiative in arranging that conference and then publishing the papers is to be commended.

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## Racism

The University of Technology Sydney is holding a conference on "*Racism: Aboriginality, Ethnicity and Gender in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the US*" from **9-11 December 1993**. Papers are invited on the following themes: social construction of 'race' and gender; contemporary dimensions of racism; anti-racist strategies; racial discrimination in the workplace and the community; multiculturalism and racism; state policies and practices; and community responses and strategies. Abstracts should be submitted by the end of May 1993.

Contact: Assoc. Professor Jock Collins, School of Finance and Economics, UTS, PO Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2007. Telephone 02-330-5460; fax 02-330-5515.

## Remembering for the future

Since July 1988, when the conference "Remembering for the Future" was held at Oxford, the world has witnessed dramatic changes.

A further conference "*Remembering for the Future II*" is scheduled for **13-17 March 1994 in Berlin**. Abstracts should be submitted by 1

June 1993, not exceeding 500 words in length. Accepted papers are to reach the Berlin office of the conference by 15 December 1993. Preferred languages are German, French and English.

Contact: Dr Norman Solomon, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham B29 6LQ, England.

## Jewish Studies Seminar July 1994

**New Zealand** Association for the Study of Jewish Civilisation, PO Box 1198, Hamilton, NZ; contact: Dr. Norman Simms

Preliminary call for papers under a very wide-ranging field of topics. Send title and outline of 300 words for a 50 minute paper.

## Literature

Following the sale of **Pergamon Press** to Elsevir, a Dutch firm specializing in the publication of books and journals in the exact sciences, negotiations were undertaken for the transfer of *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, the leading journal in the field, to a publisher with substantial commitments to the human sciences. Negotiations have been completed between the Editor and Sponsors and Oxford University Press, and the new place of issue will start with Number 1 of Volume VII; the journal will now appear three times a year. Yehuda Bauer of Hebrew University continues as Editor. Additional information and subscriptions from Journals Department, Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York City 10028, USA. Telephone 212-679-7300.

***Sanctuary Denied: Refugees from the Third Reich and Newfoundland Immigration Policy, 1906-1949***, by Gerhard P. Bassler, is now available from Publications Secretary, ISER Books, Institute of Social & Economic Research, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF A1C 5S7. Prof. Bassler will be a featured speaker at the AAJS 1993 Conference in Adelaide.



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#### FROM THE EDITOR

Having now taken up the baton as *Newsletter* editor, I find myself in the same position of which our previous editor, Dr. Hilary Rubinstein, often used to speak; namely, the paucity (if not total absence) of material coming from AAJS members.

To simplify matters, I have therefore decided to divide the *Newsletter* into four sections:

- General News
- Recent Publications of Members
- New Works of Interest
- Conferences and Seminars

This issue is the first in the new format, so you will notice that in some respects it leans toward particular areas or disciplines. This is reflective of my own academic biases, as I was forced to compose the *Newsletter* without input from anyone else.

If you wish the *Newsletter* to be more representative of broader themes, it is up to you to provide me with material. It is not difficult to address an envelope to me. You are under no obligation to send a long letter to accompany any material, as I realise we are all busy and have little time to do such things.

As material arises which can be placed under any of the above headings, please send it to me. The *Newsletter* is *your* vehicle for dissemination of information pertaining to Jewish Studies. The more we have to circulate, the stronger our Association will become.

#### AGM REPORT

Results of the **elections** held at the 7th Annual General Meeting on 12 July 1993 in Adelaide are as follows:

President  
Dr. Suzanne Rutland  
V-President NSW  
Dr. Myer Samra  
V-President Victoria  
Mr. Ron Gilbert  
Hon. Secretary  
Mrs. Beverley Davis  
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Ms. Eve Grimm

Dr. Rachael Kohn continues in her capacity as *AJJS* editor; Dr. Paul Bartrop now assumes the position of *Newsletter* editor, upon the resignation of Dr. Hilary Rubinstein.

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## GENERAL NEWS

### •Congratulations

At the Graduation Ceremony in the Great Hall of Sydney University on 30 April 1993, Sister Marianne Dacy, a member of the AAJS, received the degree of Master of Philosophy in Semitic Studies. Sister Marianne is a member of the Sisters of Zion, and is active in both the New South Wales Council and Australian Council of Christians and Jews. She is the Archivist at the Archive of Australian Judaica at the Fisher Library, University of Sydney. Her post-graduate work was undertaken in the Department of Semitic Studies, and was directed by Professor Alan Crown.

### •Ontario Jewish Archives

The Toronto Jewish Congress/Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region Archives has officially changed its name to The Ontario Jewish Archives. Established in 1973, the Archives is responsible for the collection and preservation of material recording the history of the Jews in Ontario.

The address remains the same: 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2R 3V2, Canada. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Speisman, Director, tel. (416) 625-2883.

### •Canadian Jewish Historical Society

The Canadian Jewish Historical Society/Société d'histoire juive canadienne (CJHS/SdHJC) was founded in 1976. Its goals are to encourage scholarly research in Canadian Jewish history, life and culture through academic disciplines. It is a national society with headquarters in Montreal, affiliated with historical organisations and

institutions throughout Canada. The CJHS produces a semi-annual newsletter and will soon publish a scholarly journal, *Canadian Jewish Studies*.

Comments, news, announcements, reviews or other material for the newsletter can be sent to: Ira Robinson, Dept. of Religion, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8, Canada, telephone: (514) 848-2066; fax: 848-3494; e-mail robinso@vax2.concordia.ca; or Barry Lazar, 2218 Old Orchard, Montreal (Quebec) H4A 3A8; fax: (514) 487-4562; e-mail through Internet at Lazar@fc.babylon.montreal.qc.ca.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

•Bartrop, Paul R., 'Dealing with the Enemy at Home: The Control and Internment of Aliens in Australia during World War II', in Judith Smart and Tony Wood (eds.), *An ANZAC Muster: War and Society in Australia and New Zealand 1914-18 and 1939-45*, Clayton (Victoria): Monash Publications in History 14, 1992, pp. 151-62.

•Bartrop, Paul R., "'No Real Racial Problems ...': Australia, Refugees, and the Evian Conference, 1938", in Alice L. Eckardt (ed.), *Burning Memory: Times of Testing and Reckoning*, Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1993, pp. 21-41.

•Gouttman, Rodney, 'A Jew and Coloured Tool! Immigration of "Jews of Middle East Origin" to Australia 1949-58', *Immigrants and Minorities*, vol. 12, no. 1 (March 1993), pp. 75-91.



•Rutland, Suzanne D., 'The Jewish Experience', in Murray Goot and Rodney Tiffen (eds.), *Australia's Gulf War*, Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 1992, pp. 82-96.

### NEW WORKS OF INTEREST

•Bassler, Gerhard P., *Sanctuary Denied: Refugees from the Third Reich and Newfoundland Immigration Policy, 1906-1949*, St. John's, Institute of Social and Economic Research, 1993.

•Bolchover, Richard, *British Jewry and the Holocaust*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

•Browning, Christopher R., *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*, New York: HarperCollins, 1992.

•Brym, Robert J., Shaffir, William and Weinfeld, Morton, *The Jews in Canada*, Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1993.

•Davies, Alan (ed.), *Antisemitism in Canada: History and Interpretation*, Waterloo (Ontario): Wilfred Laurier University Press, 1992.

•Dawidowicz, Lucy S., *What is the Use of Jewish History?*, New York: Schocken Books, 1992.

•Delisle, Esther, *The Traitor and the Jew: Anti-Semitism and Extremist Right-Wing Nationalism in Quebec from 1929 to 1939*, Robert Davies Publishing, 1992.

•Gettler, Leon, *An Unpromised Land*, South Fremantle (W.A.): Fremantle Arts Centre Press, 1993.

•Kadish, Sharman, *Bolsheviks and British Jews: The Anglo-Jewish Community, Britain and the Russian Revolution*, London: Frank Cass, 1992.

•Landau, Ronnie S., *The Nazi Holocaust*, London: I.B. Tauris, 1992.

•Langer, Lawrence L., *Holocaust Testimonies: The Ruins of Memory*, New Haven (Conn.): Yale University Press, 1991.

•Panayi, Panikos (ed.), *Racial Violence in Britain, 1840-1950*, Leicester: Leicester University Press, 1993.

•Tulchinsky, Gerald, *Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community*, Toronto: Lester Publishing, 1992.

•Vidal-Naquet, Pierre, *Assassins of Memory: Essays on the Denial of the Holocaust*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1992.

•Wisse, Ruth R., *If I am not for Myself ... The Liberal Betrayal of the Jews*, New York: Free Press, 1992.

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

1. **6-8 March 1994; Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, USA.**

**The 3rd Biennial Conference on Christianity and the Holocaust** (sponsored by the Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center and the Campus Ministry, Rider College) and **the 24th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Church Struggle**, announce a joint Conference: **The Holocaust: Progress and Prognosis 1934-1994.**



Abstracts of 300-500 words should be submitted in triplicate by 15 October 1993 to: Dean Dominick A. Iorio, Host Conference Chairman, School of Liberal Arts and Science, Rider College, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, USA. Telephone: (609) 896-5345; fax: (609) 896-8029.

**2. 29 May to 3 June 1994, in Jerusalem.**

**The Fourth International Seminar on Jewish Art.**

Topics will be

- (i) 'No Graven Image', the Second Commandment in Jewish, Christian and Moslem art;
- (ii) Jewish Topics in Christian Illuminated Manuscripts and Christian Topics in Jewish Illuminated Manuscripts;
- (iii) Rediscovered Heritage: Synagogues and their Treasures;
- (iv) Jewish Identity in Modern Art;
- (v) The Holocaust in Art;
- (vi) Folklore in Jewish Art.

Those interested in presenting papers are invited to send the title, category, and a brief synopsis (up to 150 words) to the Seminar Steering Committee, Center for Jewish Art, POB 4262, Jerusalem 91042, Israel, by 1 October 1993. A fax number is available on 0011+972+2+586-672.

This conference will take place under the auspices of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**3. 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.**

Please send a title for a 50-minute paper, a 300-word outline, and any suggestions for further subjects to be treated and/or persons to be contacted. Copies of the formal registration brochure may be obtained, upon request, from the AAJS Secretary, Mrs. Beverley Davis, or direct from Dr. Norman Simms, Executive Secretary, NZ Association for the Study of Jewish Civilisation, PO Box 1198, Hamilton, New Zealand. Telephone: 64-7-8562-889, ext. 8424; fax: 64-7-856-2158; e-mail: NSimms@Waikato.ac.NZ.

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**AGM FOLLOW-UP**

Dr. Myer Samra delivered a comprehensive report on Tertiary Level Jewish Studies in New South Wales 1993, and a full transcript may be found in the following pages of this *Newsletter*.

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**REPORT TO THE 1993 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:  
*TERTIARY LEVEL JEWISH STUDIES IN NSW, 1993.***

The fortunes of tertiary level studies in courses of Jewish interest over the past year have been somewhat uneven. Some new courses have been initiated, while other courses have been cancelled. Unfortunately, many courses on offer do not attract sufficient student numbers to commit University departments to retaining them. At a time when funding for staff at the universities is affected by student numbers, even the offer of external funding, as the Jewish community has made available in some cases, does not guarantee support for courses within the university since courses with low student numbers may affect the overall student load of the Departments concerned, and thus their competitive viability in the current climate.

Although the number of Jewish students is vast, relatively few choose to take up formal Jewish studies subjects at tertiary level. This does not indicate a lack of interest in such courses per se, but reflects the fact that the student at university today is geared towards obtaining credentials for his/her future career. Jewish studies subjects are seldom seen as part of the core curriculum in any employment-oriented courses, apart from the teaching of Jewish Studies at schools. Consequently, they tend to lack the support of university students.

Outside the formal academy, the interest in Jewish studies within the adult community is indicated by the remarkable success achieved by the Florence Melton Jewish Studies Program in its first year of operation in Sydney. The Melton course, a program devised at the Hebrew University, offers a two year program in basic Jewish knowledge, with students committing themselves to one or two nights of study per week. The program, however, does not carry academic credit, and students are not formally assessed.

A total of 125 adults enrolled in the 1993 course, requiring five classes to be set up. Most of these students are expected to continue into the second year of the course next year, while a further 75 will enrol in the first year of the course in 1994. The success of the Melton program indicates clearly that there is a great interest in, and even a thirst for, Jewish knowledge among the adult population. If somehow this could be harnessed for formal courses at the Universities, the future of academic studies and research in areas of Jewish interest would be assured.

Before discussing the particular courses on offer at the various universities, I would like to mention in passing a couple of conferences which have been held in Sydney over the past year. The first of these, on the Jewish Literary Imagination, was organised last July by Dr Rachael Kohn, and sponsored jointly by this Association and the School of Studies in Religion at the University of Sydney. Many of the stimulating



papers delivered at this one day conference have enriched the past two issues of the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* in which they have been published. The success of this conference should encourage more regional conferences of the A.A.J.S. in future.

In June this year, the second Future Directions conference, organised by the Australian Institute for Jewish Affairs, was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Double Bay. John Glass gave an address on "Nurturing Jewish Literacy" in which he discussed the need to foster tertiary level Jewish studies, and the efforts being made in NSW, particularly through the "Joint Committee for Jewish Studies", which has funded the teaching of some of the courses to be mentioned below.

The resources of the "Joint Committee", as John Glass highlights, are meagre, with an annual expenditure of only \$46,000 per annum, as against the millions being spent on Jewish schools. Funding of tertiary level studies is essential, in Mr Glass's view, if we are to retain the commitment of Jewish students to their Jewishness. As he puts it, "The University campus of to-day provides the ultimate in emancipation. It is essential that we provide Jewish students with the knowledge needed to keep their heads Jewishly above water". While there is much merit in Mr Glass's proposal, there is still a problem to convince students to take up any Jewish studies subjects the community might fund. The need for publicity among students in their final year at high school, so that they will know what courses are available at the different institutions, is also important.

Let us now look to the Jewish Studies courses available at the various universities. At Sydney University, there is to be one new course taught next semester by Dr Rachael Kohn on Jewish Christian Relations, through the School of Studies in Religion. We look forward to hearing of the success of this important course. Meanwhile, the Department of Semitic Studies has accepted responsibility for a new, three year Open Learning course in Middle Eastern Studies. This is in addition to that Department's other offerings: four years of Hebrew, modern or classical, at both ordinary and advanced levels, three years of Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture, and two years of Biblical Studies. The range of courses of Jewish interest taught in this Department is remarkably diverse. Total student numbers for the Department are apparently around the 200 mark, including a large number of post-graduate students. However, many of the individual classes in this Department have dangerously small numbers.

Dr Suzanne Rutland's programs through the School of Teaching and Curriculum Studies in the Faculty of Education have proved highly successful, with Dip. Ed courses in Hebrew Studies Method and in Jewish Studies Method, to prepare students as qualified teachers in these fields. These courses are also available in the 4 year B.Ed. degree. There is, additionally, a second semester course on Foundations in Jewish Education at the Master of Education level, and a number of other in-service or retraining programs, catering to the needs of practising Jewish Studies teachers, and to the particular needs of individual teachers.



Dr Rutland's position is funded by the community, and so there is not the pressure for largish classes, with two or three students enrolling in the various courses and receiving intensive training. The Dip. Ed. courses are already meeting the needs of the Jewish Day Schools in Sydney, obviating the need to import teachers from Israel, suggesting a model which might be followed with advantage in Melbourne.

At the University of NSW there is one new course this coming semester on "The German Jewish Experience", to be taught jointly by Professors Clive Kessler and John Milfull. However, the courses "The Persecution and Destruction of European Jewry", and "Jews in Contemporary Society" will not be offered this year. The two courses on offer from the Faculty of Law, namely "Talmudic Law" and "Public international Law: Israel-Arab Relations" have both survived, and Dr Ian Bickerton's course "History of the Arab-Israel Conflict" is apparently attracting around 90 students per annum. Hebrew I is also being taught through the Sydney University Department of Semitic Studies.

At Macquarie University, the "Politics of Genocide" course, taught by Professor Colin Tatz, is still attracting a good number of students, including some who are doing honours work. Professor Tatz has proposed the establishment of a Genocide Studies Centre at the University, which should enhance this field of study.

This year, Professor Konrad Kwiet has transferred from UNSW to Macquarie University. He indicates that he is not teaching any exclusively Jewish oriented courses at present, although in Contemporary European Studies and a course on "Fascism and anti-Fascism" he will include material on the Holocaust and on Jewish Resistance. He was also to teach a course on "War Crimes" in second semester, but as too few students have enrolled for the course, it probably will not go ahead.

In the Ancient History field, Macquarie University has a large number of courses of Jewish interest, although they do not have direct input from the Jewish community, and most students are not Jewish, but the Department would welcome more Jewish interest. Although none of the academics concerned are theologians per se, the emphasis appears to be understanding the background to Christianity. Next year, the number of students in these courses could well increase, as it is intended to offer a combined B.A./B.Th. degree course, in association with the Australian College of Theology. Courses include "Judaism in the Tannaitic Period", "Early Jewish Thought: Judaism in the Making", "Midrash in the Making", "The Early Civilisations", "Ancient Israel", and "Roman History: Athens and Jerusalem". There are also courses which prepare students to read documents in Hebrew, Aramaic, and even Acadian and ancient Egyptian. Although Professor Max Wilcox, the main teacher of these courses is retiring, his courses will be retained, with the appointment of two part time lecturers, Dr Steven Llewelyn and Dr Michael Harding in his place.

Macquarie University, through its Sir Asher Joel Foundation, is associated with the Institute of Archaeology at Tel Aviv University, and each year Macquarie students go to Israel for experience in archaeological excavations. This experience counts towards one's degree program, as the subject "Archaeological Fieldwork". Before I leave Macquarie University, I would like to mention that this week there is an international



conference there with the theme "Ancient History in a Modern University", which has attracted some 600 participants. Around 22 of the presentations on the program would be of Jewish interest, and hopefully, some may find their way into future editions of our *Journal*, adding to its range of international contributors and to the range of subjects covered.

The courses which I have detailed above are predominantly undergraduate degree courses. There is also scope, at each of the universities considered, scope to do post-graduate research in Jewish topics, in various Departments in addition to those which teach such courses at the undergrad level. It is possible to enrol in many of the courses outlined out of interest, as a non-degree candidate, paying a fee of around \$400 per subject per semester. Such enrolments can help to ensure that the courses will continue being taught in future.

**Myer Samra**

#### ADDENDUM

Course Title: The Holocaust, Moral Responsibility, and the Rule of Law.  
Institution: Faculty of Law, the University of Sydney.  
Lecturer: David Fraser. Course value: 2 units towards the LL.B.

This Second Semester Course, first offered in 1992 is an option for students in their final year of the LL.B. Taught within the Department of Law, it fulfils the requirements for a Jurisprudence subject towards the degree. David Fraser who initiated the course reports that it has had a more substantial response than had been anticipated, with around 40 students enrolling this year.

Students enrolled in the course report finding it stimulating and valuable. Some students in lower years of their legal studies have already approached the lecturer about admission to the course in future years. There is no formal limit on the number of students who may take the course, and Continuing Education/Non-Degree participants are welcome. A number of UNSW Law students have enrolled this year, along with some PhD and JSD students.

For further information contact David Fraser on 02-225-9243; or Secretary on 02-232-5944.