

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

***Bus Transportation Provided from the Galt House Hotel to the Filson Historical Society.**

- Bus 1 will begin loading at 7:30 am, departing at 8:00 am.
- Bus 2 will begin loading at 8:00 am, departing at 8:30 am.

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”
- Leigh Alon, “The History of Medicine According to the Friedenwalds: Tradition, Resistance, and Race in 19th-20th Century Baltimore”

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”
- Marilyn G. Miller, “Comfortable with the Confederacy? Cuban Independence leader José Martí’s Portrait of Judah Benjamin”

***Bus transportation provided from the Filson Historical Society to the Temple.**

- Bus 1 and 2 will begin loading at 4:30 pm and depart at 5 pm.

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, Oneg, and Temple archives tours

***Bus transportation provided from the Temple to the Galt House Hotel.**

- Bus 1 and 2 will begin loading at 8:00 pm, departing at 8:30 pm.

Saturday, November 2

***Bus Transportation Provided from the Galt House Hotel to the Filson Historical Society.**

- Buses will begin loading at 7:30 am and depart at 8:00 am, 8:15 am, and 9:30 am

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

Pre-session options:

8:45-9:45: Shabbat service with Torah study on Noahs 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: Kentucky

Adrienne DeArmas, Shapell Foundation

11:15-12:30: 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"

12:30-2:00: 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)

***Bus Transportation Provided from the Woman's Club of Louisville to the Galt House Hotel.**

- Bus 1 begins loading at 8:00 pm, departing at 8:20 pm.
- Bus 2 begins loading at 8:20 pm, departing at 8:40 pm.

Sunday November 3 (AT THE GALT HOUSE HOTEL – 2nd Floor East Wing Nunn Room and Carrol Ford Room)

8-9: Breakfast (Nunn Room)

9-10: SJHS Membership Meeting (Carroll Ford Room)

10:15-11:30: Roundtable: Behind the Camera and the Microphone: Oral Histories and the Southern Jewish Experience (Carroll Ford Room)

Chair: Dr. Janice Fernheimer

- Panelists:
- Joshua Furman
- Timothy Riggio Quevillon
- Melissa Cohen-Nickels
- Calista Jarman

11:45 Closing Remarks