THE LOUIS J. KURIANSKY
FALL 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 6, 2005, 9:45 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
In the Gen Re auditorium at UConn, Stamford

United States Presidents and the Jewish Community:
Domestic Relations and Foreign Policy
10:00 a.m. • Introduction • Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

10:10—11:00 a.m.
Dr. Eli Faber
City University of New York
Jews and the Early Presidents:
From Washington to Lincoln

11:10 a.m.—12:00 noon
Dr. Melvin I. Urofsky
Virginia Commonwealth University
Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Jews

12:00 noon—12:45 p.m. • Luncheon at the Rich Concourse

12:50—1:40 p.m.
Dr. Ronald Zweig
New York University
Episodes in American-Israeli Relations:
Truman, Johnson and Nixon

1:50—3:00 p.m.
Symposium and Q & A
Moderator
Dr. Mary Cygan

Respondents & Panelists
Drs. Joel Blatt, Eli Faber, Jeffrey Lefebvre, Melvin I. Urofsky, Ronald Zweig

This conference is recommended by the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford,
New Canaan and Darien as an Enrichment Program for community leaders and educators.
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  

Dr. Eli Faber  

**Jews and the Early Presidents: From Washington to Lincoln**  

Dr. Faber is Professor of History at The City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the University Graduate Center. He is the author of *A Time for Planting*, the first in the five-volume series entitled *The Jewish People in America* and of *Jews, Slaves, and the Slave Trade: Setting the Record Straight*. Dr. Faber is currently at work on *Anatomy and Equality: A History of the Death Penalty in America*. He is editor of *American Jewish History*, the quarterly journal of the American Jewish Historical Society. His fields of interest include America (Colonial Era), Early American Jewish History, and Crime and Punishment in America.

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Dr. Melvin I. Urofsky  

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Jews**  

Dr. Urofsky is professor of public policy and law at the Virginia Commonwealth University. He received his undergraduate degree and a doctorate in history from Columbia, and holds a *juris doctor* degree from the University of Virginia. He previously taught at Ohio State University and the State University of New York at Albany, and has lectured in England, Israel, France, Australia, Romania, Turkey, Burma, Malaysia, Thailand and the former Yugoslavia. Dr. Urofsky has authored more than forty books and over a hundred articles, concentrating recently on American constitutional and legal issues and American Jewish history. His books include the prize-winning *American Zionism from Herzl to the Holocaust* (1975, 1995).

**LUNCH: 12:00 noon—12:45 at the Rich Concourse**

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.  

Dr. Ronald Zweig  

**Episodes in American-Israeli Relations: Truman, Johnson, and Nixon**  

Dr. Zweig holds the Marilyn and Henry Taub Chair in Israel Studies and is Director of the Taub Center for Israel Studies in the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Born in Australia, he studied at the University of Sydney and received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He previously taught at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv University and has lectured at numerous American universities. Dr. Zweig is the author of *Britain and Palestine During the Second World War* (1986) and *German Reparations and the Jewish World: A History of the Claims Conference* (1987), and he edited *David Ben Gurion: Politics and Leadership in Israel* (1991). He edited the *Journal of Israeli History*, and was the Matthews Family Fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in 1999.
1:50 - 3:00 p.m.

Symposium and Q&A

MODERATOR

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Professor of History, UConn, Stamford

RESPONDENTS

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_____ Tuna on Rye, or _____ Bagel with Cream Cheese

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Please help us better plan the day by responding no later than October 28.
Credit Courses & Outreach

**Evolution of the Abrahamic Religions**
Thurs., 6—8:40 p.m.
Kennan Argon, Rabbi Dr. Richard Chapin,
The Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele

**International Relations of the Middle East**
Wed., 2:35—6:15 p.m.
Dr. Jeffrey Lefebvre

**Literature and Religion (Storns campus)**
Mon., 1—3:50 p.m.
Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

**The Jewish Family in History and Fiction**
Thurs., 12—1:50 p.m.
Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy & Guest Lecturers (MPR)

**United States Presidents and the Jewish Community: Domestic Relations and Foreign Policy**
October 6, 20, 27 and Nov. 10 & 17

A Morning Seminar with Judi & Gary Gladstein,
Visiting Professor Dr. Dan Bahat,
Chief Archaeologist Em. of Jerusalem

Lunchtime Interfaith Seminars

Tuesdays, 12:15—1:15 p.m.
Schreiber Reading Room

**September 27**
Mysticism of Love in Islam and Other Religions

**November 1**
Sexuality and Religion

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