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### → Faculty News...

#### [Babi Yar Memorial](#)

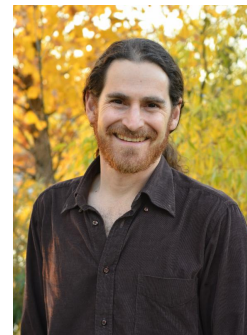
Sunday, September 28 @ 11AM

Babi Yar Park

Free and Open to the Public

Join [Mizel Museum](#) for the annual Babi Yar Memorial, which honors those massacred at Babi Yar, on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine, and other victims of the Holocaust. This year's program will focus on Yiddish life and culture in Eastern Europe then and now, led by keynote speaker [David Shneer](#), Director of the Program in Jewish Studies,

[Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History](#), and Professor of History and Religious Studies. A short concert will be performed by [Eyal Rivlin](#), Hebrew Language Instructor, and Joseph Lukasik. Learn more about this event at [mizelmuseum.org](#).



#### ["Interfaith Relations in the Medieval Mediterranean"](#)

Dinner and Talk with Brian Catlos, PhD

Saturday, October 11 @ 5:30PM

Multicultural Mosaic Foundation

Free and Open to the Public

RSVP required to [rsvp@mosaicfoundation.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicfoundation.org)

[Brian Catlos](#), Professor of Religious Studies, will be presenting at the [Multicultural Mosaic Foundation](#) on his recent book, [Infidel](#)

[Kings and Unholy Warriors](#). Learn more about this event at [www.mosaicfoundation.org](http://www.mosaicfoundation.org).

[Yonatan Malin](#), Associate Professor of Music Theory, will be giving a talk entitled "[Individual Voices and the Study of Jewish Cantillation](#)" Friday, **October 31 @ 2PM** for Columbia University's Jewish Music Forum. Learn more about Prof. Malin's talk [here](#).



[Elias Sacks](#), Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, will be speaking at two conferences in the coming weeks. On **September 30**, he will deliver a paper entitled "[Religion Contested: Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity](#)" at a conference on [Sara Levy's World: Music, Gender, and Judaism in Enlightenment Berlin](#) at Rutgers. On **October 1**, he will speak at CU as part of a conference, organized by the Museum of Natural History, on [The Meaning of Names: Naming Diversity in the 21st Century](#). His paper will be entitled "[The Perils and Promise of Philosophical Naming: Moses Mendelssohn on Philosophy, History, and Language](#)."

[Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, recently published a review of David Bezmozgis's newest book *The Betrayers*. Check out Prof. Senderovich's review "[Finally, a Russian Jewish Novel Breaks Out of the Autobiographical Rut](#)" in *The New Republic*.



[Nick Underwood](#), PhD Candidate in Modern European and Modern Jewish History, will be giving at lecture entitled "[Radical Yiddish Culture in Interwar Paris](#)" for the Jewish Studies Program at UC Davis, **Tuesday, October 14 @ 12PM**. Learn more about Nick's lecture [here](#).

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→ Students: Looking for a dynamic study abroad experience?...

The Program in Jewish Studies is excited to announce the brand new  
[Global Seminar to Istanbul:  
Jews and Muslims: The Multi-Ethnic History of Istanbul](#)



Image from <http://www.boomsbeat.com/articles/1063/20140309/35-amazing-photos-of-istanbul-turkey-the-third-largest-city-in-the-world.htm>

In this program, students will spend two weeks in Istanbul, a world heritage site, a global mega-city where people from urban and rural environments, different social classes, multiple cultures and religious backgrounds, coexist. The crossroads of civilization for at least 500 years, Istanbul is the perfect place to study the history of interaction between Jews and Muslims. This program will allow CU students access to otherwise inaccessible sites, including cemeteries, synagogues, monasteries, mosques, and museums.

The first preparatory week of the seminar, to be held on Mondays (or another weekday TBA) during the month of **April 2015**, will immerse students in the history of the Ottoman Empire and of the Jews within it through readings and lectures. The remaining two weeks will be held on site from **June 12 to June 27, 2015** at [Boğaziçi University](#) in Istanbul. During the two weeks in Istanbul at Boğaziçi, the students will join with 10 students from Boğaziçi in taking morning or afternoon workshops on a variety of topics including Ottoman Jewish cultural life; the life of Sabbatai Sevi; Jewish immigration patterns in the Ottoman Empire; contemporary Turkish Jewish fiction; varieties of Jewish experience in the Eastern Mediterranean; and an introduction to Ladino. In addition to and benefiting from an expanded and multicultural student community, the students will also have the benefit of guest lectures from faculty members at Boğaziçi.



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The 2015 Global Seminar to Istanbul will be led by [Nan Goodman](#), Professor of English and Jewish Studies. Professor Goodman's research explores the lives of Jews in the Ottoman Empire. She served as a Fulbright Scholar in Istanbul at Boğaziçi University in the spring of 2014 and is actively involved with the Jewish community and Jewish studies in Turkey.

Questions? Want to apply? Please contact Stephanie Pund with CU Study Abroad at [Stephanie.Pund@colorado.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Pund@colorado.edu).

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→ "To Russia, With Straight Talk" Lecture with Julia Ioffe...

["To Russia, With Straight Talk: Media, Culture and Contemporary Crises"](#)

Lecture with Julia Ioffe

Wednesday, October 1 @ 6:30PM

Reception to follow

Eaton Humanities, 150, CU Boulder Campus

Free and Open to the Public



Drawing on her knowledge of Russian and Western media, [Julia Ioffe](#) will discuss how the ongoing conflict in that region is playing out in an increasingly restricted media environment.

Ioffe is a senior editor at [The New Republic](#). Prior to joining the magazine in 2012, she spent three years reporting from Russia for major international publications.

» [Julia in action: Watch her explain the Russia-Ukraine conflict to Stephen Colbert](#)

This event is made possible with the support of the [Russian Studies Program](#), [Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures](#), the [History Department](#), the [College of Media, Communication and Information](#), the [Department of Political Science](#), the [Program in Jewish Studies](#) and the [International Affairs Program](#).

For more information about this event, please visit

<http://www.colorado.edu/cmci/2014/09/15/lecture-russia-straight-talk-media-culture-and-contemporary-crises>

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→ "Soviet Jews, Re-Imagined" with Professor Sasha Senderovich...



CU at the Boulder JCC

["Soviet Jews, Re-Imagined: New Literature by Russian-born American Jewish Writers"](#)

With Professor Sasha Senderovich

Thursday, October 2 at 7PM

Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Ave.

Join the Boulder Jewish Community Center's [Menorah: Arts, Culture, and Education](#) for a fascinating presentation by [Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

In this talk, Professor Senderovich will discuss [David Bezmozgis's](#) short story, "Roman Berman, Massage Therapist," from his 2004 collection [Natasha and Other Stories](#). Check out Professor Senderovich's recently released review of Bezmozgis' new book, [The Betrayers](#), in [The New Republic](#), "[Finally, a Russian Jewish Novel Breaks Out of the Autobiographical Rut.](#)"

Throughout the year, Menorah is hosting a lecture series highlighting the faculty of the Program in Jewish Studies. Tickets are available online for \$12: \$15 at the door. Series package \$80 (\$10 per program). Students with valid student IDs are free of charge.

Learn more about this series at [www.boulderjcc.org](http://www.boulderjcc.org).

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→ "The Synthesis of One's Own Body": Colloquium with Professor Sue Zemka...

"The Synthesis of One's Own Body: Merleau-Ponty, Kurt Goldstein, and the Case of Schneider, 1920 - 1945"  
Colloquium with Professor Sue Zemka  
Tuesday, October 7 @ 4PM

As part of our faculty and graduate student colloquia series, the Program in Jewish Studies welcomes [Sue Zemka](#), Professor of English and Jewish Studies at CU Boulder, who will give a presentation of her current research.

Open to CU Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students.  
Space is Limited. Please RSVP  
to [CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu](mailto:CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu) for location and pre-circulated reading.



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→ Scholarships and Resources for Students...

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

**All Students:** The CU libraries are recruiting for the [Student Libraries Advisory Board \(SLAB\)](#) (pdf)! They want to hear your thoughts about the libraries on campus so they can improve their services, spaces, and collections to better meet your needs. The deadline has been extended to **September 29**. Apply [here](#)!

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is offering a seminar entitled, "A [Research Introduction to the Holocaust in the Soviet Union](#)," January 5-9, 2015. Applications are due **September 30, 2014**. Learn more about the seminar at the [USHMM website](#).

The Association for Jewish Studies is offering [travel grants](#) for presenters at this year's annual [AJS Conference in Baltimore](#), December 14-16, 2015. Applications are due by **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**.

The University of Nevada is now accepting proposals for the [5th Annual College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Symposium: Constructing Humanity](#) (pdf), February 26-28, 2015. Priority deadline is **Wednesday, October 1**; final deadline is **Saturday, November 1**.

**Planning to study abroad next year?** Consider applying for the [Boren scholarship](#) to fund your international studies! There will be an interest meeting **Thursday, October 2 @ 4PM** in **C4C N215**. Click [here](#) to learn more about how to apply! (pdf)

CU's Office of International Education is now accepting nominations for [Study Abroad](#)

[Student of the Year!](#) Learn more about OIE's Global Citizen Awards [here](#). Nominations are due **Friday, October 10, 2014 by 5PM.**

The University of South Carolina is now accepting proposals for the [17th Annual Comparative Literature Conference: Women and the Holocaust](#), March 1-3, 2015. Proposals are due **Thursday, October 16, 2015.**

The [UCLA Center for Jewish Studies](#) has a call out for proposals for a conference [Thinking Beyond the Canon: New Themes and Approaches in Jewish Studies](#), March 8-9, 2015. Abstracts are due **Friday, October 31, 2014.**

The Saul Kagan Claims Conference is offering [Fellowships for Advanced Shoah Studies](#) for PhD and post-doctoral candidates. Applications are due **January 5, 2015.**

Earn a [Masters Degree in Jewish Studies](#) from the [Borns Jewish Studies Program](#) at Indiana University! [Funding opportunities](#) are available.

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## On Campus and Around Town...

Albion-Andalus Books, founded by [Netanel Miles-Yépez](#), consultant for the CU Archive's [Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi Collection](#), has recently released two new books, [Mandala: Creating an Authentic Spiritual Path: An InterSpiritual Process](#) by Edward W. Bastian and [Nine Jewels of Night: One Soul's Journey into God](#) by Beverly Lanzetta.

Join CU's Center for Asian Studies for a lecture by [Andrew Quintman](#), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University entitled "[The Making of Milarepa: Reading and Writing the Life of Tibet's Great Saint](#)," **Wednesday, October 1 @ 5PM** in the British Studies Room, 5th floor of Norlin Library. Learn more about this event at [cas.colorado.edu](#).

Learn more about your family tree! Join the [Jewish Genealogy Society of Colorado](#) for a [Mentoring Session](#), **Sunday, October 19 @ 10AM** at the University of Denver Computer Lab, Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury Avenue. Advance RSVP is required due to limited number of computer. Email Terry Lasky at [talasky@comcast.net](mailto:talasky@comcast.net) to RSVP.

The [13th Annual CU Women Succeeding Symposium](#) has submitted a [call for proposals](#). The submission deadline is **Friday, October 31, 2014**. Learn more about the symposium at [www.cu.edu/faculty-council](http://www.cu.edu/faculty-council).

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