



Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies

Past Events



DePaul University College of Law

Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies – Past Programming

2017-2018

- ***The Gerald C. Bender Memorial Lecture - The Israeli Supreme Court: A Force for or Against Democracy?***
Sunday, December 3, 2017
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Professor Steven Resnicoff, DePaul University, Professor of Law & Director of JLJS
FEATURED SPEAKERS:
Rabbi Yona Reiss, JD, Av Bet Din, Chicago Rabbinical Council, and
Robert W. Matanky, President of Matanky and Matanky, Ltd.
The program offered 2 hours of CLE credit.
- ***Between the Lines: Voices of Israel, Stories Untold***
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Two inspiring young Israelis, Shir and Carlos, shared their stories – their struggles, their successes, and their hopes and dreams. They spoke about what it is actually like to live in a country that is the subject of so much discussion in the media and on campus.
Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).
- ***Intersecting Identities: Black And Jewish In America 2017***
Thursday, October 26th
Stacey Aviva Flint, the current Outreach and Engagement Coordinator and member at West Suburban Temple Har Zion in River Forest, Illinois. As a Jew of Color, Stacey writes and speaks on the intersection of Black and Jewish experiences.
Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).
- ***The First Amendment and Combating Antisemitism Online***
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Presenters:
Amy Stoken, Chicago Regional Director at American Jewish Committee (AJC)
Professor Steven H. Resnicoff, DePaul University, Professor of Law and Director of JLJS
The program offered 1.5 hours of CLE credit.
- ***The 4th Annual National Conference of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists***
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
JLJS co-sponsored this is unique program that brings together top attorneys and provides fascinating legal presentations on issues of Jewish interest and comparisons between Jewish and American law. Famed author and lawyer, Scott Turow, presented the lunch keynote.

2016 - 2017

- ***How Political Correctness Chokes off Serious Debate***

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Raheel Raza, a leading global voice against Islamist extremism is President of The Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow, founding member of The Muslim Reform Movement, author of the book *Their Jihad – Not My Jihad*, award winning journalist, public speaker, and advocate for human rights, gender equality and dignity in diversity.

- ***Ivory Tower Terror***

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Presenters:

Professor Steven Resnicoff, DePaul University College of Law

Raheel Raza, President of The Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow

- ***US-Israel Relations 100 Days into the Trump Administration: Legal and Political Perspectives***

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The program featured a presentation by Udi Sommer, the Israel Institute Visiting Professor at the Department of Political Science at Columbia University of New York. He is a tenured senior faculty member at the Political Science Department at Tel Aviv University and a member of the Israeli Young National Academy of Science. The program offered 1.5 hours of CLE credit.

Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).

- ***DePaul University Holocaust Remembrance Day Event***

Monday, April 24, 2017

The Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies (JLJS) co-sponsored a Holocaust Remembrance Day event along with University Ministry, DePaul Jewish Life & Metro Chicago Hillel, and The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. The program featured testimony by two survivors of several concentration camps and the screening of a film entitled "Surviving Skokie."

- ***Let There Be Water***

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Lecture by author, Seth M. Siegel

In *Let There Be Water*, author Seth M. Siegel tells the story of how Israel has been jumping ahead of the water-innovation curve for decades. As the world enters a long period of water scarcity, Israel is a model for what the world must do with its precious water resources. Siegel has been a strong voice for action before audiences around the world, advocating awareness before the water problem becomes a humanitarian crisis.

Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).

- ***The Sexual Trafficking of Humans in the U.S.***

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Presenters:

Donna Fishman, JCAST Chicago

Heather Ross, Partner with Ross & Zuckerman, LLP

Melissa Banerjee, CAASE

Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).

- ***Responding to Antisemitism in the UN (& other International Institutions): What Can America Do?***

Tuesday, December 11, 2016

Presenters:

David Levitt, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP (and member of JLJS Advisory Board)

Professor Steven Resnicoff, DePaul University College of Law

Amy Stoken, Regional Director of the American Jewish Committee
Michael Weil, Esq. Patent Attorney.

- ***Religious Freedom Throughout the World***

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Presenter:

Rabbi David N. Saperstein, United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom.

United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom David Saperstein is a principal advisor to the President and Secretary of State and serves as the United States' chief diplomat on issues of religious freedom worldwide. He spoke on the work to promote religious freedom around the world and to fight religious persecution, discrimination, and genocide by groups like ISIS. 1.5 hours of CLE credit was offered.

Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).

- ***Antisemitism in the Arab World: An Obstacle to Arab-Israeli Peace***

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Presenters:

Dr. Benny Morris, Professor of History, Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University

Dr. Salim Mansur, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario

Video of the lecture can be found [here](#).

2015 - 2016

- ***The Greater Chicago Jewish Festival***
June 5, 2016
This is the first year that JLJS co-sponsored the event and had a table at the festival.
- ***Ivy Tower Terror: New Approaches for Fighting Anti-Semitism on Campus***
Sunday, May 22, 2016
Congregation K.I.N.S
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law
- ***The Search for the White Rose- Holocaust Remembrance Day Event***
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Dr. Adina Sella, Holocaust Survivor
Peter Logue, Director and creator of “The Search for the White Rose”
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law
Sara Kimble, Assistant Professor (Moderator)
- ***Winning the War Against the New Anti-Semitism***
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Or Torah
Caroline Glick, Senior contributing and chief columnist for the Jerusalem Post, Senior Columnist for Mavrik, Director of the Israeli Security Project at the David Horowitz Freedom Center in L.A., and the adjunct senior fellow for Middle Eastern Affairs at the Center for Security Policy in Washington D.C.
- ***Awakening the World to the Persecution of Christians Throughout the Middle East***
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Program Description:
The world is witnessing the brutal and barbaric persecution of Christians in huge swathes of the Middle East. The Christians face an existential threat throughout most of the region. A once thriving and culturally rich community, the Middle Eastern Christian community has seen its historic churches desecrated and destroyed and, even more tragically, its people ruthlessly ravaged, forcibly converted and murdered. The Western World can no longer claim it is unaware of the nature or extent of this persecution. It must awaken, react and rescue. Video of the event is available [here](#).
Speakers:
John Eibner, the CEO of Christian Solidarity International-USA
Dexter Van Zile, the Christian Media Analyst for CAMERA
Robert Nicholson, Executive Director of the Philos Project
Juliana Taimoorazy, Founder and President of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council
- ***Legal Ethics Program: Illinois & Jewish Approaches to Issues Raised on TV***
Sunday, March 6, 2016
Congregation B’nai Tikvah
Presenters:
Professor Cliff Scott- Rudnick, The John Marshall Law School
Professor Steven H. Resnicoff, DePaul University
- ***Legal Strategies for Defeating Anti-Semitism***
December 6, 2015
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law
Honorable Roey Gilad, Counsel General of Israel for the Midwest

Rabbi Yonah Reiss, Head of the Chicago Rabbinical Council's Rabbinical Court
Charles Jacobs, Head of Americans for Peace and Tolerance and co-founder of the David Project

- ***Protecting Our Children from Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community***

November 8, 2015

Sexual abuse of children occurs in all communities, the Orthodox Jewish community included. To tackle this problem, we must understand how to look for and recognize signs of abuse, to determine when "reasonable suspicion" of abuse exists, to report such suspicion, and to appreciate what will happen once a report has been made. The community must unite to protect children from this serious peril and to assist the ongoing emotional pain of past victims. This panel of experts in Judaism, counseling, psychology, and law enforcement addresses all of these issues. Video of the event is available [here](#).

Rabbi Yosef Blau, Spiritual Advisor to Students, Yeshiva University

Dr. Michael J. Salamon, PhD, FICPP Rena Gopin-Wolf

Sharon Kanter, Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County

Detective Charles Hollendoner, Special Investigations Unit of the Chicago Police Department Professor Steven Resnicoff, Moderator, DePaul University College of Law

- ***Israel, the Media and International Court of Criminal Justice***

November 3, 2015

Yonah Jeremy Bob, legal affairs and international affairs commentator for the Jerusalem Post

2014 - 2015

- ***The Culture and Law of Homosexuality in Judaism***
April 23, 2015
Professor Roberta Kwall, DePaul University College of Law
- ***Consensual and Non-Consensual Sexual Conduct: Comparing and Contrasting the Regulation of Doctors and Lawyers***
April 16, 2015
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law
Azeema Akram, Assistant General Counsel of the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation
- ***The Boycott, Divestment and Sanction Movement: Is it Anti-Semitic***
February 26, 2015
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law at DePaul University
Attorney Joseph A. Morris
- ***The Case for Israel's Borders***
February 12, 2015
Eugene Kontorovich, Professor of Law at Northwestern University
- ***Bender Memorial Lecture: "How to Combat Anti-Semitism/Anti-Zionism from a Legal (Jewish & American) Perspective,"***
December 7, 2014
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor of Law at DePaul University, Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Roey Gilad, Israel Consul General for the Midwest
Rabbi Yona Reiss, Head of the Chicago Rabbinical Council's Rabbinical Court
- ***Lawfare: Using the Law as a Weapon of War Against Israel and other Western Democracies: How West Legal Systems and the U.N. are Being Manipulated to Silence and Punish Free Speech about Terrorism***
November 10, 2014
Ms. Brooke Goldstein, Esq., Director of The Lawfare Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about and facilitating a response to the abuse of Western legal and human rights law
- ***Lawful Islamism: A Greater Threat than Terrorism***
October 7, 2014
Dr. Daniel Pipes, founder and president of the Middle East Forum
- ***Welcome Reception at DePaul for Jewish Students***
September 3, 2014
Mitchell Lipkin, Principal of Lipkin & Higgins and a DePaul College of Law Alumnus (Class of 1985)
- ***Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Lodz Ghetto***
August 28, 2014
JLJS co-sponsored this commemoration, which was held at the Union League Club.
- ***The ABC's of BDS – a workshop for faculty throughout Chicagoland***
August 18, 2014
This workshop trained interested Chicagoland faculty how to help protect students from anti-Semitic intimidation and conduct that so often accompanies pro-BDS advocacy and how to educate students and others regarding the issues underlying the BDS movement.

2013 – 2014

- ***People of the Book: Judaism and Constitutional Law (7 General Illinois CLE Credits offered)***
April 3, 2014
American Jewish Identity: Law vs. Culture Roberta R. Kwall, DePaul University College of Law
- ***Cultural Connections, liberal Judaism, and Constitutional Theory***
Susan A. Bandes, DePaul University College of Law Randy E. Barnett, Georgetown Law Center William Forbath, University of Texas School of Law Ariela Gross, University of Southern California Gould School of Law
- ***Cultural Connections, Traditional Judaism, and Constitutional Theory***
Jack M. Balkin, Yale Law School Noah Feldman, Harvard Law School Mark D. Rosen, ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law
- ***Specific Judaic Applications to Constitutional Theory***
Perry Dane, Rutgers University School of Law - Camden David Flatto, Penn State Law School David L. Franklin, DePaul University College of Law Eugene Kontorovich, Northwestern University College of Law Richard Primus, University of Michigan College of Law
- ***Anti-Semitism and Constitutional Theory***
Alexander Tsesis, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Laura Weinrib, University of Chicago Law School Israel and Constitutional Theory Sandy Levinson, University of Texas School of Law - Austin Frank Michelman, Harvard Law School
- ***Jewish Law Identity and the Practice of Law***
Steven H. Resnicoff, DePaul University College of Law
- ***Law and Israel Series (4.5 General Illinois CLE Credits offered)***
- ***Practicing law with Israel and other Foreign Countries***
January 29, 2014
Ira Piltz, Law Offices of Ira Piltz
- ***Legal and Business Developments in Israel***
December 4, 2013
Ariel Yehezkel, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
- ***Representing Victims of International Terrorism in Civil Litigation***
November 13, 2013
Gavriel Mairone, MM-Law LLC
- ***Fall Community Conference (6 General Illinois CLE Credits offered)***
Repairing a Broken World: Comparative Perspectives on Social Justice
October 24, 2013
- ***The (Spiritual) Politics of Reluctance: Tikkun Olam as (Kabbalistic) Virtue***
Martin Cohen, Rabbi, Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Roslyn, NY and Senior Editor, New Paradigm Matrix, NY Tikkun (Ha) Olam: Particular or Universal Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park, Illinois Tikkun Olam: Social or Halakhic Imperative? Adena Berkowitz, Visiting Lecturer, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, NYC
- ***Repairing the World Day by Day Judge Renee G. Goldfarb, Domestic Relations Division Circuit Court of Cook County and past president, Shalva***
Tamar Shertok, former Missions Associate at Jewish United Fund and first year law student, DePaul University

- ***Reunifying "Tikkun Olam" for the Entire Jewish World***
Rabbi Asher Lopatin, President, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, NYC
- ***Human Artistry as Tikkun Olam***
Roberta R. Kwall, Raymond P. Niro Professor of Intellectual Property Law, DePaul University
- ***Catholic Panel of Responses***
John Breen, Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Thomas Judge, Adjunct Professor and Chaplain, DePaul University Ministry
- ***Jewish Panel of Responders***
Steven Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
Alexei Sivertsev, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University

2012 – 2013

- **Universal Jurisdiction as a Tool of Lawfare**

April 24, 2013

Irit Kohn, President, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

- **Spring Community Conference (Spertus Institute and UIC Medical School): Judaism, Health and Healing**

April 14, 2013

The Circumcision Debate: Medical and Legal Implications Steven Resnicoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University, Chicago

- **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders and Eating Disorders**

Neil Bockian, PhD. Professor of Clinical Psychology, Adler School of Professional Psychology

- **Spirituality and Health**

Rabbi Suzanne Griffel, Chaplain, Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center

- **Preventive Care/ Genetic Testing**

Nanette Elster, Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School and Lecturer, Loyola University Joshua Sarnoff, Professor of Law, DePaul University, Chicago

- **Organ Donation and Transplant Issues**

Jack Bierig, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP Michael Broyde, Professor of Law, Emory University, Atlanta

- **Clinical and Pastoral Responses to Judaism**

Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski, Chaplain, Jewish Healing Network of Chicago

- **Abuse within the Jewish Community across the Age Span: Historical, Cultural, Religious and Psychological Perspectives**

Vivian Skolnick PhD., Faculty, Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis Susan Zoline PhD., Associate Professor of Psychology, Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University

- **Comparative American and Israeli Healthcare**

Stan Lapidos M.S

- **End of Life Issues and Jewish Law**

Sheldon Berkowitz M.D., Medical Director, Children's Hospitals and Clinics, Minnesota Aron Buchman, M.D., Associate Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago Sherry Brandt-Rauf, Associate Research Scholar at the Center for the Study of Society and Medicine, School of Public Health, University of Illinois, Chicago James Tulsky M.D., Director, Duke Center for Public Health and Professor of Medicine and Nursing, Duke University Rabbi Michael Broyde, Professor of Law, Emory University, Atlanta

- **Tulsky Symposium: Judaism and Reproduction**

Nanette Elster, Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School and Lecturer, Loyola University Rachel Kohl Finegold, Ritual and Education Director, Anshe Sholom Bnai Israel, Chicago Elan Simckes M.D., Medical Director of The Fertility Partnership and President and Senior Partner, Women's Care and Fertility, St. Louis

- **Fighting Terrorism in the Courtroom: Problems and Solutions**

March 12, 2013

Stephen J. Landes, Partner, Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP Barry Jonas, U.S. Attorney's office, NSD Counterterrorism Section

- **Targeted Killing and the Law**
February 26, 2013
Amos Guiora, Professor of Law, University of Utah
- **Israel's Borders under International Law**
December 5, 2012
Eugene Kontorovich, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law
- **Women's Issues in American and Jewish Law**
October 17, 2012
Donna Litman, Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University
- **Why Law Matters Beyond the Jewish Denominations**
October 10, 2012
Roberta Kwall, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- **Understanding Jewish Law**
September 12, 2012
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

2011 – 2012

- **Taking Beit Din (Rabbinical Court) Judgments into Secular Court**
May 30, 2012
Michael Helfand, Associate Professor, Pepperdine University School of Law and Associate Director, Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Jewish Studies
- **Jewish Ethics and Legal Ethics: Comparisons and Contrasts**
May 30, 2012
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- **Reporting Child Sexual Abuse to Secular Authorities: Jewish Law Perspectives**
May 30, 2012
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- **Anti-Semitism on the College Campus & Free Speech**
May 30, 2012
Rabbi Capers Funnye, Spiritual Leader Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation
- **Jewish Process Thought and Copyright Policy: Discussion of Kelley v. Chicago Park District (7th Cir. 2011)**
February 16, 2012
Roberta Kwall, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- **Is Law a Suitable Career for a Good Jewish Boy or Girl? - Clashes and Commonalities**
December 18, 2011
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- **Effective Counterterrorism and the Protection of Civil Liberties**
September 21, 2011
Amos N. Guiora, Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
- **The Post 9/11 International Legal Paradigm**
September 13, 2011
Yehoshua Gurtler, Associate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution at the Tel Aviv firm of Herzog, Fox and Neeman

2010 – 2011

- ***Collaborative Efforts and Innovation: Jewish Thought and the Law***
April 7, 2011
Tal Zarsky, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa
- ***Judicial Amnesia and the Historical Record in Nazi-looted Art litigation***
March 9, 2011
Jennifer Kreder, Associate Professor of Law, Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law
- ***Common Problems in the Representation of Jewish Clients***
January 20, 2011
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law Kenneth Lasson, Professor, University of Baltimore School of Law
- ***Jewish Estate Planning and the Estate of Feinberg***
December 8, 2010
Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law Robert Romanoff, Partner, Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC.
- ***Choshen Mishpat versus the ABA Model Rules of Conduct: Do Jewish Attorneys Answer to a Higher Authority for Business and Legal Ethics***
October 27, 2010
Shayna M. Crincoli, Associate Professor of Law, Touro Law Center
- ***Israel's Right to Self-Defense under International Law***
October 19, 2010
Arthur Lenk, Director of International Law, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Col. Liron Liebman, Head of the International Law Department, Israel Defense Forces
- ***The Mohammed al Dura "Hoax"***
October 15, 2010
Philippe Karsenty, Media Analyst, Deputy Mayor of Neuilly Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

2009 – 2010

- **Founding a Nation/Constituting a People: American and Judaic Perspectives (Symposium)**

May 13, 2010

J. David Bleich, Rabbi, Herbert and Florence Tenzer Chair in Jewish Law and Ethics, Yeshiva University Aaron Levine, Rabbi, Samson and Halina Bitensky Professor of Economics, Yeshiva University Jeremy Rabkin, Professor of Law, George Mason School of Law Michael Broyde, Professor of Law and Academic Director, Law and Religion Program, Emory University School of Law Gary Jacobsohn, H. Malcolm MacDonald Professor in Constitutional & Comparative Law, University of Texas at Austin David Novak, Professor of the Study of Religion and Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto Joshua Berman, Professor of Bible, Bar-Ilan University Dov Zakheim, Booz Allen Hamilton

- **Nation Building, Ancient and Modern: The Biblical Model for the American Experience**

May 13, 2010

Dov Zakheim, Ph.D., Senior Partner, Booz Allen Hamilton Steve Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

- **Moral Rights: Jewish Roots, American Law and Global Implications**

April 14, 2010

Roberta R. Kwall, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

- **Double Dipping: A Comparison of American and Jewish approaches to the Collateral Source Rule**

February 17, 2010

Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

- **Issues in Genetic Engineering: Jewish and American Legal Perspectives**

January 27, 2010

Nanette Elster, Director, DePaul University College of Law Health Law Institute Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

- **Intellectual Property Law and Jewish Law: A Comparative Perspective on Absolutism**

November 9, 2009

David Lange, Duke University School of Law Roberta R. Kwall, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

- **Debtor Collection and Bankruptcy – A Comparison of Jewish and American Law**

November 4, 2009

Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University College of Law

2008 – 2009

- **Access to Justice – The Challenge of Working in Disempowered Communities**
Sharon Sionov, Director, Clinical Legal Education Center for Human Rights and Social Responsibility, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Ethical Issues in Jewish and American Jurisprudence**
Elliot Dorff, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, American Jewish University, Los Angeles Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University
- **Condominiums and Mezuzahs – What’s the Hang-up**
February 26, 2009
Helen Block, Principal, Helen Block PC Steven Blonder, Principal, Much Shelist Denenberg Ament & Rubenstein PC Joel Chupack, Partner, Heinrich & Kramer PC Steven H. Resnicoff, Professor, DePaul University
- **Moral Rights in the Talmud: The Case of Attribution**
Marc Shapiro, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies, University of Scranton
- **Sense and Censorship: Is Historical Truth An Orthodox Value?**
Marc Shapiro, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies, University of Scranton
- **From Maimonides to Microsoft: The Jewish Law of Copyright since the Birth of Print**
October 27, 2008
Neil W. Netanel, Professor of Law, UCLA David Nimmer, Of Counsel, Irell & Manella LLP, Los Angeles, and Visiting Professor of Law, UCLA
- ***The American Declaration of Independence as a Theological Imperative***
September 18, 2008
Zohar Raviv, Associate Professor, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies