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American Jewish Political Thought Transnational Varieties

Digital Lecture Series in the
Summer Semester 2021

In cooperation with
The Goldstein-Goren Center
for American Jewish History
at New York University



Topic

This lecture series offers some new perspectives on the history of twentieth-century American Jewish political thought in a transnational dimension. It focuses on the diverse ways in which American Jews, through their communal institutions and organizations, articulated a variety of ideas about their responsibilities for Jews and Jewish life abroad. It also asks how those actions, in turn, reflected concerns the Jews of the United States had for themselves and their place in American life. What tasks did they take up for Jews in other places, and what did their actions mean for their various understandings of Jewish life in the United States? The lecture series emphasizes both common concerns among American Jews and widely divergent views of what to do and how.

The lectures explore how American Jews articulated in words and deeds the multiple and often conflicting perspectives about their own situation in America and their relationship to the Jewish people worldwide.

The series is linked to and sets the stage for the Digital Annual Conference of the Dubnow Institute, in cooperation with The Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University (Prof. Dr. Hasia R. Diner), conducted on June 15–16, 2021.

Program

Digital event

Thursdays, 5.15–6.15 p.m. (CEST);
11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m. (EST)

Exception: 29.4., 6.15–7.15 p.m. (CEST);
12.15–13.15 p.m. (EST)

15.04.

Kenneth D. Wald

The Political Exceptionalism of American
Jewry: A Contextual Approach

29.04.

6.15 p.m. (CEST); 12.15 p.m. (EST)

Lila Corwin Berman

Beyond American-Jewish Exceptionalism:
The State in American Jewish Politics

06.05.

Zohar Segev

Revolution, Decolonization, Democracy, and
Cooperation: Zionism and the Middle East
from an American Jewish Perspective

20.05.

Ronnie A. Grinberg

»Always Right:« Midge Decter, Norman
Podhoretz, and the Making of an American
Jewish Conservative Politics

03.06.

Eugene R. Sheppard

Political Theology in America:
On the Impact and Legacy of Jewish
Refugees and Immigrants

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Lila Corwin Berman, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | **Prof. Dr. Ronnie A. Grinberg**, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK | **Prof. Dr. Zohar Segev**, University of Haifa | **Prof. Dr. Eugene R. Sheppard**, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA | **Prof. Dr. Kenneth D. Wald**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Organization

**Prof. Dr. Hasia R. Diner (New York University) |
Dr. des. Imanuel Clemens Schmidt (Dubnow Institute)**

Contact and Registration

The lecture series is taking place digitally. Please register at least one day in advance to receive a link to the digital lecture room.

Please send an email to antwort@dubnow.de with the title of the event »American Jewish Political Thought«, your name, institution (if applicable) and the email address to which we should send the link.

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