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Featured Student...

Paul comes to CU from Colorado Springs, CO. He received Bachelor degrees in both Math and German and is now pursuing his Masters degree in German at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Paul's research focuses on how the 19th century German press mediated German understandings of

the world. He is particularly interested in the ways in which Germanlanguage Jewish publications imagined their audience in the early 19th century. During this period, mass print media as we understand it today was emerging as a result of new technological innovations and consumer demand. The first German-language periodicals were being directed at Jewish audiences, and these publications provided a forum for addressing current events from a Jewish perspective as well as a platform to discuss matters relevant to the Jewish community in Germany. Paul states, "What fascinates me is how, at the same time, these writers were very conscious of their non-Jewish German audience, real or imagined. They used these publications to actively document Jewish public life as a way of contributing to the broader debate about the role of Jews in German society and their public rights."



Paul became associated with the Program in Jewish Studies after taking a seminar with Dr. David Shneer, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, <u>Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History</u>, and Professor of History. "The Jewish Studies graduate student community here is particularly engaged, and I was drawn to the supportive and collaborative atmosphere."

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An Evening with Nathan Englander...

CU Boulder and the University of Denver welcome the critically acclaimed author and translator, <u>Nathan Englander</u>, who will be doing a public reading and signing from his recent book, <u>What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank</u>, winner of the 2012 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award.

An Evening with Nathan Englander Thursday, February 28, 2013 @ 7:30PM CU Boulder Campus University Memorial Center, Room 235

What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank is a collection of short fictional stories that addresses the age-old question of what it means to be Jewish. Nathan Englander won the prestigious Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award in 2012 for this work. This work has been described by author Jonahan Safran Foer as "Englander's wisest, funniest, bravest & most beautiful book. It overflows with revelations & gems."



In addition to the public reading, Englander will be conducting workshops for faculty and students on both the CU Boulder and University of Denver campuses.

Nathan Englander is also the author of the international best-selling short-story collection *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*, which received the Penn/Malamud award, as well as the novel *The Ministry of Special Cases*. He recently translated the *New American Haggadah* (Little Brown, 2012), edited by Jonathan Safran Foer and illustrated by the acclaimed Israeli artist Oded Ezer. Along with his other awards, Englander has won a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Bard Fiction Prize.

Nathan Englander will be available to sign books after his presentation. What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank as well as the New American Haggadah will be available for purchase.

This event is presented by CU's acclaimed journal, <u>English Language Notes</u> and the <u>Program in Jewish Studies</u> with support from <u>CU's Center for Western Civilization</u>, the <u>Department of English</u>, <u>Hillel at CU</u>, the <u>University of Denver's Center for Judaic Studies</u>, the <u>Boulder Jewish Community Center</u>, and <u>Congregation Har HaShem</u>.

This event is free and open to the public. However, RSVPs are appreciated. Please email Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu to RSVP or call 303.492.7143.

Lecture with Dr. Dina Danon...

Join <u>Congregation Bonai Shalom</u> for a dinner and lecture with <u>Dina Danon, PhD</u>, entitled "Jews Under Islam in the Modern Era."



Lecture with Dina Danon, PhD
"Jews Under Islam in the Modern Era"
Friday, March 1 @ 6:45PM
Congregation Bonai Shalom, Boulder

Dr. Danon will explore the Jewish experience in the lands of Islam in modern times, from the early 19th century, when these communities, dispersed across the Middle East, North Africa, and Southeastern Europe, encountered a "modernity" largely shaped by the West. Her talk will also examine how the changes of the modern era impacted traditional relations between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities of these regions, addressing the crumbling of the Ottoman Empire, European colonialism, rising

nationalism, and the founding of the State of Israel.

Dr. Danon is a Lecturer in Jewish History at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She holds a BA in History and French from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in History from Stanford University. Her primary research interests are the Sephardi communities of the eastern Mediterranean and the history of the Ottoman Empire. Her doctoral dissertation, *The Transformation of the Jewish Community of Izmir, 1847-1918*, was a recipient of the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the Foundation of Jewish Culture in 2011. Dr. Danon's teaching interests span the full range of Jewish history, with a particular focus on the Sephardi and Mizrahi communities of the Mediterranean world. Her publications include "Abraham Danon, Ia vie d'un maskil ottoman, 1857-1925," in Itineraires Sepharades, a translation of the 1947 Ladino "Shaavat Aniim" in The Sephardic Studies Reader, and several entries in the Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World.

Reservations for this dinner must be made in advance to office@bonaishalom.org. Dinner is @15/adult, \$12/child. Please contact Bonai Shalom at 303.442.6605 for additional information.

Congratulations to Dr. Danon who has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Studies at <u>SUNY-Binghamton</u> beginning in the Fall 2013. We will miss you at CU but wish you much continued success!

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The Colorado Ballet Presents *Light/The Holocaust & Humanity Project...*

The Program in Jewish Studies will join the <u>Colorado Ballet</u> for <u>Light/The Holocaust & Humanity Project</u>, an educational partnership that promotes the protection of human rights through arts, education and public dialog from January 15 through Holocaust Remembrance Week in mid-April.

Light/The Holocaust Humanity Project January 15-mid April

Nearly 100 Community Partners have joined the *Light/The Holocaust and Humanity Project* and are sponsoring events which will address hate, bullying, discrimination, genocide, civil rights, and equality. These events include visual and performance art productions, public lectures, school programs on anti-bullying, and Holocaust remembrance programs as well as more than a dozen collaborative projects involving multiple Community Partners.



Photo by Ballet Austin

Making its Denver debut, Colorado Ballet will perform *Light*, a contemporary one act ballet in five movements, on **March 29-31** at the **Newman Center for Performing Arts**. Set to the music of five contemporary composers, *Light* is a powerful, moving, and uplifting experience. When it premiered in 2005, *Light* brought national attention to choreographer Stephen Mills. The ballet is based on the life of a Holocaust survivor and highlights the triumph of the human spirit. *Light* is a timely reminder of the importance of protecting human rights.

For a complete list of Community Partners and events, visit coloradoballet.org/light.

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Scholarships and Resources for Students...



Applications for the 2013 Maymester CU Faculty led Global Seminar to Israel (<u>Human Rights, Justice and Democracy in Israel</u>) with Dr. Caryn Aviv and Jamie Polliard are due March 4. Scholarships of up to \$4000 are available to support this program (this could cut the cost of the program in 1/2)! For more information, email <u>Dr. Aviv, Jamie Polliard</u> or

Sarah Westmoreland.

Applications are now open for the <u>Ulrich Goldsmith Memorial Prize in German-Jewish Studies</u>, awarded by the <u>Program in Jewish Studies</u> and the department of <u>German and Slavic Languages and Literatures</u>. Deadline for submission is March 22, 2013.

Applications are now open for the <u>Rabbi Daniel & Ida Goldberger Fellowship for</u> <u>Jewish Studies Study Abroad or Cultural Immersion Program</u>. Deadline for submission is March 22, 2013.

The <u>Center for Jewish History</u> in New York is now accepting applications for their <u>Seminar on Archival and Historical Research</u>. This seminar will run from May 20-22, 2013. Applications are due by March 4.

<u>The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies</u> at Tel Aviv University is offering a 6-week school on <u>Jewish-Christian Encounters in Early Centuries</u>.

A request for proposals for a <u>Regional Fellowship Program</u> for original research to be done in <u>The National Archives at Denver</u> has been released. Click here for the <u>proposal information</u> (pdf).

<u>ieiMedia</u> will be conducting a summer program for journalism students in Israel. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

The <u>Helix Project</u>, a project of <u>Yiddishkayt</u> which is directed by former CU faculty Robert Adler Peckerar, is now accepting applications for their intensive, all expenses paid summer program to Belarus, Poland and Lithuania. Don't miss this incredible opportunity! Click <u>here</u> for more information.

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Events on Campus & Around Town...

Grad school or Peace Corps? Why not both! Come learn about Peace Corps Master's International at an information session on Monday, February 28 @ 6-7PM in UMC 245.

<u>The Women's Resource Center</u> is currently hiring for two student positions, <u>Co-Outreach Coordinator</u> and <u>Co-Programming Coordinator</u> (pdf). <u>Applications</u> (pdf) are due <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 1</u> @ 5PM. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

<u>CU's Engineering Leadership Program</u> welcomes Dr. Paul Polak, co-founder and CEO of Windhorse International and author of *Out of Poverty: What Works When Traditional Methods Fail* to campus on **Monday, March 4 @ 6PM** in Math 100.

Tickets for the **1st Annual Boulder Jewish Film Festival** March 10-17 are now on sale. For tickets and film descriptions visit **boulderjcc.org**.

Building Bridges (formerly Seeking Common Ground) is hosting a free screening of the film "My So-Called Enemy" at the Nomad Theater in Boulder on **March 13 @ 7PM.** For details, visit s-c-q.orq.

The Student Academic Success Center is offering multiple workshops for CU students throughout February. Click here for the **February schedule** (pdf).

<u>The Rose Youth Foundation</u>, an initiative of <u>Rose Community Foundation</u>, will grant at total of \$60,000 to organizations serving Greater Denver and Boulder. The Foundation is <u>currently accepting proposals</u>. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Registration for an expenses-paid <u>Taglit-Birthright Israel</u> trip in June 2013 is now open. Email <u>birthright@ajfcolorado.org</u> for more information.

<u>Temple Micah</u> in Denver is accepting applications for the position of **Temple Administrator**. Click <u>here</u> for more information (pdf).

Registration for <u>Tuv Ha'Aretz</u>, <u>Boulder's Jewish Community Supported Agriculture</u> (CSA) 2013 season is now open. Register here.

<u>Challah for Hunger</u> is an organization that brings people together to bake and sell challah to raise money and awareness for social justice. The <u>Boulder Chapter</u> sells challah at the <u>Hillel</u> kitchen starting at 8PM Thursday nights and at Hillel Friday night dinners at 6:30PM for \$5. Click here for a <u>pre-order form</u>.

<u>Boulder Friends of International Students</u> (BFIS) is seeking new host families. <u>Applications</u> are now open (pdf). Click <u>here</u> for more information and <u>here</u> for a recent article about other friendship programs (pdf).

<u>Congregation B'nai Torah</u> is looking a dynamic, creative religious school teacher to instruct 1st-5th graders starting in September, 2013. Email <u>bnaitorahpres@gmail.com</u> or call 303.552.0498 for more information.

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.