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Dear Scholars-in-Residence, Wiesel-King Scholars, and Colleagues,

On behalf of the ISGAP Team, it is a great pleasure to welcome to the 12th Annual ISGAP-Oxbridge Summer Institute for Curriculum Development in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies at Churchill College, University of Cambridge. We are delighted to be able to host you at this inaugural Summer Institute in Cambridge, where ISGAP established a research entity at the Woolf Institute five years ago and is now expanding its scholarly work within the university.

Given your commitment to scholarship and to mapping, decoding, examining, and combating antisemitism, I am certain that you will add much to the ISGAP-Cambridge Summer Institute and be enriched by it. The success of the Summer Institute is dependent on the contributions and perspectives that you all bring to this timely gathering.

In the aftermath of the October 7 pogrom, the worst massacre and torture of Jewish people since the Shoah, and the subsequent explosion of antisemitism, especially within higher education, the ISGAP-Cambridge Summer Institute seeks to make inroads into academia by creating a "space" for the study of critical contemporary antisemitism as a new academic discipline. In effect, we are beginning to break the taboo and the silence surrounding this issue. We must turn the tide of antisemitism that is being normalized, not only on the campuses of our universities but, more importantly, within our classrooms and curriculum.

The demonization of Judaism, Israel, and Zionism in the academic discourse at our best universities is not a parochial problem for the Jewish people but an assault on basic democratic principles, values, and practice. As Professor Elie Wiesel always taught, antisemitism may begin with the Jewish people, but it never ends with the Jewish people. Once this form of hate is unleashed, it knows no boundaries, attacking other groups as well as our democratic institutions. We are also witnessing a rise in racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of hate.

Through our groundbreaking Summer Institute, we continue to develop formal and informal networks of scholars committed to goal of fighting antisemitism on the battlefield of ideas. We are dedicated to ensuring that more professors teach courses in critical contemporary antisemitism studies and that students engage with this subject matter and join our efforts.

Given these tumultuous times and the explosion of antisemitism globally—and especially within democratic societies, academic institutions, and the halls of power—our work and this gathering are more vital than ever.

During the seminars and meetings, your engagement and efforts are always welcome. In fact, the ISGAP Team hopes that you will ultimately become ambassadors for the much-needed study of contemporary antisemitism and the development of creative methods to combat it.

I wish you much success and inspiration in Cambridge!

Best wishes,



Dr. Charles Asher Small (D.Phil. Oxon)

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July 26 – August 7, 2026
Møller Institute, Churchill College, University of Cambridge
Study Centre, Suite 2

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

3:00 – 3:45 PM	Registration – Tower Lodge
3:45 – 5:00 PM	Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge <i>“Welcoming Remarks,” followed by Participant Introductions</i>
5:00 – 5:10 PM	Dr. Miriam Wagner , Executive Director, Woolf Institute, Cambridge <i>“Welcoming Remarks”</i>
5:10 – 5:40 PM	Natan Sharansky , Chair, ISGAP <i>“The 3 Ds of Antisemitism: Demonization, Delegitimization, Double Standards”</i>
5:40 – 5:55 PM	David Harris , Executive Vice Chair, ISGAP <i>“The Middle East post-October 7: A Current Assessment”</i>
5:55 – 6:10 PM	Dr. Amos Nadan , Director, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University <i>“Closed Eyes and Open Sources: Antisemitism and the October 7 War”</i>
6:10 – 6:40 PM	Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP <i>“The Importance of Creating Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies”</i>
6:40 – 7:00 PM	Q&A
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Opening Night – Wine, Cheese, Light Refreshments

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge <i>“Globalization and the War Against the Jewish People”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	David Harris , Executive Vice Chair, ISGAP <i>“Antisemitism and a Failure of Imagination”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Prof. Joël Kotek , ISGAP Faculty Member; Professor of Political Science, Free University of Brussels (ULB); Institut Jonathas, Brussels <i>“History and Psychoanalysis of Antisemitism”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. , ISGAP Faculty Member; Professor of Divinity and Interdisciplinary Studies at Duke University; President and CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association, Washington, DC <i>“The Future of University Curriculum Development in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies: The Opportunities and Challenges to Enhance Global Academic Consortium Activations and the Need to Strengthen Global Alliances in Opposition to Antisemitism from the Perspective of Black-Jewish Solidarity”</i>
6:00 – 6:45 PM	Dinner Break – Tower Lodge
6:45 – 8:45 PM	Film Viewing <i>“24 Days: The True Story of the Ilan Halimi Affair”</i> Directed by Alexandre Arcady
8:45 – 9:30 PM	Film Debrief

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Prof. David Patterson , ISGAP Faculty Member; Hillel Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas <i>“Redemptive Antisemitism After Ten/Seven”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Haras Rafiq , Vice President of Policy, ISGAP <i>“Islamism Beyond Islamists”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Yehudah Barlev , Leader of FTM Forensic Accounting Team, ISGAP; CEO and Founder, Barlev Associates, Accountants, Tel Aviv <i>“Soft Power and Buying Influence in Higher Education”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:10 PM	Prof. Uzi Rabi , Senior Researcher and Head, Regional Cooperation, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University <i>“From October 7 to Regional War”</i>
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Prof. David Hirsh , Founder, LCSCA; Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Goldsmiths College, London <i>“Understanding Antizionist Antisemitism”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Prof. Uzi Rabi , Senior Researcher and Head, Regional Cooperation, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University <i>“The Day After: Israel and the Middle East”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Jonathan Spyer , Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security <i>“Iran, Israel, and Antisemitism”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Yehudah Barlev , Leader of FTM Forensic Accounting Team, ISGAP; CEO and Founder, Barlev Associates, Accountants, Tel Aviv <i>“The Financial Sources of the Muslim Brotherhood”</i>
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Break
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Dr. Louis Schubert , Professor of Political Science, City College of San Francisco; Research Associate, University of California Berkeley <i>“Applying Antisemitism Research to Improving Policy Efforts: Clearly Identifying Friends, Allies, and Foes”</i> (Optional)

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Prof. Yossi Shain , Romulo Betancourt Professor of Political Science, Tel Aviv University <i>“Did Liberalism Betray the Jews, or Did the Jews Betray Liberalism?”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Jonathan Spyer , Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security <i>“Forever War? A Strategic Overview of the Middle East in Mid 2026”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Rick Sopher , CEO, Edmond de Rothschild Capital Holdings, London <i>“What Does the Quran Really Say about Jews, Judaism, and the Bible?” – Moderated by Dr. Miriam Wagner</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer

4:30 – 6:00 PM	Giulietta Boukhobza , Author, New York <i>“The Forgotten Refugees of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Story of a Jew from Libya” – Moderated by David Harris</i>
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Break
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Dr. Charlotte Littlewood , Researcher, ISGAP; Director of Research & Media, Institute for the Impact of Faith in Life, UK <i>“Embedding Islamism: The Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaat-e-Islami in the UK – A Strategic Assessment”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Prof. Yossi Shain , Romulo Betancourt Professor of Political Science, Tel Aviv University <i>“Shifting Boundaries: Liberalism and the Jewish Political Divide”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Dr. Kara Jesella , Scholar and Author, New York <i>“Me Too, Unless You Are a Jew: Feminism Justifies October 7”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Dr. Andrew Pessin , Research Fellow, ISGAP; Professor of Philosophy, Connecticut College, US; Campus Bureau Editor, <i>The Algemeiner</i> <i>“The Origin, Evolution, and Contemporary Manifestations of Antizionism”</i>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 – FREE DAY

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 – FREE DAY

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
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MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge <i>“Neoliberalism and Higher Education: The Privatization of Hate”</i>

11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Shai Davidai , Author and Activist; Former Assistant Professor of Business, Columbia University, New York <i>“How to Fight an Ideological War: Why Antisemitism Must Be Treated as an Ideology, Not a Prejudice”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Prof. Rona Kaufman , Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University <i>“Legal Conceptualizations of Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Eran Benedek , Senior Research Analyst, Community Security Trust, London <i>“Lecture and Q&A on the work of the Community Security Trust”</i>
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Break
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Tali Smus , President, Students Supporting Israel, King's College London <i>“Antisemitism in Reality: Campus Edition”</i> (Optional)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Prof. Dan Michman , Senior Research Fellow, ISGAP; Professor Emeritus of Modern Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University <i>“Anti-semit-ism’: What’s in a Term?”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Prof. David Patterson , ISGAP Faculty Member; Hillel Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas <i>“The History and Essence of Antisemitism”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Dr. Batsheva Neuer , ISGAP-INSS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Tel Aviv University <i>“Jewish Sovereignty and the Languages of Universalism: ‘Zionism Is Racism’ from the UN to Durban and Beyond”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Dr. Lev Topor , Research Fellow, ISGAP; Member of Israeli Delegation to IHRA; Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Jungle Labs <i>“Artificially Amplified: Challenges and Complexities of Dealing with AI-Enhanced Antisemitism Online”</i>

6:00 – 6:15 PM	Break
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Prof. Rona Kaufman, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University Andrea J. Martin, JD, Assistant Professor of Law, Penn State Dickinson Law Naomi Leviya, Writer; Undergraduate Student <i>“The Intersections of Antisemitism and Misogyny”</i> (Optional)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Dr. Florence Bergeaud-Blackler, Senior Fellow, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS); President, Centre européen de recherche et d'information sur le frérisme (CERIF) <i>“Is the Concept of ‘Frérisme’ (Brotherism) Relevant to Understanding the Legacy of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe?”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Haras Rafiq, Vice President of Policy, ISGAP <i>“Strategic Entryism of the Muslim Brotherhood in the US”</i>
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Dr. Lawrence (Lazerwolf) Amsel, Senior Research Fellow, ISGAP; Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York <i>“How the Academic Form of Battlefield Asymmetric Warfare is Used to Normalize Antisemitism/Anti-Zionism on Campus”</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Lesley Klaff, Editor-in-Chief, <i>Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism</i>; Director of Academic Engagement, ISGAP Daniel Allington, Deputy Editor, <i>Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism</i>; Reader in Social Analytics, King's College London; Senior Associate Fellow, Counter Extremism Group <i>“History and Role of the Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism”</i>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Rabbi Yonah Bookstein, Founder, Neshama; Rabbi, Beth El Synagogue, Los Angeles <i>“The Refusal of Guilt: Denial as a Modality of Antisemitism at Kielce”</i>
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Break
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Breakout Session
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Bruria Michman <i>“Nobody Knows What Is Going to Happen...”: Hiding Jewish Children during the Holocaust in Holland – The Story of One Family</i> (Optional)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Tower Lodge
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge <i>“Curriculum Development Workshop – Introduction”</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Curriculum Development Workshop
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Tower Lodge
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Curriculum Development Workshop
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Tea Break – Foyer
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Curriculum Development Workshop
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Farewell Event – Wine and Cheese

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Dining Hall
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Presentation of Syllabi and Projects
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break – Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Presentation of Syllabi and Projects
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break – Dining Hall
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Presentation of Syllabi and Projects
4:00 PM	Concluding Remarks and Conferral of Certificates Dr. Charles Asher Small , Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge

RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR THE ISGAP-CAMBRIDGE SUMMER
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CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM STUDIES

Subject One: Global Antisemitism

1. Small, Charles A. *Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity*. New York: ISGAP, 2014.
2. Wistrich, Robert S. *Antisemitism: The Longest Hatred*. London: Schocken, 1991.
3. Haziza, David. ["David Nirenberg: Anti-Judaism Is a Means of Thinking the World."](#) K., September 15, 2022.

Subject Two: From Nazi to Islamic and Arab Antisemitism

1. Wistrich, Robert S. *A Lethal Obsession: Antisemitism from Antiquity to Global Jihad*. New York: Random House, 2010.
2. Herf, Jeffrey. *Nazi Propaganda for the Arab World*. Hartford: Yale University Press, 2010.
3. Küntzel, Matthias. *Jihad and Jew-Hatred: Islamism, Nazism, and the Roots of 9/11*. New York: Telos Press, 2007.
4. Dalin, David G., and John F. Rothman. *Icon of Evil: Hitler's Mufti and the Rise of Radical Islam*. New York: Random House, 2008.

Subject Three: The Left, Israel and Anti-Zionism

1. Wistrich, Robert S. *From Ambivalence to Betrayal: The Left, the Jews, and Israel*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2012.
2. Wistrich, Robert S. ["Judeophobia and Marxism."](#) *Commentary* (December 2014).
3. Vaksberg, Arkada. *Stalin Against the Jews*. New York: Knopf, 1994.
4. Deutscher, Isaac. *The Non-Jewish Jew and Other Essays*. London: Verso, 1958.

Subject Four: Post-2000 – The "New" Antisemitism in Europe

1. Nirenberg, David. *Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2013.
2. Taguieff, Pierre-André. *Rising from the Muck: The New Antisemitism in Europe*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2004.
3. Shepherd, Robin. *A State Beyond the Pale: Europe's Problem with Israel*. London: Orion Publishing, 2009.

SYLLABUS 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Dr. Charles Asher Small, Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, Cambridge; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge

“The Importance of Creating Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies”

Recommended Readings (Small):

1. Small, Charles Asher. [*Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity*](#). New York: ISGAP, 2014.
2. Wistrich, Robert S. *Antisemitism: The Longest Hatred*. London: Schocken, 1991.
3. Wistrich, Robert S. *A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad*. New York: Random House, 2010.
4. Nirenberg, David. *Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2013.
5. Castells, Manuel. *The Rise of the Network Society*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1996.
6. Castells, Manuel. *The Power of Identity*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1997.
7. McGrew, Tony, Stuart Hall, and David Held, eds., *Modernity and Its Futures*. London: Polity Press, 1992.
8. Harvey, David. *The Condition of Postmodernity*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1989.
9. Oncu, Ayse, and Petra Weyland. *Space, Culture and Power: New Identities in Globalising Cities*. London: Zed Press, 1997.
10. Small, Charles Asher, et al. [*National Students for Justice in Palestine \(NSJP\), Antisemitism, Anti-Americanism, Violent Extremism and the Threat to North American Universities*](#). New York: ISGAP, 2024.
11. [*Follow the Money: Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood Funding of Higher Education in the United States*](#). New York: ISGAP, 2019–present.

Monday, July 27, 2026

Dr. Charles Asher Small, Founder and Executive Director, ISGAP; Director, ISGAP-Woolf Institute Fellowship Training Programme on Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, Cambridge; Researcher, St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge

“Globalization and the War Against the Jewish People”

David Harris, Executive Vice Chair, ISGAP

“Antisemitism and a Failure of Imagination”

Recommended Readings (Harris):

1. Harris, David. *Antisemitism: What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025.

Prof. Joël Kotek, ISGAP Faculty Member; Professor of Political Science, Free University of Brussels (ULB); Institut Jonathas, Brussels

“History and Psychoanalysis of Antisemitism”

Recommended Readings (Kotek):

1. Hirsh, David. *The Rebirth of Antisemitism in the 21st Century: From the Academic Boycott Campaign into the Mainstream*. London: Routledge, 2024.
2. Kotek, Joël. *Cartoons and Extremism: Israel and the Jews in Arab and Western Media*. New York: Vallentine Mitchell, 2008.
3. Gerstenfeld, Manfred. [*“Manfred Gerstenfeld on Cartoons and Extremism: Israel and the Jews in Arab and Western Media, by Joël Kotek.”*](#) *Jewish Political Studies Review* (2009).

4. Nelson, Cary. *Hate Speech and Academic Freedom: The Antisemitic Assault on Basic Principles*. Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2024.
5. Nelson, Cary, and Gabriel Brahm. [The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel](#). MLA Members for Scholar's Rights, 2015.
6. Patterson, David. *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, ISGAP Faculty Member; President and CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association, Washington, DC

"The Future of University Curriculum Development in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies: The Opportunities and Challenges to Enhance Global Academic Consortium Activations and the Need to Strengthen Global Alliances in Opposition to Antisemitism from the Perspective of Black-Jewish Solidarity"

Recommended Readings (Chavis):

1. Waldman-Levi, Amiya, et al. "[Jewish Students' Experiences of Antisemitism in Higher Education Settings and Daily Occupations](#)." *Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* 46, no. 3 (2026).
2. Santus, Daniella, and Cristina Bettin. "[Antisemitism In The Algorithmic Age: Propaganda, Disinformation, and Generative AI](#)." *Z Religion Ges Polit* (2025).
3. Hirschhorn, Sara Yael. "[Israel in the Black-American Imagination From 1967 to 7 October 2023](#)." *ISCA Research Paper* (2025-5).

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Prof. David Patterson, ISGAP Faculty Member; Hillel Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas

"Redemptive Antisemitism after Ten/Seven"

Recommended Readings (Patterson):

1. Patterson, David. *Antisemitism Morally Required in the Wake of Ten/Seven*. Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2026.

Haras Rafiq, Vice President of Policy, ISGAP

"Islamism Beyond Islamists"

Recommended Readings (Rafiq):

1. Jenkins, John, Martyn Frampton, and Tom Wilson. [Understanding Islamism](#). London: Policy Exchange, 2020.
2. Hasan, Usama. [From Dhimmitude to Democracy: Islamic Law, Non-Muslims & Equal Citizenship](#). London: Quilliam, 2015.
3. Rafiq, Haras, and Nikita Malik. [Caliphettes: Women and the Appeal of Islamic State](#). London: Quilliam, 2015.
4. Fraser-Rahim, Muhammad, and Adrian Taylor. [Transforming the Hate that Hate Produced: An Analysis of the History and Counter-Radicalization Efforts of the Community of Imam WD Muhammad](#). London: Quilliam, 2018.
5. Al-Ansari, Salah, and Usama Hasan. [Tackling Terror: A Response to Takfiri Terrorist Theology](#). London: Quilliam, 2018.

Yehudah Barlev, Leader of FTM Forensic Accounting Team, ISGAP; CEO and Founder, Barlev Associates, Accountants Investigative Auditing, Tel Aviv

"Soft Power and Buying Influence in Higher Education"

Recommended Readings (Barlev):

1. [Networks of Hate: Qatari Paymasters, Soft Power, and the Manipulation of Democracy](#). New York: ISGAP, 2023.
2. [Cornell University's Ten Billion Dollar Sale: Soft Power, Qatar, the Muslim Brotherhood and an Antisemitism Crisis on Campus](#). New York: ISGAP, 2024.
3. [Hijacking Higher Education: Qatar, the Muslim Brotherhood, and Texas A&M: Buying Nuclear Research and Student Information, Vol. 2](#). New York: ISGAP, 2024.
4. [The Corruption of the American Mind: How Foreign Funding of Higher Education in the United States Predicts the Erosion of Democratic Values and Antisemitic Sentiment on Campus, Vol. 2](#). New York: ISGAP, 2024.

Prof. Uzi Rabi, Senior Researcher and Head, Regional Cooperation, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University

"From the 7 of October to a Regional War"

Recommended Readings (Rabi):

1. Vick, Karl. ["A New Middle East Is Unfolding Before Our Eyes."](#) *Time*, June 22, 2025.
2. Khoury, Nabeel A. ["A Trump-Netanyahu New Middle East?"](#) Arab Center Washington, DC, July 9, 2025.
3. Hussein, Mohamed A. ["Mapping Israel's Expanding Battlefronts across the Middle East."](#) *Al Jazeera*, June 25, 2025.
4. ["Briefing: Israel's War with Iran is Over."](#) *The Economist*, June 26, 2025.
5. Rabi, Uzi, and Brandon Friedman. ["Weaponizing Sectarianism in Iraq and Syria."](#) Foreign Policy Research Institute, 2017.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Prof. David Hirsh, Founder, LCSCA; Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Goldsmiths College, London

"Understanding Antizionist Antisemitism"

Recommended Readings (Hirsh):

1. Hirsh, David. ["Hostility to Israel and Antisemitism: Toward a Sociological Approach."](#) *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism* 5 (2013): 1401–1419.
2. Hirsh, David. [How the Word 'Zionist' Functions in Antisemitic Vocabulary."](#) *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* 4, no. 2 (January 12, 2022).
3. Hirsh, David. [How Raising the Issue of Antisemitism Puts You Outside the Community of the Progressive: The Livingstone Formulation."](#) *Engage* (2016).
4. Hirsh, David, and Hilary Miller. ["Durban Antizionism: Its Sources, Its Impact, and Its Relation to Older Anti-Jewish Ideologies."](#) *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* 5, no. 1 (August 11, 2022).
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Prof. Uzi Rabi, Senior Researcher and Head, Regional Cooperation, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University

"The Day After: Israel and the Middle East"

Recommended Readings (Rabi):

1. Vick, Karl. ["A New Middle East Is Unfolding Before Our Eyes."](#) *Time*, June 22, 2025.
2. Khoury, Nabeel A. ["A Trump-Netanyahu New Middle East?"](#) Arab Center Washington, DC, July 9, 2025.
3. Hussein, Mohamed A. ["Mapping Israel's Expanding Battlefronts Across the Middle East."](#) *Al Jazeera*, June 25, 2025.

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Jonathan Spyer, Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security
“Iran, Israel, and Antisemitism”

Recommended Readings (Spyer):

1. Mansharoff, Yossi. [“Behind Iran’s Desire to Destroy Israel.”](#) *Middle East Quarterly* (Summer 2026).
2. Rezaï, Farhad, and Ofira Selikta. [“Iran’s Islamist Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: Jews as Source of All Evil \(Part One\).”](#) *Middle East Quarterly* (Summer 2026).

Yehudah Barlev, Leader of FTM Forensic Accounting Team, ISGAP; CEO and Founder, Barlev Associates, Accountants Investigative Auditing, Tel Aviv
“The Financial Sources of the Muslim Brotherhood”

Recommended Readings (Barlev):

1. [The Muslim Brotherhood’s Strategic Entryism into the United States: A Systematic Analysis.](#) New York: ISGAP, 2026.
2. [Comprehensive Update on Terrorist Financing Risks.](#) Financial Action Task Force (2025).

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Prof. Yossi Shain, Romulo Betancourt Professor of Political Science, Tel Aviv University
“Did Liberalism Betray the Jews, or Did the Jews Betray Liberalism?”

Recommended Readings (Shain):

1. Goldman, Daniel. [“Why British Jewry Isn’t ‘Drifting Away’ from Israel.”](#) *Tikvahi*, July 14, 2016.
2. Wisse, Ruth. [If I Am Not for Myself: The Liberal Betrayal of the Jews.](#) New York: Free Press, 1992.
3. [“Jewish Ethics vs. State Ethics”](#) in Yossi Shain, *The Israeli Century: How the Zionist Revolution Changed History and Reinvented Judaism.* Brentwood: Wicked Son, 2021, pp. 402–433.

Jonathan Spyer, Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security
“Forever War? A Strategic Overview of the Middle East in Mid-2026”

Recommended Readings (Spyer):

1. Mansharoff, Yossi. [“Behind Iran’s Desire to Destroy Israel.”](#) *Middle East Quarterly* (Summer 2026).
2. Rezaï, Farhad, and Ofira Selikta. [“Iran’s Islamist Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: Jews as Source of All Evil \(Part One\).”](#) *Middle East Quarterly* (Summer 2026).

Rick Sopher, CEO, Edmond de Rothschild Capital Holdings, London
“What Does the Quran Really Say About Jews, Judaism, and the Bible?” – Moderated by Dr. Miriam Wagner

Recommended Readings (Sopher):

1. Firestone, Reuven. [An Introduction to Islam for Jews.](#) Melrose Park: Jewish Publication Society, 2008.

Friday, July 31, 2026

Charlotte Littlewood, Researcher, ISGAP; Director of Research & Media, Institute for the Impact of Faith in Life, UK

“Embedding Islamism: The Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaat-e-Islami in the UK—A Strategic Assessment”

Recommended Readings (Littlewood):

1. House of Commons. [Muslim Brotherhood Review: Main Findings](#). London, 2015.
2. Vidino, Lorenzo. [The Muslim Brotherhood in the United Kingdom](#). Washington, DC: George Washington University Program on Extremism, 2015.
3. Wickham, Carrie. [The Muslim Brotherhood: Evolution of an Islamist Movement](#). Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.
4. Littlewood, Charlotte. [“Islamist Organisations in the United Kingdom: From the Rushdie Affair to Present Day.”](#) Henry Jackson Society, 2022.
5. Littlewood, Charlotte. [“Identity Denied: Minority-Within-Minority Discrimination and the Contradictions of British Multiculturalism.”](#) PhD diss., University of Exeter, 2025.

Prof. Yossi Shain, Romulo Betancourt Professor of Political Science, Tel Aviv University
“Shifting Boundaries: Liberalism and the Jewish Political Divide”

Recommended Readings (Shain):

1. [“Jewish Ethics vs. State Ethics”](#) in Yossi Shain, *The Israeli Century: How the Zionist Revolution Changed History and Reinvented Judaism*. Brentwood: Wicked Son, 2021, pp. 402--433.

Dr. Kara Jesella, Author; Fellow, London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism

“Me Too, Unless You Are a Jew: Feminism Justifies October 7”

Recommended Readings (Jesella):

1. Combahee River Collective. [“The Combahee River Collective Statement,”](#) 1977.
2. “Foreword” in Toni Cade Bambara, ed., [The Black Woman](#). New York: New American Library, Inc., 1970.
3. Rickford, Russell, [“‘To Build a New World’: Black American Internationalism and Palestine Solidarity.”](#) *Journal of Palestine Studies* 48, no. 4 (2019): 52–68.
4. McIntosh, Peggy. [“Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.”](#) *Peace and Freedom Magazine* (1989): 10–12.
5. Anna Krauthamer. [“Why I Didn’t Report My Rape.”](#) *The Nation*, January 24, 2026.

Dr. Andrew Pessin, Research Fellow, ISGAP; Professor of Philosophy, Connecticut College
“The Origin, Evolution, and Contemporary Manifestations of Antizionism”

Recommended Readings (Pessin):

1. [“Re-presenting Zionism as the Apex of Global Conspiracy”](#) in Michael Berkowitz, *The Crime of My Very Existence: Nazism and the Myth of Jewish Criminality*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007.
2. [“Antisemitism for Popular Consumption: Selections from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion”](#) in Stephen Eric Bronner, *A Rumor About the Jews: Conspiracy, Anti-Semitism, and the Protocols of Zion*. New York: Palgrave/St. Martin’s Press, 2000.
3. Fischer, Lars. [“The Nazi Invention of Anti-Imperialist Antizionism.”](#) *The Tel Aviv Review of Books* (Winter 2024).
4. Paresky, Pamela. [“Critical Race Theory and the ‘Hyper-White’ Jew.”](#) *Sapir*, May 6, 2021.

5. Spoerl, Joseph S. "[Parallels between Nazi and Islamist Anti-Semitism](#)." *Jewish Political Studies Review* 31, no. 1/2 (2020).
6. Linfield, Susie. "[The Return of the Progressive Atrocity](#)." *Quillette*, November 18, 2023.
7. "[Swastika, Crescent and Star of David](#)" and "[Militant Islam and Arab Nationalism](#)" in Robert S. Wistrich, *Hitler's Apocalypse: Jews and the Nazi Legacy*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985.

Monday, August 3, 2026

Prof. Rona Kaufman, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University
"Legal Conceptualizations of Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective"

Recommended Readings (Kaufman):

1. Office of the Special Envoy for Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism. [Canadian Handbook on the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism](#). 2025.
2. European Commission. [Legal Framework on Antisemitism](#). n.d.
3. Kaufman, Rona. "[Never Again: Zionism and the Jewess](#)." *FIU Law Review* 19, no. 3 (June 2025): 737–770.
4. Kaufman, Rona. "[The Court Is Wrong: Antizionism Is Discrimination Against Jews](#)." *The Blogs, Times of Israel*, December 9, 2025.
5. Matthew Segal. "[The Anti-Zionism Exception](#)." *Tablet*, February 3, 2026.

Shai Davidai, Author and Activist; Former Associate Professor of Business, Columbia University

"How to Fight an Ideological War: Why Antisemitism Must Be Treated as an Ideology, Not a Prejudice"

Recommended Readings (Davidai):

1. Davidai, Shai. "[American Intellectual Antisemitism](#)" in *American Intellectual Antisemitism: The Anti-Jewish Movement Tearing Through Our Universities*. Brentwood: Wicked Son, forthcoming (DO NOT SHARE).

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Prof. Dan Michman, Senior Research Fellow, ISGAP; Professor Emeritus of Modern Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University

"Anti-semit-ism': What's in a Term?"

Recommended Readings (Michman):

1. Dan Michman. "[Anti-semit-ism: When and Why was the Term Coined and Embraced? Is it Still Useful?](#)," *Antisemitism Studies* 10, no. 1 (2026): 163–177. (Keynote lecture at Bar-Ilan University conference "Global Perspectives on Antisemitism", June 12, 2023. Based on the Hebrew article "Can the Term 'Antisemitism' be Used as a Characterizing or Analytical Category in Scholarly Discourse? A Reply to David Engel," *Zion* 85 (2020): 391–408.
2. Volkov, Shulamit. "[Antisemitism as a Cultural Code: Reflections on the History and Historiography of Antisemitism in Imperial Germany](#)." *The Leo Baeck Institute Year Book* 23, no. 1 (January 1978): 25–46.

Prof. David Patterson, ISGAP Faculty Member; Hillel Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas
"The History and Essence of Antisemitism"

Recommended Readings (Patterson):

1. "[Chapter Six: Word, Blood, Redemption and the Essence of Antisemitism](#)" in David Patterson, *Judaism, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust: Making the Connections*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
2. "[Chapter Five: National Socialist Antisemitism](#)" in David Patterson, *Antisemitism and Its Metaphysical Origins*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
3. David Patterson. *Antisemitism Morally Required in the Wake of Ten/Seven*. Newton: Academic Studies Press, 2026.
4. David Patterson. *A Genealogy of Evil: Antisemitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Dr. Batsheva Neuer, ISGAP-INSS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Tel Aviv University
"Jewish Sovereignty and the Languages of Universalism: 'Zionism Is Racism' from the UN to Durban and Beyond"

Recommended Readings (Neuer):

1. Neuer, Batsheva. "[A Tale of Two Documents: How Zionism as Racism Resurfaced at the World Conference against Racism \(WCAR\)](#)." *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* 8, no. 1 (2025): 89–108.
2. Hirsh, David, and Hilary Miller. "[Durban Antizionism: Its Sources, Its Impact, and Its Relation to Older Anti-Jewish Ideologies](#)." *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism* 5, no. 1 (2022).
3. Friesel, Ofra. "[Equating Zionism with Racism: The 1965 Precedent](#)." *American Jewish History* 97, no. 3 (2013): 283–313.

Dr. Lev Topor, Research Fellow, ISGAP; Member of the Israeli Delegation to IHRA; Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Jungle Labs
"Artificially Amplified: Challenges and Complexities of Dealing with AI-Enhanced Antisemitism Online"

Recommended Readings (Topor):

1. De-Lima-Santos, Mathias-Felipe, and Wilson Ceron. "[Coordinated Amplification, Coordinated Inauthentic Behaviour, Orchestrated Campaigns: A Systematic Literature Review of Coordinated Inauthentic Content on Online Social Networks](#)" in Tirşe Erbayşal Filibeli and Melis Öneren Özbek, *Mapping Lies in the Global Media Sphere*. London: Routledge, 2023, pp. 165–184.
2. Santos, Daniela, and Cristina Bettin. "Antisemitism in the Algorithmic Age: Propaganda, Disinformation, and Generative AI." *Zeitschrift für Religion, Gesellschaft und Politik* (2025): 1–22.
3. Topor, Lev. "Anonymity and Anonymous Communications" and "Nazi Migration to Anonymous Platforms: The Case of Holocaust Denial," in [Phishing for Nazis: Conspiracies, Anonymous Communications and White Supremacy Networks on the Dark Web](#). New York: Routledge, 2023.
4. Topor, Lev. "Old Hatred in New Code," in [Synthetic Hate: AI-Enhanced Antisemitism and Online Radicalization](#). London: Routledge, 2026.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Dr. Florence Bergeaud-Blackler, Senior Fellow, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS); President, Centre européen de recherche et d'information sur le frérisme (CERIF)
"Is the Concept of 'Frérisme' (Brotherism) Relevant to Understanding the Legacy of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe?"

Recommended Readings (Bergeaud-Blackler):

1. Bergeaud-Blackler, Florence. *Le Djihad par le marché*. Paris: Odile Jacob, 2025.
2. Bergeaud-Blackler, Florence. *Le Frérisme et ses réseaux, l'enquête*. Paris: Odile Jacob, 2023.
3. [Report on Muslim Brotherhood Entryism](#). French Ministry of the Interior, 2025 (in French).

Rabbi Yonah Bookstein, Founder, Neshama; Rabbi, Beth El Synagogue, Los Angeles
"The Refusal of Guilt: Denial as a Modality of Antisemitism at Kielce"

Recommended Readings (Bookstein):

1. Grabowski, Jan. "[Rewriting the History of Polish-Jewish Relations from a Nationalist Perspective](#)." *Yad Vashem Studies* 36, no. 1 (2008): 253–269.
2. Cimoszewicz, Włodzimierz. "[On the 50th Anniversary of the Kielce Pogrom](#)." Address by the Prime Minister of Poland, Kielce, July 7, 1996.
3. Bielawski, Krzysztof. "[The Jewish Cemetery in Kielce, 1945–1989](#)." *Studia Muzealno-Historyczne* 15 (2023): 175–191.
4. Stańczyk, Ewa. "[Remaking National Identity: Two Contested Monuments in Post-Communist Poland](#)." *Central Europe* 11, no. 2 (2013): 127–142.
5. Tokarska-Bakir, Joanna. [Pogrom Cries – Essays on Polish-Jewish History, 1939–1946](#). Berlin: Peter Lang, 2019.
6. Tokarska-Bakir, Joanna, and Jarosław Dulewicz. "["An Unfinished Story': Genealogy of the Kielce Pogrom Victims \(Selected Problems and New Research Possibilities\)](#)." *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia* 18 (2020): 163–188.

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Dr. Lawrence Amsel, MD, MPH, is the child of Holocaust survivors, which profoundly shaped various aspects of his life journey. He pursued a career as a physician with a focused interest in psychological trauma, alongside strong political commitments and a philosophical outlook. Lawrence received a traditional Yeshiva education, largely in Yiddish, and actively engaged in political activism, particularly through involvement in the Soviet Jewry movement and student support for Israel, which has remained significant throughout his life.

The pleasures of rigorous thinking in Talmud class led him to major in mathematics during his undergraduate studies at Columbia College. Motivated by the moral content of his studies, Lawrence sought to address the emotional pain and turmoil of contemporary life. He completed medical school at Yale, trained in psychiatry and public health, and became a member of the academic faculty at Columbia University. Following 9/11, he co-directed a clinic for the survivors of that terrorist attack. In this capacity, he encountered a large number of traumatized police officers, firefighters, and EMTs, as well as other individuals. This reinforced what he knew as a child of Holocaust survivors, that the aggregated responses of a traumatized population have a very serious impact on their political attitudes and behaviors as well as their mental health.

Lawrence's areas of academic interest have been the long-term effects of psychological trauma on individuals and populations, the applications of models from behavioral economics and game theory to comprehend human behaviors, and the interface of psychiatry and the law. Going forward, Lawrence would like to merge his past scholarship with additional political and philosophical perspectives in order to better understand the sources and nature of human biases and political distortions, such as those exemplified by contemporary antisemitism and anti-Zionism.



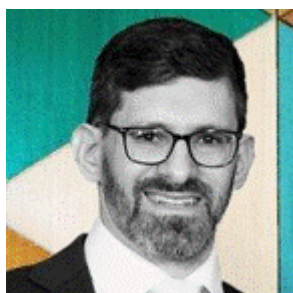
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Yehudah Barlev is the Managing Partner and Founder of Barlev Associates, an accounting and investigative auditing firm. Yehudah worked for various enforcement agencies inside and outside Israel, in wide issues of investigative audits (i.e. forensic accounting, prevention, detection and quantification of corruption, fraud, money laundering, and terror finance) of white-collar offences on a national and global scale in various countries and in civil disputes. Among his substantial projects were the recovery of properties belonging to Holocaust victims

in service of both the Knesset's investigation commission and the Governmental Company for Locating and Recovering Holocaust Victims' Properties. He also conducted investigations into the fraud and collapse of the Commerce Bank and handled delicate projects on economic soft power for various governments. Yehudah lectures at numerous academic institutions in Israel and international conventions, specializing in Investigative auditing issues, economic crime, corruption, money laundering, and terror financing. His diverse audience includes government officials, litigators, accountants, bankers, risk and money laundering compliance officers, and law enforcement officers. Furthermore, Yehudah is the author of the following books: *The Foundations of*

Investigative Auditing, Par Value, and Ety, Bernie and the Fraudsters, in addition to numerous articles in the field.



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Eran Benedek is a Senior Analyst in the Research and Analysis Hub of the UK's Community Security Trust (CST), where he focuses on antisemitism, terrorism, and extremism. He has written numerous CST research briefings and assessments on related topics, including global trends in anti-Jewish terrorism, Iranian and Hezbollah terrorist methods, and lessons learned from terrorist attacks. Eran manages CST's terrorism databases and its monthly *Threat Update*, a unique newsletter rounding up key developments in terrorism and extremism. His articles have been published in *CTC Sentinel* (West Point), the *Jewish Political Studies Review*, and *Foreign Policy*, and by the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT). Eran holds an MSc in Nationalism and Ethnicity from the London School of Economics.



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Michael Berenbaum is the Director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust and a Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University. The author and editor of 24 books, he was also the Executive Editor of the Second Edition of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. He was Project Director overseeing the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the first Director of its Research Institute and later served as President and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, which took the testimony of 52,000 Holocaust survivors in 32 languages and 57 countries. His work in film has won Emmy Awards and Academy Awards. He has developed and curated Museums in the United States, Mexico, North Macedonia and Poland and his award winning exhibition "Auschwitz: Not Long Ago, Not Far Away" has appeared in Madrid and Malmo, New York, Kansas City, and, most recently, at the Ronald Reagan Library in California. It will soon open in Boston.



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Rabbi Yonah Bookstein is a scholar of Polish Jewry, a spiritual leader, and an advisor to Jewish organizations, foundations, and families. His upcoming book, *Denial Is a River in Poland: The Aftermath of Europe's Last Pogrom* (2026), examines how the 1946 Kielce pogrom has been remembered, interpreted, and memorialized over the last eighty years.

Rabbi Bookstein serves as the Alevy Family Rabbi in Community Outreach and is a co-founder of Neshama. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon's Robert C. Clark Honors College and Oxford University, and was a Fulbright Fellow at Jagiellonian University in Kraków. He studied rabbinics at Darche Noam in Jerusalem and received ordination from Ohr Somayach in New York.

His prior communal leadership includes serving as Director of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in Poland, as a Campus Rabbi, and as founder of the Pico Shul. He is the author of *Prayers for Israel* (2013), and his newsletter, "Rabbi Yonah's Practice," is available on Substack. Rabbi Yonah also enjoys touring Scotland and playing guitar. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and family.



Giulietta Boukhobza

Giulietta Boukhobza was born and raised in Libya. Together with her parents and seven siblings, she fled in 1967, after deadly pogroms targeted the Jewish community. Giulietta and her family found refuge in Italy. Giulietta came to America in 1979, where she raised three children and taught Italian language and art. She and her husband, David Harris, live in New York.



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Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. is a veteran civil rights leader, global business executive, educator, author, and theologian. He currently serves as President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing over 200 Black-owned media companies across the United States. A lifelong activist, Dr. Chavis began his career in 1963 as the North Carolina youth coordinator for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Wrongfully imprisoned as a member of the Wilmington Ten—declared political prisoners by Amnesty International—Dr.

Chavis earned his MDiv magna cum laude from Duke University while serving a 34-year sentence, later receiving a pardon. He holds a PhD in systematic theology from Union Theological Seminary and a DMin from Howard University.

Dr. Chavis served as Executive Director and CEO of the NAACP from 1993 to 1994, and in 1995 was the National Director of the historic Million Man March. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a published author, his work spans corporate diversity, human rights, climate justice, and the intersection of civil rights and hip-hop culture. Dr. Chavis also serves as an ISGAP Faculty Member.



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Since October 7, 2023, Shai Davidai has emerged as a prominent voice against antisemitism and support for terrorism on North America college campuses. As the most outspoken professor on these issues, he has taken on this fight at great personal and professional risk. His activism has drawn over 250,000 followers on social media, and his podcast, “Here I Am with Shai Davidai,” reaches tens of thousands each week. He is also the creator and host of “Pragmatic Judaism,” a podcast exploring Judaism as a blueprint for Jewish continuity, peoplehood, and survival.

Davidai has testified before the US House of Representatives’ Ways and Means Committee, organized rallies, and traveled across the world to speak to Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

He was named one of *The Jerusalem Post*’s 50 Most Influential Jews of 2024, honored by the Israeli Parliament, and awarded the Jerusalem Prize at the Jerusalem Conference in New York City. His work has been featured in major outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, and *Fox News*, and he has appeared in multiple documentaries.

His forthcoming book, *American Intellectual Antisemitism: The Anti-Jewish Movement Tearing Through Our Universities* (Wicked Son/Post Hill Press), will be published in October 2026. Davidai holds a PhD in Social Psychology from Cornell University and has taught at Princeton, The New School for Social Research, and Columbia. He lives in New York City with his wife, author and translator Yardenne Greenspan, and their two magnificent young children.



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David Harris serves as the Executive Vice Chair of ISGAP. Prior to joining ISGAP, David served as CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) from 1990 to 2022. The organization was described by *The New York Times* as “the dean of American Jewish organizations,” and by French President Nicolas Sarkozy as “the most effective, influential, and respected American Jewish organization.” Harris was referred to by the late Israeli President and Nobel Laureate Shimon Peres as “the foreign minister of the Jewish people.” He is the most decorated Jewish organizational leader in US history and is the recipient of four

honorary doctorates, including most recently from Brandeis University in 2022.

Throughout the past five decades, Harris has played a pivotal role in shaping critical global issues, From the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry and Soviet Jewry (including two detentions by Soviet authorities) to helping expand Israel’s diplomatic footprint throughout the world, his contributions have been far-reaching. Harris has been committed to preserving Holocaust memory, exploring new relationships in the Arab and larger Muslim world, supporting an end to communism in Eastern Europe, advocating for NATO expansion, combating global antisemitism, and promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. He is also the author of several books, as well as hundreds of op-eds and articles on global Jewish issues in leading media outlets around the world.

Harris received his education at the University of Pennsylvania and the London School of Economics. He also served as a Visiting Scholar at Johns Hopkins University and as a Junior and Senior Associate at Oxford University.

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David Hirsh is Professor of Sociology at Goldsmiths College, University of London, and Academic Director of the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism. Hirsh developed his PhD thesis, a sociology of international humanitarian law, into *Law against Genocide*, which won the Philip Abrams Prize for the best first book in sociology in 2003. He was central in building the Engage network and website that led opposition to the proposal for an academic boycott of Israel and was a leading critic of the ideas underpinning the Corbyn

movement in the British Labour Party. He has been instrumental in shaping democratic, Jewish, and scholarly responses to antisemitism. He pioneered a sociological account of contemporary antizionism and its relationship to antisemitism, which was published in his 2018 book *Contemporary Left Antisemitism*. He is now working to build the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, which is creating and nurturing networks of antisemitism scholarship and the academic infrastructure that they need.



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Kara Jesella is a feminist scholar based in New York City and a Fellow of the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism. Her book *Feminist Antisemitism: An Intellectual History*, out from Routledge in June 2026, establishes the surprising antipathy towards Jews, Jewish women, and Israel that existed even as the women's movement began and tracks how changes in feminist in-groups and theories produced new, feminist-inflected forms of antisemitism and antizionism that have since been exported to the rest of the Left. She has a PhD and an MA in Performance Studies from New York University,

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Rona Kaufman is a teacher, scholar, and pro-Israel advocate. She is an Associate Professor of Law at Duquesne University where she teaches Constitutional, Employment Discrimination, Family, and Gender Law. She is developing an “Antisemitism and the Law” course. Her scholarship focuses on women, antisemitism, Jewish history, and law.

Since October 7, Professor Kaufman has emerged as a leading academic voice on Israel and antisemitism. To combat

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Professor Kaufman developed a series of Israel and Antisemitism Explainer videos which she shares with her followers on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Her posts have received more than 2.5 million impressions across social media platforms. She is currently working on a book that explores Zionism, Israel, and antisemitism from a feminist perspective.

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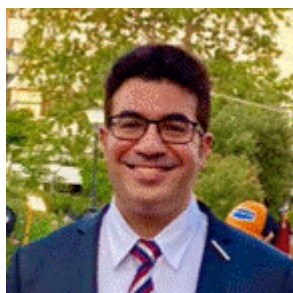


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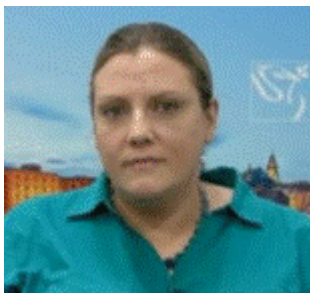
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Joel Klaff is currently the Interim Head of Law at the University of Derby, School of Law. He graduated with an LLB from the University of London in 1987 and an LLM in International Tax from the University of Miami, School of Law in 1988. His current scholarship and research focuses on the creation of a “sustainable jurisprudence” for the purposes of ensuring the fair and just application of law. In this capacity, he explains how the incidents of inequality that are manifested through acts of discrimination such as racial, sexual, or gender discrimination will never be curbed or contained by our current jurisprudential approach to these matters.

He argues that the current jurisprudential approach focuses too significantly on the procedural application of law at the expense of the politics of the person, thereby rendering this traditional approach to jurisprudence unsustainable, and adopts a similar analysis to incidents of genocide, human trafficking, and sexual abuse, again arguing that our current approach to jurisprudence is incapable of preventing these incidents, let alone regulating them. The more sustainable approach is one that embraces the dignity of the individual, and in this capacity it is the politics of people that should decide the fairness of law. He is currently extremely keen to focus his research on antisemitism and the relationship between Jewish emancipation, Zionism, and Israel as the homeland for Jews.

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Dani Kranz has been researching contemporary Jews in Germany empirically since 2002. She is the head of research at the Tikvah Institut, Berlin, and will serve as the first Hertie Visiting Professor in Jewish Perspectives Within Antisemitism Studies and Research on Contemporary Jewry at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien from October 2026. She is the president of Präsenzen – Netzwerk jüdische Gegenwartsforschung e.V. (Presences – Network for Research on Contemporary Jewry), a board member of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry (ASSJ), a founding member of the Network of Jewish University Teachers (Netzwerk jüdischer Hochschullehrender, NJH), as well as an associate fellow with the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR), London. Her research covers migration, integration, ethnicity, memory cultures and politics, cultural heritage, and antisemitism in its various forms—antisemitism and philosemitism—as well as questions of law, statehood, political life, and organizational structures in relation to contemporary Jewish life.

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His research focuses on Islamic antisemitism, Shiite political theology, and Iranian revolutionary thought. He gives particular attention to the ways anti-Jewish narratives shape religious and political movements. His interest in these questions grew out of years of studying within Shiite academic settings and engaging Muslim scholars on issues of religion, politics, and identity.

Dr. Orr is the author of a forthcoming book tentatively titled *What Antisemitism Explains: Why Societies Blame Jews for Their Unfinished Dreams*, which examines antisemitism as a recurring explanatory system through which societies externalize responsibility for political, moral, and historical failure.

He has lectured, presented research, and participated in academic dialogues at institutions and forums including the University of Oxford, Imperial College London, Indiana University Columbus, and the University of Tehran.

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She currently serves as Executive Director of M3 Antisemitism & Holocaust Education Consultancy, where she works on educational initiatives, institutional outreach, and policy engagement relating to antisemitism, Holocaust education, and Title VI compliance. Her broader research examines the role of digital platforms and algorithmic amplification in facilitating hate speech, extremism, and mass violence.

Sasha’s recent work has explored the intersection of antisemitism, online propaganda, and emerging forms of digital radicalization. Through her research and advocacy, she aims to bridge legal scholarship, public policy, and practical institutional responses to contemporary extremism and discrimination.



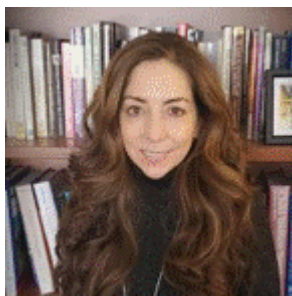
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At the forefront of discourse on Jewish identity and social justice, Dr. Meixell founded Scholars Advancing Antisemitism Awareness in Social Work Education (SASE), a research collaborative featuring partners from the University of Pennsylvania and USC. She currently serves as Principal Investigator for a National Landscape Study on Antisemitism in CSWE-accredited programs and is a co-editor for a landmark 2025 special issue on antisemitism for the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

Her recent scholarship includes “Reflections on scholarship and professional responsibility: Challenging antisemitism in social work” (2025) and the forthcoming chapter, “Can Social Justice Be Unjust: The Social Work Professional Post October 7.” Dr. Meixell’s commitment to advocacy is reflected in her community leadership. She has raised significant funding for Israel educational events and developed accredited cross-cultural missions to Israel through strategic partnerships with the Philos Project and Passages. A frequent contributor to the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, she is a recipient of the Ambassador of Humanity Award and the 2025 Faculty Professional Activity Award at Roberts Wesleyan University. Dr. Meixell holds a PhD from Baylor University and is an active member of the Academic Engagement Network (AEN) and the Faculty Against Antisemitism Movement (FAAM).

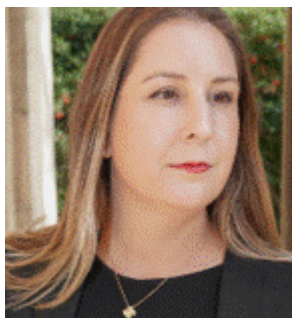
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Daniel is passionate about the popularization of demography and numerical thinking. His blogs at the *Times of Israel*, Jewish World in Data, and Demography of Israel use demography and statistics to analyze contemporary social and political realities, and his YouTube videos on Jewish demography are watched by tens of thousands of Hebrew-speaking viewers.

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Throughout his career, John has taught at a variety of institutions, including Collin College, Dallas College, Tarrant County College, the University of North Texas, and Texas Southmost College. His courses have ranged from US History and World Civilization to specialized seminars examining antisemitism, the American Jewish experience, social protest, and the evolution of American political culture. In addition to classroom instruction, John has worked extensively on issues and questions surrounding civic education, critical thinking, and the role of the humanities in contemporary society.

John's research and publications have explored subjects including Jewish diaspora immigration, the free speech movement, the cultural impact of the First World War, and the contributions of American Jews to the civil rights movement. He has presented his work at numerous national and international conferences on topics such as American exceptionalism, the Paris Peace Conference, campus antisemitism, protest movements, and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence in education and the humanities. His academic work as both a scholar and educator continues to focus on fostering historically grounded inquiry, intellectual rigor, and meaningful public dialogue in an increasingly polarized world.



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At FIU he founded the first US research center for Western Indian Ocean Studies and directed North America's first academic Jain Studies Center. From 2021 to 2025, he served as Program Director for the Covenantal Pluralism Initiative at the Templeton Religion Trust, overseeing a \$30 million global grants portfolio. A two-time Fulbright Scholar in Pakistan and Tanzania, he is the author of *Covenantal Pluralism* (Springer, 2026) and *The Khoja of Tanzania* (Brill, 2015). Following October 7, 2023, he founded Miami Interfaith to advance Muslim–Jewish dialogue. His work bridges scholarship, spirituality, and service across religious and international divides.



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Appointed by UCLA's Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost to the 2024 Taskforce to Combat Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Bias, Blenner developed policy recommendations. She co-created an anti-bias and antisemitism curriculum for health professionals, serves as Co-Engagement Chair of Public Health Professionals Against Antisemitism, a national working group aimed at combating antisemitism, and sits on the Rabbinic and Professional Advisory Board for the Center for Jewish Law and Judaic Studies at DePaul University College of Law. She is currently a Faculty Fellow at the Academic Engagement Network, exploring antisemitism and academic freedom alongside faculty nationwide.

Blenner serves as Director of the Applied Practice Experience in Community Health Sciences and Director of pinkLab at UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, where she has secured over \$3.5 million in grants, taught more than 1,100 students, and built partnerships with over 100 community organizations. She maintains an independent consulting and mediation practice focused on conflict resolution, community building, and resilience.

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Integrating quantitative and qualitative methods, Dr. Block's research advances conceptual and empirical understanding of contemporary antisemitism while informing institutional policy and practice. Her recent scholarship includes the development and validation of the Contemporary Antisemitic Experiences Scale (CAES), one of the first multidimensional measures of contemporary antisemitic experiences among Jewish individuals, and examines how institutional responses influence the ways Jewish individuals interpret, navigate, and respond to these experiences.

Dr. Block is a Faculty Fellow of the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, serves on the Founding Advisory Council of the Contemporary Antisemitism Studies Association (CASA), and is a Research Advisor to the Jewish Community Mental Health Initiative (JCMHI). Her work seeks to strengthen empirical understanding of contemporary antisemitism while informing institutional responses that promote Jewish belonging and well-being.

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Dr. Çiçek has published extensively on Turkish Islamism, Diyanet and DITIB structures in Europe, the Islamic Community Milli Görüş, Turkish-Islamist and far-right extremist formations, and antisemitic ideological networks within transnational contexts. His work particularly examines the intersection of religion, identity politics, authoritarianism, and ideological forms of exclusion.

At the Pädagogische Hochschule Weingarten, he is actively engaged in teacher education and the development of critical approaches to historical consciousness, antisemitism prevention, and democratic education. His current research focuses on Holocaust distortion, Islamist antisemitism, and the transformation of antisemitic narratives within educational, political, and digital environments in German-speaking Europe.



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She is currently completing a monograph on European Union and member-state policies combating antisemitism, with particular attention to developments in Germany and France. She is also co-editor and contributor to the forthcoming volume *The Future of European Policy: Challenges, Trends and Opportunities*.

Professor Dudek's work has been supported by numerous prestigious awards and fellowships, including Fulbright Scholarships to Spain and Argentina, postdoctoral fellowships at Columbia University's European Institute and the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, and a research fellowship at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University. Drawing on her research and international engagement, Professor Dudek developed the undergraduate course "The Politics of Antisemitism," bringing contemporary policy debates and scholarly inquiry into the classroom.



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Her scholarly and public work focuses on such topics as antisemitism, antizionism, and digital media, on storytelling and narrative-based approaches, and on the impact of media narratives and education on public opinion, public discourse, and public policy.

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Professor Gitter was awarded a Fulbright-SyCip Distinguished Lecturing Award for the 2016–2017 academic year and has received several research grants and teaching awards. She has presented her work at international conferences in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

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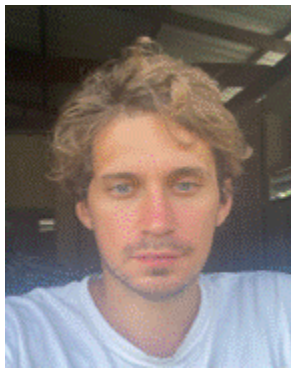
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Adam's scholarly work explores Jewish peoplehood, Jewish sovereignty, and the symbolic structures of anti-Jewish hate, drawing on connections between civilizational identity, recursive ethnography, and the politics of indigeneity.

Adam has written for *The Free Press*, *Tablet*, *Sapir*, *The Hub Canada*, *Times of Israel*, and elsewhere. He holds degrees in philosophy and anthropology from Yale University (BA), the New School for Social Research (MA), and the University of Chicago (MA).

His doctoral research at McGill is based on fieldwork in the Vaupés region of the Amazon with the Desana people, focusing on cosmology, translation, and ethnoreligious identity. Returning from the field two days after the October 7 genocide, he witnessed the collapse of his entire academic and professional network and has since dedicated himself to educating the public about antizionism as the dominant form of Jew-hatred in our age.

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He is the author of two books and more than five dozen articles and book chapters, has been a visiting scholar at Ben Gurion University (Israel), the University of Toamasina (Madagascar), and the University of Nairobi (Kenya), and has two decades of experience as an advisor or consultant for the World Bank, the United Nations, and other agencies. His current book project is entitled *At the Edges of Peoplehood: Micro-Minority Jews from East Africa to the Andes and the Politics of Recognition*.

Dr. Marcus is a two-time recipient of the CSULB President's Award for Outstanding Faculty Achievement (2020, 2026) and created CSULB's only general education course on Jewish identity. He served as Founding National Director of Education at the Museum of Tolerance and President of the Board of Directors of Jewish Long Beach.



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Andrea J. Martin is an Assistant Professor of Law at Penn State Dickinson Law and co-founder and Director of the Center for Jewish Legal Studies. Her scholarship focuses on constitutional law, anti-discrimination law, and the development of legal frameworks to identify and combat antisemitism in contemporary institutional, academic, and public settings.

Through her research, teaching, and collaborative initiatives, she works to strengthen civil rights protections and advance the emerging field of Jewish Legal Studies.

Professor Martin's scholarship has been published in leading journals, including the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, *Brooklyn Law Review*, *Boston University Law Review Online*, and *Pepperdine Law Review*. She has presented her work at numerous law schools, including Cardozo, UCLA, the University of Pennsylvania, Hofstra, and Villanova. Her current work examines the legal lessons of the Holocaust and the role of democratic institutions, civil rights enforcement, and constitutional protections in addressing modern antisemitism.

She serves on the Law Faculty Consultation Committee advising the Claims Conference's Holocaust, Antisemitism and the Law (HALL) Center, is a Fellow of the Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, and serves on the Board of Penn State Hillel.

Prior to entering academia, Professor Martin served as a Special Assistant Attorney General in Rhode Island's Appellate Division and later worked for more than a decade as a strategic legal advisor in employment and labor law.



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Dr. Dyanne K. Martin holds a PhD in Comparative Cultures, Languages, and Literatures and is Associate Professor of English and Core Studies at Wheaton College. A Senior Research Fellow with ISGAP, she examines historical and contemporary antisemitism, with particular attention to Holocaust literature, Christian antisemitism, and antisemitism in higher education.

Her prior fellowships include the University of Miami's Holocaust Studies Institute and Cornell University's School of Criticism and Theory.

A native of Jamaica, Dr. Martin brings a multicultural perspective to her work on diasporic literatures and ethnic conflict. Her scholarship also engages classical rhetoric, visual rhetoric, semiotics, slave narratives, Caribbean literature, and identity performance in Jewish and Black communities. She has developed several courses that confront antisemitism, including a semester-abroad Holocaust program that prepares students for informed advocacy. She has previously been awarded Professor of the Year and the John S. and James L. Knight Endowed Teaching Chair.



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Dr. Jessica Roitman is Full Professor of Jewish Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), a position she has held since 2021. She holds a PhD in History from Leiden University (2009) and has built her academic career in the Netherlands over the past twenty-six years. Trained as a historian of Jewish life in the Caribbean and Atlantic world, she has held positions at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden University, and as a postdoctoral fellow at Birkbeck College, University of London. She is (co)editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Early American History*, the Amsterdam University Press's *Jewish Urban Cultures* series, and Brill's *Privacy Studies* series, and serves on the Board of the Menasseh ben Israel Institute.

Since October 7, 2023, Professor Roitman has emerged as one of the most prominent public intellectuals in the Netherlands engaging with antisemitism and antizionism in Dutch academic and public life. She has published op-eds in major national newspapers and magazines, appeared on television, and delivered public lectures on the normalization of antisemitism in Dutch higher education. She is an outspoken Zionist, active in the anti-BDS movement at Dutch universities, serves on the sounding board for the governmental *Taskforce Antisemitismbestrijding*, and maintains close working relationships with leading Dutch Jewish communal institutions.



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Dr. Sharon Shahaf is an Israeli-American media scholar, educator, research entrepreneur, and Affiliate Faculty in the Doctoral Program in Antisemitism Studies at Gratz College. Her work focuses on global media and the rise of antisemitism, with particular attention to mediated environments, anti-Israeli antisemitism, digital hate, and the implications of rising antisemitism for Israeli creative industries. Building on her expertise in qualitative research methods and critical media studies, she developed and teaches *Qualitative Approaches to Antisemitism*, *Media Analysis in Antisemitism Studies*, and *Publishing in Antisemitism Studies*, among the first courses designed specifically to train doctoral students in qualitative and media-analytic approaches within the emerging field of Antisemitism Studies.

Dr. Shahaf earned her PhD in Radio-Television-Film from the University of Texas at Austin and previously served as Assistant Professor of Global Television Studies at Georgia State University. She is the co-editor of *Global Television Formats: Understanding Television Across Borders* (Routledge, 2012), recipient of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies' Best Edited Collection Award. Her current research examines antisemitism after October 7 through media and popular culture, including ongoing ethnographic research on Israel's Eurovision delegation. She is also developing a special issue of the *Journal of Jewish Film and New Media* devoted to antisemitism and media analysis.



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Dr. Brenda Helen Sheingold is the Division Director for the Healthcare Administration Programs and Professor in the Department of Health Administration, Policy, and Informatics. She was awarded a dual-titled PhD from George Mason University (GMU) in Public Policy and Nursing, and a Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business, where she also earned a Graduate Certificate in Women's Leadership and Change Management. Her undergraduate degree is in Nursing, and she practiced as an Emergency Department nurse for 20 years. Dr. Sheingold helped pioneer the role of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to provide medical forensic care to survivors of sexual assault.

She received national recognition in 2026 from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) by winning the Quint Studer Gratitude Prize for Teaching Excellence.

Since Dr. Sheingold accepted an appointment as the Division Director, George Mason's MHA program has won multiple nationally competitive awards from the Commission on the Accreditation of Health Administration Education (CAHME). The most recent Innovation in Healthcare Administration Education award was conveyed in March 2025.



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Oren Baruch Stier, PhD, is Assistant Vice Provost for Combating Antisemitism and Professor of Religious Studies at Florida International University in Miami. He also serves as Director of the Global Jewish Studies Program in the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs and directs FIU's Holocaust & Genocide Studies Program, which facilitates teaching and learning about the Holocaust and other genocides through a certificate program, teacher training, community outreach, faculty research, and more.

Stier is author of two books, *Committed to Memory: Cultural Mediations of the Holocaust* (2003) and *Holocaust Icons: Symbolizing the Shoah in History and Memory* (2015), and co-editor of *Religion, Violence, Memory, and Place* (2006). His research addresses Holocaust education, Jewish memory, Holocaust testimony, and the material and visual culture of the Shoah and its remembrance. Stier has been a Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies research fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and was the Guest Curator for a Wolfsonian–FIU teaching gallery exhibition, "Race and Visual Culture under National Socialism." Most recently, he guest-edited, with Laura Levitt, a special issue of *MAVCOR Journal*, "Tending to Holocaust Objects: Interrogating the Sacred." In 2020–2021, Stier served on a Florida Department of Education expert group writing new statewide standards for Holocaust education. He regularly leads single- and multi-day workshops for educators on teaching the Holocaust.

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Dr. Meng Yang is an assistant professor at Peking University, where she founded China's most influential Jewish civilization course and created the country's first university-level Yiddish course. Her research focuses on global antisemitism, the geopolitics of China–Middle East–US relations, Holocaust education in China, Jewish exile in Shanghai, and Sino-Israeli innovation cooperation. She is also a fellow of the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism.

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Since October 7, 2023, Dean Cohen has served over 300 days in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria on extensive active reserve duty as an IDF Special Forces combat medic. He has spent most of his time back in the US as a public speaker and an educator. He develops and runs speaker tours for high schools, universities, and interfaith communities, as well as for public officials and

lawmakers, in which he shares firsthand battlefield testimony alongside educational dialogues and programming initiatives. Cohen is a commander, a leader, and a student who will always be there when duty calls.



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Nervanah Ghabra is an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in English Literature and Linguistics (LLCE) at the University of Haute-Alsace in France. Originally from As-Suwayda, Syria, Nervanah's personal journey has deeply shaped her academic interests and dedication to counter-extremism and peacebuilding. She is remarkably multilingual, speaking seven languages, including Hebrew.

Driven by a vision to build active intercultural bridges, Nervanah has shared her language-learning journey to encourage the Druze community to learn Hebrew and engage with Jewish culture. Her goal is to serve as a cultural and linguistic bridge between the Druze of As-Suwayda and the Jewish community, fostering direct understanding and dismantling long-standing barriers. Demonstrating her dedication and linguistic agility, Nervanah began addressing the Israeli public directly in Hebrew after less than seven months of study. Through her initiative, "Bridge of Peace," Nervanah focuses on promoting intercultural dialogue, challenging prejudice, and combating hate speech and antisemitism. Through the ISGAP-Cambridge Summer Institute, she aims to acquire the advanced academic and strategic frameworks necessary to elevate this grassroots activism into a structured global educational movement.



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Machelle is a fourth-year student studying English Literature and Letters at Scripps College, an all-women's liberal arts institution in Claremont, California. She is an aspiring anti-discrimination lawyer, committed to fighting antisemitism. She has recently returned from Oświęcim, Poland, where she acted as a research assistant in the archives unit at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum and Memorial. There, Machelle focused on curating a database with information regarding Hungarian- Jewish women trans-

ported from Bergen-Belsen to Auschwitz. Her research earned her a spot among the museum's top 10 interns. This summer, Machelle is pursuing research in the archives unit at Yad Vashem – The World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem. She is active at her campus Hillel, where she combats antisemitism via Israel advocacy; she has recently been elected as an Emerson Fellow for StandWithUs. Following her graduation in Fall 2026, Machelle hopes to attend Cambridge University as an MPhil candidate in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Hebrew and Pre-Modern Jewish History and Culture).

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Madeline Levin is a Master's candidate in Counseling Psychology at Northwestern University, where her work sits at the intersection of clinical training and scholarly research. As a mental health counselor in training, her clinical interests include trauma-focused counseling, spiritually informed counseling, and identity development in emerging adulthood.

As a Research Assistant in the MIDRASH Lab at Northwestern University, Madeline investigates the psychological impacts of antisemitism on mental health with a particular focus on peer-to-peer interactions. She is curious to understand how interpersonal encounters with antisemitic bias shape psychological wellbeing, identity, and resilience in students. Madeline is currently working on a project developing deliberate practice training materials to help therapists respond effectively to client disclosures of antisemitism with particular attention given to the ways antisemitism interacts with racism.

Madeline is honored to join the ISGAP Summer Institute as a Wiesel-King Jr. Scholar and looks forward to growing her knowledge alongside a community of emerging and established scholars.

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Naomi Leviya will begin her undergraduate studies in Israel in the fall of 2026. From 2021-2024, she served in the Israeli Defense Forces as a combat soldier in the Search & Rescue Unit of the Home Front Command, earning an Award of Excellence. During high school, Naomi served as Department Head for *J-Girls Magazine* and a Staff Writer for *Fresh Ink for Teens*. Her work on Jewish identity, feminism, and social issues has been featured in the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*, *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, and *Hadassah Magazine*.

Naomi has spoken about gender and her experience as a soldier to students at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh. She holds a 200-Hour Multi-Style Yoga Teacher Certification from the Raj Yoga School in India and has volunteered her time at the PachaMama EcoVillage in Costa Rica. Naomi is fluent in English and Hebrew.

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Liron Matalon is a Law and Economics student at Tel Aviv University specializing in the intersection of international law and political science. He previously served as a media advisor at the Office of the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog, where he contributed to strategic communication and public policy. Prior to this role, Liron was a journalist for Israel's national public radio, covering the October 7 (Swords of Iron) war. His academic background includes a Research Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, at the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law. He also served as an Emissary of the Jewish Agency in New York City, and studied Jewish Philosophy at the Shalom Hartman Institute.



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Serhan Ozgul is a student at Florida International University, where he is pursuing a double major in Economics and Business and Governmental Leadership, with a minor in History. As a member of the Honors College and a Senior Leadership Fellow at the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom, he participates in intensive, small-group seminars with international policymakers and economic leaders, gaining insight into global governance, economic policy, and leadership.

Alongside his academic work, Serhan has gained experience in technology and project development, particularly in roles involving software development, digital systems, and international collaboration. He has contributed to cross-border initiatives in both Europe and Southeast Asia, working with diverse teams and stakeholders to support innovative, accessible solutions in areas such as digital infrastructure, fintech, and healthcare.

Serhan studies *usool al-fiqh*, *Hanafi fiqh*, and *kalam* under scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany, while also engaging deeply with the Risale-i Nur tradition under teachers of the Nur Cemaati. He is involved in the Naqshbandi order, where he learns aspects of prophetic biography (*sirah*) and Islamic mysticism. This intellectual and spiritual exploration is complemented by his longstanding interest in Catholic theology, which he studied during his Abitur and at university level, studying the works of Thomas Aquinas.

He has led and contributed to projects focused on historical reflection, active citizenship, and combating antisemitism, earning recognition from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. At FIU, he is actively involved in interfaith dialogue through the Jewish-Muslim Dialogue Fellowship, promoting understanding across cultures and religions.



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Joshua Segal is currently a third-year student in the dual enrollment program between the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University. Joshua is majoring in Financial Economics and Jewish History, possessing a deep interest in Jewish scholarship, especially on contemporary issues such as antisemitism and anti-Zionism in academia and on college campuses. Joshua has completed multiple internships in the financial sector, including in healthcare private equity and at the intersection of finance and artificial intelligence. Throughout his time at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Joshua has written several research papers examining different facets of Jewish history, with a focus on various Jewish subgroups across different periods and regions. Through his involvement in organizations at Columbia, such as Chabad and Meor, he has realized the vital importance of building a strong and resilient Jewish community that can thrive even amidst a dangerous current of antisemitism veiled as anti-Zionism.

Outside of school, he is actively involved as the Founder of The Childhood Cancer Project, a nonprofit organization that he established in high school after surviving cancer at age eleven. Through this foundation, he has planned fundraising programs, shared his experience at events, and helped fund research for pioneering treatments at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami.

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Tali Smus is a student leader, public advocate, and aspiring policy professional. Her work focuses on contemporary antisemitism, Jewish identity, and the challenges facing Jewish communities in the United Kingdom and beyond. She is currently pursuing her studies at King's College London while gaining practical experience through her work in the UK

Parliament, where she has developed a strong interest in public policy, political affairs, and community engagement.

Tali's interests lie at the intersection of antisemitism studies, public policy, higher education, and civic leadership. Through her speaking, writing, and advocacy, she seeks to contribute to informed and evidence-based approaches to combating antisemitism and strengthening Jewish life in democratic societies. Having worked as a research assistant in the Henry Jackson Society, and currently in the Shadow Home Secretary's office, she underpins her advocacy work with research and an understanding of how it can impact policymaking.

Alongside her academic and professional commitments, Tali serves as President of Students Supporting Israel at King's College London, leading initiatives that promote education, dialogue, and support for Jewish and pro-Israel students. She is also widely recognized through her public advocacy platform, The British Zioness, where she engages audiences on issues relating to antisemitism, Zionism, Israel, and Jewish communal life.

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Leah (Lay-ah) Shalonov is a junior undergraduate student on a pre-law track at Hofstra University in New York. At Hofstra, she is majoring in political science and minoring in presidential studies, with a concentration in the Legal Education Accelerated Program (LEAP).

On a pre-law track, Leah has always had a passion for political affairs, public policy, and legal studies. Over the past couple of years, she has developed a keen interest in understanding and analyzing the rise of antisemitism in the United States and Europe in the post October 7, 2023, environment. Thus, in her sophomore year, Leah partnered with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as her community partner in her fellowship with Hofstra's Center for Civic Engagement. Through this fellowship, she researched the state of Jewish life on US campuses and the policies put in place to keep Jewish students safe. Leah was also a Hofstra Rabinowitz Honors College research assistant, where she assisted her professor in examining EU policies in combating antisemitism, specifically with the rise of antisemitism on social media. Leah is excited to become a Wiesel-King Jr. Scholar at the ISGAP-Cambridge Summer Institute and is looking forward to gaining greater insight on the connection between law, public policy, and combatting antisemitism.

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Xuye Song has just completed his final year of undergraduate study at University College London, where he majored in Central and Eastern European History and Jewish Studies. At UCL, he served as Departmental Academic Representative for three years and recently finished his job as a Senior Transition Mentor. In his third year, Xuye spent an exchange year at the University of Washington. There, he was honored by the Stroum Center for Jewish Studies as the 2024–2025 Jewish Studies Student of the Year. He also worked as a Research Assistant on a family history letter project. Driven by a deep commitment to Yiddish language and culture, Xuye participated in both the YIVO–Bard Uriel Weinreich Summer Program and the Steiner Summer Yiddish Program at the Yiddish Book Center. During the latter, he interned with the Wexler Oral History Project, where he conducted post-interview processing of Yiddish-language oral histories. Through this work, he gained direct insight into personal experiences of antisemitism during and after the Holocaust. Since high school, Xuye has aspired to expand comparative research in genocide studies, particularly between the Holocaust and the Nanjing Massacre. His undergraduate thesis focuses on massacre literature, with particular attention to poetry emerging from these two historical catastrophes. Through ISGAP, he hopes to deepen his study of contemporary international antisemitism and Holocaust education.

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Rittika is a student pursuing a Master's degree in History at Presidency University, Kolkata, for which she was to be examined in May 2026). She has submitted and defended her MA dissertation titled “Reading the Shoah in Print: Press in East India (1933–1948)” under the supervision of Dr. Navras Jaat Aafreedi. Rittika looked at a highly neglected part in the historiography of the Holocaust by examining how the press in East India reported about the Holocaust, and drew upon contemporary newspapers in Assamese, Bengali, English, and Hindi for case studies to understand how these newspapers and periodicals downplay the news of the Holocaust.

Her interest in migration, displacement, and minority histories is shaped by her personal experience. In 1992, following the retaliatory violence against Hindus in Bangladesh after the demolition of the Babri Masjid, Rittika's father migrated from Bangladesh to India. Growing up with these memories and histories made her increasingly attentive to questions of exile, belonging, and the precariousness of minority lives. These experiences continue to shape the questions she asks as a historian and have deeply informed her engagement with refugee history and the histories of violence and displacement.

Her broader research interests lie at the intersection of Holocaust studies, genocide studies, and gender studies. She is especially interested in minority studies and refugee history. In the future, she aims to bring narratives from the margins to the center to recover the silent voices.

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Goni Wong is a high school senior at the Greenhill School in Addison, Texas, having previously attended the Roeper School in Michigan. Goni is a historically-minded student—someone who has devoted significant time to exploring diverse histories and international affairs—who is also Israeli. The period since October 7 has transformed his intellectual passions into real-world projects aimed at combating antisemitism through holistic historical understanding and constructive dialogue. Currently, Goni is pursuing a capstone project, structured around the Future Problem Solving six-step framework, that tackles these issues head-on. The project's central focus is exploring the subjective nature of the competing historical narratives surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and examining how these narratives shape and inform radically opposing viewpoints on current-day affairs through constructive dialogue and historical nuance. Still in its early stages, this work includes collaborative research with UIUC on “certainty trap” dynamics in Israel/Gaza discourse, engagement with the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, an Israel-specific Viewpoint Diversity Workshop with the Mill Institute, and online advocacy efforts.

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Katherine Wyant is a Senior Intelligence Analyst at a regional intelligence center, where her work focuses on analyzing antisemitic hate crimes affecting local communities. Prior to her current role, she worked as a legal compliance analyst for a Fortune Global 500 company and as an intelligence analyst focused on local crime trends. She also spent a year in southern Spain after completing her undergraduate studies, where she was embedded in a local school and incorporated English language instruction into daily lessons.

She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in International Crime and Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she is also completing an advanced certificate in Terrorism Studies. Her graduate studies explore the intersection of transnational crime and extremism. Her research interests center on contemporary antisemitism, how extremist narratives generate online, and the ways in which antisemitic ideology spreads in environments where Jewish communities are small or largely absent.

She previously earned a bachelor's degree in Homeland Security, with a concentration in Intelligence Analysis, from Eastern Kentucky University.

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Elshaday Abraham is the Director of Programming and Operations at ISGAP. Elshaday joined ISGAP following the completion of the MPA Public Administration and Management program at University College London. She completed her BA in International Affairs at the University of Virginia. Prior to her time at ISGAP, Elshaday served as a Program Manager for a USAID-funded project on global health in Washington, DC. She also served with the United Nations High Commissioner for

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Noah Krasman has graduate degrees from Wayne State University (Master of Library and Information Science, 2026) and the Weiss-Livnat International MA Program in Holocaust Studies at the University of Haifa. In 2023, he published an article in the *Journal of Genocide Research*: “The Paradox of Genocide in Modern Russia: Evolving Narratives of the Siege of Leningrad During the ‘Great Patriotic Operation’.” He completed his MA

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Rachel Suggs is the Executive Assistant to Dr. Charles Asher Small. Prior to joining ISGAP, she worked as a research analyst at MIND Israel, an Israeli national security consulting group based in Tel Aviv, on the Israel-Diaspora Affairs Team. Her primary project was to research and formulate a national security strategy for combating anti-Israel delegitimization and “soft power” threats. Before joining MIND Israel, she served as a

research assistant to the Founding Executive Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center in New York. She holds a BA (summa cum laude) from the University of Chicago, where she triple-majored in Middle Eastern Studies, Jewish Studies, and Laws. While at the University of Chicago, she represented the Jewish student body in meetings with university leadership and was featured in the *Times of Israel* as a leading pro-Israel student activist. Her university research focused on the role of the Hebrew Revival within the Zionist movement, which she was invited to present at the UCLA Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. Her published writing focuses on antisemitism and anti-Zionism, and has appeared in the *Times of Israel*, the *Jerusalem Post*, the Jewish News Syndicate, and the *Jerusalem Report*.

MEDIA TEAM



Will Dawson

RAW Pictures, Camera crew

RAW Pictures have been tasked with documenting the entire ISGAP Summer Institute on camera for promotional and informative use online. Will is the Creative Director at RAW Pictures, heading up all the filming and editing for RAW and their clients. Will is a great believer in working with not for profits and charitable organizations to create engaging video content to help them.



Will Littlewood

RAW Pictures, Camera crew

RAW Pictures have been tasked with documenting the entire ISGAP Summer Institute on camera for promotional and informative use online. Will is the head of production at RAW, managing all projects that come into the business and working with clients to ensure they're happy with the films they receive. Will has worked with ISGAP in the past and looks forward to another successful year at the Summer Institute.