

## Volume 44 Editors' Foreword

Our spring 2026 volume arrives late thanks to a terrifically productive winter and spring for the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies. Of particular interest to the scholarly journal team at *Canadian Jewish Studies / Études juives canadiennes* is the recent (re-)launch of the literary magazine *Parchment: Contemporary Canadian Jewish Writing*, now published by the ACJS. We are delighted to welcome a sibling journal into the world, and will continue to cheer on the poets, short story authors, and creative non-fiction writers of Jewish Canada, as well as *Parchment's* editorial team and its editorial and advisory boards for their stupendous work. We are also excited to draw attention to the ACJS's digitization of the entire print run (1977–1988) of our forerunner, the *Canadian Jewish Historical Society Journal*, which is now free to read via a link on our website.

Volume 44 of *CJS / Éjc* includes four research articles, the first edition of a periodic pulse survey of Canadians' attitudes toward Jews and Israel and Jewish perspectives on our current moment, and instalments, and instalments of two of our longstanding subsections, The Archives Matter and Translation.

Leading the volume's **Articles** section is Lilach Marom's mixed-methods study based on data from a national survey as well as interviews that show how Jewish identity and antisemitism have been marginalized in the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion policies and practices of universities in Canada. The study reveals both a low level of awareness about Jewish identity and antisemitism in EDI policies, and a low satisfaction score by Jewish faculty and staff with institutional responses and support to Jewish concerns. Marom's article is followed by a second social science contribution: an analysis about fertility demographics and their relationship with religiosity among Canada's Jews as reflected in the three most recent federal censuses (2001, 2011, and 2021), by Western University sociologist Rachel Margolis. Margolis finds that Jews who identify as religious have significantly higher fertility rates than Jews who do not identify as Jewish by religion, as do Jews who are immigrants, rather than those born in Canada. In his article, historian Pierre Anctil uses the infamous Plamondon Libel Case and its 1913–1914 trials in Quebec City as a portal to better understand the specific intellectual sources of anti-Judaism that pervaded Catholic Quebec elites and to distinguish it from the intellectual trends that were feeding Anglophone Canada around the same time. The section's final article is Shlomo Gleibman's study of literary representations of queerness, and its relationship with both Judaism and migration, in works by David Bezmozgis, Brian Stein, and K. David Brody. Gleibman explores perennial questions about migration and identity, diversity, and multiculturalism.

We are particularly pleased to present the 2026 instalment of Robert Brym and Rhonda Lenton's "Canadian Jewish Barometer," which draws on groundbreaking

new data that show how antisemitism has evolved in Canada since early 2024, and describe how these changes have affected Canada's Jews. This edition of the "Barometer," subtitled "Pressures on Canadian Jews and their Responses," is based largely on a survey of more than three thousand Canadian residents conducted in early 2026. Among its six principal findings are that non-Jewish Canadians' attitudes toward Jews and Israel have become significantly more negative over the past two years; that non-Jewish Canadians' negative perceptions of Jews and Israel breaks down unevenly based on various groups and population categories; and that Canadian Jews are considerably more fearful and pessimistic of their position in Canadian society than they were in 2024. Brym and Lenton also offer several recommendations for both diminishing anti-Jewish and anti-Israel attitudes among non-Jewish Canadians and diminishing polarization in the Jewish community.

The volume's **The Archives Matter** instalment offers a glimpse into the young adulthood of Gerald Tulchinsky, the pioneering historian of Canadian Jewry, via the letters he sent home to Brantford, Ontario from his yearlong adventure in Israel in 1952–1953. The section's main essay, "Letters from a Young Zionist: The Evolution of a Historian," was co-authored by Tulchinsky's daughters, Ellen Tulchinsky and Laura Tulchinsky, who narrate several key moments of their father's formative experience and curate a selection of letters, photographs, and ephemera that illustrate it poignantly. The instalment also includes a short framing essay by Heather Home, an archivist at Queen's University Archives, which houses Gerald Tulchinsky's papers. Home's essay offers readers a peak into the larger Tulchinsky collection and extols Tulchinsky's many contributions to the documentary evidence of Canadian Jewry during his career as a faculty member in Queen's Department of History.

Our **Translation** section features two newspaper articles from the turn of the millennium published in Traditional Chinese by the recently defunct Vancouver-based *Ming Pao Daily News* about Jewish-Chinese relations. The articles are translated and introduced by University of Shanghai PhD candidate Hongfei Liang, who spent the 2025–2026 academic year at York University conducting research on Canadian Jewish history for his dissertation—the first scholarly work focusing on Jewish Canada to be written in China.

As ever, we are immensely grateful to work with a devoted team of editors, authors, reviewers, translators, and readers, and thank them for sustaining the journal's mission: to advance, deepen, and diversify the scholarly study of Canadian Jewish life in both official languages. We offer hearty appreciation for our associate editors, Valentina Gaddi and Amir Lavie, our designer, Derek Broad, and our copy editor, Tetyana Pekar. We also offer a special word of gratitude to Janice Rosen, who will hand over the task of editing and curating our Archives Matter subsection to Hannah Srouf-Zackon, the archivist and museum director at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, in Montreal; and to Vardit Lightstone, who will pass on the English-lan-

guage Book Review section to Amos Bitzan, a historian of Jewish education and the community relationship coordinator at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

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