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Friday, April 12th - Wells Hall B-243

PROGRAM

9:00-10:40 - Israeli Politics, Society, and Foreign Policy,  
(Dr. Yael Aronoff, discussant)

- David Warshay, "The Disputed Outcome of Operation Protective Edge: How Both Sides Succeeded in the Short-Term but Failed in the Long-Term"
- Peji Masrouri, "Eretz Israel: The Jewish Insurgency in the Palestine Mandate"
- Kaila Waino, "Slavery in the Front Yard: How Israel Successfully Fought Women's Trafficking for Prostitution"
- Ben Francis, "Minorities Within the Education System of Israel"

10:50-12:00 - Memories and Depictions of Jews and the Holocaust, (Dr. Amy Simon, discussant)

- Megan Freibe, "Psychological Trauma from the Holocaust and its Role in Survivor Identity in America"
- Mateusz Leszczynski, "Polish Nation Building and the Role of Polish-Jews"

12:00-1:00 - Complimentary catered lunch from Woody's for participants and attendees. Jewish Studies Minor and MSU 2011 alumna Sarah Kirsch will speak on "What it Takes To Be a Powerful Woman In Israeli High-Tech."

1:00-2:40 - Judaism and Jewish Culture in America (Dr. Kirsten Fermaglich, discussant)

- Alexis Sargent, "The Shoah on Stage: Broadway Musical Representations of the Holocaust and Jewish Persecution"
- Daniel Baum, "Constitution Street: My Grandfather's Story"
- Rachel Morof, "Looking At Changing Shabbat Observance In Michigan Over The Past 50 Years"
- Jordan Robinson, "BBYO: Jewish Youth Groups and the Effects on Jewish Teens"

2:50-4:00 - Israeli Society and Identity (Dr. Yore Kedem, discussant)

- Jordyn Weinberg, "The #MeToo Movement in Israel: Sexual Harassment in the Media and Politics?"
- Nadav Pais-Greenapple, "Manifesting Jewish Identity in Space: America & Israel"



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