



# **Israel: Balance and Complexity**

**NYC Faculty Crash Course**

**January 11-14, 2016**  
CUNY Graduate Center, NYC

# Program

## **Monday, January 11, 2016**

- 9:30-10:00 "Overview of the Field of Israel Studies - Why the Teaching of Israel in the Academy Matters"
- 10:15-12:15 "Settling the Land - Colonialism or Colonization?"  
Ilan Troen, Stoll Family Chair in Israel Studies, Brandeis University and president, Association for Israel Studies
- 12:30-2:00 Lunch with Michael Miller, executive vice president and CEO, Jewish Community Relations Council, New York
- 2:00-4:00 "Jewishness in Israel"  
David Ellenson, director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies and visiting professor in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University

## **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

- 9:30-11:30 "Origins of Zionism"  
Rachel Fish, associate director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch with Peter Beinart, CUNY Graduate School of Journalism:  
"Reporting the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the Israeli-Diaspora Relationship"
- 2:00-4:00 "Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State"  
Yehudah Mirsky, associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University

### **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

- 9:30-11:30 "Hebrew Literature: Narrating the Nation"  
Ilana Szobel, assistant professor on the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun  
Chair in Hebrew Literature, Brandeis University
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch with Steven Bayme, director of the Contemporary Jewish Life  
Department of the American Jewish Committee and of the Koppelman  
Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations
- 2:00-4:00 "Arab-Israeli Relations and Conflict" □  
Jonathan Gribetz, assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern  
Studies and Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University

### **Thursday, January 14, 2016**

- 9:30-11:30 "Environment, Conflict and Peace Building in Israel"  
Shahar Sadeh, adjunct instructor with the Columbia University Earth  
Institute, and a visiting scholar at NYU
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch with Thair Abu Rass, former director for Fair Representation and  
Employment Equity at Sikkuy – The Association for the Advancement of  
Civic Rights in Israel
- 1:30-3:30 "Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations and the Peace Process"  
J.J. Goldberg, Editor at Large, The Forward
- 3:30-4:00 Wrap-up

**Shahar Sadeh, Program Director**  
**Rachel Fish, Program Director**

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# Course Presenters

**David Ellenson** is director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies and visiting professor in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. Chancellor-emeritus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, he served as president of HUC-JIR from 2001-2013. A scholar of modern Jewish thought and history, Ellenson is recognized for his writings and publications in these fields. He has written extensively on the origins and development of Orthodox Judaism in Germany during the Nineteenth Century, Orthodox legal writings on conversion in Israel, North America, and Europe during the modern era, the relationship between religion and state in Israel, the history of modern Jewish religious movements, and American Jewish life. Ellenson has authored or edited seven books and over 300 articles and reviews in a wide variety of academic and popular journals and newspapers. His book, *After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity*, won the National Jewish Book Council's award as outstanding book in Jewish Thought in 2005. As of Fall 2015, at Brandeis, he teaches courses on "Who is a Jew? Jewish Status and Identity in Israel and America."

**Rachel Fish** is associate director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. She completed her doctoral degree in the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies department at Brandeis University in 2013. Her dissertation, "Configurations of Bi-nationalism: The Transformation of Bi-nationalism in Palestine/Israel 1920's-Present," examines the history of the idea of bi-nationalism and alternative visions for constructing the State of Israel. Rachel has worked as an educator and consultant in various capacities in the Jewish community and higher education, teaching about Zionism and Israeli history at Brandeis University, UMASS Amherst and the Me'ah Adult Jewish Education program. At Brandeis she teaches the Myra Kraft Seminar on Israel in the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. In 2015 she held the Rohr Visiting Professorship at Harvard University, where she lectured on modern Israel and received the Derek Bok Certificate of Teaching Excellence.

**Jonathan Jeremy Goldberg** is editor-at-large of the Forward, where he served as editor in chief for seven years (2000-2007). He served in the past as U.S. bureau chief of the Israeli news magazine Jerusalem Report, managing editor of The Jewish Week of New York, as a nationally syndicated columnist in Jewish weeklies, as editor in chief of the Labor Zionist monthly Jewish Frontier, as world/national news editor of the daily Home News (now the Home News Tribune) of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and as a metro/police-beat reporter for Hamevaker, a short-lived Hebrew-language newsweekly published for the Israeli émigré community in Los Angeles. Goldberg is the author of *Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment*, published in 1996. His previous books include *Builders and Dreamers* (1993) and *The Jewish Americans* (1992). He earned a master's degree in journalism at Columbia University in 1985 and a B.A. in Jewish studies and Islamic studies at McGill University in 1972, along with certificates in film animation from the School of Visual Arts and in kibbutz supply purchasing from the Ruppin Institute (now the Ruppin Academic Center) near Hadera. He has served as a member of the central committees of the Ihud HaKvutzot

VeHaKibbutzim Federation, the Israel Labor Party Young Guard and Habonim (now Habonim Dror), and was a sharpshooter in the Israel Border Police civil guard.

**Jonathan Marc Gribetz** is an assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies and in the Program in Judaic Studies at Princeton University. He teaches about the history of Zionism, Palestine, Israel, Jerusalem, and the Arab-Jewish encounter. His first book, *Defining Neighbors: Religion, Race, and the Early Zionist-Arab Encounter* (Princeton University Press, 2014), investigated the mutual perceptions of Zionists and Arabs in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, showing the prominent place of religious and racial categories in the ways in which these communities imagined and related to one another. His current research focuses on post-1967 Palestinian nationalist interpretations of Judaism and Zionism. Gribetz earned a PhD in History from Columbia University, an MSt in Modern Jewish Studies from Oxford University, and a BA in Social Studies from Harvard University.

**Yehudah Mirsky** is associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis. He studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion and Yeshiva College and received rabbinic ordination in Jerusalem. He graduated from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the law review, and completed his PhD in Religion at Harvard. He worked in Washington as an aide to then-senators Bob Kerrey and Al Gore, and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and served in the Clinton Administration as special advisor in the US State Department's Human Rights Bureau. From 2002-2012 he lived in Israel and was a fellow at the Van Leer Institute and Jewish People Policy Institute. He has written widely on politics, theology and culture for a number of publications including *The New Republic* and *The Economist*, and is on the editorial board of *Eretz Acheret*. After the attacks of September 11 he served as a volunteer chaplain for the Red Cross. He is currently a member of the board of Yerushalmim, the movement for a pluralist and livable Jerusalem. His biography, *Rav Kook: Mystic in a Time of Revolution*, was published in 2014 by Yale University Press. At Brandeis he teaches courses on the nexus of religion, state and society.

**Shahar Sadeh** is an adjunct instructor with the Columbia University Earth Institute, and a visiting scholar at NYU. Her field of research is environmental peacemaking in the Middle East. In her PhD she investigated various case studies of the relations between Israel and its neighbors and looked into past and present (governmental and nongovernmental) efforts to establish Peace Parks on their mutual borders. Shahar received her degrees from Tel Aviv University, her BA from the Political Science Department and her MA from the Sociology and Anthropology Department, writing her thesis about "The Israeli Environmental NGO's and the construction of the Security Fence." She is also director, Faculty Engagement Initiative, at the Jewish Community Relations Council, New York.

**Ilana Szobel** is assistant professor on the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Chair in Hebrew Literature at Brandeis. Her recent book, *The Poetics of Trauma: The Work of Dahlia Ravikovich* (2013), was published as part of the Schusterman Series for Israel Studies. It examines the work of Dahlia Ravikovich (1936-2005), one of the most significant cultural figures in Israeli society. In her teaching, Szobel presents the

challenges posed by gender, war and peace, family structure, and economic and cultural dislocation as compelling entry points for the study of Israeli society and culture.

**Ilan Troen** is the Stoll Family Chair in Israel Studies at Brandeis and founding director of the Schusterman Center. Before joining Brandeis, he served as director of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute and Archives in Sede Boker, Israel, and dean of the faculty of humanities and social sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He has authored or edited numerous books in American, Jewish and Israeli history. He is the founding editor of *Israel Studies* (Indiana University Press), the leading journal in the field, publishing three issues annually on behalf of Brandeis and Ben-Gurion University. His book publications include *Jewish Centers and Peripheries: European Jewry Between America and Israel 50 Years after World War II* (1998); *The Americanization of Israel* (2001), with Glenda Abramson; *Divergent Jewish Cultures: Israel and America* (2001), with Deborah Dash-Moore; *Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs and Realities in a Century of Jewish Settlement* (2003); with Jacob Lassner, *Jews and Muslims in the Arab World; Haunted by Pasts Real and Imagined* (2007); with Maoz Azaryahu (eds.), *Tel Aviv, The First Century: Visions, Designs, Actualities* (2012); and with Donna Robinson Divine (eds.), *Zionism in the Twenty-First Century* (2014).

## Lunch Speakers

**Thair Abu Rass** is the former director for Fair Representation and Employment Equity at Sikkuy – The Association for the Advancement of Civic Rights in Israel. Rass advocates for Arab employment in the public sector, including meetings with government ministries and government companies. He researches and analyzes the status of Arab employment in Israel. Rass serves as an advisor to the Knesset subcommittee on the employment of Arabs in the public sector. He is currently pursuing his M.A. at the University of Houston in political science, with an emphasis on comparative politics and American politics.

**Steven Bayme** serves as director of the Contemporary Jewish Life Department of the American Jewish Committee and of the Koppelman Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations. His responsibilities include Jewish family issues, Jewish education, Israel-Diaspora relations, Jewish identity and continuity, and intra-Jewish relations. He holds undergraduate degrees in history from Yeshiva University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Jewish history from Columbia University. He has lectured widely across the country and taught at Yeshiva University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, and Queens College. He currently holds the rank of visiting associate professor of history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has published articles on family policy, intermarriage, liberal Judaism, Jewish parenting, Jewish responses to modernity, Jewish attitudes on terrorism and violence, and modern Orthodoxy in America. His volume *Understanding Jewish History: Texts and Commentary* is widely used in adult education. He has been widely cited in the media on Jewish communal issues and was profiled in *Lifestyles* magazine. Three times he has been named in the *Forward's* annual list of the top 50 Jewish leaders who “make a difference”.

**Peter Beinart** is associate professor of journalism and political science at the City University of New York. He is also a contributor to *The Atlantic* and *National Journal*, a senior columnist at *Haaretz*, a CNN political commentator, and a senior fellow at The New America Foundation. His first book, *The Good Fight*, was published by HarperCollins in 2006; his second, *The Icarus Syndrome*, was published by HarperCollins in 2010; his third, *The Crisis of Zionism*, was published by Times Books in 2012. Beinart has written for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *Boston Globe*, *The Atlantic*, *Newsweek*, *Slate*, *Reader's Digest*, *Die Zeit*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and *Polity: the Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Studies Association*. He has appeared on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," "Charlie Rose," "Meet the Press," "The Colbert Report" and many other television programs. After graduating from University College, Oxford, Beinart became *The New Republic's* managing editor in 1995. He became senior editor in 1997, and from 1999 to 2006 served as the magazine's editor.

**Michael Miller** is the executive vice president and CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, a central coordinating body for more than 60 major civic, communal, educational and religious organizations representing the 1.4 million members of the Jewish community in the New York metropolitan area. For over two decades his responsibilities have included overseeing the organization's agenda, which includes handling Israel and international affairs, security and emergency planning, intergroup and government relations, Jewish voter outreach, Jewish communal affairs, and Jewish legal assistance. Michael is recognized as one of the foremost influential leaders of the New York Jewish community. Mr. Miller has personally led more than 60 missions to Israel, accompanying over 500 influential New Yorkers, including former senator Clinton and current senators Schumer and Gillibrand, mayors Dinkins, Giuliani, Bloomberg, and De Blasio, numerous members of Congress and state and city legislative leaders, media figures, and ethnic and religious notables.

## Participants

**Eric Alterman** is a CUNY Distinguished Professor of English and Journalism. He is also "The Liberal Media" columnist for *The Nation*, a fellow of the Nation Institute, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC and a senior fellow (since 1985) at the World Policy Institute in New York. Alterman is the author of nine books, including, most recently, *The Cause: The Fight for American Liberalism from Franklin Roosevelt to Barack Obama* (2012) and the national best-sellers *What Liberal Media? The Truth About Bias and the News* (2003, 2004) and *Sound & Fury: The Making of the Punditocracy* (1992). He has been a columnist and/or contributing editor for *The Guardian*, *The Jewish Daily Forward* and *Rolling Stone*, among other publications and a media fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. He has previously taught at NYU and Columbia.

**Beverly Bailis** teaches Hebrew and Hebrew literature at Brooklyn College. She received her PhD in Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary and her

MA in Jewish Civilization from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She specializes in modern Hebrew, Jewish literature and Gender Studies. She has taught courses at JTS, The Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the JCC in Manhattan, and other adult education programs in New York City. Her most recent article, "Writing Against the Current: The New Jewish Woman, Modernity and the Critique of National Ideology in Y. Bershadsky's *Neged ha-zerem*," will appear in *Prooftexts*.

**Florette Cohen** is associate professor of psychology at CUNY College of Staten Island. She received her BS from CUNY Brooklyn College in 2003, an MS from Rutgers University-New Brunswick in 2005 and her PhD from the Social Psychology program at Rutgers University-New Brunswick in 2008. As a graduate student, Florette received several research and teaching awards, including the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research by a Graduate Student and the Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Student. Most recently she was awarded an Executive Women of New Jersey Graduate Merit Award for her accomplishments as a researcher and teacher and the SPSSI (Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues) Grants-In-Aid Dissertation Research Award. Florette's most recent line of research demonstrates that people who are reminded of their own death (mortality salience) respond by reaffirming their core values and beliefs, making their expressions of these more intense or more extreme. The mortality salience paradigm may be applied to cases of individual voting preferences, stereotypic thinking and prejudice, which seems to be aroused by major social disruptions. She has presented and published twenty papers and book chapters in this area and has several more in progress.

**Judith Duncker** received her PhD in Political Science from CUNY Graduate Center; her MA in International Political Economy and Development from Fordham University; a BA in Political Science from Rutgers University. She has also obtained other professional training which include a Masters in Divinity, a diploma in quantitative methods from the University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium in Political And Social Research, Ann Arbor. In addition, Prof. Duncker has professional certifications from Yale University's Women's Campaign School; New York University, Center for Global Studies, United Nations in Geneva Study Program and Harvard University – Kennedy School of Government program in Strategic Management for Non-Profits. Her publications include: "Globalization and Its Impact on the War on Terror" in *Africa and the War on Terrorism*, ed. John Davis (Ashgate: 2007); *Domestic Politics and The Politics of Satellite Communications: Jamaica in the Information Age* (VDM Publishers, Saarbrücken Germany: 2009) and a work in progress, *A Comparative Analysis of Regional Energy Regimes as A Framework For The Assessment of Global Environmental Governance*. She is Lehman College's Adjunct Professor Teacher of the Year for 2012. In 2011 she also received an honorary induction into the Lehman College Chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society.

**Robin A. Harper** is an associate professor of political science and the coordinator of Political Science at York College. Her research focuses on immigration, citizenship and civic engagement. Dr. Harper's current research examines how immigrants in the US, Germany and Israel think and experience citizenship and how their understandings influence their civic engagement. She is also working with Israeli political scientist Hani Zubida on questions about social borders in Israel and the experience of being



temporary labor migrants in Israel. Prior to coming to York, she was a visiting assistant professor at Wellesley College. Dr. Harper is a former deputy director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and Language Services and the social services and immigrant affairs policy supervisor at the NYC Office of Management and Budget. She was a policy analyst as a Robert Bosch Fellow in the Berlin, Germany, Office of Integration Affairs and the Ministry for Labor in the Immigrant Integration Department.

**Peter Kabachnik** is an associate professor of geography in the Department of Political Science and Global Affairs at the College of Staten Island, The City University of New York (CUNY) and a member of the Earth and Environmental Sciences doctoral faculty at The Graduate Center, The City University of New York (CUNY). He received his PhD in Geography (2007) from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA). He is a political and cultural geographer, whose interests lie in the way that people interact with places, and the interplay between place, mobility, and identity more generally. He is currently working on several research projects examining the role of cultural memory and memorialized landscapes in shaping national narratives, geopolitical contestations, and people's everyday practices. His dissertation research, "The Place of the Nomad: Situating Gypsy and Traveler Mobility in Contemporary England," explores displacement by examining how the mobility of Gypsies and Travelers is constructed, constrained, and stigmatized. Due to a shortage of legal caravan sites, Gypsies and Travelers are being evicted from places where they try to fulfill their basic human right to home. Lastly, Dr. Kabachnik is designing a course on the Israel-Palestinian conflict at the College of Staten Island, The City University of New York (CUNY).

**Amy Posner** is the executive director of Hillel at the College of Staten Island and she has been building community through youth serving organizations for more than 25 years. She has held positions in United Synagogue Youth, Young Judaea, and The Girl Scout Council of Central New York. Amy directed the Jewish Multiracial Network. She served as director of Camp Edward Isaacs and was a Lechu Lakhem senior fellow of the Mandel Center for Jewish Education prior to coming to Hillel at CSI in May 2008. She holds a B.S. in Recreation from the University of Maryland and a M.A. in Jewish Education from the Davidson School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

**Monika Rice** is adjunct professor at Seton Hall University. She earned her PhD in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University and her MA and BA in Cultural Anthropology at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland. She teaches courses in Catholic Studies and Jewish-Christian Studies, including *Catholic-Jewish Dialogue on the Holocaust: A Catholic Perspective* and *Modern Women of Faith*. Before teaching at Seton Hall University, Dr. Rice was a Claims Conference Saul Kagan Fellow in Advanced Shoah Studies, an Albert Abramson Fellow in Holocaust Studies, and a Ruth Ann & Nathan Perlmutter Fellow.

**Robert Shapiro** is Professor of Diaspora Studies at Brooklyn College, City University of New York. Shapiro held fellowships at the Max Weinreich Center of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has taught at Baltimore Hebrew University, Yeshiva University, the University of Maryland, the National Yiddish Book Center and the Ramaz School in New York City. He has been at

Brooklyn College since 2002. His published books include *Holocaust Chronicles* (KTAV and Yeshiva University Press, 1999), *Why Didn't the Press Shout* (KTAV and Yeshiva University Press, 2003), and *Lodz Ghetto: A History* (Indiana University Press with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2006). His latest book is *The Warsaw Ghetto Oyneg Shabes-Ringelbaum Archive: Catalog and Guide* (Indiana University Press in association with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, 2009).

**Vivian Shulman** is Associate Professor of Educational Studies at the College of Staten Island, CUNY. She is an educational psychologist specializing in educational measurement. Her research focuses on the characterization and evaluation of the role of leaders in implementing changes in schools, and the evaluation of professional development programs. She teaches psychology in the graduate and undergraduate programs and the capstone graduate educational research seminar.

**Itai Sneh** is an Associate Professor of History at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Sneh completed his doctorate at Columbia University. He also holds a law degree and a master's degree in Eastern European Jewish History from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and a BA in Jewish History (with minors in International Relations, Biblical Studies and Yiddish Language and Culture) from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. His research interests and resulting publications include articles on human rights, U.S. politics, American foreign policy, terrorism, the Vietnam War, and the Middle East. His forthcoming book with Peter Lang Publishers is *The Future Almost Arrived: Why Jimmy Carter Could Not Change U.S. Foreign Policy*. His *Torture Through the Ages* is under contract with the Praeger division of Greenwood Press. Professionally, he serves on the Board of Editors of the *Human Rights Review*, as a regular peer reviewer to the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law*, and as a regular contributor to the *Journal of American History*, *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, and *Peace and Change*. He also has published numerous review articles in prestigious fora that include H-DIPLO, H-LAW, H-POL, and *Reviews in American History*.

**Samuel Thomas** is an adjunct assistant professor at several campuses of the City University of New York in music, interdisciplinary studies, Classical and Oriental studies, and cultural studies, on topics including Muslim-Jewish relations in music, philosophy, and poetics, American popular music, and diaspora studies. He is also the director of Institutional Programming at the Brooklyn Music School. He teaches at Brooklyn College, Hunter College, John Jay College, and Montclair State University. His ethnomusicological scholarship centers on musics of the Middle East and North Africa, Jewish music, jazz traditions, and diaspora studies.

**Maria R. Volpe** is professor of sociology, director of the Dispute Resolution Program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice – City University of New York, and director of the CUNY Dispute Resolution Center. She received her PhD from New York University, where she was an NIMH Fellow. An internationally known scholar, Dr. Volpe has lectured, researched, and written extensively about dispute resolution processes, particularly mediation, and has been widely recognized for her distinguished career in the field of dispute resolution, including the 2008 Lawrence Cooke Peace Innovator

Award, 2008 Network for Peace Recognition, 2010 Association for Conflict Resolution of Greater New York Achievement Award, 2011 Frontline Champion Award, 2013 FamilyKind Recognition, 2014 Faculty Advisor of the Year, 2015 James E. Jones Diversity Award, among others. Dr. Volpe's current research focuses on police use of mediation, conflict resolution in higher education, dispute resolution responses to disasters since 9/11, informal responses to conflict used by immigrants, roots of diversity in the dispute resolution field, the role of religion in reconciliation, and barriers to minority participation in dispute resolution.

**Barbara R. Walters** is professor of sociology at Kingsborough Community College and academic director of the School of Professional Studies BA in Sociology Program. She holds a BA in Psychology from Vanderbilt University, MA degrees in Sociology and Musicology, plus a PhD in Sociology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Before joining the faculty at Kingsborough in 1997, Barbara worked in a variety of settings: corporate, state government and academic. She was recognized as a *Community Leader of America* for her contributions to the Virginia Board of Health Professions, the Virginia Opera Board of Directors, as a founding member of the Virginia Women's Political Caucus and other community work. Books by Dr. Walters include *The Politics of Aesthetic Judgment* and *The Feast of Corpus Christi*, with Vincent Corrigan and Peter T. Ricketts. Her refereed journal articles have appeared in the *Journal of Implicit Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Sociological Theory*, *Visual Sociology*, *Art and Text*, and *Sociological Symposium*, plus a number in edited books published by academic presses. At Kingsborough, Dr. Walters piloted the first WAC-Writing Intensive course in 1998, the first Blackboard assisted course in 1999, taught in the original ESL Intensive Learning Community, served as academic co-director in the KCC Opening Doors Learning Community and was also honored with a CUNY Michael Ribaud Information Technology Award for her work (with George Otte and the Communication and Culture Consortial Faculty) in the development of an online degree program for the CUNY School of Professional Studies.

**Amy Weiss** is Adjunct Assistant Professor of History at The City College of New York. She received a PhD in the Departments of Hebrew & Judaic Studies and History at New York University where she specialized in American Jewish history. Currently, she is writing a book manuscript on the shifting interfaith alliances between American Jews and Protestants in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, asking how Zionism and the Arab-Israeli conflict influenced these intergroup relationships. Weiss also recently received funding from The Lisa and Michael Leffell Foundation to pursue her next project on American Machalniks in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War.

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Ilan Troen

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