



The Program in Jewish Studies is delighted to host a variety of exciting events this Spring. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Inheritance Trouble: Migrant Archives of Holocaust Remembrance

Annual Holocaust Lecture with **Professor Michael Rothberg**

Thursday, January 25, 2018 | 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Old Main Theater | CU Boulder campus



How should we think about the transmission of Holocaust memory more than seventy years after the defeat of Nazi Germany? What lessons do the events of the Shoah bear for a moment in which far-right political movements are once again on the rise?

In order to address such questions, **Professor Michael Rothberg** considers immigrants' engagement with the Holocaust in contemporary Germany. The works of art, literature, and performance that he will discuss model alternative ways of remembering the Nazi genocide in the twenty-first century and suggest possibilities for an ethically and politically engaged memory work.

Professor Michael Rothberg is the 1939 Society Samuel Goetz Chair in Holocaust Studies and Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Los Angeles. [Learn more about this event.](#)

*Professor Rothberg's lecture is presented in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27.
Cosponsored by Departments of Anthropology and Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literature.*

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Community Talks Lecture Series

Paradise Lost and Found:

How a Jewish Kid from Los Angeles Traveled to Wartime Iraq in Search of Roots, Reconciliation and his Father's Improbable Life Story

An Evening with Award-Winning Author & Journalist **Ariel Sabar**

Thursday, February 8, 2018 | 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Old Main Theater | CU Boulder campus

Growing up in materialistic 1980s Los Angeles, **Ariel Sabar's** life seemed a far cry from his father's. Yona Sabar, Ariel's father, had been born in an ancient village of Aramaic-speaking Jews in the mountains of Kurdish Iraq—the oldest corner of the Jewish diaspora - but for Ariel, his father might well have been born on the moon. Then Ariel had his own son, and everything changed.

In his talk, Ariel weaves together the remarkable story of the Kurdish Jews and their Aramaic tongue with the moving tale of how a consummate California kid came to write a book about his family's Kurdish roots. The book, *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography, one of the highest honors in American letters.



Ariel Sabar is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in the New York Times, The Atlantic, Harper's, Washington Post, Boston Globe, among many other places. He graduated magna cum laude from Brown University. [Learn more about this event.](#)

Ariel Sabar's book *My Father's Paradise* will be available in the CU Bookstore in mid-January.

RSVP to Paradise Lost and Found

Community Talks Lecture Series

Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society: The Eurafican Jews of Suriname, South America

Lecture with **Professor Aviva Ben-Ur**,
Sephardic Studies Visiting Scholar

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 | 7:30PM - 9:00PM
Atlas 100, CU Boulder campus

Suriname, a Dutch colony established on the South American mainland in the 1660s, was among the largest slave societies of the hemisphere. Its Jewish community, founded during the same decade, was granted exceptional liberties, including religious tolerance, unrestricted economic opportunities, and, most remarkably, the privilege to self-govern according to its own religious and secular laws. This political autonomy also empowered Jews to convert their slaves to Judaism, resulting in the rise of a sizable class of people



collectively known in the sources as "mulatto Jews" or "Jewish mulattoes."

In her talk, **Professor Aviva Ben-Ur** will address the emergence of Eurafrikan Jews, their legal status, cultural characteristics, social activism, and their experience of Jewish autonomy in a colony where upwards of 96 percent of the population was unfree.

Aviva Ben-Ur is Professor in the Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and specializes in Atlantic Jewish history and slavery studies.

[Learn more about this event.](#)

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Aviva Ben-Ur and **Ariel Sabar's** visits are part of the Community Talks Series, made possible in part by a grant from Rose Community Foundation and participant donations.

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