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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.

Letter From Our Director, David Shneer

Dear CU Jewish Studies community and friends,

In the summer of 2008 I came to CU-Boulder as a senior historian charged with the task of creating a Program in Jewish Studies. Over the past seven years, with your help, we have built a world class program that now includes a major, two minors, a



graduate program, global seminars, and more than 1500 students taking our courses each year. The program has a solid foundation through generous gifts of an endowed chair, lectureship, fellowships and scholarships. Ongoing donor support together with an investment from the College will continue to grow our program. The bottom line is that the program has been so successful because of the passion and support of CU's students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community. Thank you for your investment and involvement.

I am writing to let you know that as of June 30, 2015, I will be stepping down as director of Jewish Studies. I do so now because I feel I have accomplished what I was charged to do and with gratitude for the many people, like you, who have helped us achieve so many firsts for CU.

Don't worry. I'm not going very far. After taking a sabbatical, I will be returning to Jewish Studies in many different capacities, will continue my work teaching and researching in the Department of History, and am excited to announce that I will be taking the helm as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies which has its own incredible faculty, staff and

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students.

Jewish Studies and Religious Studies have collaborated on many projects since 2008 including hiring two new tenure-line professors who are in both units, establishing the Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive and Embodied Judaism series, and bringing to the university global seminars to Jerusalem and Istanbul. Therefore, in my new role as chair of Religious Studies, I look forward to working with many of you long into the future.

You will be in very good hands with the incoming director of the Program in Jewish Studies, **Dr. Nan Goodman**, a professor in the English department, who is incredibly excited to meet and work with each one of you. To date, Dr. Goodman's work has focused on American literature of the nineteenth century and the colonial era. Her book in progress, *The Puritan Cosmopolis*, demonstrates her growing interest in Jewish Studies as she shows how the Puritans were inspired by their Biblical predecessors to envision a new kind of global political community. Goodman's future work will be taking her to Turkey, where she will lead the new **global seminar to Istanbul** and where she serves as the founding proponent of what she and others hope will be a new institute at Boğaziçi University dedicated to Jewish Studies, the first of its kind in Turkey and likely in any country with a Muslim majority.



Nan and I are incredibly excited for the next stage of the Program's journey. Together with our incredibly talented and innovative faculty and our enthusiastic and creative students, we will continue to build the program and go from success to success. We are grateful to each of you for everything you have done to get us to where we are today and what you will do in the future to continue helping us achieve our goals of making CU's Program in Jewish Studies an always dynamic, visionary beacon of learning locally and globally.

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, has organized three panels at CU-Boulder's upcoming American Association of Italian Studies Conference, and is planning this year's UC Mediterranean Research Project Winter Workshop and Symposium entitled "Borders," taking place at the University of San Diego.

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Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, will be giving a special author talk on her recent book *Babel in Zion*, Sunday, April 26 @ 7PM as part of the JCC: Scholars Series at the Boulder Jewish Community Center.

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Eyal Rivlin, Hebrew Instructor, will be leading a monthly Hebrew Kirtan (ecstatic chanting) at Congregation Nevei Kodesh, Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00PM - 9:00PM.

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Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, recently presented a paper at Oxford University's international conference "The Art of Cultural Translation: Performing Jewish Traditions in Modern Times."

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The traveling exhibit *Through Soviet Jewish Eyes*, curated by **David Shneer**, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, recently opened at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, for the first time in both Russian and English. Shneer's recent book on Lin Jaldati is being used as the Hentrich&Hentrich featured publication at the Leipzig Book Fair, Friday, March 13.

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Nick Underwood, PhD Candidate in History, was recently granted two prestigious awards, a dissertation fellowship from the James R., Anne M., and R. Jane Emerson (McCall) Student Support Fund in the Humanities, and the Joseph Kremen Memorial Fellowship in East European Jewish Arts, Music, and Theater from the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research.

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Jewish Studies graduate students **Kathryn Huether** and **Meghan Zibby** presented at the 5th Annual University of Nevada, Reno College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Symposium: Constructing Humanity.

Meet Our Visiting Faculty

The Program in Jewish Studies is excited to welcome two visiting faculty members to CU-Boulder this Spring 2015 semester. [Professor Sam Boyd](#) is currently teaching Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and [Professor Moshe Kornfeld](#) is teaching Post-Holocaust American Judaism.



Meet Professor
Kornfeld

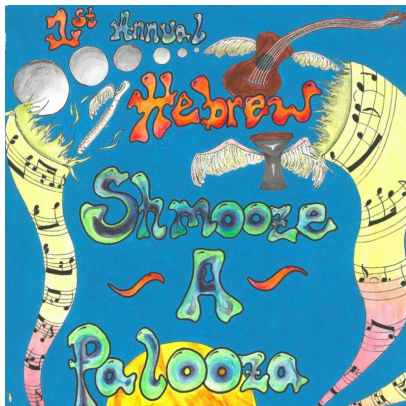


Meet Professor Boyd

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Exciting Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for our upcoming spring events.



[First Annual Hebrew Shmooze-A-Palooza](#) **TODAY!**

Wednesday, March 11 @ 6:00PM-8:30PM
Glenn Miller Ballroom

Students, join us for a musical celebration of the CU-Boulder Hebrew classes and community! Free food. Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary to attend.

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["Mother Tongues and Other Tongues"](#)

Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium
with Liora Halperin

TODAY!

Wednesday, March 11 @ 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Open to CU-Boulder Faculty, Graduate Students and
Majors and Minors in Jewish Studies.

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Weekend of Italian Jewish Culture

Saturday, March 28

"Italian Concentration Camps" with Carlo Spartaco Capogreco

"Michel Fingesten" with Davide Stimilli

"Ginzburg Geography" Concert with Jewlia Eisenberg and Charming Hostess

Day of Radical Jewish Music

Monday, March 30

"Jewish Cabaret" with Phillip Bohlman

"Ginzburg Geography" Concert with Jewlia Eisenberg and Charming Hostess

Full Two-Day Schedule of Events at
Colorado.edu/JewishStudies

2015 Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar: Sarah Stein



The Program in Jewish Studies is excited to welcome our [2015 Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar, Professor Sarah Stein](#), Professor and Maurice Amado Endowed Chair in Sephardic Studies at the University of California, LA.

["Family Papers: A Sephardi Journey Through the Twentieth Century"](#)

Annual Sondra D. Bender Public Lecture with Sarah Stein

Thursday, April 16 @ 7:00PM, UMC 235
Free and Open to the Public

Learn More About Professor Stein's Visit and the
Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar

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Maymester Course: Meaning After the Holocaust

The Department of Religious Studies and the Program in Jewish Studies are pleased to welcome this year's [FIRST \(Faculty-in-Residence Summer Term\)](#) scholar, [Martin Kavka](#), Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Florida State University, who will be teaching a Maymester course.

[Topics in Judaism: Meaning After the Holocaust](#)

JWST/RLST 4260/ RLST 5260

Maymester: May 11 - May 29

3.0 | MTWRF 12:30PM - 3:30PM

This course will explore religious and secular answers to important questions raised after the attempted extermination of European Jewry during the Second World War. The course will look at the rise of Jewish mysticism and Asian religion in post-Holocaust American Jewish culture, and will engage the [Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archives](#)

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Intensive Summer Hebrew

**SHALOM on the
Front Range**

**HEBR 1050 Intensive
Beginning Hebrew**



Spend your summer in beautiful Boulder, CO, and learn the equivalent of the first year of Hebrew! The Program in Jewish Studies is proud to announce our inaugural summer *ulpan* (intensive Hebrew course).

[Intensive Beginning Hebrew \(HEBR 1050\)](#)
Summer Session B: July 7 - August 6, 2015
Mon - Thurs, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
6 Credit Hours from CU-Boulder

Open to ALL. Space is limited.

[Learn More Here About Intensive Summer Hebrew](#)

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Jewish Studies Fall 2015 Course Schedule is Now Posted!

Learn about magic in Judaism and Christianity, the decolonization of the British Empire, early American religious encounters, love and desire and more!

Our classes are interdisciplinary and many of them fulfill core requirements!

All of our classes, and our Major and Minors, are open to ALL students of ALL backgrounds!

[Fall 2015 Course Schedule](#)

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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 for application requirements.](#)

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External Scholarships, Resources and Events

For more great opportunities, check out the scholarships page on our website.

Join CU's Mediterranean Studies Group TOMORROW, March 11 @ 4PM, Humanities 1B90 for a presentation by Eva Hoffman "Mediterranean Discourses and the Taming of Islamic Art." [Read More](#)

CU's Department of Theater and Dance is presenting "The Trial of God" this weekend, a play written by Elie Wiesel. [Read More](#)

Study in Greece this summer! McGill University is offering a course in Thessaloniki, the "Jerusalem of the Balkans." Registration closes April 3. [Read More](#)

Polis The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities is offering MA Degrees in Near Eastern Languages. [Read More](#)

The University of Haifa is home of the Weiss-Livnat International MA in Holocaust Studies. [Read More](#)

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