

# Events Calendar

## MSU Jewish Studies Program

### Fall Semester 2015

*All events are open to the public and take place on the MSU campus.*

Date	Time / Location	Event
Tuesday, September 8	7:00 pm James Madison Library 322 South Case Hall	<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> <i>"Transboundary Environmental Cooperation Between Israel and its Neighbors"</i> <b>Alon Tal</b> , MSU's Serling Visiting Israeli Scholar, Ben Gurion University Dr. Tal reviews over twenty years of "below the radar" environmental cooperation in Israel and considers the present peace process and how it might be leveraged to ensure an ecological dividend for the Middle East. Co-sponsored by James Madison College, the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities and the Science, Technology, Environment, and Public Policy Program.
Friday, September 18	10:00–11:30 am Wells Hall B-342	<b>JEWISH STUDIES FACULTY STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR</b> <i>"Latin American Jewish Immigrants in the US"</i> <b>Steve Gold</b> , Department of Sociology, MSU This presentation will describe the pre-migration lives of Latin American Jews, their reasons for coming to America, their experiences of adaptation to the new setting, and ways in which their presence is transforming the rhythms of American Jewish life. Co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology.
Friday, September 25	12:30–2:00 pm Wells Hall B-342	<b>MEET AND GREET</b> <i>Lunch with Jewish Studies Minors, Prospective Minors, and Jewish Studies Faculty</i>
Monday, September 28	7:00–8:30 pm Case Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Club Spartan	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <i>"The Proposed Iran Nuclear Deal: Potential Impact on the US and the Middle East"</i> Panelists: <b>Yael Aronoff</b> (JMC faculty, Director of Jewish Studies, Serling Chair in Israel Studies), <b>Sherman Garnett</b> (Dean of JMC and professor, former government analyst for nuclear non-proliferation issues), and <b>Russel Lucas</b> (JMC faculty, Director of Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities. Muslim Studies faculty) Each panelist will share their analysis of the issues and then answer questions from the audience. Co-sponsored by James Madison College, Muslim Studies, and Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Program.
Thursday, October 8	12:00 noon Law College, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Castle Board Room	<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> <i>"Citizen Suits and Environmental Activism in Israel: What Happens When One Country Opened the Gates of its Courts Up to the Public"</i> <b>Alon Tal</b> , MSU's Visiting Serling Israeli Scholar, Ben Gurion University This talk explores the potential and limitations of using the courts to promote environmental interests and the lessons it can teach environmental activists everywhere. Co-sponsored with the College of Law and the Science, Technology, Environment, and Public Policy Program.
Friday, October 9	10:00–11:30 am Wells Hall B-342	<b>JEWISH STUDIES FACULTY STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR</b> <i>"Deploying Race Against Assimilation: Horace Kallen Confronts Jews and America"</i> <b>Matthew Kaufman</b> , Department of Religious Studies, MSU Through an analysis of Kallen's racial ideas and his confrontations in the press, Kaufman will show how early twentieth century race science functioned as a tool for an academic to compete with rabbis for social and cultural authority. Co-sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.
Thursday, October 15	12:00 noon–6:00 pm Breslin Center	<b>MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD FAIR</b> Visit the Jewish Studies booth and learn about the MSU Jewish Studies summer program at the Hebrew University/Rothberg School in Jerusalem and also the Nature, Culture, and Environmental Issues in a Green Israel summer program.
Sunday, October 18	10:00 am–12:00 pm University Club of MSU 3435 Forest Road, Lansing  Brunch tickets: \$22 in advance, \$27 at the door.	<b>FALL JEWISH STUDIES / HADASSAH BRUNCH</b> <i>"Israel and the Two-Level Game: Internal Changes, External Challenges"</i> <b>Yuval Benziman</b> , Israel Institute and Serling Visiting Israeli Scholar at MSU The lecture will discuss the challenges Israel has both within and outside, the relations between them, and what we can expect in the coming years.

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Sunday, October 18 and Monday, October 19	Various times Wells Hall B-122	<b>11th ANNUAL ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL</b> Marc Bernstein, film festival coordinator <i>Sunday, October 18</i> 1:00 pm: <i>Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem</i> (2014), dirs. Shlomi and Ronit Elkabetz 3:30 pm: <i>Paris on the Water</i> (2014), directed by Hadas Ayalon 4:30 pm: <i>Next to Her</i> (2014) directed by Asaf Korman 6:00–7:00 pm: Free dinner catered by Woody’s for those attending the films. 7:00 pm: <i>African Exodus</i> (2014), directed by Brad Rothschild (who will be in attendance to discuss his film) <i>Monday, October 18</i> 8:00 pm: <i>A Borrowed Identity</i> (2014), directed by Fran Riklis
Monday, November 2	7:00 pm International Center Room 303	<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> <i>“Partners against Anti-Semitism: North African Jews and Muslims Respond to the Vichy-Nazi Alliance”</i> Aomar Boum, Department of Anthropology, UCLA Professor Aomar Boum will discuss Muslims and Jewish memories of World War II, the Vichy camps in North Africa, German propaganda, and the present debates in Morocco, Israel, and the United States about Mohammed V’s role during the war period. Co-sponsored with Muslim Studies.
Thursday, November 5	7:00 pm Kellogg Center Auditorium	<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> <i>“Doomed to Succeed: The US–Israeli Relationship from Truman to Obama”</i> Dennis Ross, former ambassador, Washington Institute for Near East Policy For more than twelve years, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process and dealing directly with the parties in negotiations. Ambassador Ross will discuss what the US should be doing today in the Middle East given the lessons that should have been learned and were not, and what the implications are for US policy toward Israel and the region today. Co-sponsored by MSU Hillel Center, Asian Studies Center, James Madison College, College of Arts and Letters.
Wednesday, November 18	3:00–5:00 pm Wells Hall B-342	<b>FINIFTER SYMPOSIUM OF GREEK JEWRY</b> <i>“Greek Jewry of the Holocaust”</i> Panelists: Steven B. Bowman (University of Cincinnati), Katerina Kralova (Charles University, Prague), and Kenneth Waltzer (MSU) The panel features three scholars discussing different aspects of Greek Jewry in World War II and then expands to include questions from the audience. Co-sponsored by James Madison College, RCAH, and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.
Wednesday, November 18	7:00 pm James Madison Library 322 South Case Hall	<b>FINIFTER SYMPOSIUM OF GREEK JEWRY</b> <i>“Reconstituting Greek Jewry after the War”</i> Katerina Kralova (Charles University, Prague) Who were those Jews who tried to re-establish themselves in Greece after the Holocaust? To what extent did they manage to restore their personal, communal, educational, and social institutions? These questions and others will form Dr. Kralova’s talk on postwar Jewish life in Greece. Co-sponsored by James Madison College, RCAH, and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.
Tuesday, December 1	7:00 pm MSU Main Library 4th Floor West	<b>KESSLER FILM EVENT</b> <i>“The Zigzag Kid”</i> (2012), directed by Vincent Bal Based on the beloved novel by Israeli author David Grossman, <i>The Zigzag Kid</i> appeals to adults and children alike with its comical and picturesque quest. Yael Aronoff will introduce the film. Israel Institute and Serling Israeli Visiting Scholar Yuval Benziman and Laura Apol (Associate Professor, Teacher Education) will discuss the film and answer questions afterward. Co-sponsored by MSU Libraries, James Madison College, and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.
Friday, December 4	10:00–11:20 am Wells Hall B-342	<b>JEWISH STUDIES FACULTY STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR</b> <i>“Radical Orthodoxy and the Controversy over Women’s Education”</i> Ilan Fuchs, Hadassah Brandeis Institute In contrast to the Orthodox rabbinate, which did allow some study of Mishnah and Tanach for women, Fuchs’ findings indicate that Satmar rabbinic authorities grossly minimize Jewish women’s accessibility to Torah study, thereby losing the most important tool in their fight against assimilation and secularization: education. Co-sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.