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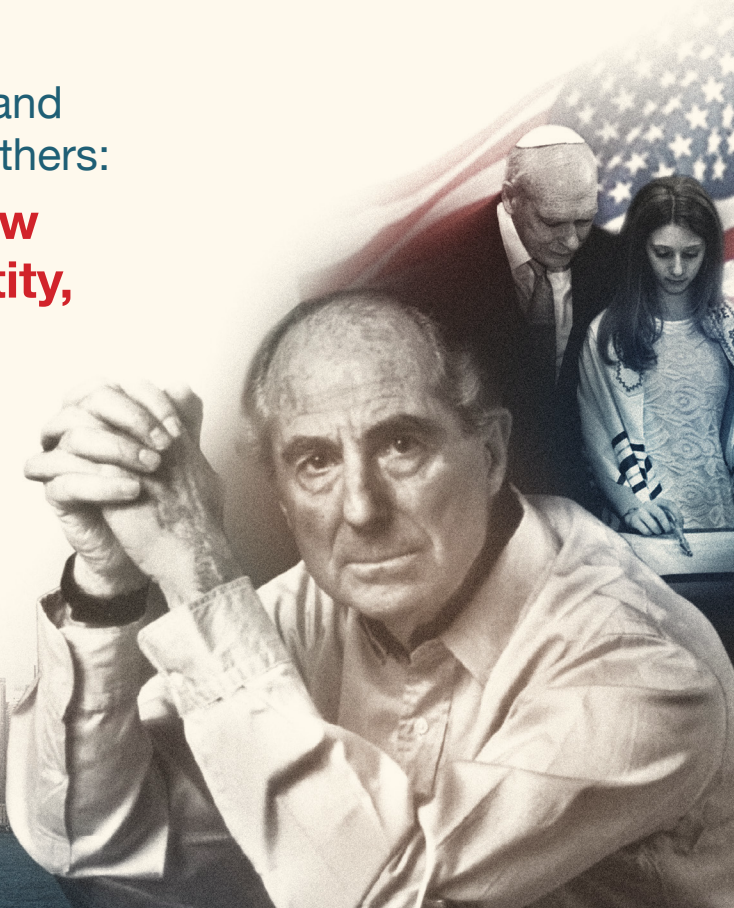
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American Jews and
Their (Various) Others:

**Sketching New
Maps of Identity,
Religion, Civil
Religion, and
Society**

November 18-20, 2018



Opening Session: **November 18, 18:00**

Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem

Greetings and Introductions:

Prof. Richard I. Cohen (Hebrew University), Director of ICORE-Daat Hamakom

United States Embassy: Greetings

Prof. Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University), Conference Chair

Keynote Address

Prof. Steven Zipperstein (Stanford University):
Excavating Philip Roth: Reflections on a Biography's Beginnings

Response: **Prof. Hana Wirth-Nesher** (Tel-Aviv University)

November 19, Hebrew University

Mt. Scopus campus, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School For Advanced Studies in the Humanities

Room 520 | 9:30-12:30, Religious Crossroads and Social Landscapes

Chair: Prof. Edwin Seroussi (Hebrew University)

Dr. Michelle Shain (Brandeis University): Whence Orthodox Feminism? Cognitive Dissonance and Religious Change in the United States

Prof. Adam Ferziger (Bar-Ilan University): Orthodox Responses to Feminism: Between North America and Israel

11:15 - short break

Prof. Jeffrey S. Gurock (Yeshiva University): "Getting Along" in Parkchester: A New Era in Jewish-Irish Relations in New York City 1940-1970

Room 530 | 13:45-17:00, (Self-) Inventions and Interventions

Chair: Prof. Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University)

Dr. David Stromberg (Shalem College, Jerusalem):
A Deal with the Devil: Isaac Bashevis Singer in Wartime – America and Israel

Prof. Joel Perlmann (Bard College): Harry Austryn Wolfson: His Views on Ethno-National Realities in America in 1918 and the Future of American Jews

15:30 - short break

Prof. Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill): From a Jewish Communist to a Jewish Buddhist: the Social, Cultural and Spiritual Journeys of Allen Ginsberg

Dr. Assaf Shelleg (Hebrew University): "Negro Strains" Haftorah Gains: Leonard Bernstein's Jeremiah

November 20, Hebrew University

Mt. Scopus campus, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School For Advanced Studies in the Humanities

Room 530 | 10:00-12:00, Jewish Peoplehood, Local and Trans-local Dimensions

Chair: Prof Uzi Rebhun (Hebrew University)

Dr. Sara Hirschhorn (Northwestern University): From Jackson to Johannesburg to Jerusalem: How the 1967 War Turned Diaspora Jewish Zionists into White People

Prof. Michael Alexander (University of California, Riverside): The Exilic Imperative of American Jewry

Room 530 | 14:00-15:45, Local and Trans-local Dimensions in Literature

Chair: Dr. Naomi Mandel (Hebrew University)

Prof. Victoria Aarons (Trinity University, San Antonio): American Jewish Writing in the 21st Century: A New Diaspora

Prof. Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University): America and Israel in Recent American Jewish Fiction

15:45 - short break

16:00-17:00, Round-table Discussion



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Philip Roth (1933-2018)

**Erika Polevoy's
Bat-Mitzvah service,
2018.**