

THE END OF THE AFFAIR? THE CHANGING CHARACTER OF THE ZIONIST-DIASPORA ROMANCE

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This paper conceives of diaspora Jewry's feelings about Israel as a romance and explores that romance's affective base. Dr. Penslar argues the romance's origins date back to the years immediately prior to Israel's establishment and it continues to this day, although the balance of emotions that sustains it has changed over time.

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