

Sunday morning, October 23: UNO
College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Room 132D

Introductions (9:00 – 9:15 am)

Session 1 (9:15 – 11:25 am)

9:15 – 9:55

Menachem Keren-Kratz, Independent Scholar, Israel, “Ideologically Justified Violence Among Israel’s Ultra-Orthodox Society”

10:00 - 10:40

Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina Pembroke, “How did Settlers’ Rabbis respond to Violence and Incitement? The Case of the Massacre in the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron (1994) and the Assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (1995)”

10:45 - 11:25

Jesse Abelman, Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC, “Legal Autonomy, Violent Crime, and Informing to Gentile Courts in High Medieval Ashkenaz”

Travel from UNO to JCC

Sunday afternoon:

Weissman Room

Omaha Jewish Community Center

333 South 132 Street

Lunch (12:00 - 1:00 pm)

Session 2 (1:05 - 2:30)

1:05 – 1:45

Joseph E. Kraus, University of Scranton, “Breaking the Frame: The Jewish Gangster Figure’s Defiance of Narrative”

1:50 – 2:30

Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University, “Murder-Suicide in the Ozarks: The Story of William and Malinda Lowenstein”

Break (2:30 – 2:50)

Session 3 (2:50 - 5:00)

2:50 – 3:30

Kimmy Caplan, Bar Ilan University, "Revisiting Fraud, Corruption, and Holiness: American Immigrant Orthodox Rabbis and Crime"

3:35 – 4:15

Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University, "The Queen and King of the Russian Underworld: Son'ka the Golden Hand and Mishka Iaponchik"

4:20 – 5:00

Jeffrey A. Marx, Independent Scholar, Los Angeles, "But How do You Make a Flood? Jewish Arsonists at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century"

Travel from JCC to Beth El Synagogue

Session 4: Keynote (7:30 – 9:00 pm)

Beth El Synagogue
14506 California St.

Nathan Abrams, Professor in Film, Bangor University Wales
"Cops and Criminals: Jews in Twenty-First Century Film and Television"

Monday, October 24: Creighton University
Skutt Center Room 105

9:15 – 9:30 Introductions

SESSION 5 (9:30 – 11:40 am)

9:30 – 10:10

Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University, "*Yirat Elohim* and *Yirat Hora'ah*: Fear and Other Character Traits of Judges in Biblical and Rabbinic Thought"

10:15 - 10:55

Yonatan S. Miller, University of Toledo, "Hidden Talents: Examining Tales of Israelite Priestly Corruption"

11:00 – 11:40 Chaya Halberstam, King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, "Interrogating Witness Interrogation in Susanna and the Mishnah"

Lunch (11:45 am - 12:20 pm)

Session 6 (12:20 – 2:30 pm)

12:20 – 1:00

Elena Hoffenberg, University of Chicago, “Between Social Scientific Objectivity and Jewish Political Subjectivity: Liebmann Hersch’s Analysis of Jewish Criminality in Poland”

1:05 – 1:45

Motti Zalkin, Ben Gurion University, “Between Odessa and Vilna – Jewish Organized Crime as a Social Phenomenon”

1:50 – 2:30

Dan Clanton, Doane University, “‘Frightfully Decent’: Jews in Golden Age Crime Fiction”