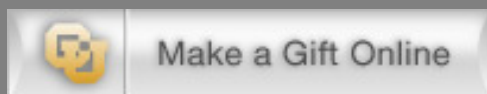




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## → Welcome Back Students, Staff and Faculty...

We are excited to begin the new academic year by welcoming several new members to the Program in Jewish Studies (PJS). [Dr. Liora Halperin](#), Assistant Professor of History, comes to CU from Princeton, where she taught courses in Near Eastern Studies. She is teaching **History of Modern Israel (HIST/JWST4338)**, an integral part of our major in Jewish Studies and the minor in Hebrew and Israel Studies. Her **Introduction to Jewish History: Since 1492 (HIST/JWST1828)** is full but will be offered again in the spring.

[Dr. Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor in Germanic and Slavic Languages & Literatures and Jewish Studies, who comes to Boulder from Lafayette College, is bringing creative non-fiction to the Jewish Studies curriculum in his **Global Secular Jewish Societies (IAFS/JWST3600)** class, which will feature some of the best contemporary writers thinking about Jewish society today. This class offers the rare opportunity to study with an inspired professor and interact with some of the world's best writers.

We also welcome a new advisor, [Christine Luft](#) who is introduced below. **Join her this Friday, August 23 at 10AM in McKenna 112** for a brief information session or make sure to make an appointment with her soon to learn more about a major or minors in Jewish Studies.

Our faculty and students work to create transformative classrooms and PJS strives to create unique community partnerships through public education and cultural production. The **Internship in Jewish Studies (JWST3930)**, offered every semester with [Dr. Caryn Aviv](#), continues to grow with professional development opportunities for students in areas of non-profit management, community service, business, politics and more. Our majors graduate with a capstone project demonstrating their depth of knowledge and impressive range in skills, including the ability to work in second language! These two opportunities are proving that a

degree in Jewish Studies is highly marketable as nearly all of our graduates were employed shortly after graduation. Students are currently working in the Peace Corps, education, public service, non-profit management, law, business and medicine.

Globally, our students travel all over the world to learn about other cultures and places, and bring that experience back to their CU classrooms. Our faculty travel the world teaching others about their specialties and conducting cutting edge research to advance knowledge about the history of the Jewish experience. This past May, under the guidance of Dr. Caryn Aviv and Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director for the Program in Jewish Studies, seven CU Boulder students spent five weeks based in Jerusalem in our inaugural global seminar, "Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel and the West Bank." **Stay tuned to our website and newsletter for details about opportunities for the coming academic year!**

We hope the fall semester is exciting, engaging and thought-provoking and we look forward to seeing you in our classrooms or at some of our events scheduled throughout the semester. Our doors are always open to everyone, so please never hesitate to bring your questions to our faculty and staff or our offices which are located in the University Club, Suite A-3.

Enjoy the semester ~

**Dr. David Shneer**  
**Director of the Program in Jewish Studies**  
**Singer Chair in Jewish History Professor**  
**Department of History**

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## Faculty Updates...

[Brian Catlos](#), Associate Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Chair in Religious Studies, was an invited speaker at the Institute of History CCHS-CSIC conference in Madrid, Spain in June. He presented a lecture on *"Conveniencia and Physics of Scale: Ethno-Religious Relations in Medieval Spain and the Mediterranean."*



[Zilla Goodman](#), Senior Instructor and Director of the Hebrew Language & Literature Program, has been appointed as the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies. Professor Goodman is teaching **Israeli Literature: Exile, Nation and Home (HEBR/JWST4203)**, **Introduction to Jewish Culture (HEBR/JWST2350)** and **Third Year Hebrew (HEBR3010)** for the fall.

[David Rothman](#), Instructor in the Writing and Rhetoric Program, is the co-founder and director of the Annual Symposium on Poetry Criticism at Western State Colorado University. This year's symposium took place on the Gunnison campus from July 25-28. The symposium brings together celebrated poets and experienced critics from across the country and the United Kingdom with the goal of advancing their understanding, explanation, and teaching of poetry.



[Elias Sacks](#), Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, participated in the American Academy for Jewish Research Workshop for Early Career Faculty in Jewish Studies, hosted at New York University. Dr. Sacks was also recently appointed as the Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies. Professor Sacks is teaching **Judaism (RLST/JWST3100)** and **The Bible in Judaism and Christianity (JWST4260/RLST4260/5260)** for the fall semester.

[Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages &

Literatures and Jewish Studies, recently published the English translation of the Soviet Yiddish comic novel by Moyshe Kulbak, [The Zelmanyaners: A Family Saga](#) (Yale University Press, 2013). He also published an article in the July 9 issue of the



*The New Yorker's* Page-Turner blog, "[Stuck in Sheremetyevo](#)." Professor Senderovich is teaching the fall core courses **Global Secular Jewish Societies (IAFS/JWST3600)** and **Jewish Literature: Jews Coming of Age (HEBR/JWST2551)**.



[David Shneer](#) will serve as the keynote speaker at the inaugural "[Jews and Modern Visual Culture](#)" conference in Manchester, United Kingdom. He will be presenting new research on how photography has been used to universalize the Holocaust. Professor Shneer is teaching **Introduction to Jewish History: Bible to 1492 (HIST/JWST1818)**. This class was recently approved for Historical Context core.

[Sue Zemka](#), Professor of English, presented a works-in-progress seminar at the Victorian Studies conference in Venice. Her presentation was "*The Invisible Hand: Performance, Injury, Disability, and Shame in British Culture, 1860-1920*." Professor Zemka was also awarded the CU Kayden prize for her book, **Time and the Moment in Victorian Literature and Society**. Professor Zemka is teaching the Ideals & Values core class, **Bible as Literature (ENGL3310/JWST3312)** for the fall semester.



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## New Jewish Studies Advisor, Christine Luft...



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We are excited to welcome **Christine Luft** to the Program in Jewish Studies. Christine serves as the advisor for the Program in Jewish Studies, the Department of German and Slavic Languages and Literatures, and the Department of English. She is a Colorado native and spends much of her free time as a volunteer at Foothills Animal Shelter where she

enjoys fostering and caring for over 40 animals each year, assisting in their growth toward adoption. Christine's immediate family came to the United States from Germany, where she and her mother travel often to visit extended family. This will be her sixth year as an academic adviser at CU!

Christine is hosting an **information session** for students who have declared a major or minor in Jewish Studies as well as those who are interested in learning more. Join us **Friday, August 23 at 10AM in McKenna 112** to learn about the major and minors, internship opportunities, scholarships and more! For questions, please contact Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director for the Program in Jewish Studies at [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu) or via phone at 303.492.7143.

Christine will hold walk-in advising hours every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10AM throughout the fall semester. Appointments can also be scheduled as needed. Christine's office is located in Macky 220. Additional information about advising can be found on our [website](#).

**\*\*It is VERY important that seniors graduating in December 2013 or May 2014 with hopes for a major or minor meet with Christine as soon as possible.\*\***

Questions? Contact the Program in Jewish Studies office at 303.492.7143.

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## → Finding the Perfect Class...

### Looking for professional experience before you graduate?



We have incredible opportunities for the **Internship in Jewish Studies (JWST3930-800)** for the Fall 2013 semester. 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, Boulder Action for Soviet Jewry, Rose Community Foundation, Congregation Har HaShem, the Offices of Congressman Jared Polis and Hazon**. Job descriptions and additional information can be found on our [website](#).

### Interested in learning Hebrew, but think you can't fit it in your schedule?

Our first and second year Hebrew classes will now only be meeting three days a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday! Come explore the language that has helped shaped Judaism and Jewish culture. Our beginning Hebrew classes are taught by Israeli musician, Eyal Rivlan.



### Need a fun class that meets Core requirements?

A few spots remain in the following core courses:

#### [ENGL3310-010/JWST3312-010 The Bible As Literature](#)

TR 1100AM-1150AM

Sue Zemka, Associate Professor of English

**\*\*Meets Core Requirement for Ideals and Values\*\***

#### [HEBR2551-001/JWST2551-001 Jewish Literature: Jews Coming of Age](#)

MWF 1200PM-1250PM

Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies

**\*\*Meets Core Requirement for Literature and the Arts\*\***

#### [HIST1818-001/JWST1818-001 Introduction to Jewish History: Bible to 1492](#)

MWF 0900AM-0950AM

David Shneer, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Louis P. Singer Chair of Jewish History, and Professor of History

**\*\*Meets Core Requirement for Historical Context\*\***

#### [IAFS 3600-001/JWST3600-001 Global Secular Jewish Societies](#)

W 0500PM-0730PM

Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literature and Jewish Studies

**\*\*Meets Core Requirement for Human Diversity\*\***

A complete list of 2013 Fall Courses can be found on our website, [jewishstudies.colorado.edu](http://jewishstudies.colorado.edu).

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## Events On Campus and Around Town...

The **International Student Guide Program** is looking for students and volunteers interested in helping international students new to the CU campus learn about the university and Boulder. For more information, email [Rebecca.Sibley@colorado.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Sibley@colorado.edu). The **deadline to apply is August 30!**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is hosting a traveling exhibition **Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings** at the Anythink Wright Farms in Thornton

through September 28. Visit [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org) for more information.

**The Buffalo Bicycle Classic is Sunday, September 8.** Since 2003, more than \$1.6 million in scholarships have been awarded to promising students in CU Boulder's College of Arts and Sciences. The ride is the single largest source of scholarships within the CU College of Arts and Sciences, which is the largest and oldest college at the university. It always a beautiful day in Boulder with rides for all ages! To learn more and register, visit [buffalobicycleclassic.com](http://buffalobicycleclassic.com).

**National Jewish Health** will be hosting free [High Holiday Services](#) at the Molly Blank Conference Center at National Jewish Health in Denver. Rosh Hashanah services will be held **Thursday, September 5** and **Friday, September 6**, and Yom Kippur services will be held **Friday, September 13** and **Saturday, September 14**.

Save the date for **Menorah: Arts, Culture and Education at the Boulder JCC's** annual fundraiser on **Sunday, October 6**. This year features a jazz brunch, concert and silent auction and honors Barbara and Tom Trager. A portion of the proceeds generously support the Menorah Jewish Arts Grant given each year to CU students engaged in cultural arts projects. Visit [boulderjcc.org](http://boulderjcc.org) or email [Kathryn@boulderjcc.org](mailto:Kathryn@boulderjcc.org).

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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).