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The Program in Jewish Studies, an interdisciplinary unit of the College of Arts and Sciences, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jewish Studies as well as minors in Jewish Studies and Hebrew Studies.

The primary goal of the program is to explore Jewish culture, history, society, and thought while equipping students with a fluency in a number of the disciplines offered through the College of Arts & Sciences.

The Program in Jewish Studies is an academic

Letter From Our Director

Dear Friends of Jewish Studies,

Whether you are reading this in your dorm at the University of Colorado or in your office in Cape Town, South Africa, we are excited to be sending you our new and improved *Kol Mevaser*, whose name, "The Voice of the Messenger," is borrowed from the oldest modern Jewish newspaper in the world.



As some of you have seen, [our website](#) has a new look and with this inaugural newsletter so too does *Kol Mevaser*. The newsletter will appear less frequently but will have more content in each issue. Each piece will have a lead and then the option to go to our website where you will be able to read fuller stories about what our scholars are working on, who our students are, what exciting news PJS has in store, and how you can be involved in what CU's Program in Jewish Studies does.

In this edition, as we welcome the newest group of students to our classes, we are proud to share several colleague's new books - including Liora Halperin's *Babel in Zion* (Yale), about language politics in pre-state Palestine, as well as my own mini-biography of Lin Jaldati, *Trümmerfrau der Seele* der Seele (Hentrich), whose title is a play on the name German society gave to the women who cleaned up the rubble from the streets of its cities.

This spring, as we continue our exploration of Sephardic Jews, we are hosting our 2015 visiting Holocaust scholar, [Devin Naar](#), on January 26, and will round out the academic year in June with our exciting new global seminar, [Jews and Muslims: The Multiethnic History of Istanbul](#), led by [Nan](#)

program open to ALL
students of ALL
backgrounds, Jewish and
non-Jewish.

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Goodman. During that program, our students will have the rare opportunity to study Turkish Jewish culture in Boulder and Turkey with Turkish Muslim students also interested in Jewish Studies. Thanks to our community supporters, we have great scholarship funds to allow more students to have this opportunity, regardless of financial means.

We hope you enjoy the new look and the richer information in each edition. We will continue sending regular notices about news and events in between newsletters, so stay tuned!

As we begin 2015, I am excited to announce we are focused on raising \$50,000 to match the Bender Foundation \$50,000 matching grant for a fifth year in a row. We are grateful for the opportunities this grant and the matching funds have provided for the Program, our students and faculty.

In late December, one of our students from the 2014 Jerusalem global seminar graduated with a minor in Jewish Studies and Religious Studies. As a way of showing gratitude, this student made an incredibly generous gift to Jewish Studies to ensure that future students will have the opportunities she had through scholarship support. This student's gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the **Bender Family Foundation matching grant**, and so will your support this year regardless of where it is directed.

Please click the link below to make a beginning-of-year gift and designate what you would like to support: ensuring every student who wants a global experience can afford to do so, attracting and retaining outstanding faculty through faculty support and/or supporting our general fund to ensure we reach more Jewish Studies students of all ages!

Support Jewish Studies

Wishing you a successful spring semester, and thank you.

Sincerely,



David Shneer, PhD

Director of the Program in Jewish Studies

[Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History](#)

Professor of History and Religious Studies

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Faculty & Graduate Student Updates



Brian Catlos, Professor of Religious Studies, recently published an article entitled "Religious Nationalism Finds a Footing in the Middle East" in *The Washington Post*.

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Nan Goodman, Professor of English, recently attended the Association for Jewish Studies conference in Baltimore.

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Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, recently received a grant from the Hadassah Brandeis Institute to support her research on the murder of a Zionist migrant, presumably by a local Christian Arab, in Ottoman Palestine.

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Eyal Rivlin, Hebrew Instructor, will be playing guitar and leading chanting with his wife, Danya Rivlin, at the Shabbaton and concert "Davvenology: The Secret of Mystic Prayer," led by Rabbi Shir Yaakov Feit, January 9-10.

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Elias Sacks, Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, recently spoke at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion and Association for Jewish Studies.

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Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, presented a paper on writers Gary Shteyngart, Anya Ulinich, and David Bezmozgis at the conference "The New Wave of Russian-Jewish Cultural Production."

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On Sunday, January 25, 2015, **David Shneer**, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History, and Professor of History and Religious Studies, will deliver the Chip Rainey Memorial Lecture, the keynote event for the **Tapestry of**

Jewish Learning, in Austin, TX.

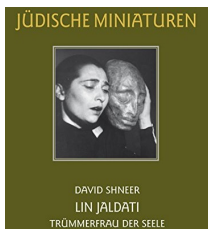
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Nick Underwood, PhD Candidate in History, is excited to announce that his article "Dressing the Modern Jewish Communist Girl in Interwar Paris," was formally accepted for publication in the journal *French Politics, Culture & Society*.

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New Faculty Publications



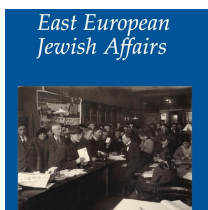
David Shneer, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History, and Professor of History and Religious Studies, is excited to announce the publication of *Lin Jaldati: Trümmerfrau der Seele* with Hentrich&Hentrich.

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Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, recently published her first book, *Babel in Zion*, with Yale University Press.

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New Issue of *East European Jewish Affairs*

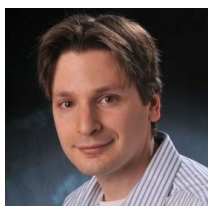


The newest issue of *East European Jewish Affairs*, edited by **David Shneer, PhD** (University of Colorado Boulder) and **Anna Shternshis, PhD** (University of Toronto) was recently released by Routledge.

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Upcoming Spring Events

Mark your calendar for our upcoming spring events.



"A Living Script: Moses Mendelssohn's Modern Judaism"

CU at the Boulder JCC with Elias Sacks

Thursday, January 15 @ 7PM

Boulder JCC

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"They Threw Our Bones Into the Sea: Opportunism and Collaboration in Nazi Occupied Greece"

Public Lecture with Devin E. Naar

Monday, January 26 @ 7PM, Old Main

Theater

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Public Concert with Jewlia Eisenberg of Charming Hostess
 Monday, March 30 @ 7PM
 Old Main Theater
 More information to follow

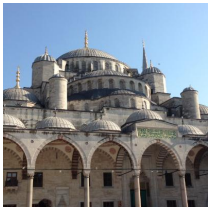


Public Lecture with Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar, Sarah Stein
 Thursday, April 16 @ 7PM
 UMC 235
 More information to follow

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Global Seminar to Istanbul



Applications are now open for the inaugural Global Seminar to Istanbul, [Jews and Muslims: The Multiethnic History of Istanbul](#) (JWST/IAFS/RLST 3530). This 3-credit seminar will take place summer 2015, led by [Professor Nan Goodman](#).

[Scholarships are available](#)

Students of all majors and backgrounds may apply. Open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

[Learn more here about this seminar and how to apply.](#)

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Jewish Studies Spring Awards and Fellowships



[Rabbi Daniel and Ida Goldberger Graduate Fellowships](#)
 - Deadline: March 20, 2015

[Barry and Sue Baer Graduate Conference and Research Fellowships](#) - Deadline: March 20, 2015

[Ulrich Goldsmith Memorial Prize in German-Jewish Studies](#)
 - Deadline: April 24, 2015

[Click here application requirements.](#)

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Scholarships and Resources

[For more great opportunities, check out the scholarships page on our website.](#)

Need money to study a language? The Middlebury Language School is accepting applications for the Fellows for Peace

Want to learn Yiddish? The Yiddish Book Center's 2015 Steiner Summer Yiddish Program will take place June 7 - July

scholarship to support language study. Applications are due January 15. [Read More](#)

The JDC Archives are now accepting applications for their archives research fellowship. Applications are due January 16. [Read More](#)

Facing History and Ourselves is now accepting applications for their Nonprofit Program and Development Internship. Applications are due January 20. [Read More](#)

24. Applications are due February 10. [Read More](#)

Passionate about social justice and the environment? INVST Community Studies at CU Boulder is now accepting students for its two-year leadership program. Applications are due February 23. [Read More](#)

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