

# A Backward Glance: Celebrating the Fifth Annual Serling Institute Undergraduate Research Conference Which Took Place April 9, 2021.

8:45am—10:00am Panel 1

## ***Identity in Israel and Beyond***

Discussant: Professor Marc Bernstein

- ✦ Pelli Mechnikov - “Becoming Israeli: Stories of Aliyah”
- ✦ Yael Eichhorn - “Tzniut and Modern Day Jewry”
- ✦ Ben Francis - “Graffiti in the Israeli-Palestinian Context”

10:15am—11:15am Panel 2

## ***Oral History and American Jewish Experiences***

Discussant: Professor Amy Simon

- ✦ Joshua Montgomery-Patt - “Skokie Jews’ Experiences Surrounding the 1977 Attempted Nazi March”
- ✦ Leah Welch - “Like a Snapshot of a Bigger Picture: Oral History and the Role of the Individual”

11:30am—12:45pm Panel 3

## ***The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Its Impacts***

Discussant: Professor Yore Kedem

- ✦ Scott Howard - “The Impact of Israeli-Arab Small Arms Evolution on the Conflict”
- ✦ Stephanie Garcia - “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Psychological Effects on Populations’ Youth”
- ✦ Roya Rochelle - “Women’s and Children’s Healthcare in Israel and Palestine”

12:55—1:05pm

## ***Recognition of Yael Eichhorn and Hannah Margolis as recipients of the Serling Institute Student Achievement Awards***

1:05—2:20pm Panel 4

## ***American Jewish Community Life in the 20th Century: Unity, Division, and Violence***

Discussant: Professor Kirsten Fermaglich

- ✦ Blair Bean - “Jewish Camp Culture”
- ✦ Hannah Margolis - “From the Forbidden to the Mitten: Out of State Jewish Student Population at Michigan State University from 1936-1966”
- ✦ Dalena Cross - “Some were Leaders and Some Led: Gender Violence within Jewish Communities in America Between the 1880’s and the 1940’s”

2:30pm—3:45pm Panel 5

## ***Efforts to Resolve the Israeli Palestinian Conflict and the UN***

Discussant: Professor Yael Aronoff

- ✦ Remy Reed - “The Interaction and Influence of Arab Monarchies on Palestinians and on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process”
  - ✦ Angelina Sandora - “Zionism and its Effects on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process”
  - ✦ Ellie Baden - “Naming and Shaming of Israel in the United Nations Human Rights Council”

4:00pm—5:00pm Keynote and Discussion

## ***Marissa Cloutier, Jewish Studies Minor Alumna 2010***

Marissa Cloutier (née Tons) discussed her experience applying what she learned through the curriculum of the Jewish Studies minor, including her visits to Israel and internship at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv with the U.S. Commercial Service, to her career in international trade as a Division Chief at the U.S. State Department.

