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16th Annual AAJS Conference 15-16 February 2004

The 16th annual AAJS conference will convene this year at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. The Annual Conference of the Australian Association of Jewish Studies provides a meeting place for tertiary academics, Jewish educators, researchers, students and others devoted to the study of Jewish life, thought and culture.

Papers on the following topics have been accepted:

- Israel and Anti-Semitism: the picture since 1948
- Interfaith Dialogue in Australia and the Issue of Israel
- Israel faces its Destiny: The Historic Debate on the Future of the Jewish State
- The Place of Israel in Jewish Thought

Overseas presenters include:

- Dr Zev Mankowitz, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Dr Debbie Weissman, Kerem Institute, Jerusalem
- Associate Professor Ellen W.

Kaplan, Smith College MA, U.S.A

- Dr Zohar Segev, Haifa University

Registration:

Two days including lunch:
\$150/\$120 AAJS Members/
\$80 Students

One day including lunch:
\$85/\$70 AAJS Members/
\$40 Students

Presenters and conference attendees should pay their conference fees no later than 8 December 2003.

Payments can be made by cheque or international money order made out to AAJS.

Questions about the conference should be made directly to:

Miriam Munz
Australian Centre for the Study of
Jewish Civilisation
Box 11 A
Monash University
Clayton, VIC 3800

Conference Accommodation

Quest Kimberley St Kilda, a 4-star hotel in the Jewish area of Melbourne is offering a double room for AUS \$117 per night. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel as rooms have been set aside for AAJS participants.

Quest Kimberley St. Kilda questkimberleygardens@questapartments.com.au
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Australasian Jewish Studies Forum

8 - 9 February 2003

Mandelbaum House, University of Sydney

Australian and New Zealand academics will take part in this forum, which is intended to provide an opportunity for an exchange of knowledge in this field between our two countries.

Contact: Suzanne Faigan, sfaigan@mandelbaum.usyd.edu.au

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Call For Papers

"Yidish mitn kop arop": Yiddish in the Southern Hemisphere

11-13 July 2004

Mandelbaum House, University of Sydney

The theme of the Conference is Yiddish language and culture in the Southern Hemisphere. This is an interdisciplinary conference and papers relating to history, literature, sociology, and the arts are welcomed. Papers on other topics will be considered, but preference will be given to those bearing directly upon the conference theme. Postgraduate students engaged in academic research are encouraged to submit proposals based on their work.

It is intended that presenters will be able to submit their papers for publication in the conference proceedings.

Papers can be presented in either

English or Yiddish.

Deadline for abstracts: January 30th 2004

Abstracts should not exceed three hundred words and must include title, author's name, postal and email address.

Please send abstracts either electronically or by post to:

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2003 END OF YEAR REPORT

Suzanne D. Rutland, President

AAJS

As 2003 draws to an end and we plan for our sixteenth annual conference in Melbourne in February 2004, it is a good time to reflect on our development. The Australian Association for Jewish Studies is a small group, and there were those who questioned whether it would be able to keep going and to continue to run annual conferences. Yet, today we are a well-established organisation which over the last few years has continued to strengthen. Our upcoming conference, with the theme of Israel and the Diaspora, promises to be an exciting one with two dynamic keynote speakers and both local and overseas presenters. Our journal for 2003 is being printed and will be shortly distributed and two newsletters have gone out this year.

NETA

An important new development which is taking place at present is the introduction of a new high school Modern Hebrew program entitled NETA (Noah L'Tovat HaIvrit) which has been developed between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Boston College, USA. A number of schools in both Sydney and Melbourne have been accepted to participate in this program and two lecturers from the Rothberg School for International Students – Hila Kobliner and Sarah Israeli – have come to Sydney and Melbourne to conduct inservices. I believed that improvements in the teaching of Hebrew at the high school level will have positive results for university Modern Hebrew teaching.

Conclusion

As I step down from my third two-year term as president, there are a number of people I would like to thank. Above all, Dr Marianne Dacy has maintained this Society with her dedication serving as Honorary Treasurer and Secretary. I would also like to thank my two vice-presidents, in Victoria Professor Andrew Markus and New South Wales Michael Abrahams-Sprod, our journal editors A/Prof Ziva Shavitsky and Dr Dvir Abramovitch, and our newsletter editor, Dr Jennifer Dowling. I would also like to thank Miriam Munz for coordinating the conference so efficiently.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable and productive break and I look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in February.

Suzanne D. Rutland



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Membership Renewals For 2004

DUE

MEMBERSHIP FEES for the Australian Association for Jewish Studies (ABN 16535824946) are current from 1 January 2004 – 31 December 2004.

Membership includes the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* published annually, the AAJS Newsletter, book discounts, and discounted registration fee for the AAJS annual conference.

Fees for 2004 (AU\$)

Regular: \$50

Full-time

Student/Pensioner: \$15

Institutional: \$60

Overseas: \$60

Send fees to: Dr Marianne
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A good number have not paid for 2003. You will not receive further mailouts in 2004 if fees are not renewed. Please continue your support.

AAJS Journal ~ Past Issues

While available! Past issues of the AAJS journals are available at \$10 per copy. All purchases and inquiries are to be directed to:

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Appeal For New Members

If you have not joined the association or know of potential members, please encourage them to join. We rely on your support.