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2011 Rosalie Katchen Travel Grant Award Recipients

NOVEMBER 2011 – For the fourth year in a row, the Rosalie Katchen Travel Grant was awarded to three distinguished scholars by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. This grant is available to junior scholars presenting papers exploring topics related to Jewish women and gender issues at the Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, which will be held on December 18-20, 2011 in Washington, DC.

Rosalie E. Katchen was the Hebraica Librarian at Brandeis University. In this role she gave indispensable assistance to faculty and students alike. Rosalie's warmth, efficiency, and deep knowledge of Judaica, as well as library and technical cataloging, made her invaluable throughout the Jewish Studies research world. Rosalie directed the computerization of the Brandeis Hebraica collection and worked internationally to improve online cataloging of Hebrew books, rare books, and periodicals. Rosalie was an active and cherished member of the HBI Academic Advisory Committee. A highly intelligent, thoughtful and caring friend and colleague, her courage and optimism inspired many.

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Dr. Nimrod Zinger, postdoctoral fellow in the Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Department at Washington University in St. Louis. In addition to gender studies, his main fields of research are early modern European Jewish history, the history of daily life, the history of medicine, and Jewish magic and mysticism. Dr. Zinger's lecture is titled, "On the Role of Jewish Women in the Medical World of Early Modern Germany."

Michaela Mudure is a professor of Jewish Studies at Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania, and of English at the Technical University in Liberec, Czech Republic. Dr. Mudure will present on the writer, Gina Alcalay, a Romanian-Jewish female writer who now lives in the United States. Her paper is titled, "Gina Sebastian Alcalay: Identity in Migration."

Nina Lichtenstein is a Research Associate at the HBI, and a former HBI Scholar-in-Residence. She received her doctorate from the University of Connecticut where she focused her research on Jewish Women Writers from North Africa. Dr. Lichtenstein will present her paper, "Sephardi Women in the Holocaust" as part of the AJS session Crises of French and Maghrebi Jewry in the 20th Century."

About the HBI (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute)

The (HBI) Hadassah-Brandeis Institute develops fresh ways of thinking about Jews and gender worldwide by producing and promoting scholarly research and artistic projects.