THE LOUIS J. KURIANSKY
FALL 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 5, 2006, 9:45 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
In the Gen Re auditorium at UConn, Stamford

MAJOR CONTROVERSIES IN JEWISH HISTORY:
The Issues and Personalities That Fueled Them

10:00 a.m. • Introduction • Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

10:10—11:00 a.m.
Dr. David Berger
Brooklyn College
Tumultuous History:
The Catholic Church and the Jews from Denigration to Dialogue

11:10 a.m.—12:00 noon
Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson
Arizona State University
In Pursuit of Happiness:
Jewish Self-Definition Between Rationalism and Mysticism

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

12:50—1:40 p.m.
Dr. Ilan Troen
Brandeis University
The Pragmatic and the Extreme
in Israeli Political and Cultural Discourse

1:50—3:00 p.m.
Symposium and Q & A
MODERATOR:
Dr. Joel Blatt

PANELISTS: Drs. David Berger, Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Ilan Troen

This program is recommended by the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien as an enrichment program for community leaders and educators.
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Tumultuous History: The Catholic Church and the Jews from Denigration to Dialogue
Brooklundian Professor of History at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Dr. Berger is also Visiting Professor at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, and has taught at other universities in the US and Israel. He serves on boards of several academic organizations and was President of the Association for Jewish Studies from 1998 to 2000. Author of numerous articles, he published The Jewish-Christian Debate in the High Middle Ages, was the recipient of the John Nicholas Brown Prize by the Medieval Academy of America and co-authored Judaism’s Encounter with Other Cultures: Rejection or Integration?, a Finalist for the Jewish Book Award. His recent book, The Rebbe, the Messiah, and the Scandal of Orthodox Indifference, recently published also in an updated Hebrew version, received the 2003-2004 Samuel Belkin Literary Award.

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Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson

In Pursuit of Happiness: Jewish Self-Definition Between Rationalism and Mysticism
Professor of History at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ., Dr. Tirosh-Samuelson writes on Jewish intellectual history in pre-modern Judaism, the cultural interaction between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the Middle Ages, feminist philosophy, Judaism and ecology, and religion and science. Born and educated in Kibbutz Afula, Israel, she holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She also taught at other universities in the US and is currently a Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College of Oxford University and a Visiting Scholar at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Judaic Studies. Prof. Tirosh-Samuelson recently received a grant from the Templeton Foundation for a project on Religion, Science, and Technology.

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

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Dr. Ilan Troen

The Pragmatic and the Extreme in Israeli Political And Cultural Discourse
The Stoll Family Professor of Israel Studies at Brandeis University and the Lopin Professor of Modern History at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Dr. Troen has authored or edited ten books in American, Jewish and Israeli History and is the founding editor of Israel Studies, published three times a year by Indiana University Press. His most recent books are Jewish Centers and Peripheries: European Jewry between America and Israel Fifty Years after World War II (Transaction, 1999); with Glenda Abramson, The Americanization of Israel (a special issue of Israel Studies, Spring 2000), with Deborah Dash-Moore, eds., Divergent Jewish Cultures: Israel and America (Yale, 2001); and Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs, and Realities in a Century of Jewish Settlement (Yale, 2003) Recent articles include “Settlement and State in Eretz Israel,” The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies (Oxford University Press, 2002).
Major Controversies in Jewish History:
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CONCLUSION

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy
Professor of Comparative Literature and
Director, Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies

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