Home and Belonging in the Jewish South  
Southern Jewish Historical Society 48th Annual Conference  
Louisville, Kentucky, November 1–3, 2024  

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

Friday, November 1

8:30am-9:30: Registration & Light Breakfast

9:30am-10:00: Welcome Remarks:  
➢ Josh Parshall, SJHS  
➢ Patrick Lewis, Filson Historical Society

10:00am-11:15: 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”  

11:30am-12:30: Boxed Lunches provided

12:30pm-1:45: 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”

2:00pm-3:15: 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: Southern Jews: Eternal Aliens or A Portion of the People?
Chair: Steve Whitfield
➢ Max Modiano Daniel, “‘So Ripe and 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”

5:00-8:30: History Close to Home: An Evening at The Temple — Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom

Travel to The Temple for Shabbat dinner followed by the Beeber Family Keynote Lecture, by Emily Bingham, sponsored by the Helen Stern Fund, Shabbat evening services, and Temple archives tours

Saturday November 2

8:30-9:45: Light breakfast at the Filson

Pre-session options:

8:45-9:45: Parsha study at the Filson with Rabbi Stanley Miles
8:45-9:45: Walking Tour of Old Louisville (depart from the Filson, weather permitting)
8:45-9:45: Filson Historical Society Tour

10:00-11:00: Discoveries from the Shapell Roster, The Confederacy
Adrienne DeArmas, Shapell Foundation

11:15-12:30: Americanism and Jews in the South
Chair: Josh Parshall
➢ 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”
12:30-2:00: Lunch and Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter Keynote Lecture with Mark K. Bauman (Woman’s Club of Louisville)

2:15-3:30: 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,” and 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”

3:45-5:00: Roundtable: Jewish and Radical in the American South
Chair: Eric Goldstein
➢ Panelists:
➢ Kate Rosenblatt
➢ Ayelet Brinn
➢ Josh Parshall

5:15-6:15: Untold Backstories of Bourbon Tasting: An unconventional journey through libations and visual representations
JT Waldman & Jan Fernheimer

5:15-6:15 Alternate Options:
Walking Tour of Old Louisville (depart from the Filson, weather permitting)
Filson Historical Society Tour

6:30-8:30: Dinner Reception & Concert with Grace Rogers and Nathan Viner (Woman’s Club of Louisville)

Sunday November 3 (AT THE GALT HOUSE HOTEL)

8-9: Breakfast
9-10: SJHS Membership Meeting

Chair: Dr. Janice Fernheimer
➢ Panelists:
➢ Joshua Furman
➢ Timothy Riggio Quevillon
➢ Joshua Gottlieb-Miller
➢ Jessica Schneider Adams
➢ Calista Jarman

11:45 Closing Remarks