

Prof. Jonathan Dekel-Chen

Academic and Administrative Appointments (selected)

1. Rabbi Edward Sandrow Chair in Soviet & East European Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI)
2. Director, Leonid Nevzlin Research Center for Russian and East European Jewry, HUJI, 2003-2008. Academic Chairman, 2009-2015, 2016-2021, 2024-2026.
3. Visiting Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2009.
4. Visiting Scholar, Harriman Institute & Israel Institute, Columbia University, 2009, 2015-2016.
5. Visiting Professor, Department of History, Columbia University, 2015-2016.
6. Co-founder and representative of the Hebrew University to the Yad Hanadiv Inter-University Cooperative Project, "Russian and East European Studies," 2010-2014.
7. Chairman, Department of Jewish History & Contemporary Jewry, HUJI, 2013-2014.
8. Chairman, Department of Russian & Slavic Studies, HUJI, 2006-2008, 2016-2020.
9. Bildner Visiting Scholar at Rutgers University, 2021-2022.

Leadership Roles and International Partnerships (selected)

Co-founder of The International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry, 2003-2023.

Creator, author and curator of online museum exhibit, "Jewish Agriculturalism in the Garden State," hosted on Rutgers University website. <https://sites.rutgers.edu/jewish-agriculture/>

Member of the Advisory Council of the Archives of the American Soviet Jewry Movement at the American Jewish Historical Society, 2007-2016.

Member of the core content committee of international scholars for the design and development of the Russian-Jewish Museum of History and Tolerance Center in Moscow, 2008-2013.

Selected Publications

Farming the Red Land: Jewish Agricultural Colonization and Local Soviet Power, 1923-1941. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.

Guest editor (with Israel Bartal) of a special issue of *Jewish History*, "Jewish Agrarianization, 1804-1945." Volume 21, no. 3-4 (2007).

Mahane meshutaf? Kooperatsiia b'hityashvut ha-yehudit ha-haklait be-Rusya u-beolam, 1890-1941. [Hebrew] Jerusalem: Magnes Press & Yad Tebenkin Press, 2008.

Editor (with David Gaunt, Natan Meir and Israel Bartal), *Anti-Jewish Violence: Rethinking the Pogrom in East European History.* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010.

Guest editor of a special issue of *East European Jewish Affairs*, "East European Jewish Migration." Volume 44, no. 3 (2014).

Editor (with Eugene Avrutin and Robert Weinberg), *Ritual Murder in Russia, Eastern Europe and Beyond: New Histories of an Old Accusation.* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017.

"Wandering Jews as Cold War Pawns." In: *Keeping Contact: Jewish Cultural Initiatives Across Cold War Borders.* Edited by Rebekah Pejšová and Jacob Labendz. Purdue University Press 2026.

"Between Rocks, Hard Places and Promised Lands: Jewish Migration during the Cold War." In: *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* 35. New York: Oxford University Press (expected publication, 2026).

"The Best Place in the World for Soviet Jews." *Jewish Currents* (Winter/Spring 2022): 107-112.

"Putting Agricultural History to Work: Global Action Today from a Communal Past." (featured article in Forum) *Agricultural History* 94, no. 4 (2020): 512-544. This article received the 2020 Vernon Carstensen Memorial Award for the best article in *Agricultural History* from the Agricultural History Society.

"Israeli Reactions in a Soviet Moment: Reflections on the 1970 Leningrad Affair." *Kennan Cable* #58. September 2020.

"Between Myths, Memories, History and Politics: Creating Content for Moscow's Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center." *The Public Historian* 40, no. 4 (2018): 89-104.

"Transnational Intervention and its Limits: The Case of Interwar Poland." *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 17, no. 3 (2018): 265-286.

"Philanthropy, Diplomacy and Jewish Internationalism." In: *The Cambridge History of Judaism, Volume VIII: The Modern Period, c. 1815 – c. 2000*. Edited by Mitchell Hart and Tony Michels, pp. 475-498. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

"Jewish Threads in the Fabric of International History." In: *International History in Theory and Practice*. Edited by Barbara Haider-Wilson and William Godsey, Wolfgang Mueller, pp. 475-498. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2017.

"Rethinking Boundaries in the Jewish Diaspora from the FSU." In: *The New Jewish Diaspora: Russian-Speaking Immigrants in the United States, Israel and Germany*. Edited by Zvi Gitelman, pp. 77-88. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2016.

"Dueling Visions of Rebirth: Interwar Palestine versus Soviet Russia," *Journal of Jewish Identities* 9, no. 2 (2016): 139-157.

"Liberal Answers to the 'Jewish Question': Then and Now." In: *Church and Society in Modern Russia*. Edited by Elise Wirtschafter and Manfred Hildermeier, pp. 133-156. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015.

"Faith Meets Politics and Resources: Reassessing Modern Transnational Jewish Activism." In: *Purchasing Power: The Economics of Modern Jewish History*. Edited by Rebecca Kobrin and Adam Teller, pp. 216-237. Philadelphia: UPenn Press, 2015.

"East European Jewish Migration: Inside and Outside," *East European Jewish Affairs* 44, no. 3 (2014): 154-170.

"A Durable Harvest: Reevaluating the Russia-Israel Axis in the Jewish World." In: *Bounded Mind and Spirit: Russia and Israel, 1880-2010*. Edited by Brian Horowitz and Shai Ginsburg, pp. 109-129. Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2013.

"Activism as Engine: Jewish Internationalism, 1880s-1980s." In: *Religious Internationals in the Modern World: Globalization and Faith Communities since 1750*, pp. 269-291. Edited by Abigail Green and Vincent Viaene. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

"'New' Jews of the Agricultural Kind: A Case of Soviet Interwar Propaganda," *Russian Review* 66 (2007): 424-50.

"An Unlikely Triangle: Philanthropists, Commissars, and American Statesmanship Meet in Soviet Crimea, 1922-37." *Diplomatic History* 27, no. 3 (2003): 353-376.