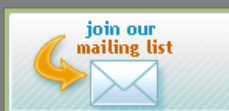
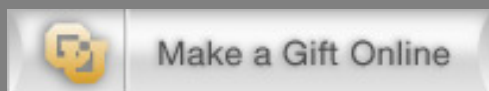




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February 20, 2014



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[Zilla Goodman](#), Senior Instructor, Coordinator of the Hebrew Language and Literature Program and Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, recently gave a talk entitled "Biblical Women as Agents of Change" for the [Sisterhood of Congregation Bonai Shalom](#).



[Liora Halperin](#), Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, will be [giving a talk](#) on her forthcoming book *Babel in Zion: Negotiating Language Diversity in Mandate Palestine* at the University of California Irvine on February 24.



[Paul Levitt](#), Professor of English, recently published a novel entitled *Stalin's Barber*. The book follows the story of a Jewish barber who curries favor with the Communist regime, becoming the personal barber to Stalin

and his numerous look-alikes.



On February 10-11, [David Shneer](#), Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, [Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History](#), and Professor of History and Religious Studies, was an invited lecturer at [Brandeis University](#), where he

spoke about Soviet photography and contemporary global Russian Jewish life. Check out the Brandeis Hoot article highlighting his visit: "[Visiting Professor Explores Haunting Jewish Photography](#)." From February 20-21, he will serve as a [scholar-in-](#)

[Elias Sacks](#), Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish

Studies, recently spoke at conferences in Israel and the United States. In December 2013, he delivered a paper entitled "Hebrew Politics Between East and West: Krochmal's Covert Critique of Mendelssohn" at the Fifth International Conference for the Study of the Haskalah Movement, hosted by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In January 2014, he delivered a paper entitled "Jewish Thought Between Past and Present: The Case of Nachman Krochmal" at the annual meeting of the [Society of Christian Ethics](#) in Seattle. On March 9, Professor Sacks will speak at [Temple Emanuel](#) in Denver, where his topic will be "Is God Dead?"



He will also deliver a paper on March 12 as part of the [Faculty Fellow Works-in-Progress series](#) hosted by CU's [Center for Humanities and the Arts](#). His topic will be "Hebrew Philosophy Between East and West: Law and Ethics in Modern Jewish Thought."

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residence at [Temple Sinai](#) in Reno, Nevada, speaking about the global Jewish diaspora. For more information, visit [nevadahumanties.org](#).

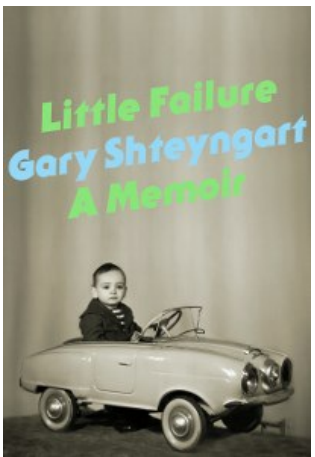
He recently published his co-edited volume, [The Berkeley School of Jewish Life: In Honor of Chana Kronfeld](#), a collection of essays featuring original research from 11 of Kronfeld's former students, with a critical introduction by Shneer and former CU faculty member Robert Adler-Peckerar. The publication will have a formal launch on Sunday, March 9, at a [symposium](#) at the University of California, Berkeley, which Shneer organized, featuring Kronfeld, Robert Alter, and several of the volume's contributors.

Shneer was also quoted in a [recent article about Jews and drag](#) for [The Jewish Daily Forward](#).

[Meghan Zibby](#), MA Candidate in Religious Studies and Outreach and Administrative Coordinator for the Program in Jewish Studies, will be presenting a paper at the University of Pennsylvania's Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: [Warring Words: Rethinking Polemic in the Study of Jews and Judaism](#) on March 20. Her paper is entitled "Capistrum Christianorum et Muslimorum? Jewish Silencing and Lack Thereof in Medieval Polemic." This will be her first conference presentation.



➔ **TONIGHT: An Evening with Gary Shteyngart...**



[Don't Miss An Evening with Gary Shteyngart](#)
Public Reading and Discussion of memoir *Little Failure*
Thursday, February 20 @ 7:00PM
University Memorial Center, Room 235
Free and Open to the Public
Space is limited - RSVPs appreciated
Email CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu or call 303.492.7143
***Little Failure* and other books by Gary Shteyngart will be available for purchase and signing after the event.**

Check out the article from the Daily Camera "[Noted satirist brings 'interplanetary journey' to CU](#)" by CU's Clay Evans. Also be sure to read the article on Shteyngart's visit on the Boulder Jewish News, "[CU Hosts Author and Satirist, Gary](#)

[Shteyngart.](#)"

For more information, please visit jewishstudies.colorado.edu or call

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→ **"Post-Holocaust American Judaism" with David Shneer...**

Join the Program in Jewish Studies and [CU on the Weekend](#) for a special Saturday mini-course seminar with [Professor David Shneer](#).

"Post Holocaust American Judaism"

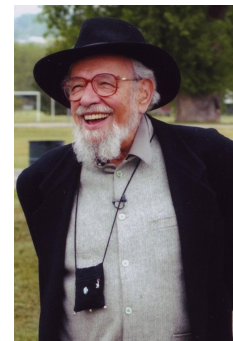
Presented by David Shneer, PhD

Saturday, March 1, 2014 @ 1PM - 4PM

Norlin Library, British Studies Room - M549

Free and Open to the Public - Space is Limited

To RSVP, email weekend@colorado.edu or call 303.492.4561



Post World War II America is often characterized negatively by suburbanization and the rise of a bland consumer culture obsessed with accumulation rather than reflection. But it is also the period when the United States became the fertile petry dish for new kinds of Judaism. From Brooklyn-based Chabad Lubavitch Hasidism to 1960s Do-It-Yourself Judaism and American Zionism, this mini-course will examine American Judaism from World War II to the present. We will pay particular attention to materials now housed at the University of Colorado Libraries Archives and Special Collections [Post Holocaust American Judaism Archive](#) which contains materials documenting this movement, from Arthur Waskow's Freedom Seders to Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi's early ideas about deep ecumenicism. Participants will also be invited to an intimate gathering with the university's annual Sondra Bender Visiting Scholar, [Dr. Shaul Magid](#), who will be in residence one week later. The afternoon will include a guided tour of the ["Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and the Origins of Post-Holocaust American Judaism"](#) exhibit and archive currently on display in Norlin Library with Stephanie Yuhas, Ph.D., Archives Project Director.



[David Shneer](#) has been called a "pathbreaking" scholar by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Shneer is professor of History and Religious Studies, Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History, and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies. His research focuses on 20th century European, Russian, and Jewish history and culture. Shneer lectures nationally and internationally and has authored numerous books and articles about contemporary Jewish identity. In his broader work, Shneer serves as consultant to numerous Jewish agencies, and he co-founded Jewish Mosaic, the first national Jewish LGBT organization, which merged with Keshet in 2010. He consults with non-profit organizations around issues of integrating post-Soviet Jews into Jewish communal life, serving as co-chair of Limmud Colorado and vice-chair of Keshet, and working with Facing History and Ourselves, a global non-profit dedicated to fostering a democratic, human-rights oriented education in high schools.

For more information, please visit Continuing Education's [website](#) or contact Ben Martin, Program Manager for the Office of University Outreach at 303-492-4561.

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→ **Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar, Shaul Magid...**

"After Multiculturalism: Postethnicity and Judaism in America"

Opening words from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, founder of Jewish Renewal

Lecture by Shaul Magid

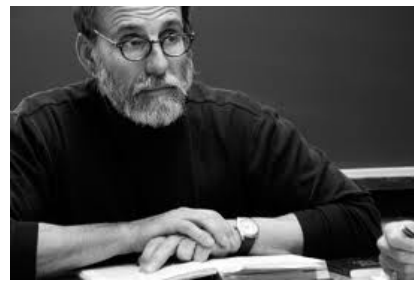
Roundtable conversation with Professors Elias Sacks, David Shneer, Deborah Whitehead and Rabbi Zvi Ish-Shalom

Thursday, March 6 @7PM

University Memorial Center, 235

Free and Open to the Public

RSVPs are appreciated. Please email CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu.



"Shaul Magid's point is that the old paradigms for thinking about Jews and Judaism - specifically the ethnically inflected, assimilation-phobic, chosen/one God model - are dead. But all is not lost. He is optimistic that if Jews redefine the terms of Jewish survival, they will see just how much they have gained in these transformations." ~ Lila Corwin Berman, Temple University

Following Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi's opening remarks on "Paradigm Shift Judaism," Magid's lecture, based on his recent book, [American Post-Judaism: Identity and Renewal in a Postethnic Society](#), will explore contemporary American Jewish life and Jewish Renewal. His lecture will be followed by a roundtable discussion featuring [Elias Sacks](#), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at CU, [David Shneer](#), Louis P. Singer Chair in Jewish History at CU, [Deborah Whitehead](#), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at CU and [Rabbi Zvi Ish-Shalom](#), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Naropa University.

Shaul Magid is Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and the Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Chair in Modern Judaism at Indiana University Bloomington. He is the editor of *God's Voice from the Void: Old and New Essays on Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav*, co-editor of *Beginning Again: Toward a Hermeneutic of Jewish Texts* and author of *Hasidism on the Margin: Reconciliation, Antinomianism, and Messianism in Izbica and Radzin Hasidism*. His book *From Metaphysics to Midrash: Myth, History and the Interpretation of Scripture in Lurianic Kabbala* was awarded the 2008 American Academy of Religion Award for best textual studies book in religion. Magid is also a regular contributor to *Tikkun Magazine*, *Zeek Magazine*, *Religion Dispatches*, and *Occasional Religion*.

Magid's recent book, *American Post-Judaism: Identity and Renewal in a Postethnic Society* will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

Magid's research highlights the recent work and development of the [Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive](#) at the University of Colorado Boulder. The focus of this archive is on materials examining Judaism and the Jewish experience through the lens of religious, cultural and social movements in America, as well as the various philosophies of Judaism and Jewish organizations, originating from the late 1940s to the present.

Sondra D. Bender



Professor Magid is the 2014 [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar](#), honoring the life of Sondra Dosik Bender z"l. Sondra Bender was a devoted wife to Howard Bender, mother of four, including CU graduate Eileen Greenberg, and grandmother of eleven grandchildren, including CU graduates Joshua, Rachael and Daniel Greenberg.

An active member of the community in Washington, D.C. and Bethesda, M.D., Sondra served on many boards and helped hundreds of non-profits. The Bender Family Foundation

has generously endowed the [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar Fund](#) to honor the life of a woman who cherished Jewish culture, celebrated education, and lived life to the fullest.



Shaul Magid's visit has been made possible by the Bender Family Foundation through the endowment of the [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholars Fund](#) in the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. For more information, please visit jewishstudies.colorado.edu or call 303.492.7143.

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→ **Hebrew Calligraphy and Beyond: The Beauty and the Meaning of the Alef-Bet...**

Join CU's Hebrew Club, the [Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures](#), and the [Program in Jewish Studies](#) for a workshop on Hebrew calligraphy with Denver artist and calligrapher, [Risa Aqua](#).



Hebrew Calligraphy and Beyond: The Beauty and Meaning of the Alef-Bet

Wednesday, March 5 @ 5:30 -7:00PM

University Club Ballroom, 106*

Free and open to the public

Pizza and light refreshments will be provided

*The University Club is located directly south of the UMC, and the ballroom is also known as the Oak room or room #106 on the main floor.

Add beauty and meaning to your Hebrew writing by learning to write in elegant calligraphy! Meet and greet Hebrew instructor [Eyal Rivlin](#) and students from the different levels of Hebrew classes!

No previous Hebrew experience is necessary!

Multiple levels of Hebrew courses will be offered next Fall 2014 semester! Come to this event to learn more, and check out descriptions of our Hebrew courses on the Jewish Studies website, [Jewishstudies.colorado.edu](#). Registration for Fall 2014 begins March 17.

Questions? Please contact Hebrew Club president Sloan at Sloan.Friedman@colorado.edu.

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The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hiring for multiple positions. Check out job descriptions [here](#). Applications are due February 21.

Applications are now open for [Arizona Teaching Fellows](#), a highly-selective program that trains talented graduates to become outstanding teachers for Arizona students who need them most. **Applications are due February 24, 2014.**

Interested in social justice? Check out the [INVST Community Leadership Program](#) which is a 2-year training program for students who are interested in social justice & environmental sustainability. Students can earn the Leadership Studies Minor and potentially an AmeriCorps Education Award. **Applications are due February 24, 2014.**

Want to learn Yiddish this summer? Applications are now open for the [47th Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture](#), offered by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and Bard College. **To be considered for funding, applications are due by March 5; all other applicants apply by April 30.**

[The Center for Jewish History](#) is offering a [Seminar on Archival Research](#) May 19-22, 2014. **Applications are due by March 17.**

Applications for the [Directors Club Scholarship](#) are now open for second semester freshmen with a 3.5 GPA. This is a \$1,500.00 per semester renewable scholarship. [Apply here](#).

Studying Abroad? Be sure to check out the [multiple scholarships](#) offered by the [Foundation for Global Scholars](#).

CU's [Student Academic Success Center](#) is hiring tutors! Learn more [here](#).

[The Paideia One-Year Jewish Studies Program](#) is accepting applications. Scholarships available! Click [here](#) to learn more.

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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](#).

[Women and Gender Studies](#) is hosting a faculty, administration, staff and graduate student forum entitled "Sexual Harassment and Institutional Climate Change" Thursday, February 27 @ 4PM-5:30PM in Hazel Gates Woodruff Cottage.

Hosted by the [Shambhala Mountain Center](#), Oscar-winning Israeli composer [Yuval Ron](#) will be performing a concert entitled "[Sacred World Music](#)" at the Solstice Center March 27 @ 8PM, cost \$20. Join the Shambhala Center and Yuval Ron for a retreat March 28-30, "[Sacred Sound, Meditation, and Dance: Healing and Transformation](#)."

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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.