

## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

*Professor Nan Goodman*

For the Program in Jewish Studies, 2016-2017 was a wonderful year! We instructed over 500 students of all backgrounds in the complexities of the Jewish experience; hosted 15 events and speakers; received three grants to support student and community programming; and awarded 14 fellowships to our students in turn. We moved forward with our innovative planning, established two concentration options for our Major, added five new collections to our growing Post-Holocaust American Judaism collections, and created a Community Advisory Board. Most importantly, we pursued our educational mission in the firm belief that to learn about Jewish history and culture is to learn about the importance of mutual respect and open dialogue all over the world.

*We invite you to get involved with the Program in Jewish Studies at CU Boulder. Learn more about our Program at [colorado.edu/jewishstudies](http://colorado.edu/jewishstudies).*



## Our Community Talks Series

The Program in Jewish Studies presents our brand new lecture series, Community Talks, made possible by a grant from Rose Community Foundation and participant donations. In Fall 2017, Community Talks will focus on the theme of “Jewish Mysticism,” presenting our 2017 Embodied Judaism Symposium: SHE and an inaugural Mysticism Working Group Roundtable. Beginning Spring 2018, the series will explore the theme “Seferad and Beyond” featuring a lecture with renowned Sephardic scholar and member of the French senate, Esther Benbassa, who will serve as our 2018 Sondra and Howard Bender Visiting Scholar.

*Information about the new subscription series for these events will be coming to our website and your email boxes soon! Find our 2017-2018 event schedule on our website at [colorado.edu/jewishstudies](http://colorado.edu/jewishstudies).*

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## Our Majors and Minors

We are pleased to announce that as of May 2017, students pursuing a Major in Jewish Studies may now choose from one of two Major concentrations: The **Culture Intensive Concentration** allows students to pursue an in-depth study of Jewish culture, while the **Foreign Language Intensive Concentration** allows students to obtain advanced language skills in addition to considerable knowledge of Jewish culture.

The Program in Jewish Studies also offers two minors, a **Minor in Jewish Studies**, which provides students with an in-depth understanding and appreciation of the world through the lens of Jewish Studies, and a **Minor in Hebrew and Israel Studies**, which develops students' Hebrew language skills while focusing on issues related to Israel and the Middle East.



## Our Faculty

The Program in Jewish Studies boasts award-winning faculty, who are leaders in scholarship and teaching. This past year, **Professor Elias Sacks** published his first book, and **Professor Brian Catlos** was awarded CU's 2017 Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service. This coming academic year, **Professor Davide Stimilli** will serve as Jewish Studies' Director of Undergraduate Studies, and **Professor Beverly Weber** will serve as the Director of Graduate Studies. **Professor Yonatan Malin** will be teaching a brand-new Music in Jewish Culture course in Fall 2017, and many of our faculty members will be on the road giving presentations to communities around Colorado as part of our Program in Jewish Studies CU Boulder Peak to Peak lecture series.

*We would like to thank **Dr. Zilla Goodman**, who will be retiring, and **Professor Liora Halperin** and **Professor Sasha Senderovich**, who will be taking positions at the University of Washington, for their invaluable service.*

## Our Students



### Toby Bollig

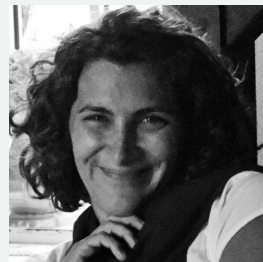
*BS in Physics, BA in Philosophy, Minor in Jewish Studies, 2017 Valedictorian, 2016-17 Barry & Sue Baer Undergraduate Scholar*

In addition to maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Toby is an active member of the CU community. He served as the Chair of the Jewish Studies Student Advisory Board during Fall 2017 and has received many scholarships and awards. Toby plans on pursuing a doctorate in philosophy and theology, specifically focused on ethics pertaining to disability rights.

### Sally Simpson

*BA in Jewish Studies, History, & Linguistics, Minors in English & Nordic Studies, Certificate in Medieval and Early Modern Studies*

During her time at CU, Sally was a dedicated member of the Jewish Studies Student Advisory Board. She was also an intern at Har HaShem, the first synagogue in Boulder, studying oral histories and archival materials. In the Fall of 2017, Sally will be a student in the MA program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Columbia University and hopes to pursue a PhD in History.



### Sarah Gavison

*PhD Candidate in History & Jewish Studies*

During the academic year 2017-2018, Sarah was awarded two prestigious fellowships, the Truman Library Institute's Dissertation Year Fellowship and the University of Colorado Boulder's Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, in order to finish her dissertation titled, "What Should We Do with the Jews? The USSR, the US, Jewish refugees in Post-World War II Europe, and the Creation of Israel."

### Dillon Webster

*MA in Religious Studies & History, Graduate Endorsement in Jewish Studies*

With the support of a J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship research grant, Dillon will spend the 2017-2018 academic year in Barcelona, Spain conducting research at the Archive de la Corona de Aragon. Dillon has also accepted an offer of deferred admission to Brown University's History doctoral program.



## Our Archives

This spring, the Program in Jewish Studies, in conjunction with the University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives, launched the new Post-Holocaust American Judaism Collections website. The website highlights materials held in our 21 collections, enabling users to explore finding aids, audio/visual materials, and photos, interact with the collections' materials, and learn more about the archival process and fellowships.

*Explore the collections here:*  
[colorado.edu/post-holocaustamericanjudaismcollections](http://colorado.edu/post-holocaustamericanjudaismcollections)

## SHE

Third Biannual Embodied Judaism Symposium and Exhibit  
Thursday, November 2, 2017 | CU Boulder campus

Who is She? The Shekinah is a feminine divine presence that has influenced Jews from the ancient world through Second Wave feminism and into the transgender and environmental concerns of the present day. This symposium will feature Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, Professor Joy Ladin, and Professor Sam Boyd as well as a never before seen performance from dancer and choreographer Robert Sher-Machherndl.

*SHE is free and open to the public and part of the Community Talk Series. RSVPs required to [cujewishstudies@colorado.edu](mailto:cujewishstudies@colorado.edu).*

## Get Involved with Jewish Studies!

Learn more about our academic opportunities, events, and ways to get involved with the Program in Jewish Studies on our website at [colorado.edu/jewishstudies](http://colorado.edu/jewishstudies) or email us at [cujewishstudies@colorado.edu](mailto:cujewishstudies@colorado.edu).

**The Program in Jewish Studies welcomes students of all backgrounds, Jewish and non-Jewish, to pursue academic study with us.**

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