

A Glance Back: Celebrating the Sixth Annual Serling Institute Undergraduate Research Conference April 29, 2022

Panel 1: *The Second World War and the Aftermath of the Holocaust*

Discussant: Professor Amy Simon

- **Avi Cohen** *"Israel Was Not a Reparation for the Holocaust and How this Myth Has Perpetuated Antisemitism"*
- **Talia Gruber** *"Holocaust Survivors and the Immigration to North America Post-World War II"*
- **Leah Welch** *"Hidden Hate or Hate Hardly Hidden?: Following the Life of a Holocaust Denial Ad on College Campuses in the Early 1990s"*

Panel 2: *Examining Antisemitism on the MSU Campus*

Discussant: Professor Ben Lorch

- **Ian Donahue** *"Jewish on Campus: A Student Ethnography in Uncertain Times"*
- **Morgan Wolf** *"Exploring the Effects of Antisemitism on the MSU Jewish Community"*
- **Troy Distelrath** *"Contradictions Within Communism: Antisemitism in Marx's 'Egalitarian' System"*

Panel 3: *In Prof. Marc Bernstein's Honor*

Lunch

- Toast in honor of Professor Marc Bernstein's retirement
- Faculty honorable mentions: Professor Amy Simons's Teacher-Scholar Award and Professor Yore Kedem's Excellence in Service to Education Abroad Award
- Student honorable mentions: Serling Institute Student Achievement Awards Samantha Chaben, Troy Distelrath and Leah Welch

Keynote and Discussion

David Mindell, Jewish Studies Minor Alumnus 2009

Mr. Mindell discussed his experience applying what he learned through the curriculum of the Jewish Studies minor, including his visits to Israel, to his career in consumer protection law at a nationally recognized plaintiff's law firm, Edelson PC.

Panel 4: *Israeli Foreign Policy*

Discussant: Professor Yael Aronoff

- **Sami Chaben** *"The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Military and Political Effectiveness of Operation Pillar of Defense (2012) and Operation Protective Edge (2014)"*

Panel 5: *Jewish American Culture Past and Present*

Discussant: Professor Kirsten Fermaglich

- **Maegan Jankowski** *"God of Vengeance: Prostitution, White Slavery, Theatre and its Connections with the Jewish Community Across Europe and the Americas in the Late Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Century"*
- **Shimon Likhtman** *"Well, Talk About Bad Taste!" – Holocaust Consciousness through Humor in Mel Brooks' The Producers"*
- **Jordan Robinson** *"Jewish Humans of Metro Detroit"*