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**As president of the Australian Association of Jewish Studies
it is my pleasure to wish you a happy, peaceful and
productive New Year.**

May we, over the coming year, see our prayers for peace and prosperity for all peoples fulfilled, and may we look ahead to an even brighter future



Please support the work of the Australian Association of Jewish studies by becoming a member or a sponsor.

Wishing you and your families, L'Shana Tova, a healthy and happy New Year



Dvir Abramovich

Conference Update

Suzanne D. Rutland, OAM

22nd AAJS Conference Convenor

The response to the conference theme has been really amazing with more than 40 papers being submitted, presenters coming from interstate, the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Israel, and even one from Tunisia! The papers cover all aspects of the span of Jewish history, from Biblical times to the present; from the world of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jewry, as well as the Ashkenazi world; and others relating to medieval Jewish history, as well as relationships between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The approaches are interdisciplinary, with papers covering issues of art, music and literature, as well as Jewish philosophy and history.

The conference is shaping up as an intellectual feast, and I hope that as many people as possible will make an effort to attend, even if they are not presenting a paper.

After meeting on Thursday 17 September to discuss the abstracts, the conference committee will work on the draft program, which we hope will be up on the web by early October. So, as they say, 'WATCH THIS SPACE!'



New Website for Australian Association of Jewish Studies

By the last week of October, the AAJS website is expected to move to a new address: www.aajs.org.au. It will feature the same useful content as the current site, including information on upcoming and past conferences, information about the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* including contents, membership information, registration/membership forms and contact details. If anyone has any suggestions about how to improve the site, please send them to Dr Dvir Abramovich or Suzanne Faigan.

ERRATA

The last newsletter included information on the Auckland Jewish Studies Forum you - but a reference to Hannah Brodsky as Co-Convenor was omitted.

AFTERMATH: HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN AUSTRALIA **14&15 March 2010**

First Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conference at the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University, Melbourne.

Co-sponsors: Jewish Holocaust Centre Melbourne; Sydney Jewish Museum; the Diana Zborowski Center for the Study of the Aftermath of the Shoah, Yad Vashem; the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute; the Joint Distribution Committee

Call for papers

Tens of thousands of Jews migrated to Australia immediately after the Holocaust, settling mainly in Melbourne and Sydney. This interdisciplinary conference will discuss the aftermath of the Holocaust as it was experienced in Australia and New Zealand, by Holocaust survivors, their families, and the Australian Jewish community.

We welcome new papers and research overviews by established scholars, and original research papers from academics, postgraduate students and independent scholars. A volume of selected papers will be published based on the conference proceedings. A range of suggested topics appear below.

The conference will address three broad themes, contextualised by the regional experience: themes of Consequences, Identities, and Diaspora. For example, the immediate and long term consequences of the Holocaust included displacement and migrations to Australia and New Zealand, and anti-Semitism when people attempted to return to their former homes, family loss and health repercussions, and the claims for reparations. The forging of new individual and/or collective Jewish identities in Australia and New Zealand after the Holocaust, the development of Holocaust remembrance, and comparative readings with the Israeli and American Holocaust survivor communities, are important areas of regional aftermath studies.

The strengths of Diaspora can also be explored in the context of aftermath, in terms of community building, politics, the growing international practice of Holocaust education, and the Australia and New Zealand second and third-generation movements of return to the sites of loss and atrocity.

Convenors: Associate Professor Mark Baker and Dr Deborah Staines, ACJC, Monash University

Confirmed Keynotes

Professor Yehuda Bauer (Hebrew University and Yad Vashem); Professor Konrad Kwiet (University of Sydney & Sydney Jewish Museum); Associate Professor Suzanne Rutland (University of Sydney); Dr Zeev Mankowitz (Yad Vashem); Pamela Maclean (Deakin University); A/Professor Mark Baker (Monash University).

Topics

- Survivors
- Post-war DP camp experiences
- Post-war anti-Semitism
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Reparations

Migrations to Australia and New Zealand 1933-1960

- Identity
- Community building
- *Landsmanschaften* of Australia
- Family and Health
- Return to Europe
- Zionism
- Diaspora and Israel
- Holocaust theology
- Memorial days
- Holocaust art, film and literature
- Holocaust Education
- Second Generation experiences of the Aftermath.

Paper abstracts due: 13 October 2009

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 15 November 2009

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words long, and include title of paper, author's name and institutional association, and the abstract. Proposals for panels with multiple papers on a single issue will also be considered, following the above format for each speaker.

These bursaries are offered on an individual basis via competitive application, i.e. the abstract submitted for inclusion at the conference.

Bookshop and Exhibition

An in-conference bookshop will be run by Sunflower Bookshop. All inquiries should be directed to sunflowerbookshop@netspace.net.au

An exhibition space will also be created during the conference for Australian artists representing the theme of Aftermath.

Please send all abstracts of paper or panel proposals by 13 October 2009, to:

Deborah Staines, Co-convenor & Organising Committee Chair:

deborah.staines@arts.monash.edu.au

Organising Committee members are Mark Baker, Zeev Mankowitz, Bernard Korbman (JHC), Miriam Munz (ACJC), Deborah Staines (ACJC), Avril Alba (SJM), Sue Hampel (Shoah Archive)

Refereed proceedings

A selection of refereed papers from the conference will be published in either a volume of proceedings, a special edition of a journal, or a book of essays. These papers will meet the criteria for research publication (DIISR HERDC categories). Applicants wishing to have their papers refereed must meet the additional deadlines and directions given below. This process will enable the Conference Committee to deliver publication more quickly.

13 October – deadline for refereed abstracts

15 November – notification of acceptance of refereed abstracts

1 February – deadline for completed papers for refereeing

Registration

More information on registration costs, and downloadable conference information, will be available soon from the conference website which can be found at www.arts.monash.edu.au/acjc

All participants are encouraged to seek financial support from their home institutions.

Bursaries

The Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University, offers bursaries to postgraduate students and Early Career Researchers whose papers are accepted (without institutional support) to assist their attendance at the *Aftermath* conference.

Five bursaries of \$1000 each are available, to be used for conference expenses including travel, accommodation, meal costs and conference registration (excluding students resident in Melbourne).

URGENT

I CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND THE NUMBER WHO HAVE PAID MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2009. Recently I contacted those who had not paid for 2009. Please respond, as our finances are at a low ebb. We cannot continue to function successfully without sufficient funds.

Marianne

BENEFACTOR MEMBER CATEGORY

The Australian Association of Jewish Studies has always operated on a shoe string basis, but this lack of funding really limits what we are able to achieve as an association. Following the pleas by our president, Dr Dvir Abramovich, we have decided to add a new membership category for Benefactor members, with a contribution of \$250, rather than the usual \$60 membership.

Why not consider benefactor member of the association? It will help to put us on a much better financial footing.

MEMBERSHIP Fees for 2009

MEMBERSHIP FEES for the Australian Association for Jewish Studies (ABN 16535824946) are current from 1 January 2009–31 December 2009 (include the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* published annually (towards end of current year), AAJS Newsletter, book discounts, and discounted registration fee for the AAJS annual February conference)

Benefactor : \$250

Access: <http://www.geocities.com/aajssite/AAJSMembership.htm> for Pay Pal.

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Institutional: \$70 (Aus)

Overseas: \$80 (Aus)

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