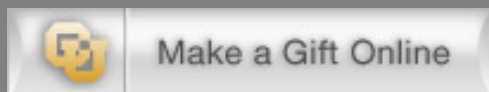


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## → First CU Global Seminar to Israel...

*"Through intense first-hand experiences, I learned to see Israel not as a set of black-and-white groups, but as a land of people making up the full spectrum of society. I learned to open my mind to entirely new cultures and customs. Most importantly, I learned compassion and understanding."*

*~ Ellysse Dick, CU Student, Israel Global Seminar 2013*

Brand new this year, the first Global Seminar to Israel was offered through CU's Study Abroad program. After applications and interviews, seven students were accepted to the program. They came together for weekly meetings throughout April to prepare for their five weeks on the ground exploring the complexities of justice, human rights and democracy in Israel and the West Bank with Professor Caryn Aviv, Senior Instructor in Secular Jewish Society and Civilization and Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director for the Program in Jewish Studies and in-country support from Yonatan Glaser, Founder and Director of [B'Tzedek and LIFE Program](#) in Israel.



CU Global Seminar hiking Auja Spring outside of Jericho with Friends of the Earth Middle East and University of Chicago-Illinois Professor, Rachel Havrelock

This rigorous 6-credit course required extensive reading and writing and introduced students to people, ideas, places, and organizations that articulated diverse, multiple and sometimes competing ideas. Students explored how individuals and groups make sense of these concepts, and how diverse political commitments drive individual and collective choices and actions. In addition to meeting members of the Israeli Knesset, students had the opportunity to learn from community leaders and change makers at organizations that included the [New Israel Fund](#), [Jerusalem Bird Observatory](#), [Pardes](#), [Women of the Wall](#), [Shalom Hartman Institute](#), [Friends of the Earth Middle East](#) and the bi-



CU Students Ellyse Dick and Samuel Lentz with Knesset MP, Boaz Toporovsky

national village of [Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam](#).

Students also participated in team-based service learning projects with non-profit organizations working in the region. Students examined issues of religious freedom and equality with [Hiddush](#), leadership education and youth empowerment with [Building Bridges](#), food scarcity and redistribution with [Lekhet](#), women's equality in issues of divorce with [Mavoi Satum](#), and conflict transformation with [Encounter](#).

As part of the course requirements, students wrote final research papers and produced digital stories highlighting their experiences and learning. Digital stories by two students in the program, Ellyse Dick and Jacob Shomer, can be viewed here:



"Through the Lenses" by Ellyse Dick



"Israel Digital Storybook" by Jacob Shomer

A special thank you to [MASA Israel](#), the Oreg Foundation, [CU Study Abroad](#) and several individual donors who helped make this program possible through underwriting and student scholarships.

Congratulations to the students on the program!  
They worked hard, personally and academically.

We look forward to having this program become a regularly offered course through the Program in Jewish Studies. Stay tuned to our website and future newsletters for details for May 2014.

**Questions?** Contact Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director of the Program in Jewish Studies via email at [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu).



Students dined in total darkness at [BlackOut at the Nalaga'at Center](#) in Tel Aviv. The Center - the first of its kind in the world - seeks to promote interaction between deaf-blind, deaf, and blind individuals and people able to hear and see, regardless of cultural or social distinctions.

*"...studying in Israel was one of the best educational and personal experiences I've ever had. This class is truly valuable to students of all backgrounds. We approached difficult situations from all sides, engaged in dialogue, and met incredible people from across the political spectrum."  
~ Merissa Hirneisen, CU Student, Israel Global Seminar 2013*

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## → Amazing Internship Opportunities for Fall 2013...

### Looking for Professional Experience Before You Graduate?

The Program in Jewish Studies has several incredible positions available for students interested in the [Internship in Jewish Studies \(JWST3930-800\)](#). The Jewish Studies internship provides students with the opportunity to spend time working with a local non-profit, business or educational organization - enabling students to learn valuable skills and develop important relationships which they will draw upon as they pursue their careers. We currently have internship opportunities at the [Boulder Jewish Community Center](#), the [Offices of Congressman Jared Polis](#), [Hazon](#), [Congregation Har HaShem](#) and the [Boulder Action for Soviet Jewry Historical Archive](#). Complete job descriptions can be found on our [website](#).



In addition to working with your host organization 7-10 hours a week, students will meet once a week with [Professor Caryn Aviv](#), who will connect their experience to the Jewish Studies curriculum through texts. Space is limited.

Interested in learning more? Contact Jamie Polliard via email [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu).

The complete Fall 2013 course list is available on our website - [jewishstudies.colorado.edu](http://jewishstudies.colorado.edu).

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## → On Campus and Around Town...

The **Colorado Shakespeare Festival** continues through **August 11**. Don't miss this year's extraordinary line-up performed beneath summer night skies in the historic Mary Rippon Outdoor Theater and in the newly renovated indoor University Theater. For tickets and additional information, visit [coloradoshakes.org](http://coloradoshakes.org).

**Menorah, Arts Culture and Education at the Boulder JCC** is hosting a special screening of the film **"Punk Jews"** with director Evan Kleinman on **August 25 at 7:30PM** at the Boedecker Theater at the Dairy Center for the Arts. For tickets, visit [thedairy.org](http://thedairy.org).

The **Elevations Buffalo Bicycle Classic** is **September 8**. This year features five different routes to choose from. Always a great day in Boulder! Please join us in raising scholarship funds that support high-performing CU students who qualify for financial aid. Register and learn more at [buffalobicycleclassic.com](http://buffalobicycleclassic.com).

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For questions or to have information about your campus or community event included in our newsletter, please contact Jamie Polliard at [jamie.polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:jamie.polliard@colorado.edu).