



# ISRAEL AND WORLD JEWRY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: CLOSE FAMILY OR DISTANT RELATIVES?

TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER  
20  
2009

6:30 p.m.

(Cardinal Room)

UIC Student Center East

Please RSVP to <http://www2.las.uic.edu/depts/jstud/> using the code UICVS or contact Nancy Gebhardt at [nancyg@uic.edu](mailto:nancyg@uic.edu) or (312) 413 2102.

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demography of world Jewry, he has published numerous books and over one hundred papers on historical demography, the family, international migration and absorption, Jewish identity and projections in the Diaspora and Israel. In the *Jewish Journal* of May 15, 2008, DellaPergola stated: "Israel at 60 faces three major challenges: identity, technology and politics. The future Israel will have to strive and struggle to maintain a credible role as the cultural and spiritual center of Jewish peoplehood. Demography will continue to play a fundamental role here, but the main challenge will be whether Israel can strengthen internal and transnational Jewish cultural bonds to preserve some consensus among the Jewish people."

Light refreshments will be served and dietary laws observed at this free event. Parking available for a fee.  
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