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# FELLOWSHIP SEMINARS



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W. Raymond Palmer, PhD

Independent Scholar  
The Loewenstein-Wiener Fellow

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 | 4:00 PM

## Rabbi Maurice L. Perlzweig and the Development of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress, 1936–1940

Following the establishment of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) in 1936, offices were opened in several major cities around the world. Rabbi Maurice J. Perlzweig became the first chairman of the British Section of the WJC. Dr. Palmer will discuss the role played by Perlzweig in establishing and maintaining contact with members of Parliament, officials at the British Foreign Office, as well as with representatives of foreign governments, which were particularly important following the start of World War II as many European Governments in-exile established headquarters in London.

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Mr. Jonathon D. Awtrey

Louisiana State University  
The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellow

Thursday, February 22, 2018 | 4:00 PM

## Elite Jews & Polite Sociability in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania

In the eighteenth century, elite Jews and gentiles shared a commitment to enlightenment ideals through domestic and transatlantic exchanges, which brought them closer together in mutual fellowship and friendship. Such comity normalized Jewish presence in the public square, produced positive Jewish reputations in adopted communities such as Philadelphia, and thus altered their gentile neighbors' attitudes toward Jews and Judaism. Mr. Awtrey will investigate the dynamic intellectual world of German Jews in early Pennsylvania through an examination of libraries enumerated in Jewish wills, Jewish subscriptions to circulating libraries such as the Library Company of Philadelphia, Jewish participation in learned societies such as the American Philosophical Society and the Freemasons, as well as institutions of higher secular education such as the College of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania.

Haim Sperber, PhD

Western Galilee College  
The Loewenstein-Wiener Fellow

Monday, February 26, 2018 | 12:40 PM

## Agunot in Jewish Society, 1851–1914

In the period between 1851 and 1914, the deserted Jewish wife or agunah—literally the “chained” or “anchored” wife—became one of the most discussed issues in Jewish social and cultural spheres. Although referred to sporadically in nineteenth-century Jewish social history, this issue has not been extensively investigated. Dr. Sperber has created a database of more than 9000 agunot and he argues that during the period under discussion there were, in fact, two distinct histories—in eastern Europe (1851–1900) and North America (1901–1914)—that can be traced.



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