from generation to generation
FALL 2018
FORWARD LOOKING

Timothy Johnson
Interim Director, Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program
Interim Dean, School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs

It could be considered a trite expression, but in spite of overuse, I find it appropriate for Jewish Studies in this moment - “the future is now.” This coming year is as promising as ever for Jewish Studies at the College of Charleston. Its past accomplishments are well known and its national/international reputation well-earned, but I am most excited and proud to be a part of what it will accomplish this year and in the years ahead.

Since the search for a permanent director will continue, there is an “interim” with my name. I will be keeping regular hours in Jewish Studies, and you are more than welcome to stop by. I am glad, as I know you will be, that Marty Perlmutter will now serve as Director Emeritus to lend his support and experience. Ezra Cappell will be joining our faculty as a joint appointment in Jewish Studies and English. His teaching and research in Jewish Literature will be a good addition to our course offerings. We are thrilled to welcome from Israel our new Instructor of Hebrew, Noa Weinberg, who is joined in Charleston by her husband, Ori, and their young daughter Ella.

As you will see from all the remarkable events and offerings in the Newsletter (note well the Perlmutter Fellows and the Center for Israel Studies), an interim period does not mean that we will not be moving forward together. The strength of Jewish Studies has always been, and will always be, its collaborative network of students, faculty, and community.

My father’s family emigrated from Norway to the farmlands of North Dakota. When I was a very small boy, my Grandfather John still plowed a section of his fields with a team of horses. He liked the way he could feel the dirt. I remember watching him guide his team, staring forward at the field ahead, the straight furrows forming behind. When my older brothers rode with him and one took the reins, I watched as he looked back too often and the furrows behind quickly resembled curvy mountain roads.

I love history, I am after all a classicist by training, but I must admit that more often than not it is not looking backward but forward that keeps us on track. I enjoy this Newsletter for that reason: it is a look forward. And I look forward to enjoying this year together with all of you.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Alan Nussbaum, Chair, Jewish Studies Advisory Board

The 2018-19 year promises to be very exciting for the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program. As usual, we will have an excellent program of Sunday morning speakers and special learning opportunities for the Charleston Jewish community. The extraordinary and innovative Perlmutter Fellows program, with Professor David Slucki as its director, will select its first group of students this August, and we will broaden the academic reach of the program with the arrival of Professor Ezra Cappell, an expert in Jewish literature, especially American Jewish literature, and Noa Weinberg, an Instructor in Hebrew with broad experience in teaching Hebrew as a second language.

Marty Perlmutter will begin to transition into retirement mode, but only gradually. We were unable to fill the position of Jewish Studies Director but have the great fortune of having the Acting Dean of the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs, Professor Tim Johnson, take on the role of Interim Director himself. Marty Perlmutter will become the Emeritus Director and will continue to support the very able staff of the Program. Enid Idelsohn, Mark Swick, and Helen Slucki will make sure that all components of the program run smoothly and will help provide a seamless transition as we move forward.

And the search for a permanent Director of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program continues. The members of the search committee, including Loren Ziff and me from the Advisory Board, will begin meeting again in the fall to renew our efforts to find a Director to serve as Marty’s successor. Progress made over the last few years to strengthen all components of the program has given us the structure and momentum to continue moving forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Anita Zucker for her generous gift which allowed the Perlmutter Fellows program to get a very quick start and to Interim Dean Tim Johnson and Provost Brian McGee for their dedication and commitment to Jewish Studies. It is an honor to be a part of this team.

On the cover: Temporary CofC sculpture on Rivers Green, behind the Addlestone
THREE RABBI PANEL
“You shall serve God with all your heart”
Tefillah: Prayer
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:30pm
Stern Center Ballroom Corner of Glebe & George Streets

For the last two thousand years, ever since the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, prayer (tefillah, davening) has been a central pillar of Judaism, relating back to the biblical command to “serve God with your whole heart” (Deuteronomy 11:13). Prayer is critical to synagogues and temples, historically serving as their core mission. The synagogue is called a Bet Tefillah, a house of prayer, its architecture typically has the sanctuary as its centerpiece, and its professional staff revolves around the prayer service. Does that core mission remain today, and what role does prayer play in the 21st century? How have denominational differences led to changes in our tefillah? And how do we as a congregation and community make prayer engaging for younger generations?

Join with Jewish Studies and members of the community as Rabbis Stephanie Alexander (KKBE), Adam Rosenbaum (Emanu-El), and Moshe Davis (BSBI) discuss these questions and offer their observations related to the nature of prayer and its role in our community, focusing particularly on the denominations that they represent.

The Three Rabbi Panel is supported by the Stanley and Charlot Karesh Family Fund, an endowment given by the Karesh family in the spring of 2015 in support of Jewish Studies’ community outreach programming. Stanley z”l and Charlot have been lifelong pillars of the Charleston Jewish community, and of Jewish Studies. We are incredibly grateful for their support, and for their broad vision of K’lal Yisrael.

CHANUKAH IN THE SQUARE
Sunday, December 9, 2018, 4:00 – 6:00pm
Marion Square Park

Join us for the fourteenth annual Chanukah in the Square extravaganza, sponsored by the Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold Foundation and the City of Charleston. Once again the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program will team up with Chabad of the Lowcountry, the City of Charleston’s Office of Cultural Affairs, and many other community organizations. Chanukah in the Square is the largest annual Jewish event in the state of South Carolina, and is a wonderful, family-friendly way to come together as a community.

Our local Holocaust survivors will continue the tradition of lighting the menorah candles. Please plan on being there with your neighbors, friends, and family. Bring an appetite and your dancing shoes. We will supply the hot food, the live music, and the festive atmosphere! Once again, there will be no shortage of potato latkes.

Many thanks to Ed Berlin, Eli and Ann-Therese Hyman, and Jerry Scheer for their support of Chanukah in the Square over many years.
SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCHES

THE FUTURE OF JEWRY ON AMERICAN CAMPUSES
Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 10:00am in Arnold Hall

Founded in 1923 and now with representation on more than 550 campuses across the globe, including the College of Charleston, Hillel International is dedicated to enriching the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. Hillel International President and CEO Eric Fingerhut will address Hillel’s mission, current issues facing Jewish college students, as well as the future of Jewry on American campuses.

Eric Fingerhut has devoted his entire professional life to public service and higher education. Fingerhut was appointed president of Hillel in July 2013 as the organization began its 90th year. He came to Hillel after a distinguished and varied career. As Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Fingerhut led Ohio’s system of public universities and colleges, earning a reputation as an innovative leader and ardent advocate of the value of higher education. From 1997 to 2006, Fingerhut served as an Ohio state senator, and from 1993 to 1994 he represented Ohio’s 19th congressional district in the U.S. Congress.

Co-sponsored by the College of Charleston Jewish Student Union/Hillel

YIDDISH POLITICS IN NEW SOUTH CITIES:
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE WORKMEN’S CIRCLE
Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 10:00am in Arnold Hall

From 1908 until after World War II, small groups of Yiddish-speaking immigrants operated branches of the Workmen’s Circle (Arbeter Ring) in more than fifteen southern cities. These local branches of the national fraternal organization established Yiddish libraries, hosted cultural events, participated in mutual aid programs, ran after-school Yiddish programs for children, promoted labor and left-wing politics, and organized themselves on a regional basis. This presentation will examine these activities in relation to the New South settings in which they took place and explore the meanings and legacies of the southern Workmen’s Circle. Josh Parshall will also speak briefly about the general work of the Institute of Southern Jewish Life History Department.

Dr. Josh Parshall has served as the Director of the History Department at the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) since July 2017. This is his second stint at the ISJL, having previously worked as oral historian from 2009 to 2013. His academic interests include American Jewish culture and politics, Yiddish language and culture, and southern studies. Josh holds a Ph.D. from the Department of American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sponsored by the Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture

FORCED AND CHILD MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND ITS IMPACT ON THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 10:00am in Arnold Hall

While the US government and US-based NGOs work to end child marriage and related human-rights abuses everywhere else around the globe, laws and policies here at home allow and, in some cases, even encourage them. Fraidy Reiss will talk about when, where, how and why these forms of gender-based violence persist in the US; why they’re of particular concern to the Jewish community; and how you can help stop them. Reiss, who fled her own forced marriage in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community, now leads a growing national movement to end forced and child marriage in the U.S.

Fraidy Reiss is the Founder and Executive Director of Unchained At Last, the only nonprofit in the US dedicated to helping women and girls leave or avoid arranged/forced marriages and rebuild their lives. Fraidy is recognized internationally as an expert on forced and child marriage in America. Her writing on the subject has been published in the New York Times, Washington Post and countless other publications in the US and beyond. Legislation she helped to write to end or reduce child marriage has been introduced and, in some cases, already passed in multiple US

Sponsored by the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs
Sunday brunches are a hallmark of the Jewish Studies Program. Brunches begin at 9AM and lectures at 10AM. After the talk there will be an interactive discussion in the Rabbi Hirsch Zvi Levin Library with the speaker. All events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available for Sunday morning events (only) in the Wentworth Street Garage. Bring your parking ticket for validation. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact Mark Swick at swickmn@cofc.edu to ensure that we have adequate childcare staffing.

THE HOLOCAUST BEFORE HITLER: THE POGROMS OF 1918–1921

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 10:00am in Arnold Hall

Historian Jeffrey Veidlinger examines how the pogroms of 1918-1921, in which approximately one hundred thousand Jews were killed in ethnic violence in Ukraine as World War I came to an end, helped pave the way for the Holocaust a generation later.

Jeffrey Veidlinger is Joseph Brodsky Collegiate Professor of History and Judaic Studies and Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan. He is the author of the award-winning books The Moscow State Yiddish Theater: Jewish Culture on the Soviet Stage (2000), Jewish Public Culture in the Late Russian Empire (2009), and In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Small-Town Jewish Life in Soviet Ukraine (2013); and Editor of Going to the People: Jews and the Ethnographic Impulse (2016). He is currently working on a book about the pogroms of the Russian Civil War.

CREATING A “START-UP REGION” IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 10:00am in Arnold Hall

Stagnant economic growth, high unemployment, and a sharp decline in donor aid to Palestine create a volatile mix that breeds instability in the region. This situation is bad for Palestinians and dangerous for Israel. A bright spot in the otherwise grim Palestinian economic horizon is the technology ecosystem that has begun to develop in recent years. The technology sector, which already accounts for some 6% of Palestinian GDP, can be the engine to drive economic growth in Palestine, as it has been in neighboring Israel, with similar positive impacts. This is important both for Palestine and for Israel - irrespective of political developments.

Yadin Kaufmann has been involved in early-stage venture capital investments in Israel since 1987, through Athena, the first Israel-focused venture fund, and Veritas Venture Partners, which he co-founded in 1990. In 2011, Yadin co-founded Sadara Ventures, the first fund targeting investments in Palestinian technology companies. Most recently, Yadin founded and is Chairman of the Palestinian Internship Program, a non-profit organization that brings recent Palestinian university graduates for three-month internships at tech and finance companies in Israel. Yadin received his B.A. from Princeton, M.A. from Harvard, and J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. Foreign Policy named Yadin to the list of 100 “Leading Global Thinkers” in 2017. Yadin lives in Israel, but is a Charlestonian by marriage: his wife Lori Banov Kaufmann is the daughter of Dr. Charles and Nancy Banov.

THE PINK TRIANGLE: THE HISTORY AND MEMORY OF THE NAZI PERSECUPTION OF GAY MEN

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 10:00am in Arnold Hall

In 2008, the city of Berlin opened the Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted under Nazism proximate to the other memorials to the groups persecuted or murdered by the Nazi regime. In this talk, Professor David Shneer will explore the history behind the persecution of homosexuals and then explore various attempts to memorialize the past to make meaning in the present. Shneer will also question whether this persecution can be considered part of the Holocaust.

David Shneer holds the Louis P. Singer Chair in Jewish History at the University of Colorado Boulder. He takes his scholarship off the page and into life through his curatorial and performance work. His book, Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust (Rutgers University Press, 2011) was winner of the 2013 Jordan Schnitzer Prize of the Association for Jewish Studies and finalist for the National Jewish Book Award.
The College of Charleston Jewish Studies Program, JCC Filmfest, and the Charleston Jewish Federation’s REMEMBER Program for Holocaust and Genocide Awareness proudly present *My Dear Children*. Nearly 100 years ago, Feiga Shamis sent her two young children to an orphanage a continent away. Some 20 years later, she handwrote a 174-page letter to the children, trying to explain why she made the decision she did. The moving, eye-opening documentary based on this letter describes the anti-Jewish massacres in Eastern Europe following WWI.

Co-producer/Director LeeAnn Dance will offer a talk-back following the screening. An award winning television producer and groundbreaking investigative reporter, Dance began her career more than 25 years ago. She has worked as a freelancer in East Africa and as a producer with CNN’s investigative and documentary unit. She now has her own boutique production company outside of Washington, D.C. “My Dear Children” is her first independent documentary production.

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**SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: MY DEAR CHILDREN**  
*The Quest to Unravel a Family Mystery*  
Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center

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**ART IS MY WEAPON: THE RADICAL MUSICAL LIFE OF LIN JALDATI**  
Thursday, November 8 at 7:00pm in Arnold Hall – Jewish Studies Center  
Commemorating the Eightieth Anniversary of Kristallnacht

In 1934, at 22 years of age and one year after Hitler came to power in Nazi Germany, Lin Jaldati, the stage name for Rebekka Brilleslijper, gave her first performance of Yiddish song and dance for the immigrant Jewish community of her native Amsterdam. After surviving the Holocaust and informing Otto Frank of the fate of his daughters Anne and Margot, she and her husband moved to East Germany where she spent the rest of her life performing as the Yiddish diva of the communist world.

Performed by University of Colorado Professor David Shneer and composer Jewlia Eisenberg, *Lin Jaldati: Art is My Weapon* tells the life and work of this remarkable woman in two parts passionate music, one part stunning images, and one part inspiring story. For David Shneer’s biography, see page 5.

**Jewlia Eisenberg** is an American composer. As founder and bandleader of Charming Hostess she coined the term “Nerdy-Sexy-Commie-Girly” to describe her genre of music which spans an eclectic range of styles. Originally from New York City, Eisenberg became an integral member of the San Francisco Bay Area and the New York Downtown music scenes in the 1990s.

Sponsored by the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies, School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs, and the Department of German and Russian Studies
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Jewish Studies Associate Director, Joshua Shanes will deliver a three part mini-seminar surveying basic issues of Jewish mysticism, its most important texts and myths, and its function in Jewish history.

HEBREW ULPAN
PROFESSOR NOA WEINBERG
Mondays 5:30 – 6:45pm, Room 210 – Jewish Studies Center
September 3 – December 3, 2018

Professor Weinberg is joining the College of Charleston faculty in August after an impressive career teaching immersive Hebrew language courses in Israel, at Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University, and many other ulpan programs. In addition to her traditional daytime classes, Professor Weinberg’s once-a-week evening ulpan classes on Mondays this fall will aim at the same result: teach students how to speak and read Hebrew. It will expect students of all ages to be serious about the enterprise – to do the assigned work on a regular basis, and to come to class each Monday prepared to participate. The ulpan classes will be conducted largely in Hebrew, but no previous background of Hebrew is required to enroll. This immersive course is a first for the Jewish Studies Program, after many years of teaching Reading Hebrew to the community.

ISSUES IN MODERN ORTHODOXY
RABBI MOSHE DAVIS
Mondays at 7:15pm, Arnold Hall – Jewish Studies Center
October 8, October 15, and October 22, 2018

Modern Orthodox Judaism is informed in large part by the contemporary world in which Orthodox Jews reside. A hundred years ago, there was no State of Israel and political Zionism was largely a secular movement, roles available to women were far more restricted, and the professional and educational opportunities available to Jews, both men and women, were severely limited. The fundamental changes that have happened in the last century have been embraced by Modern Orthodoxy, but with limits. Rabbi Moshe Davis of Brith Sholom Beth Israel will discuss Modern Orthodoxy’s response to these changes by focusing on texts that address the challenges and opportunities associated with them.

October 8: Religious Zionism
October 15: Worldly Pursuits
October 22: The Role of Women

INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM
PROFESSOR JOSHUA SHANES
Mondays at 7:00pm, Arnold Hall – Jewish Studies Center
November 12, November 19, and November 26, 2018

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November 12: What is Jewish Mysticism?
November 19: Key myths of Kabbalah
November 26: From the Zohar to Safed: Isaac Luria and his Circle
The Jewish Studies Program’s emerging reputation for instruction and innovative community outreach in Southern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies provides a natural setting for the development of a Center for Israel Studies. Housed in Jewish Studies alongside the Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture and the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies, the forthcoming Center will provide students at the College of Charleston, as well as members of the broader community, a deeper understanding of Israeli history, culture, and society.

The Center for Israel Studies will provide students and others with a basic knowledge of issues central to Israeli history, culture, politics, and religion, and will be complemented by the Jewish Studies Program’s Hebrew instruction. However, unlike traditional academic centers on Israel which focus on ancient archaeology, history, peace studies, and contemporary politics, the distinctive focus of this center will be Israel’s start-up culture, its high-tech business environment, and its cybersecurity initiatives. As the Center begins to take shape in the coming semester, please save the date for a lecture delivered by Yadin Kaufmann on Sunday, October 28th on creating a start-up region in Israel-Palestine. See p.5 for more information.

Creating a third Center in Jewish Studies is an ambitious initiative, requiring a total endowment of $1.5 million. Naming opportunities are available. Happily, Jewish Studies has a significant head start thanks to a generous $200,000 endowment gift from the Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold Foundation, earmarked to subsidize student travel to Israel and internships there for current College of Charleston students. Norman z”l and Gerry Sue have been instrumental in supporting the Jewish Studies Program and many of our most ambitious projects. We are deeply appreciative of their friendship and many decades of support.

As Jews we are taught the importance and value of tzedakah. Giving to those in need is a learned part of our core values. But for Jews tzedakah and philanthropy are two different things – one is prescribed as part of our religious obligation, while the other is a voluntary act of kindness. Through my professional work as a Major Gift Officer here at the College of Charleston I get to create meaningful connections with many of you and have the distinct pleasure of asking for one or both kinds of support.

But there is more to my story, the personal side. My ties to the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program and this community started 15 years ago when I was an undergraduate. It is then that I met many of you who welcomed us, as students, into your homes, invited us to join you for holiday meals or encouraged us to join you at Friday night or Saturday morning services.

That sense of community is what made me want to move back here to raise my own family. Having met my husband, Michael, at the first ‘Welcome Back Picnic’ we had the chance to grow up and learn who we are, as Jews, under the umbrella of your support. Now, as adults, we recognize how your gifts of tzedakah and philanthropy impacted who we are today. It is now our job to pass along the religious obligation and the voluntary acts of kindness to our own children.

Thank you for showing us what community can look like and how impactful it can be. Thank you for encouraging us to become the Jews we wanted to be, and, most of all, thank you for welcoming my family back to this special place we now call home. From someone who has the privilege of asking you to continue to support the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program through tzedakah and philanthropy to continue to grow this vibrant Jewish community we are creating together, thank you!

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THE GIFT OF EDUCATION
Mark Swick, Community Liaison

As an undergraduate studying Jewish Studies at Indiana University (Go Hoosiers!) I was not a recipient of a major scholarship, but there was no question that I understood the impact of the smaller awards I was fortunate, and grateful, to receive. A little support went a long way. Those scholarships meant I could focus on courses rather than working; that I could pursue a summer internship rather than a summer job.

The majority of Jewish students at the College of Charleston join us from out-of-state, and the cost of attendance is greater than ever before. Happily, the College of Charleston has responded by generously agreeing to match the interest of newly endowed awards housed within Jewish Studies: what would have originally been a $2,500 award is now $5,000. Jewish Studies awarded the first such scholarship this past Spring to an incoming freshman, and several more will be awarded in the coming semesters. To date we have commitments for six such scholarships, and the College has authorized Jewish Studies to secure funding for up to twenty of them. With the College’s commitment to match, these scholarships are a wonderful legacy gift – they are a gift that keeps on giving.

If I’ve learned one thing about Charleston’s Jewish community, it is that many of you care for our students as your own. You host them for Shabbat and holiday meals, schmooze them in synagogue or on campus, and you’ve made major investments in their education and time on campus as donors to the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program. As a recipient of a Jewish Studies scholarship more than a decade ago, it is my pleasure and responsibility to ask that you consider endowing a scholarship housed within the Jewish Studies Program at the College, and in doing so, benefit our students long into the future.

Thank you to those individuals, listed below and those who have given anonymously, who through an endowment or planned gift will ensure that the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program remains vibrant long into the future. If your name was not included in error, please accept our apologies, and do not hesitate to let me know.

If you would like to learn more about scholarships, endowment and naming opportunities, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation’s Life and Legacy program, or to discuss making a planned gift to Jewish Studies, please contact me at swickmn@cofc.edu or 843.953.4930.

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PERLMUTTER FELLOWS

Transmitting Jewish culture and values is a cornerstone of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program’s mission. The vision for the Perlmutter Fellows Program is to cultivate the next generation of leaders who will become role models in their careers and agents of change in their communities. Recruited as incoming freshmen, Fellows will spend their first two years at the College as part of a cohort of students who complement their academic studies with mentoring, professional development, community service, and travel.

Named for and in honor of longtime Jewish Studies Program director, Dr. Martin Perlmutter and his nearly four decades of service to the College of Charleston, the Perlmutter Fellows Program is designed to reinforce the core values of Jewish Studies by cultivating students who embody academic excellence, community involvement, leadership, and a deep understanding of the principle of M’dor L’dor, thereby carrying forward Dr. Perlmutter’s many contributions and legacy.

We are deeply grateful to Anita Zucker for getting the Perlmutter Fellows underway with a generous $500,000 gift. There is no better embodiment of Tikun Olam or M’dor L’dor than Anita. The Program needs significant additional support to be fully funded. To learn more about supporting the Perlmutter Fellows Program, contact Jenny Fowler Peck at fowlerj@cofc.edu.
This course explores the history of Jews in the southern United States from colonial times until the present. Students will learn about Jews’ economic, social, and cultural activities, using them as a case study to explore intersections between race and religion in the region. We will explore some of the key events of southern Jewish history, with a focus on how Jews have confounded, complicated, and conformed to the region’s “peculiar” norms and categories.
RABBI EVAN (YISROEL MEIR) ROSENZWEIG '08

My time at College of Charleston in general, and the Jewish Studies Program in particular, was a formative time for me as an individual. The courses offered through the College’s Jewish Studies Program were both enjoyable and edifying. After graduating I went on to study in Jerusalem, followed by rabbinical school at Yeshiva University (RIETS) and the foundation that the Jewish Studies Program provided served me well as I pursued higher-level Jewish learning. Since completing my rabbinical studies, I’ve worked with a number of Jewish communal organizations in the US and Canada and currently serve as campus couple to Yeshiva University’s Stern College for Women with my wife Elizabeth (Elisheva). I am grateful for the time I spent at the Jewish Studies Program and all that I was able to gain from it!

PAIGE LINCENBERG ‘16

Coming from Atlanta, I was eager to become part of the College’s vibrant, growing Jewish Studies program only a five-hour drive from home. I knew from the age of 16 that I wanted to pursue rabbinical school after college, so the option to study Jewish Studies as well as join a thriving Jewish community were both deeply important to me. With the help of the S.S. Solomons and the Raymond and Florence Stern Scholarships, the decision to come to the College was an easy one.

During the spring of 2014, Rabbi Dr. Gary Zola of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary where I am presently a student, served as the Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold Distinguished Visiting Professor. I had the privilege of taking his Southern Jewish History course. Not only did it open my eyes to my own roots as a Southern Jew, it also connected me with an incredibly insightful and inspiring professor. Dr. Zola and I maintained a professional relationship throughout the rest of my college career, and he ended up writing one of my Admissions Recommendation Letters.

My major in Jewish Studies from the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program enabled me to dive deeper into my first year studies and even begin some courses at a higher level. I am so grateful for the education I received from the Jewish Studies faculty, which enhanced my abilities both inside and outside of the classroom.
ENDANGERED CONGREGATIONS | STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL
The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina will meet in Sumter and Camden
October 20 – 21, 2018

Confronting the struggles of small-town congregations across the state, JHSSC’s fall meeting will explore resources and strategies available to “endangered” Jewish communities. The gathering will be held in Sumter and Camden on October 20-21, 2018.

The meetings will begin in Sumter with a visit to the new Jewish History Center housed in Temple Sinai and a keynote by David Sarnat, president of the Jewish Community Legacy Project, who helped the congregation create a viable plan for survival. Panel discussions will feature members of congregations from Camden, Walterboro, Orangeburg, Anderson, and Kingstree, all towns that have experienced declining Jewish populations. We also will hear from individuals who worked on the plan for Temple Sinai—one might say “it took a village” to keep the synagogue going.

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees at Sumter’s new Hyatt Place on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th. To book a room at the group rate of $124/night, please visit the hotel website, www.sumterdowntown.place.hyatt.com, or call 803.774.8100 and use the code G-JHSC. For more information and to register for the meeting, go to www.jhssc.org.

JHSSC LAUNCHES JEWISH MERCHANT PROJECT

For more than 300 years, Jewish settlers — from across the Atlantic and around the country — have made their homes in South Carolina. The earliest Jews populated Charleston, Georgetown, and later Columbia, where they held a variety of occupations and became immersed in civic life. In the early 1800s, South Carolina had a larger Jewish population than New York. Jewish merchants had set up shop on downtown streets in towns big and small, and more than 100 years later their legacy remains alive through their descendants and the warm memories of the stores they ran.

Beginning in 2017, the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina (JHSSC) has partnered with Historic Columbia and the College of Charleston to undertake a statewide survey of Jewish merchants, past and present. The foundational product of the survey will be a database available on the Jewish Merchant Project website, which we hope will capture the impact of Jewish businessmen and women on communities, large and small, as well as the networks of family and friends that led Jewish men and women to call this state home. To learn more about the Project, explore our emerging database, or to submit your family’s Jewish merchant story, please visit www.merchants.jhssc.org.
2018 is whizzing by at the Center for Southern Jewish Culture. Our research fellowship continues to attract outstanding talent. In January, we hosted journalist Sue Eisenfeld, who gave a Sunday talk on her current project, “A Yankee’s Journey Through the Jewish South,” and in March, University of Virginia graduate student Brian Neumann spoke about his research on the Nullification Crisis of the 1830s at a brown bag lunch. Brian told us he had not considered including Jewish perspectives in his work until seeing our call for applications, so we consider his visit a special success!

We’ve also continued to nurture our relationships on campus, serving as sponsors of a major conference on Reconstruction hosted by the College’s Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World program. In the lead-up to the conference, we brought Professor Michael R. Cohen, chair of Jewish Studies at Tulane University, to Charleston for a discussion of his new book *Cotton Capitalists: American Jewish Entrepreneurship in the Reconstruction Era.*

During Maymester, Center Associate Director Dale Rosengarten, with her husband Ted, led a study abroad trip to Europe, “Tracing the Holocaust: Poland, Germany, the Netherlands.” They are continually amazed by how much of that story has yet to be told. In June, I traveled to Philadelphia for the American Jewish Historical Society Scholars’ Conference, where the Center was one of four institutions co-sponsoring the official reception. On an exciting personal note, my first book, *Jews on the Frontier: Religion and Mobility in Nineteenth-Century America,* was awarded the National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies and named a finalist for the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature. Besides making me feel very good, these honors bring attention to the Center and shine a light on the history of American Jews who settled in the hinterland.

The summer has also brought us two more research fellows. Dr. Joshua Furman, who founded the Houston Jewish History Archive in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, consulted with Dale and Harlan Greene on the origins and evolution of the Jewish Heritage Collection. Dr. Kristin Brill is slated to visit in August from Keele University in the UK to research the fiery Charleston-born Confederate, Eugenia Levy Phillips.

During the Fall semester, I will be teaching “Southern Jewish History.” The class will result in an exciting student-curated exhibition of southern Jewish family photographs, to be displayed on the third floor of the Jewish Studies Center. For our first presentation of the new academic year, the Center will host Dr. Josh Parshall, historian at the Institute of Southern Jewish Life in Jackson, Mississippi, and expert on the history of the Arbeter Ring, or Workmen’s Circle, in the South. Save the date for his Sunday talk: September 2!

We’re cooking up an inspiring program for Spring 2019, namely, an event featuring food historian Marcie Cohen Ferris and James Beard Award-winning chef and author Michael Twitty, as part of a College-wide initiative on “Global Foodways.”

### THE ZUCKER/GOLDBERG CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES

Holocaust education is a microcosm of what Jewish Studies at the College strives for. At its core, Holocaust Studies has an academic mission, teaching many students, the large majority of which are not Jewish, about the Holocaust. The courses are amazingly popular to our students, testimony to both its perplexing and provocative subject matter and the engaging instruction of Professors Ted Rosengarten and David Slucki. All of the courses are fully subscribed – from the introductory courses and freshemn seminars to the advanced courses on Nazi medicine, Holocaust memory, or Representations of the Holocaust. Ted and Dale Rosengarten took a full cadre of twenty-four students to Poland, Germany, and the Netherlands in May 2018 for on-site learning with significant support from the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies. Over the years, many of our students have interned at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam or at the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. The newly endowed *Arnold Nemirow Fund for Holocaust Education* at the College has already sponsored two student internships, Sydney Zazzaro is studying Holocaust memory in Buenos Aires and Lindsay Adams will study newly available resources at the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp in Germany.

Students have created a Holocaust Education Committee on campus. Samantha Krantz ’19, President of the JSU/Hillel has overseen the planting of thousands of daffodils across Charleston as part of the Daffodil Project. Our JSU/Hillel hosted an overflow crowd in Arnold Hall to premiere a locally produced film, “Names not Numbers,” honoring our local Holocaust survivors. And the Holocaust Education Committee is an active student group on the College’s campus.

Finally, the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies sponsors community events each semester, this fall hosting David Shneer for a talk on homosexuals as victims of the Holocaust and a Kristallnacht commemoration on November 8, highlighting a Yiddish singer with an unusual post-War career in East Germany. On October 29, Jewish Studies will sponsor a community screening of *My Dear Children,* the first-ever documentary about the anti-Jewish massacres in Eastern Europe following WWI, followed by a talkback with the filmmaker, LeeAnn Dance.

So, the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies reflects the multiple dimensions of Jewish Studies perfectly, using our academic mission to enrich our students lives and educate our students and the broader community.
**DIVERSITY IN JEWISH STUDENT RECRUITMENT**

Helen Slucki

Associate Director of Admissions and Executive Director, Jewish Student Union/Hillel

This fall, the first freshman class I recruited will begin their senior year. It has been a joy and an absolute privilege to watch them on their journey here at CofC. Their time at the College has been transformative, but what been truly remarkable is the transformative impact that they have had in our community, both on campus and beyond. They have also had an impact on me and my work here in myriad ways, but I want to share one example with you here.

Last year, one of our wonderful rising seniors brought something to my attention - something that admittedly I had not noticed before. She pointed out that our Jewish student population on campus, and Jewish spaces on campus were very homogenous, and not at all reflective of the wider Jewish community. Our population is overwhelmingly white, middle class and from an Ashkenazi background. This student pointed out that there were many Jewish voices missing from our community - Jews of color, Sephardi Jews, Ladino Jews, Orthodox Jews.

We are privileged to be on a campus that has a dedicated resource in the Office of Admissions to recruit Jewish students - one of only a handful of campuses to have this role. We even have two Jewish student recruitment interns. But what responsibility comes with this privilege? In reflecting on the Jewish students that I have recruited, and therefore the Jewish population on campus, I realized that they reflect my own Jewish experience and context. I was raised in Melbourne, Australia – an overwhelmingly Orthodox-leaning, white, Ashkenazi Jewish community. This student opened my eyes to an unconscious bias in my recruitment.

Last December, the whole JSU/Hillel team travelled to the Hillel International Global Assembly. I was struck by how diverse the conference was - up until that point, it was the most diverse Jewish space that I had been in. I have since travelled to several other Hillels and each of those campuses was extremely diverse, both in terms of their staff and students.

Hillel International’s methodology for engaging Jewish students talks about “engagement Jews vs empowerment Jews” - a concept developed by Rabbi Mike Uram, Executive Director and Campus Rabbi at Penn Hillel. Empowerment Jews are students who are very connected to institutional Jewish life and know how to ask for what they want. They may have gone to a Jewish day school, been involved in their synagogue and been to a Jewish summer camp. They are well resourced and know to look for Hillel in their college search, and they often reach out to me as part of their search. Over the last four years, I have mainly been recruiting families who would be considered empowerment Jews. And it is not surprising - these families are easier to find as they are connected to Jewish institutional life. But what about everyone else? What about those families who are not connected institutionally – perhaps because these institutions do not represent them or do not exist in their context? The families who think they are not Jewish enough to access the resources we have here on campus, who are not confident to ask for what they want or need, those that Rabbi Uram calls “engagement Jews”? Obviously, under-represented populations in our Jewish campus community can also be empowerment Jews. But since that conversation with one of our wonderful rising seniors, I have been thinking about the families and students who do not see themselves reflected in our Jewish spaces on campus, and how focusing on recruiting engagement Jews as well as empowerment Jews may help to change what our Jewish spaces feel like on campus.

And so this cycle, as well as continuing to build on the excellent work we have been doing with counselors and high schools, we will be working on recruiting a more diverse incoming Jewish class and more engagement families. We will be partnering with various teams in the Office of Admissions to help achieve this: with the Access team to recruit first-generation Jewish students and Jews of color, with the counseling staff to start conversations about Jewish diversity so they can have more informed conversations with diverse Jewish families. We will also be partnering with the International Recruitment team to recruit Jewish students from Panama – an area where CofC already has a strong presence.

This addition to our recruitment strategy is only one example of how our wonderful students push me, and inspire me every day. They live our values of Jewish Education, Tikkun Olam, Inclusivity, and Connection and I am proud to know and work with each and every one of them.
In our last newsletter, I wrote about the seeds of success we were starting to see in shifting Jewish life at The Citadel to a student-led model. This past semester I was able to see our cadets lead their organization and to shape it into what they want and need it to be. It has been such a wonderful evolution, with my role moving from leader/facilitator to that of adviser. On the Monday night of Passover, our organization all sat down for a full Seder, complete with homemade matzo ball soup—all instigated, and led by the cadets. We continued our monthly College of Charleston–Citadel dinners provided by members of the Jewish community. I would like to thank The National Council of Jewish Women as well as Hadassah for providing dinners this past semester. If you are interested in providing dinner to Jewish cadets, please contact me at ppartrid@nation.citadel.edu.

My focus in the fall at CoC will be meeting Jewish students where they are physically on campus, bringing Jewish life to them. My aim is to reach Jewish students who do not come to events in our building. In order to reach this goal, I am launching two initiatives. The first will focus on having fun activities across campus themed around Jewish holidays. For example during Rosh Hashanah, tabling in Cougar Mall, asking students about their New Year’s Resolutions – bringing Jewish content to students. The second initiative will focus on forming ongoing peer groups. For example, getting students together to attend a basketball game, or for ongoing service projects - forming a Jewish community that does not just meet in the Jewish Studies Center.

I am very excited to continue growing and enriching Jewish life at The Citadel through student-led objectives, and at the College of Charleston with new engagement initiatives.

JSU/HILLEL PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Samantha Krantz
Jewish Student Union/Hillel President

Shalom, y’all! My name is Samantha Krantz and my term as Jewish Student Union/Hillel president began in January. I am a rising senior from Atlanta double majoring in Public Health and Jewish Studies with a minor in Neuroscience. My goal is to become a pediatric neurologist; however, I have a passion for Holocaust Studies. Outside of Hillel, I enjoy serving as the vice president of the pre-med honors society, executive board of Charleston Miracle, event director of the Honors Student Association, and as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the Public Health Society. I love all of the activities I do outside of Hillel, but Hillel has always been my home away from home since the first time I stepped in the Jewish Studies Center during Accepted Student Weekend. From the beginning, I wanted to be the president of Hillel because seeing other students love and experience Hillel like I did is my true passion. I am beyond thankful to be serving as the president because Hillel is a place where you can explore what your Judaism means to you and find such a rewarding community that will support you.

Our Spring programming was linked to our values of tikkun olam, inclusivity, connection, and Jewish education. I am proud to say that our student board has worked tirelessly to create meaningful experiences and events for our community. As well as our Meet to Eats and Shabbat dinners where students can talk and eat with their friends, Challah for Hunger bakes, bagel brunches and more, I want to highlight some of our larger programs. Our Networking and Outreach chair, Maddie Grossof, planned our annual Purim party, which was themed “dancing through the decades”. In keeping with the custom of giving mishloach manot on Purim, we thought it was important to give to those in need, so our students collected personal hygiene items, which we made into wellness packages. We were able to donate 88 wellness packages to One80Place – a local nonprofit that works with families experiencing homelessness. Israelfest was a big success led by Hilla Edri our Israel Chair in conjunction with Charleston Israel Coalition. Over one 100 students from across campus came to learn about Israel and experience Israeli culture. Our Holocaust Education Committee started the first ever Holocaust Education Week on campus, culminating in Yom HaShoah. During this very meaningful week, we not only remembered, but we shared this horrific time in history with other students who otherwise might not have the opportunity to remember and learn.

This semester was full of inspiring events that truly brought Hillel closer with the campus community. I look forward to continuing this success of board and the student body of Hillel as I start my senior year.
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