

Home and Belonging in the Jewish South

Southern Jewish Historical Society 48th Annual Conference

Louisville, Kentucky, November 1–3, 2024

Co-Hosted with the Filson Historical Society with Support from the Jewish Heritage Fund

All events will be held in the Owsley Brown II History Center at the Filson Historical Society unless otherwise noted.

Friday, November 1

8:30–9:30 am: Registration and light breakfast

9:30–10 am: Welcome Remarks

- ▶ Josh Parshall, Southern Jewish Historical Society
- ▶ Patrick Lewis, Filson Historical Society

10–11:15 am: Southern Jewish Health and Medicine

Chair: Ellen Umansky

- ▶ Elyse Malamud, “Collaborative Medical Philanthropy between Jewish and Non-Jewish Community Leaders in Charleston and Chicago, 1830–1900”
- ▶ Jillian Hinderliter, “‘Be the Woman Who Makes the Difference—Act Now!’: Women’s Health Activism and the National Council of Jewish Women, Atlanta Section, 1969–1980”
- ▶ Leigh Alon, “The History of Medicine According to the Friedenwalds: Tradition, Resistance, and Race in 19th–20th Century Baltimore”

11:30 am–12:30 pm: Lunch (boxed lunches provided)

12:30–1:45 pm: Jews and Slavery in the American South

Chair: Laura Leibman

- ▶ Andrew Gerstenberger, “David Einhorn and the Communal Politics of Southern Abolitionism”
- ▶ Jacob Morrow-Spitzer, “The End of Slavery and the Future of American Jewish Citizenship, 1850–1863”
- ▶ Shari Rabin, “Toward Enslaved Jewish Histories”
- ▶ Joseph Weisberg, “Dr. Jacob De la Motta, His Estate, and a Slave-Supporting Jewish Kinship Network in Antebellum Charleston”

2–3:15 pm: Teaching the Holocaust in Kentucky

Chair: Leonard Rogoff

- ▶ Jeremy Popkin, “40 Years of Teaching About the Holocaust in a Southern University”
- ▶ Janice W. Fernheimer and Lauren Hill, “A Case Study in the Necessity of Cross-Community Collaborations and a Model for Meeting Mandates: The University of Kentucky-Jewish Heritage Fund Holocaust Education Initiative”

3:30–4:45 pm: Southern Jews: Eternal Aliens or A Portion of the People?

Chair: Stephen Whitfield

- ▶ Max Modiano Daniel, “‘So Ripe an Oriental Scholar’: A North African Convert, the Columbia Theological Seminary, and a Sephardic Approach to Southern Christianity”
- ▶ Lance Sussman, “Square Peg in a Round Hole: Race, Religion, and Marginality in the Southern Jewish Experience”
- ▶ Marilyn G. Miller, “Comfortable with the Confederacy? Cuban Independence Leader José Martí’s Portrait of Judah Benjamin”

5–8:30 pm: History Close to Home: An Evening at The Temple

- ▶ Shabbat dinner at *The Temple* (Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom), Beeber Family Keynote Lecture by Emily Bingham sponsored by the Helen Stern Fund. Followed by Shabbat evening services, dessert reception, and Temple archives tours.

Saturday, November 2

8:30–9:45 am: Light breakfast at the Filson

8:45–9:45 am: Pre-Session Options (choose one)

- ▶ Parsha study at the Filson with Rabbi Stanley Miles
- ▶ Walking Tour of Old Louisville (depart from the Filson, weather permitting)
- ▶ Filson Historical Society Tour

10–11 am: Discoveries from the Shapell Roster / The Confederacy

Adrienne DeArmas, Shapell Foundation

11:15 am–12:30 pm: Americanism and Jews in the South

Chair: Josh Parshall

- ▶ Lev Rooks-Rapport, “The Source of Secrecy: Investigating Competing Claims Regarding Louisville’s Australian Ballot”
- ▶ Samantha Baskind, “An Unprecedented Collaboration: The Bernheim Brothers, Moses Jacob Ezekiel, and Thomas Jefferson at the Louisville Metro Hall”
- ▶ Jay Silverberg, “Conflicts and Contrasts: Adolph Ochs and his Southern Jewish Family”

12:30–2 pm: Lunch and Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter Keynote Lecture with Mark K. Bauman (*Woman’s Club of Louisville*)

2:15–3:30 pm: Memorializing Home & the Holocaust

Chair: Dana Herman

- ▶ Ashley Walters, “Landsmanshaft or Lands[mason]shaft? The Kalushiner Society of Charleston, South Carolina”
- ▶ Chad S. A. Gibbs, “From Landsmen to Civic Leaders: Centrality, ‘Hereness,’ & Holocaust Memorialization in Charleston, South Carolina”
- ▶ Ashley Valanzola, “Understanding Whitwell: Holocaust Memorialization in Rural Tennessee”
- ▶ David Weinfeld, “The Afterlife of Judah P. Benjamin, Patron Saint of the Jewish Lost Cause”

3:45–5 pm: Roundtable / Jewish and Radical in the American South

Chair: Eric Goldstein

- ▶ Kate Rosenblatt, Ayelet Brinn, and Josh Parshall

5:15–6:15 pm: Untold Backstories of Bourbon Tasting: An Unconventional Journey through Libations and Images

JT Waldman & Jan Fernheimer

5:15–6:15 pm: Tour Options (choose one)

- ▶ Walking Tour of Old Louisville (depart from the Filson, weather permitting)
- ▶ Filson Historical Society Tour

6:30–8:30 pm: Dinner Reception and Concert with Grace Rogers & Nathan Viner

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Sunday, November 3

(*Galt House Hotel*)

8–9 am: Breakfast

9–10 am: SJHS Membership Meeting

10:15–11:30 am: Roundtable / Behind the Camera and the Microphone: Oral Histories and the Southern Jewish Experience

Chair: Janice Fernheimer

- ▶ Joshua Furman, Timothy Riggio Quevillon, Joshua Gottlieb-Miller, Jessica Schneider Adams, and Calista Jarman

11:45 am: Closing Remarks