

# *Events Calendar*

## *MSU Jewish Studies Program*

### *Fall Semester 2009*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time/Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 15</b>	7:00-8:30 pm 147 Communication Arts and Sciences	<b>ISRAELI FILM PRESENTATION</b> "Gilad Shalit, Two Years in Captivity" (2008). A film about the development of a political issue -- the return of a captive Israeli soldier. Co-sponsored by the Department of Linguistics and Languages. Event organized by Ellen C. Rothfeld, Lecturer of Hebrew.
<b>Monday, September 21</b>	7:30-9:00 pm 147 Communication Arts and Sciences	<b>GERI ZELDES' MSU DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE</b> "Arabs, Jews, and the News" (2009). A short film on the Arab-Israel conflict, news coverage, and the repercussions of the news in Michigan. A panel discussion will follow with Ken Waltzer, Director Jewish Studies, Osama Siblani, publisher of the <i>Arab American News</i> , Don Cohen of the <i>Jewish News</i> , and Gregg Kruppa of the <i>Detroit News</i> .
<b>Thursday, September 24</b>	12:00-6:00 pm Second Floor, MSU Union	<b>MSU STUDY ABROAD FAIR</b> A showcase of MSU Study Abroad programs, including the June/July 2010 MSU Jewish Studies Program at Hebrew University's Rothberg International School, and the Nature, Culture & Environmental/Natural Resource Sustainability in a Green Israel Program, June 2010.
<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	12:00-1:30 pm 321 Linton Hall	<b>FACULTY AND STUDENT BROWN BAG</b> Yael Aronoff, Serling & Friends Assistant Professor of Israel Studies, MSU. "Benjamin Netanyahu: Running to Stand Still," a seminar on a chapter from her forthcoming book on <i>When Hardliners Opt for Peace</i> . (Bagels will be served.)
<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	7:30-9:00 pm Jewish Center, West Bloomfield	<b>KIRSCHNER RECRUITMENT EVENT</b> MSU Jewish Studies, Hillel, MSU Admissions, and the residential colleges visit to recruit metro Detroit Jewish high school students to Michigan State University.
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	12:00-1:30 pm 321 Linton Hall	<b>FACULTY AND STUDENT BROWN BAG</b> Maina Chawla Singh, University of Delhi, Visiting Scholar, American University, "Collecting Migration Narratives of Indian Jewish Women." Dr. Singh will discuss the challenges of collecting narratives for a new book on Indian Jewish Women in Israel. (Bagels will be served.)
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	7:00-8:30 pm MSU Union Green Room	<b>SPEAKER: MAINA CHAWLA SINGH</b> University of Delhi, Visiting Scholar, American University. "Being Indian, Being Israeli: Migration, Culture and Identity Among Indian Jews in Israel." A presentation based on Prof. Singh's recently published book (2009) on three Indian Jewish communities in Israel. Maina Singh's visit is co-sponsored by History, Asian Pacific American Studies, and Asian Studies.
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	10:00 am — 12:00 pm University Club	<b>JEWISH STUDIES--HADASSAH FALL BRUNCH</b> Rachel S. Harris, Assistant Professor, Hebrew & Comparative Literature, University of Illinois (formerly of SUNY-Albany, Ph.D., Oxford University). "Jerusalem: City of Gold in Hebrew Literature." \$23 ticket (\$15 per student). Reservation (432-3493) and pay at the door.
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	7:30 pm Auditorium Arena Theatre	The MSU Theater Department presents <b>Joanna McClelland Glass' "Palmer Park."</b> A play about efforts to create and sustain an integrated multi-racial community in the Palmer Park area of Detroit in the wake of the Detroit riots. Followed by a discussion with the playwright, director, and others. For ticket (\$8 admission) and show information please visit: <a href="http://theatre.msu.edu/Productions/Shows/FI2009-PalmerPark">http://theatre.msu.edu/Productions/Shows/FI2009-PalmerPark</a> . This Wednesday showing is co-sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program.

<b>Wednesday, November 4</b>	7:00-9:00 pm MSU Union Green Room	<b>SPEAKER: JENNA WEISMANN JOSELIT</b> Professor of Jewish Studies, Princeton University. <b>"Romancing the Stone: America's Embrace of the Ten Commandments."</b> A presentation that grows out of her current book project on the Ten Commandments, Jenna Joselit examines how a covenantal relationship with the ancient Hebrews became an American article of faith.
<b>Monday, November 9</b>	Jewish Community Center 6600 West Maple Road West Bloomfield, MI 6:45-9:00 pm	<b>2009 DETROIT JEWISH BOOK FAIR</b> Jewish Studies is co-sponsoring the appearance of <b>Roman Kent, <i>Courage was My Only Option</i></b> and <b>Neal Bascombe, <i>Hunting Eichmann</i></b> .
<b>Tuesday, November 10</b>	12:00-1:30 pm 321 Linton Hall	<b>FACULTY AND STUDENT BROWN BAG</b> <b>Steve Weiland</b> , Professor of Higher Education, Michigan State University <b>"Jewish-American Autobiography: Fathers Speaking, Sons Writing."</b> Steve Weiland asks what did Calvin Trillin, Philip Roth, and Sheldon Nuland learn from their Jewish fathers? (Bagels will be served.)
<b>Thursday, November 12</b>	7:00-9:00 pm 147 Communication Arts & Sciences	<b>ISRAELI FILM PRESENTATION</b> <b>"The Name My Mother Gave Me".</b> A film about Ethiopian and Russian Jewish Israelis who travel to Ethiopia together and find commonality in the universal experiences of migration and making new lives in Israel. Co-sponsored by the Department of Linguistics and Languages. Event organized by Ellen C. Rothfeld, Lecturer of Hebrew.
<b>Monday, November 16</b>	7:00 pm 4th Floor, MSU Library	<b>KESSLER FILM EVENT: — "KILLING KASZTNER" WITH DIRECTOR, GAYLEN ROSS</b> Original film about Israel Kasztner who bargained with the Nazis to allow 1700 Jews to leave Hungary in 1944, among them a child who later became MSU professor Janos Kende. In the 1950s in Israel, Kasztner was tried for collaboration, found guilty, exonerated, and then assassinated. What should we make of the Kasztner story and of the man? Co-sponsored with the MSU Library. Discussion to follow with Gaylen Ross.
<b>Friday, November 20</b>	12:15-1:30 pm MSU Museum Auditorium	<b>FACULTY AND STUDENT BROWN BAG</b> <b>Kirsten Fermaglich</b> , Associate Professor, Department of History, MSU. <b>"Becoming Someone Else: Jewish Name-Changing, Employment and Class Mobility in Mid-Twentieth Century New York City."</b> Kirsten Fermaglich talks about the dynamic and reasons for Jewish name-changing in the Big Apple. Co-sponsored by MSU Department of History and the Jewish Studies Program.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Fifth Annual**  
**Israeli Film Festival**



**Sunday, March 21 & Monday, March 22,  
2010**

Coordinator: Ellen Rothfeld  
Committee Members: Yael Aronoff, Joyce Ladenson,  
Ya'acov Sarig, and Cliff Shekter.

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