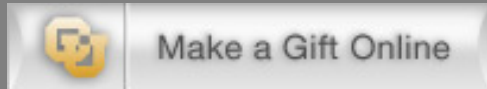




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### → Faculty Updates...



**Nan Goodman**, Professor of English, CU's Fall 2013 College Scholar, was also recently awarded a prestigious [Fulbright Fellowship](#) for the Spring 2014

semester, which she will take up at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Bruce Montgomery**, Professor and Director of Archives and Special Collections Faculty Fellow, published an article entitled "[Rescue or Return: The Fate of the Iraqi Jewish Archive](#)," which appeared in the most recent issue of the *International Journal of Cultural Property* (2013 20: 175-200, Cambridge University Press). The article analyzes the internationally contested archive that was discovered in the basement of the Iraqi secret police in Baghdad during the 2003 US invasion. Upon its discovery, the Coalition Provisional Authority rescued the archive and sent it to the U.S. for conservation. It has become contested cultural property between the Iraqi government, which demands its immediate



**David Shneer**, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Louis P. Singer Chair of Jewish History, and Professor of History, served as the keynote speaker at Manchester Metropolitan University's international conference, [Jews and Modern](#)

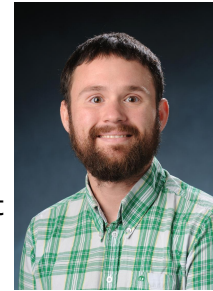
[Visual Culture](#). His talk "Her Cry Became the World's Cry: Dmitrii Baltermants' Grief and the Universalization of the Holocaust Through Soviet Photography," examined the relationship between photographic aesthetics and the politics of photography's circulation in understanding how key images of the Holocaust became universalized during the Cold War. He has also recently been named editor-in-chief of [East European Jewish Affairs](#), an interdisciplinary journal which is essential for an understanding of the position and prospects of Jews in the former Soviet Union and the countries of East-Central Europe. He takes over editorship January 1, 2014. Professor Shneer also presented this past Friday, October 4 at the [German Studies Association](#) in Denver. He will be serving as the annual [Kristallnacht](#)

return from the U.S., and Jewish organizations and the Iraqi Jewish diaspora, which demand that it be located in Israel or the U.S. where it may be universally accessible. This article has become a centerpiece in the growing campaign to prevent the archive's return to Iraq. Professor Montgomery was recently interviewed by the Associated Press regarding this article.

[William Safran](#), Professor Emeritus of Political Science, recently presented a lecture entitled "What and where is diaspora: definitions, analytic boundaries, and research agendas" at the [Inaugural Workshop of the Initiative of Diaspora Studies](#) at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada.



[Nicholas Underwood](#), Ph.D. candidate in Modern European and Jewish History at CU, was recently awarded a 2013-2014 New York Public Library Short Term Fellowship to support three weeks of research at the New York Public Library. He will be working with their holdings of the Yiddish-daily newspaper published in Paris between 1926 and 1940. Nick will be giving a talk at the Association for Jewish Studies annual conference entitled "Contested Groups: Jewish Immigrant Youth, the Bund, and the Communists in Interwar Paris." He will also be presenting at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, with a paper entitled "The City of Light in Yiddish: Interwar Immigrant Jewish Space and "Life in Paris."



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## Embodied Judaism Symposium and Exhibit...



### [Embodied Judaism: "The Sound of Ecstasy"](#)

Thursday, October 17 @ 4:15-6:30PM

University of Colorado Boulder campus

**\*\*Light reception precedes presentations which begin at 4:45PM\*\***

The inaugural Embodied Judaism project, which includes a symposium and exhibit, highlights the life and work of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and his role in shaping Jewish Renewal, the newest movement in Judaism, examining it as a religion, social movement and philosophy of spiritual transformation in American from the late 1940s to the present. "The Sound of Ecstasy," the first in the Embodied Judaism series, will focus on the importance of music to awaken the spiritual.

The free symposium is open to CU Boulder faculty, staff, students and a limited number of guests. This event will feature presentations by Tufts University's [Rabbi and Professor Jeffrey Summit](#) and CU College of Music and Program in Jewish Studies [Professor Yonatan Malin](#), as well as live music by musician and CU Boulder Lecturer in Hebrew, [Eyal Rivlin](#), [Cantor Michelle Wolf](#) and [Joe Lukasik](#). Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and his wife, Eve Ilsen, will open the event.

**This event is at capacity. We will be posting a video of the event.  
Stay tuned to our website and newsletter for additional details.**

To learn more about this series or the [Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi Collection](#) housed within the [Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive](#) at the

This series is presented by the [Program in Jewish Studies](#), the University of Colorado Boulder [Library Archives](#) and [Special Collections](#), the [Department of Religious Studies](#) and the [College of Music](#).

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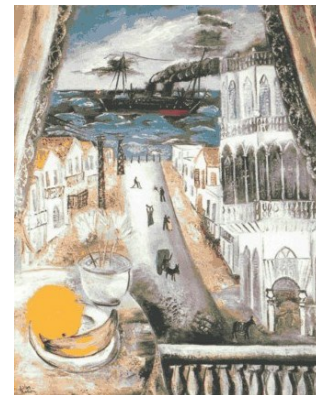
→ **Spring 2014 Registration Begins Oct. 28...**

The Program in Jewish Studies list of [spring 2014 courses](#) have now been posted online. We are offering many new and exciting classes this coming semester!

[Sharon Weiss-Greenberg](#), who earned her Ph.D. from New York University, will be a visiting instructor in Religious Studies and Jewish Studies. She will be teaching **RLST/JWST4260 Topics in Judaism: Taboos in Orthodox Judaism**. This course will begin with the birth and development of Orthodox Judaism and then will focus on the various "camps" within the Orthodox community and the ways they collaborate and compete. We will look at hot button, and often politicized, issues in many religious communities around the world including the place of the bible in contemporary life, the role of women, and the always contentious question of who's "in" and who's "out" of the community.



[Liora Halperin](#), Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, will be offering **HIST/JWST4348 Topics in Jewish History: Tel Aviv: Urban History and Culture**. This seminar offers a multifaceted exploration of the city of Tel Aviv, founded in 1909 as a new Jewish garden suburb of the city of Jaffa, which it eventually annexed. Tel Aviv, planned from the ground up as a model Zionist city, was the site of Zionist political and cultural activity, a symbol for the movement's development, and a space in which the meanings of Zionism have been continually contested. Through inquiries into urban studies, city planning, architecture, identity, space, politics, language, culture, and conflict we will use the prism of one metropolitan area to explore themes in urban studies, the history of Palestine and Israel, and tensions of Zionist and Israeli state building, and Israeli-Palestinian relations in the 20th and early 21st centuries.



[Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, **HEBR/RUSS/JWST4401 The Russian Jewish Experience**. This class will examine the experience of Russian Jews from the late 19th century to the present through fiction and films dealing with challenges of co-existence between Jews and their neighbors. The course will look at the Bolshevik Revolution, Stalinism, the Holocaust, and the post-Stalin period, as well as analyze the place of Jews as

individuals and a minority within Russian and Soviet society. It will also look at the phenomenon of the emigration of Russian Jews to America and elsewhere at the turn of the 21st century.

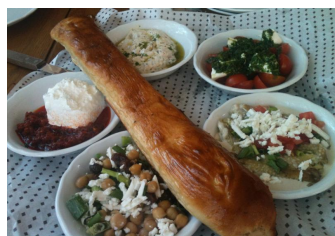
**\*\*This course meets core requirements for literature and the arts.\*\***

**Registration begins on Monday, October 28! For the complete line-up for Spring 2014, visit our website at [jewishstudies.colorado.edu](http://jewishstudies.colorado.edu).**



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→ **Hebrew Club Explores Hebrew Through Food...YUM!**



**Hebrew Through Food!**  
Tuesday, October 22 @ 5:00-6:30PM  
University Club Ballroom  
University of Colorado, Boulder campus

Local chef Jessica Hersh will be joining the Hebrew Club and teaching attendants how to make favorite Israeli dishes.

Participants will then consume the foods they made. [Eyal Rivlin](#), Hebrew Instructor, will intersperse food related Hebrew phrases and invite the schmoozing part to be in Hebrew. The event is free and open to the CU community as well as the larger Boulder community. Please contact [Eyal.Rivlin@colorado.edu](mailto:Eyal.Rivlin@colorado.edu) for more information.

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→ **Almog Behar: "Between Hebrew and Arabic in Israeli Literature"...**

**"Between Hebrew and Arabic in Israeli Literature"**  
An evening with Jewish Israeli poet, author, and activist **Almog Behar**  
Thursday, November 21 @7PM  
CU Boulder Campus  
Old Main Auditorium  
Free and open to the public

*Dead poets  
Write better  
Than me  
Better than the living poets  
Better than those who have not been born yet.  
When I become a poet  
A dead poet  
Maybe I will write better  
Than me  
Better than the living  
Better than the poets who have not been born yet.*



Join us for an intimate evening with award winning writer and poet, Almgog Behar. An Israeli Mizrahi (Jew of Arab descent), Behar will be reading poetry and prose in Hebrew, Arabic and English as well as be in conversation with Dr. David Shneer, director of the Program in Jewish Studies about his recent work. Behar's poetry speaks about issues concerning borders and crossing borders; memory and forgetfulness; home and exile; art, social and political protests; and tradition versus traditions.

**Colloquium with Jewish Israeli poet, author and activist Almgog Behar**  
Wednesday, November 20 @ 5-6:30PM  
CU Boulder Campus

\*\*Open and free to the public but RSVP is required. Advance readings and location will be advised upon confirmation of RSVP. Please RSVP to [Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu](mailto:Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu).\*\*

Almgog Behar is an award winning writer and poet, writing and publishing in both Hebrew and Arabic. Behar is actively engaged in a vibrant community of Jewish and Palestinian Israeli writers - who write in both Hebrew and Arabic - and has participated in the organization of bilingual poetry readings and publications. His own fiction and poetry explore the connections between Hebrew and Arabic, insist on the importance of Arabic culture in contemporary Israel

and highlight the historic and tradition-based connections between Judaism and Islam and Jewish and Muslim communities throughout the Middle East. Join us for an evening that will include readings and discussions of some of Behar's most recent work.

Complete details can be found at [jewishstudies.colorado.edu](http://jewishstudies.colorado.edu)  
or by calling 303.492.7143.

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## Resources and Scholarships for Students...

PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS SECTION OF OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE GREAT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

[CU Boulder's Scholarship Services](#) has launched their new website where students can find a calendar of upcoming scholarships. Check it out [here!](#)

CU's Graduate School is hosting a lecture entitled "[The Academic Job Market: An Ecological Introduction](#)" with Professor Leonard Cassuto of Fordham University **Thursday, October 24 @ 4PM-6PM** in the Center for British and Irish Studies (5th floor Norlin Library).

[The University of Denver](#) is offering an alternative break to Argentina this December. This interterm is entitled "**Spaces of Memory: Texts and Contexts of Argentina's Dirty War.**" Click [here](#) for details.

[The Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University](#) is offering multiple Ph.D. opportunities and fellowships for students interested in pursuing Jewish studies. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Applications are now open for a [one-year Master's degree program at Paideia](#), the European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden. **Scholarships are available.** The deadline is **January 15, 2014.**

[Wardenberg Health Center](#) is offering free flu shots for CU students!

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## On Campus & Around Town...

Check out CU Boulder's [Challah for Hunger!](#) The weekly pre-order form can be found [here](#).

[The Center for Asian Studies](#) and [Naropa University](#) are hosting a lecture with Professor Janet Gyatso entitled [Ways of Knowing the Body in Buddhist Tantra and Tibetan Medicine](#) on **Thursday, October 17 @ 6PM**. This is a great event for those interested in learning more about concepts of embodiment in religious traditions.

[Hillel of Colorado](#) will be hosting their **third annual comedy fundraiser**. Click [here](#) for details (pdf).

[INVST Community Studies](#) at CU Boulder is hosting an [Ethical Fashion Show](#) and silent auction **Saturday, October 19 @ 7PM**. Proceeds will go to training in social and environmental justice. Register [here](#).

A book and exhibit honoring **Lillian Butler Hoffman**, a pioneer of the Soviet Jewish Movement, will be presented at Regis University (**October 20**) and the University of Denver (**October 21**). Click [here](#) for more details (pdf).

[The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures](#) is hosting a colloquium with **Professor Benjamin Teitelbaum** entitled "'I can't bear to witness': Women, Sorrow, and the New Sound of Nordic Radical Nationalism" on **October 23 @ 3PM**. Click [here](#) for details.

The University of Denver's [Center for Judaic Studies](#) and the [Holocaust Awareness Institute](#) will be presenting "[Survivor Testimonies and the Ethics of Emerging Technology: Are There Limits?](#)" (pdf) on **October 27**. Faculty and graduate students welcome.

**Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi** will be lecturing at [Nevei Kodesh](#) **Wednesday, October 30 and Wednesday, November 6**. Click [here](#) for details (pdf).

**Sunday, November 3 @ 4-7**, **Paul Glaser** will be conducting an interactive presentation of his aunt Rosie's story, a Dutch Jewish woman, singer, and dancer who survived the Holocaust. Click [here](#) for more information (pdf).

[The Boulder JCC](#) is hosting [Brews and Schmooze](#) on **Thursday, November 7**, a collaboration project with local breweries with the purpose of raising money for flood relief efforts.

[Hazon](#) will be hosting their [annual food conference](#) **December 29-January 1**. [Scholarships](#) are available!

Save the date for the annual [Limmud Colorado Conference](#) - **March 23, 2014**.

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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).