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ABOUT THE CENTER

The NYU Center for the Study of Antisemitism (CSA) is an interdisciplinary research institute conducting critical inquiry into historical and contemporary manifestations of antisemitism and responses to them.

The CSA is a center of engaged scholarship and education, bringing together a diverse community of scholars, practitioners, and students. We develop public programming and foster scholarly initiatives locally and globally that facilitate vibrant informed discussions dedicated to understanding and addressing antisemitism.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

As the Center for the Study of Antisemitism (CSA) completes its second full year of operation, we continue to fulfill our goals of building a center of engaged scholarship and education to convene the world's leading experts on the topic – and educate and train the next generation of students, while organizing public programming based on that education and scholarship to fill a critical need in a developing field.

At the CSA, we have welcomed postdocs, visiting scholars, and researchers, inviting the world's leading figures in the field to present research and engage with one another. Our research scholars continue to work in a broad range of fields with topics touching on modern Jewish history, Holocaust Studies, the history of white nationalism in the United States, social-psychological approaches to understanding the impact of antisemitism, digital hate studies, antisemitism and the arts, and more.

The research of our visiting scholars has covered an array of subjects including Latin American Jewish history, the aftermath of the Holocaust, Jewish migration from the Soviet Union (and the related topics of the aftermath of the Holocaust in the USSR and Soviet anti-Zionism); the experiences of “babies” born in the DP camps and Holocaust survivors in America; and the image of the “wandering Jew” in Latin American literature.

We have already hosted dozens of public programs, while convening the global gatherings of Antisemitism center directors and scholars for substantive discussion of the key questions facing our field and the remarkable opportunities that exist for research collaboration. We are focused on expanding research with colleagues on and off our own campus across disciplines, bringing together experts from across the university to think about how to confront and engage with one of the most complex social problems of our time.

We have also established research collaborations with external organizations, including applied research scholars working with the UJA to develop metrics to assess effective communal interventions in combating antisemitism; the AddressHate research scholar examining linguistic patterns in the dissemination of antisemitism, racism, and hate speech online; a partnership with Edut 710, a grassroots organization in Israel, which has collected over 1500 testimonies of Oct. 7 survivors to translate these testimonies and develop a searchable archive; a partnership with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany to conduct research on social sentiments and perceptions of Jews and Israel in a longitudinal study with thousands of participants in Germany and the United States; a graduate student conference on new research on antisemitism in new media and next year on intersections between Antisemitism and Racism; the Ghetto Fighters House in Israel and the Auschwitz Museum in Poland to tackle the challenge of Holocaust education in the 21st century; while also supporting research fellows conducting research on Jewish history, anti-antisemitism movements and Jewish politics, Aryanism, neo-Nazism, and Holocaust denial, and so much more.

Beyond research, we believe education has the power to play a transformational role in the lives of our students, and more broadly, to play a transformational role in society. Education can play a vital role in combatting the many forms of hate that have become such a destructive and corrosive force in society and indeed in our digital and real worlds. The CSA, in collaboration with the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, created a new seven-week one-credit class for NYU undergraduate students called “An Introduction to Antisemitism and Jewish History.” This year ten students from across NYU joined “The Resilient Society” to explore the history of extremist movements from World War II until today, participating in educational travel that brought them to Alabama, Washington, DC, Germany, and France.

The CSA also focuses on impact, expanding its work beyond the traditional boundaries of academia and higher education to partner with community organizations, public/private secondary schools, and other nonprofits. Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, our Low Professor of Engaged Scholarship, continues to lead the work of our Impact team, which has expanded to include applied research scholars working on digital hate, the arts and antisemitism, and new approaches to measuring the everyday impact of antisemitism. Finally the first season of our new podcast called The Jewish Question is available: <https://studyantisemitism.nyu.edu/podcast> and we are busy recording season two. We continue to ask difficult questions in our pursuit of greater understanding and informed action, recognizing that the quality of our insights depends entirely on the questions we seek to answer.

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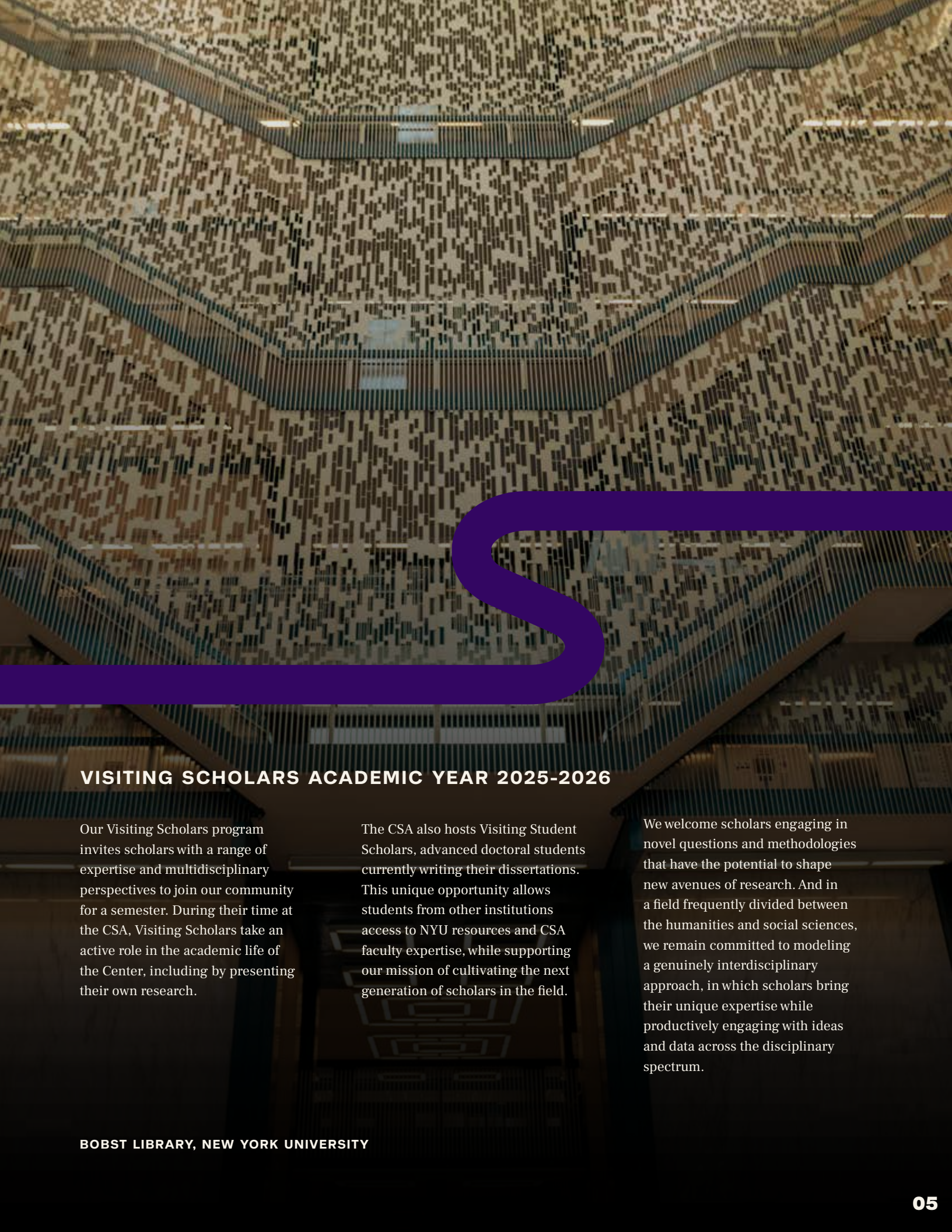
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Research

As an academic center dedicated to the cultivation and propagation of new knowledge on antisemitism, research is at the core of our institutional mission. Our commitment to this mission has been the bedrock of our work since its inception and coalesces around five distinct yet overlapping research agendas:

- **Production of new lines of research by our in-house team on a regular basis**
- **Support of original research by visiting scholars on a rotating basis**
- **Cultivation of the next generation of scholars at the dissertation and postdoctoral stages**
- **Generating and sharing new research in regular workshops and conferences**
- **Collaborating with other research units and academic centers on special projects**

The CSA has become a hub of novel research and scholarly collaboration, a space in which faculty and fellows come together on a regular basis to share works-in-progress, discuss new ideas and developments in the field, and offer feedback and mentorship. Even as the CSA develops a wealth of programming designed to engage and challenge the public, much of the research and collaboration happens quietly within its walls—whether in the offices of our researchers advancing their projects and publications or in the biweekly Scholars Circle, in which the CSA's internal scholarly community shares pre-distributed works-in-progress and engages one another in the critical questions at the heart of our research.



VISITING SCHOLARS ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Our Visiting Scholars program invites scholars with a range of expertise and multidisciplinary perspectives to join our community for a semester. During their time at the CSA, Visiting Scholars take an active role in the academic life of the Center, including by presenting their own research.

The CSA also hosts Visiting Student Scholars, advanced doctoral students currently writing their dissertations. This unique opportunity allows students from other institutions access to NYU resources and CSA faculty expertise, while supporting our mission of cultivating the next generation of scholars in the field.

We welcome scholars engaging in novel questions and methodologies that have the potential to shape new avenues of research. And in a field frequently divided between the humanities and social sciences, we remain committed to modeling a genuinely interdisciplinary approach, in which scholars bring their unique expertise while productively engaging with ideas and data across the disciplinary spectrum.

The CSA was privileged to host the following Visiting Scholars during the 2025-2026 academic year:



TZIPORA WEINBERG
FALL 2025

Tzipora Weinberg holds a doctorate in Modern Jewish History from the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at NYU. Her research focuses on the intellectual and sociocultural histories of Orthodox Jews in Eastern Europe and their ramifications in contemporary Orthodox life. Tzipora Weinberg worked on the diary/memoir of a Lithuanian Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust in hiding with the assistance of a priest, only to perish soon after liberation in 1946.



LELIA STADLER
FALL 2025

Lelia Stadler is a PhD candidate at Columbia University's Department of History. Her dissertation project is a social and legal history of Jewish immigrants' encounters with the Argentine state and asks how the legal prohibition on divorce shaped the Jewish family, the Jewish community, and the Jewish citizen in Argentina between c. 1880 and 1960. During her time at the CSA, Lelia worked on and presented a draft of her second chapter which examines how nationalists and clerics associated Jews with divorce and the destruction of the institution of the Argentine family. Her research has appeared in a volume entitled *Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Latin America*, edited by Raanan Rein, Stefan Rinke, and David Sheinin, 2020. Her new article, "Ethical and Legal Bigamy: Transatlantic Jewish Families Caught between Conflicting Legalities, Argentina, 1930-1939," is forthcoming in *Jewish Social Studies*.



SERAFIMA VELKOVICH
SPRING 2026

Building on her previous research on former DP babies in Israel, Dr. Velkovich continued work on comparative study of Jews born to Holocaust survivors in Displaced Persons camps in Germany, Austria, and Italy between 1946 and 1952 who later settled in the United States. Although they belong to the broader “Second Generation,” they were uniquely born within the DP camps — a liminal space situated between devastation and renewal in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Her research examined how American social environments, Holocaust memory, and broader cultural discourse shape identity, belonging, and intergenerational memory among former DP babies in the United States, particularly in contrast to their Israeli counterparts. During her time at the Center, she conducted interviews, consulted archival and library collections, and greatly benefited from the Center’s intellectual community, whose discussions and research environment significantly contributed to the development of the project. Serafima Velkovich holds a PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2024).



ORIT GUGENHEIM
SPRING 2026

Orit Gugenheim is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Yale University. Gugenheim specializes in the 20th-century Latin American novel, with a focus on Jewish authorship and representation. During her time as a Visiting Scholar at NYU’s CSA, she continued working on her dissertation, titled “Autores Errantes”: Jewish Signifiers in the Latin American Boom. At the CSA, she wrote her second chapter: “Gabriel García Márquez and The Mythological Signifier of the Wandering Jew,” where she close-read and contextualized the figure of the Wandering Jew (or “judío errante”) as it appears in the literature of García Márquez (including in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*). Orit shared that her research benefited from the experience at the CSA in a number of ways: from the weekly workshop seminars where we discussed each other’s work, to the illuminating dialogues with both her peers and with Professors Patt and Russ-Fishbane.



ALEXANDRA ZBOROVSKY
SPRING 2026

Alexandra (Sasha) Zborovsky is a PhD Candidate in the History Department at the University of Pennsylvania and historian of Imperial Russia/Soviet Union and transnational Jewish history. During her time at the CSA, she drafted two chapters of her dissertation project, “Should I Stay or Should I Go: Jewish Repatriation, Family Reunification, and Emigration from the USSR 1945-1995.” She then had the opportunity to pre-circulate and receive feedback on her work from esteemed scholars and other fellows at the center. From informal conversations to organized lectures, the resources and community at CSA enriched her understanding of not only the Jewish experience, but how scholars can critically analyze and teach its highs and lows.

CSA RESEARCH FELLOW WILLIAM PIMLOTT

This year Dr. Pimlott completed the manuscript of a research monograph dedicated to the history of Yiddish in Britain. Recovering the multifaceted Yiddish language struggle against antisemitism in the late 19th and 20th Century meant detailed archival work. He was invited to speak at events in London and at the University of Maryland on this topic. Another highlight was his work in the field of contemporary antisemitism - pioneering a collaboration between the NYU CSA and social science researchers in Germany to assess what appears to be an alarming rise in youth antisemitism in both the United States and Germany.

Dr. Pimlott also began work on two new projects this year. One of them was an investigation of the deeper economic and political trends that have led to the recrudescence of antisemitism. He presented the first findings from this project, a paper entitled “Neoliberalism, Racism and Antisemitism: Revisiting the 1968 New York City Teachers’ Strike” at the 2025 annual conference of the Association of Jewish Studies. The other is research into the rise of the far right in Britain.

Antisemitism and Social Sentiment in Times of Crises

Exploring antisemitic attitudes in the United States and Germany since October 7, 2023

In early June of 2026, The FZI Research Center for Information Technology (Oststadt, Germany) and the NYU Center for the Study of Antisemitism published the first comprehensive analysis of how antisemitic attitudes have developed in Germany and the United States in the two years since October 7, 2023. The central finding is striking: in both countries, age is the single strongest predictor of antisemitic attitudes — with a particularly pronounced effect in the United States. Factors such as social media use and party affiliation were also examined. The analysis draws on the Social Sentiment in Times of Crisis (SOSEC) longitudinal panel, which has surveyed 4,500 respondents every two weeks since 2022 — 1,500 in Germany and 3,000 in the United States — on their political attitude, media consumption, and social perception. Together with historian Dr. William Pimlott and researchers from FZI, the team combines computer-assisted social science with historically grounded research on antisemitism.

CSA POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATE

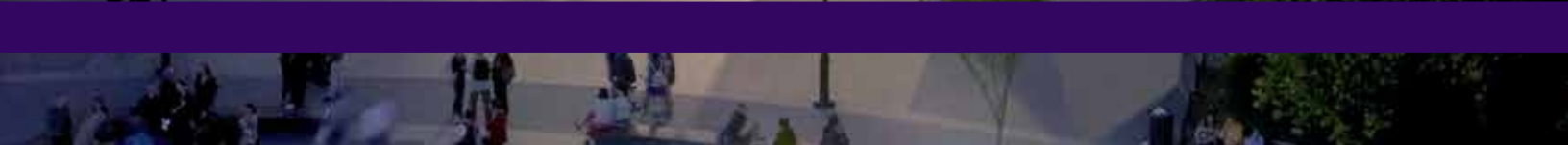
TESSA HARMON

Tessa Harmon, PhD is the CSA postdoctoral associate for Academic Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. In her first year, she worked to transform her dissertation into her first monograph, *Religion, Race, and the Making of White Nationalism*, revising chapters for external review and sharpening the project's central intervention: that antisemitism generates the conspiratorial framework through which anti-Black, Islamophobic, anti-immigrant, and other forms of racial violence come to appear morally justified in white nationalist thought. Alongside the manuscript, she prepared a journal article for submission on repugnant archives, developing a methodological framework for studying extremist materials in Religious Studies without reproducing their authority or minimizing the effective labor such sources demand. With CSA support, Dr. Harmon brought this research into wider scholarly conversations, presenting on Holocaust denial and the myth of white genocide at the Jewish American and Holocaust Literature Symposium and delivering opening remarks for a panel on the study of religion at the Second International Workshop in Antisemitism Studies at the University of Toronto.

This year she contributed to a range of public programs and student initiatives at the CSA. She served as a panelist for "Digital Aftershocks: Online Mobilization and Violence in the United States," co-hosted by the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights. NYU News featured Dr. Harmon in its article on the centennial of Mein Kampf, where she explained how the text functions both as a historical source and a living document for contemporary extremist movements. During the spring semester, she supported the CSA's selective undergraduate seminar on extremism as a guest lecturer, mentor, and trip co-leader, helping students to analyze white supremacy and antisemitism in historical and contemporary context. She also worked closely with graduate students through NYU's Institute for Public Knowledge working group on political polarization and radicalization.



The Postdoctoral Associate position is designed for junior scholars who have recently completed their PhD, and whose research focuses on any aspect of historical or contemporary antisemitism and are working within any of the relevant disciplines of the humanities or social sciences. This fellowship provides a critical bridge for recent graduates into professional spaces while providing them with an array of resources to further their research and ultimately publish.





Yael Silverstein
APPLIED RESEARCH FELLOW

Since joining the CSA in November 2025, Yael's work has focused on understanding how antisemitism operates in everyday contexts - in workplaces, on campuses, and online. A paper with Dr. Caryn Block on antisemitic experiences and workplace outcomes is appearing in the *Academy of Management Proceedings* this year and two additional chapters are in press with Routledge and Oxford University Press. They have presented this work at several conferences - including the Law and Antisemitism Conference at Cardozo.

On the public scholarship side, Yael has written a piece on ambient antisemitism for *Sources: A Journal of Jewish Ideas* and presented their research in public webinars and lectures through several venues. A newer area of Yael's work, made possible by a UJA-Federation of New York grant, involves the philanthropic sector. The through-line across all of it is straightforward: antisemitism in contemporary life is often subtle, cumulative, and underestimated, and we need to be building better tools to see, measure, and respond to it.



Matthias J. Becker
ADDRESSHATE RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Matthias J. Becker, a researcher in cognitive linguistics and hate studies, specializes in the examination of contemporary antisemitism through interdisciplinary approaches combining mixed-methods discourse analysis, cognitive linguistics, and AI-driven methodologies. Since 2020, he has led Decoding Antisemitism, the largest European study of online antisemitism, bringing together over 20 experts to analyze digital hate across Germany, France, the UK, and the US. He is the author of *Antisemitism in Reader Comments: Analogies for Reckoning with the Past* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) and lead editor of the *DA Lexicon* (Springer Nature, 2024)—an open-access volume downloaded over 250,000 times within months of release.

At the NYU Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Dr. Becker began work on a new project, Decoding Hate. This is the direct successor to the Decoding Antisemitism project. It is a large-scale research project on how hate ideologies - antisemitism, misogyny, anti-Black racism, and anti-Asian racism - circulate, adapt, and normalize in mainstream digital environments.



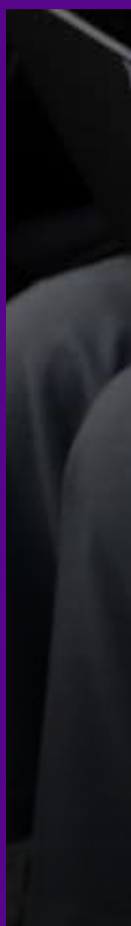
Ben Schachter
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AND ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Ben Schachter is an award winning designer and artist. He received the Emma Lazarus Award for Art from CombatAntisemitism.org. He is currently working on his third graphic novel based on stories from the Jewish Tradition. Most recently, he was a fellow with the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. The Pennsylvania State University Press published his first book, *Image, Action, and Idea in Contemporary Jewish Art*. Since 2014, Ben has been tracking antisemitism in the arts as artists are blacklisted from galleries and exhibition venues. During his time at the Center, he develops tools to analyze antisemitic actions against artists within the art world. Prior to his position as a Research Associate, Ben was a Visiting Scholar at the CSA during fall 2025.

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Community & Collaboration

One of the core elements of our mission is to engage critically across not only the academic but public spheres. We do this by working with colleagues and organizations whose work transcends the boundaries of the academy.





Rethinking Holocaust Education

An International Reflection on the Challenges for the Future

This year-long project organized by the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust at the Auschwitz Memorial and the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum in Israel launched in early September 2025 and is supported in part by the CSA. Groups were tasked with addressing a specific challenge related to Holocaust education, resulting in the outline of a comprehensive project designed to address that challenge. One such challenge was "How can Holocaust education respond to rising antisemitism and serve as an effective tool to combat it?" During the concluding seminar at the Ghetto Fighters' House in fall 2026, participants will present fully developed projects ready for implementation, with a clearly defined target group, a detailed program, and secured funding.



ADIR CHALLENGE HACKATHON AND WORKSHOP

On September 14-15, 2025, the CSA partnered with ADIR to host GameChangers. This program brought together high school and college students from across more than 20 schools to develop prototypes of tools that make digital spaces safer and more inclusive.

After participating in preliminary workshops on entrepreneurship, antisemitism, AI tools, coding, and game design, students spent the day refining their projects with guidance from mentors from the CSA and top technology and online gaming companies.

A panel of expert judges (including NYU Game Center faculty) evaluated the student pitches and selected the top teams. The top teams received grant funding from ADIR and access to partner platforms to continue developing their projects.



ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 57TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON, D.C. / DECEMBER 2025)

With 1,200+ attendees, the AJS Conference is the largest annual gathering of Jewish Studies scholars in the world. This year's conference included a reception for NYU alumni and colleagues at NYU Washington, DC hosted by the CSA, NYU's Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Taub Center for Israel Studies and Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History.

CSA Research Fellow, William Pimlott, presented a paper on "Neoliberalism, Racism and Antisemitism: Revisiting the 1968 New York City Teachers' Strike" and CSA Director, Avinoam Patt, spoke on a panel with other academic center directors about the evolving challenges of discussing "antisemitism" in academic settings. Panelists shared strategies for fostering constructive conversations, promoting understanding, and creating spaces where complex issues around antisemitism can be addressed thoughtfully and respectfully.



DEFINING, REGULATING, AND COMBATING ANTISEMITISM: THE CHANGING LEGAL LANDSCAPE

In March 2026, the CSA partnered with scholars from NYU Law School and Tel Aviv University to co-sponsor a pioneering seminar on Antisemitism and the Law hosted at NYU Berlin - the proceedings of which will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Law and Human Rights*. Participants came from a variety of international and scholarly backgrounds: historians, legal scholars and political scientists flew in from the US and across Europe, and the group delved deeply, with new data, into the difficult but important subject of Antisemitism and the Law. Participants reached new conclusions about the difficult balance needed for successful legal intervention, and laws, to fight antisemitism, exploring the sites that are at the intersection of politics and the law, of actions as against intentions and of the particular as well as the general.



CRITICAL EXAMINATIONS OF NEW MEDIA & ANTISEMITISM: 1ST ANNUAL CSA GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

On October 20-21, 2025, the CSA hosted its first Graduate Student Conference, with 12 students from around the globe presenting their research on “Critical Examinations of New Media and Antisemitism.” Participants came from around the world, including Germany, India, Sweden, the United States, and China, with presentations on AI, the online gaming space, large language models, and more. The keynote speaker, Yair Rosenberg, staff writer at *The Atlantic* offered a fascinating talk on “The Turn Against the Jews: The Societal Shifts Behind American Antisemitism.” On the second day of the workshop, William Pimlott, CSA Research Fellow, co-lead a workshop with social science researchers from Germany using data collected by the German organization, Social Sentiment in Times of Crisis (SOSEC).



2ND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ANTISEMITISM STUDIES: JANUARY 19 - 20, 2026 (UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO)

The CSA was well-represented at the Second International Workshop in Antisemitism Studies which took place at the Univ. of Toronto in January 2026 (co-presented by Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto; the Herbert D. Katz Centre for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania; the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, University of Michigan; and the Center for the Study of Antisemitism, New York University). CSA Director Avinoam Patt helped organize and lead the workshop and Postdoctoral Associate Tessa Harmon presented in a session on Religious Studies and Antisemitism Studies.



ADDRESSHATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 18-19, 2025

Matthias Becker served as the lead organizer for the first AddressHate (a public-interest think tank funded by the Laterman Family Foundation) symposium hosted by New York University’s Center for the Study of Antisemitism (CSA). The symposium brought together experts from academia, technology, and policy to explore new ways to collaborate on the fight against hate online through interdisciplinary partnerships.

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Student Engagement

Courses - NYU Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies

The CSA continues to partner with the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies to offer courses on antisemitism. *Introduction to Antisemitism and Jewish History* is a hybrid course developed by CSA Director, Avinoam Patt along with faculty from the Hebrew and Judaic Studies Department and offered for the first time in Spring 2025. The course is designed to be accessible to all NYU undergraduate students including those at study abroad sites. The course was offered again in 2025-2026 along with the undergraduate course *Antisemitism: Then and Now* taught by CSA Research Fellow William Pimlott.



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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

THE RESILIENT SOCIETY

Extremism Examined, renamed *The Resilient Society*, is a selective seminar with a group of students from all majors at NYU. This year's cohort included 10 students representing NYU Steinhardt, Gallatin, GSAS, and more. Students engage in weekly seminars where they read texts, meet with professors, and discuss current news coverage to gain a deeper understanding of the roots of extremism, and how to combat it. CSA program administrator, Caitlyn Madara, participated as an educator in this seminar with Beckie Hamroff and Rabbi Yehuda Sarna from the Bronfman Center. International Education PhD student, Kristine Hart, also joined the cohort for an in depth study of student and staff experiences and pedagogy.

An important part of this course is the travel component. During Spring Break, students visit Alabama and Washington D.C. to achieve a more insightful perspective on extremism in the American context. Students visited the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and more. One highlight for both students and staff was getting the opportunity to speak to a representative from the Dexter Baptist Church, who shared her thoughts on resilience and community building.



The summer travel goes international, bringing students to Paris and Germany to analyze the historic and contemporary manifestations of extremism. In Paris, students visited with governmental representatives, history museums, and sites of French extremism. In Germany, along with museum and educational visits, NYU-Berlin co-hosted a conference where students had the opportunity to present original research on an extremist organization of their choice. Experts from local organizations, as well as professors and researchers shared their research on analyzing and combating extremism; and how students can use their skills to make change.

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Public Programming

Over the course of our 13 public events, we welcomed over 500 attendees. Our events included leading experts from universities, think tanks, and research institutes. Partnering with other NYU Centers and departments enabled us to broaden our reach and deepen our understanding of the topics presented.



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Some Thoughts on the Social Utility of the Historian

With Professor Emeritus David Engel (NYU), co-sponsored by the NYU Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies.

The CSA co-presented a scholar workshop in honor of the retirement of Prof. David Engel, Emeritus Greenberg Professor of Holocaust Studies, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and Professor of History at New York University. One of the world's leading thinkers in the field of Antisemitism Studies (and on Jewish responses to anti-Jewish hate), Engel is the author of seven books and more than 100 scholarly articles on various aspects of Jewish history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



SEPTEMBER 30

The Beautiful Crime and the Sad Law – The 1927 Schwartzbard Trial

With Professor Leora Bilsky (Tel Aviv University), co-sponsored by NYU La Maison Francaise and NYU Center for Mediterranean and European Studies

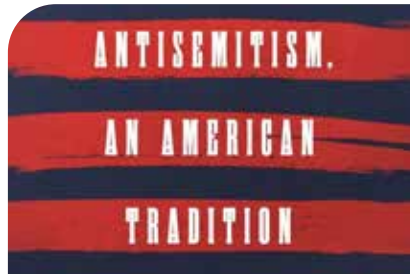
Leora Bilsky gave a lecture on the history of the Schwartzbard trial, as well as the legal significance of this as a case study in international human rights and genocide law.



OCTOBER 28

Saving our Survivors

In co-sponsorship with the NYU Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History and HJS Department, the CSA hosted a book talk with UCLA professor, Rachel Deblinger on her new book *Saving Our Survivors*.



NOVEMBER 3

Antisemitism, An American Tradition

Live podcast taping and book talk with Professor Pamela Nadell (American University) The CSA welcomed American University professor and author Pamela Nadell to discuss her new book *Antisemitism, An American Tradition* as a live podcast taping for the CSA podcast "The Jewish Question". Avinoam Patt and Lila Berman moderated the conversation with Prof. Nadell with a live audience Q&A.



NOVEMBER 11

French Concentration Camps: New Perspectives

Panel Discussion with Professor Stephane Gerson (NYU), Professor Emily Marker (Rutgers-Camden), and Professor Terrence Peterson (Florida International University), co-sponsored by NYU Institute of French Studies

This event in collaboration with NYU Institute of French Studies centered around how concentration camps became a feature of the French carceral space in the 20th century, targeting Spanish refugees, political prisoners, Jews, Harkis, Roma, German prisoners of war, and others. The panelists and scholars produced much-needed political and institutional histories of these camps.



NOVEMBER 19

What's So Funny About Antisemitism?

Professor Jeremy Dauber (Columbia University) joined CSA Director and NYU Professor, Avinoam Patt for his Jewish Humor class and the general public for a discussion about Jewish comedy and "What's So Funny About Antisemitism."

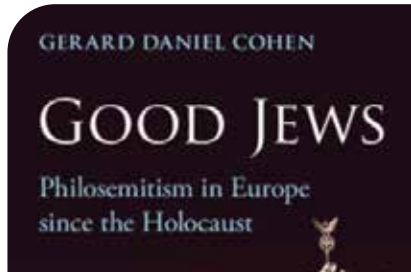


NOVEMBER 24

Jews, Satire, and Political Humor in America, Israel, and Beyond

With Aaron Karo (comedian, screenwriter, and #1 New York Times bestselling author)

Comedian and podcaster Aaron Karo joined Prof. Avinoam Patt's Jewish humor class to share insights from his career writing comedy for broad popular audiences: how does one employ humorous stereotypes of Jewish characters while not reinforcing antisemitic stereotypes?



FEBRUARY 9

Good Jews & Philosemitism

Book Talk with Professor Gerard Daniel Cohen (Rice University), co-sponsored by NYU Remarque Institute. In celebration of his new book, Gerard Daniel Cohen presented a critical exploration of the languages of philosemitism in mainstream European politics and culture from 1945 to the present day, with particular emphasis on Germany and France. Within this framework Cohen explored how the 'Jewish question', or the problem of Jewish difference and incorporation in Western countries during the postwar decades, has been distinctively foregrounded in the language of philosemitism.



FEBRUARY 17

When Nazi-Killing Simulators Finally Discovered Jews

Lecture with Professor Joshua Lambert (Wellesley College), co-sponsored by NYU Game Center. Professor Joshua Lambert offered a fascinating lecture tackling questions at the intersection of anti-semitism and gaming, including: Why did Jewish characters not appear as victims, Allied soldiers, or resistance fighters in such games throughout the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, and why did they begin appearing in those roles, suddenly, in the mid-2010s?



MARCH 4

Jewish History in Poland Before and During the Holocaust

Panel with Professor Kamil Kijek (Center for Jewish History), Professor Glenn Dynner (Sarah Lawrence College), and Professor Avinoam Patt (NYU), co-sponsored by NYU Washington, DC.



MARCH 9

Genealogy & Family History as Tools of Historical Research

Discussion with Serafima Velkovich (NYU & Yad Vashem) and President Linda Mills (NYU). This lecture with NYU CSA Visiting Scholar Sima Velkovich examined the role of family memory in identity formation and explored the intersection between personal narratives and academic historical research. NYU President Linda Mills presented a case study of a Jewish family from Vienna, Austria to illustrate this approach and demonstrate the methodological and interpretive potential of family-based microhistory.



APRIL 13

Digital Aftershocks Report: Online Mobilization and Violence in the United States

With Mariana Rosenblatt (NYU), Luke Barnes (NYU), Tessa Harmon (NYU), and Matthias J. Becker (NYU), co-sponsored by the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights.

The panel discussion of this report included a series of practical, rights-respecting recommendations for platforms and policymakers to disrupt violent networks, strengthen transparency, and safeguard both public safety and freedom of expression, as well as reflections from our Visiting Scholars and audience Q&A.



APRIL 28

The Social and Psychological Impact of Contemporary Antisemitism on Jews

With Professor Caryn Block (Columbia University) and Yael Silverstein (NYU).

The talk examined how exposure to contemporary antisemitism is associated with mental health and well-being, sense of belonging, and indicators of post traumatic growth, which refers to positive psychological changes that can emerge through meaning making and adaptation in the context of sustained adversity. The presentation concluded with implications for future research, institutional leadership, and philanthropic investment in evidence-based responses to antisemitism, as well as reflections on the role of universities and research centers in advancing rigorous, interdisciplinary scholarship in this area.



AVINOAM PATT, DEBORAH LIPSTADT, NYU PRESIDENT LINDA MILLS

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INAUGURAL RECIPIENT

Deborah Lipstadt, Ambassador and Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism (2022-2025), and University Distinguished Professor, Emory University

In 2025, the leadership of the CSA established the Nathan and Eva Meisler Award for Courage in Scholarship in memory of Nathan and Eva Meisler, grandparents of NYU President Dr. Linda G. Mills. Nathan and Eva fled Vienna after the Anschluss (the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany in 1938). Nathan escaped from a deportation train in Poland, while Eva arranged for the rescue of her two daughters and the relocation of the family business to Los Angeles, where the family resettled in 1941. Nathan Meisler's decisive actions helped save his family and enabled them to rebuild their lives in America. In his words: "If a situation is fearful and terrible—act!"

It is in this spirit of courage and determination that we dedicate the Nathan and Eva Meisler Award to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the study of antisemitism. In a time of fear and uncertainty, we honor scholars and educators who have the courage to ask difficult questions and whose work has had an impact that informs and enlightens in times of darkness.

The award was presented to Deborah Lipstadt at a ceremony in November 2025. Following remarks by NYU President Linda Mills, who shared her own family's history as refugees from Nazi Germany, CSA Director Avinoam Patt shared these words in his presentation of the award to Professor Lipstadt:

"Deborah has always argued that those of us who enter the Academy have a responsibility to the broader public. That we must serve as defenders of truth and reason against hatred, bigotry and misinformation. That we cannot stand idly by."

Those of us who make scholarship our vocation and avocation dream of spending our time, charting new paths, opening new vistas, and offering new perspectives on some aspect of the truth. We seek to discover, not to defend. We did not train in our respective fields in order to stand like watchmen and women on the Rhine.

Yet this is what we must do. We do so in order to expose falsehood and hate. We will remain ever vigilant so that the most precious tools of our trade and our society—truth and reason— can prevail. The still, small voices of millions cry out to us from the ground, demanding that we do no less.

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DEBORAH LIPSTADT

