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## **New Volume Featuring Essays in American Jewish History Dedicated as Festschrift Honoring the American Jewish Archives at 60—and the Tenth Anniversary of Its Executive Director, Dr. Gary P. Zola**

CINCINNATI, OH:---*New Essays in American Jewish History: Commemorating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the American Jewish Archives* is a collection of new and original scholarly studies of the American Jewish experience co-edited by Pamela S. Nadell, Jonathan D. Sarna and Lance J. Sussman—all of whom serve on the academic advisory board of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA). In the volume's preface, Sussman writes that the volume—linked to the 1958 *Essays in American Jewish History*—serves to commemorate three important events: The sixtieth anniversaries of the AJA and the *American Jewish Archives Journal*, as well as the tenth anniversary of the AJA's current executive director, Professor Gary P. Zola.

*New Essays in American Jewish History* contains twenty-two chronologically comprehensive articles. The volume has already been hailed as a scholarly benchmark in the growing field of American Jewish Studies—and in American Jewish history more specifically— since it records the continued vitality and increasing sophistication of this field of study. Essays span the different movements in Judaism and include a range of subjects including Jews and science, the history of biblical scholarship in America, Holocaust studies, American Jewish historiography, Zionism, and cinema studies—all reflections of contemporary currents in the field.

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"Initially, I was delighted by the Academic Advisory Board's decision to maintain the tradition of marking the AJA's significant milestones by publishing a scholarly commemorative volume," said Dr. Zola. "The idea of honoring my ten years of service came forward as the sixtieth volume was being conceptualized and, for me, it was like icing on a cake. My sincere gratitude goes to the book's excellent editors as well as to all of the capable contributors. The overall quality of this publication has exceeded even the most hopeful expectations, and it is a genuine honor to have my name associated with a publication of this caliber. "

The highly respected and diverse group of scholars who contributed to *New Essays in American Jewish History: Commemorating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the American Jewish Archives* include David Ellenson (HUC-JIR President), Jonathan D. Sarna, Pamela S. Nadell, Natalie Zemon Davis, Jeffrey S. Gurock , Hasia Diner, Michael Marmor, Paul Finkelman, Aviva Ben-Ur and Rachel Frankel, William Pencak, Mark K. Bauman , Cornelia Wilhelm , Eric L. Friedland , Dianne Ashton, Rakhmiel Peltz, Kevin Proffitt, William Toll, Leonard Greenspoon, Robert M. Seltzer, Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Samuel Haber, Allon Gal, and the late Alfred Gottschalk—HUC-JIR's former president and chancellor who contributed an essay entitled, "The Spirit of Jewish History." This essay was Dr. Gottschalk's final scholarly writing.

Dr. Dana Herman, Managing Editor of *The American Jewish Archives Journal*, oversaw the technical editing for the volume. The book is available from Ktav Publishing House, [www.ktav.com](http://www.ktav.com).

*The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, founded in 1947 by its namesake on the Cincinnati, Ohio, campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is committed to preserving a documentary heritage of the religious, organizational, economic, cultural, personal, social and family life of American Jewry. The Marcus Center contains over 15,000 linear feet of archives, manuscripts, nearprint materials, photographs, audio and videotapes, microfilm, and genealogical materials.*