Drained. Fatigued. Overwhelmed. But also elated, exuberant, and prepared. With such mixed emotions we begin another academic year. The last was like no other. Social distancing, masks, reduced capacities in the classrooms, hybrid teaching, and online events became part of our new normal, one we are so eagerly waiting to do away with. Managing our operations under such conditions while providing students with an in-person experience entailed a decent amount of creativity and an exceptionally heavy workload. Cuts have reduced our staff and the funding we receive from the College. In some respects, the pandemic resulted in a “lost year” for our program; but it also taught us valuable lessons. We emerge from this crisis stronger and invite you once again to take part in our many activities.

By far the most exciting development is the new addition to our team. This fall we welcome Dr. Chad Gibbs as the Director of the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies and an Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies. A U.S. Army veteran, Chad brings with him years of experience in administration, teaching, and Holocaust education. He will be teaching courses about the Holocaust, antisemitism, racism, and other related topics. Our students are very excited about Chad, so much so that his classes are already full! Although our senior citizen auditors who wish to take a course with him may have to wait till spring, Chad will offer a talk about his work this fall (see p. 3), and there will be many other opportunities to interact with him.

We have a wonderful lineup of speakers and other activities for this fall. We know you all are eager to return to gathering in person, and indeed we shall have multiple opportunities to do just that. Our famous Sunday brunch series is back! Most of our events this fall will be live streamed via Zoom, for those who cannot make it in person or who may feel uncomfortable with large, indoor gatherings. Because the health and safety of our community, students, faculty, and staff is of utmost importance, you will need to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to attend our events in-person. Those who are not fully vaccinated may continue to enjoy our offerings remotely.

This fall we welcome five new students into the Perlmutter Fellows Program, our flagship academic enhancement and mentorship program. Now entering its third year, we have learned from our experience during the first two and have made adjustments to the Program to make it more appealing and meaningful to students. I expect to have a lot more to report on our progress in the spring.

Speaking of incoming students, our Program recently launched the Jewish Studies Endowed Scholarship. This initiative will give us the flexibility to offer small scholarships to incoming students where such support would make the difference between them coming to CoC or attending another college. The more funds we can raise for this goal, the more Jewish students would be able to afford to come here, which would in time help grow the Charleston Jewish Community, as many of our students already make Charleston their home after graduation. The Jewish Studies Endowed Scholarship has no giving minimum. Anyone can contribute to it, and every dollar goes directly to supporting our students. For more details, see p. 2.

Our Program would not have been where it is without your involvement and support. We are especially humbled by the number of people who stepped up to help during the last year. Our faculty and staff are proud to serve our students and the community. And we very much look forward to seeing many of you in our building once again.

Yaron Ayalon
Chair, Jewish Studies Advisory Board

Serving as Chair of the Advisory Board has been a rewarding experience for me and I’m very appreciative of the opportunity to have worked with its many gifted and talented members. One of my goals as Chair was to involve the next generation of our Jewish Community on our Advisory Board and Executive committee. I believe that the Board has come a long way towards achieving that goal. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure for me to have worked with Dr. Ayalon. Since his arrival, I have witnessed a committed director with boundless energy and innovative ideas to improve both the academic and community aspects of the Program. The numbers of Jewish Studies majors and minors have increased each year. I would also be remiss if I didn’t thank Marty Perlmutter, Enid Idelsohn, Mark Swick, Kim Browdy, Deb Silver and too numerous to count faculty members for giving me advice and assistance over the years.

I’ll be passing the baton to Chair Elect Louis Tick at our October meeting. Louis is a College of Charleston alumnus and longstanding member of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee. He is well known in both the Jewish and general Charleston communities. I’m confident that I’m leaving the Advisory Board in great hands.

Robert Steinberg
Chair, Jewish Studies Advisory Board

Louis Tick has lived in the Charleston area for 25 years, currently residing in West Ashley with his wife, Sara Sharnoff Tick, and their four children. He is a graduate of the College of Charleston. Louis has been involved with the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program for over two decades, with long time service on both our Advisory Board and the board of Jewish Studies Center Inc. Our faculty and staff look forward to working with Louis in continuing to improve our academic, community, and student programming.

Gerry Sue Arnold, life member
Rachel Anspach
Jessie Berner, ex officio
Shaylyn Bluestein
Rebecca Engel
Lilly Filler, ex officio
Neil Kaplan
Pam Kaplan
Phillis Mair
Marcia Miller
Olga Mintzer
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Alan Reyner
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Anita Zucker, life member

Contact Enid Idelsohn at idelsohne@cofc.edu with any questions about Fall 2021 registration for senior citizens.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
JEWISH STUDENTS create a 32 states. The 5 states with the most Jewish students attending CoC in order are South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Florida.

JEWISH STUDIES are Psychology, Business Administration, Biology, Education, and Political Science.

JEWISH STUDENTS at CoC in Fall 2021.

JEWISH STUDENTS are paired with any major or minor; in the Arts, Finance and Supply Chain Management, Economics, Political Science, Jewish Studies majors are also majoring in Marketing, Public Health, Computing Studies are Psychology, Women and Gender Studies, Sociology, and Music.

JEWISH STUDIES’ community outreach programming. We are incredibly grateful for their involvement.

JEWISH STUDENTS attend college on the east and west coasts, and across the country doing to meet younger generations of Jews where they are, to make Judaism relevant to them? Rabbi Stephanie Alexander (Reform), Rabbi Evan Ravski (Conservative), and Rabbi Scott Hoberman (Orthodox) will join us to discuss their different approaches to addressing these questions.

The Three Rabbi Panel is supported by the Stanley and Charlotte Karem Family Fund, an endowment given by the Karem family in the Spring of 2015 in support of Jewish Studies’ community outreach programming. We are incredibly grateful for their support, and for their broad vision of what it means to be Jewish.

JEWISH STUDENTS are full-time and part-time, and are majoring in all disciplines. They come from diverse backgrounds, and are engaged in a wide range of activities on campus.

HILLEL STUDENT BOARD

President: Jessie Berner (Fairfax, VA)

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Tikvah Olam Chair: Jeanna Stern (Richmond, VA)

To find out more about HILLEL events, go to cofcfhillel.org

HEBREW FOR THE COMMUNITY

MONDAYS, AUGUST 30 – DECEMBER 6

5:30 – 6:45pm in JSC210

No class will be held on September 6 (Erev Rosh Hashana), September 20 (Erev Sukkot), nor September 27 (Hoshanah Rabba).

INSTRUCTOR: NOA WEINBERG

Community Hebrew instruction has been a signature offering of the Jewish Studies Program for the Charleston community for years, and we are excited to bring these classes back. Join Noa Weinberg every Monday to learn how to speak and read Hebrew. The Ulpan course expects students of all ages to do the assigned work on a regular basis and to come to class every Monday prepared to participate. This class is offered to the community free of charge. Please contact Kim Browdy at kbrowdy@cofc.edu with any questions.

WELCOME CHAD GIBBS

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Chad Gibbs as an Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies. Chad will be teaching our Holocaust history survey course this fall, and three very exciting new classes in the spring. His teaching will include courses on the Shoah, antisemitism, comparative genocide, and related topics. Chad calls Wyoming home and had a career in the US Army before changing course and embarking on doctoral research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he recently earned his doctorate. As a newcomer to Charleston, Chad is looking forward to meeting our students and community members. He could not be more excited to be joining the faculty at the Yacshl/Arnold Jewish Studies Program.

SWEET EXCHANGE: Last Fall Jamie Gottlieb presented CoC President Andrew Hsu with a Rosh Hashanah gift bag on an evening he happened to be joining the faculty at the Charleston Jewish Studies Program.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Jewish Studies Endowed Scholarship is an exciting new opportunity for supporters to help offset tuition costs for students pursuing Jewish education at the College of Charleston. The Endowed Scholarship can provide flexible, need-based awards at any point during a student’s time at CoC. $1,000-$2,000 per year can be the deciding factor for a student and their families when deciding which college to attend. Awards from the Endowed Scholarship can help match offers from other schools and provide the push needed to attract students from all over the country.

We know that the College of Charleston and Charleston Jewish communities are invested and eager to help make our city a destination for motivated young Jewish scholars. To that end, we’ve set up the Endowed Scholarship to use a crowdsourcing funding model so that the pool of x externally funded students, alumni, and members of the Jewish community – can come together to support this goal. By making a tax-deductible donation of any amount at any time, you would be directly helping to ease the financial burden of tuition for one or more students who are participating in our program. Jewish Studies alumni have become leaders in the Charleston Jewish community and beyond, so a gift to the Endowed Scholarship is an investment in a strong Jewish future.

To donate go to give.cofc.edu/jewish-life and select the Jewish Studies Endowed Scholarship from the drop-down menu or email us a check with a note that it is paired to participate. This class is offered to the community free of charge. Please contact Kim Browdy at kbrowdy@cofc.edu with any questions.
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7:00PM**

**A COOKING DEMONSTRATION WITH BEN SIMAN TOV**

Meet Dr. Chad Gibbs, the incoming Director of the Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Studies. He will discuss his research about prisoner resistance at Treblinka II. Professor Gibbs will give a cooking demonstration from @Bengingi.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7:30PM**

**A CONVERSATION WITH DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN**

Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin is a public opinion expert and strategic consultant with twenty years of experience, specializing in liberal and progressive social causes. She has advised eight national campaigns in Israel and has worked in 15 other countries. Dr. Scheindlin conducts research and policy analysis on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, regional foreign policy, democracy, human rights and civil rights, minority issues, religion and state, domestic political analysis, comparative conflict and comparative politics. She will share her thoughts about the current political climate in Israel and where it might lead.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 10:00AM**

**SISTER SCHOLARS: BAI YAAKOV AND THE REVOLUTION IN ORTHODOX GIRLS EDUCATION**

Dr. Naomi Seidman (University of Toronto) will discuss the Orthodox girls’ school system, which was established in Krakow in 1917 by a seamstress named Sarah Scheiner, that continues to flourish today. The lecture will focus on the character of the school as a “revolution in the name of tradition,” in which socialism and feminism were mobilized for the purposes of renewing Orthodoxy at a moment of great peril, when girls were leaving the traditional world in droves.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:00PM**

**CHARLESTON JEWISH FILMFEST: MA’ABAROT**

Watch the powerful documentary “Ma’abarot” to unravel the history of Israeli transit camps. The impact of these camps, which housed over 300,000 new immigrants from all over the world between 1948-1952, contributed to a divide between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews that still exists today.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 10:00AM**

**CHARLESTON JEWISH BOOKFEST PRESENTS: DRUNK ON GENOCIDE: ALCOHOL AND MASS MURDER IN NAZI GERMANY BY EDWARD WESTERMANN**

Join Dr. Edward Westermann (Texas A&M University) to discuss his book Drunk on Genocide: Alcohol and Mass Murder in Nazi Germany. In Drunk on Genocide, Dr. Westermann reveals how, over the course of the Third Reich, sites involving alcohol consumption and revelry among the SS and police became a routine part of rituals of humiliation and the perpetration of genocide.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7:30PM**

**CHARLESTON JEWISH BOOKFEST PRESENTS: ONCE WE WERE SLAVES: THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF A MULTIRACIAL JEWISH FAMILY BY LAURA ARNOLD LEIBMAN**

Join Dr. Laura Arnold Liebman (Reed College) to discuss her book Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family. This book follows Blanche Moses, her great-uncle were not always the wealthy, free, white Sephardic Jews she believed, but were born as poor Christian slaves in Barbados. Once We Were Slaves brings to life the largely forgotten population of mixed African and Jewish ancestry and illuminates the fluidity of race as well as the role of religion in determining racial identities in early nineteenth-century America.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:30PM**

**A CONVERSATION WITH KENNETH STERN**

Kenneth Stern, director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate, will talk about the competing definitions of antisemitism, particularly the IHRA definition for which he served as primary author. Mr. Stern will discuss his thoughts about the legislation built around the IHRA definition and his perspective on the best ways for colleges and universities to protect students while nurturing an open environment for exploring and challenging ideas with full academic freedom.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 10:00AM**

**A CONVERSATION WITH SHAUL MAGID**

Professor Shaul Magid (Dartmouth College) visits the College of Charleston in the Square to deliver the Stanley and Charlot Karesh Annual Lecture in Jewish Studies. Once again the Yaschik/ Rothchild via Zoom.

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**THE KARESH-FAMILY LECTURE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:30PM**

**MODERN DIASPORA AND MIZRACHI MUSIC**

Dr. Tamir Sella, the first scholar to deliver the Stanley and Charlot Karesh Annual Lecture in Jewish Studies, is an ethnomusicologist. Her research takes an interdisciplinary approach to broadly investigate the intersections of performance, diaspora, and power. Dr. Sella will join us to discuss her current research which explores cultural memory and contemporary Mizrahim performance in order to illuminate how ongoing Jewish diasporic formations resist colonial and racial logics.

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**CHANUKAH IN THE SQUARE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 at 4:00-6:00PM**

**MARION SQUARE PARK**

Chanukah in the Square returns to downtown Charleston with our seventeenth annual celebration, sponsored by the Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold Foundation with supplemental support from the City of Charleston. Once again the Yashchi/ Arnold Jewish Studies Program will team up with Chabad of Charleston and the Lowcountry. The City of Charleston’s Office of Cultural Affairs, and many of our local Jewish organizations.

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**CHANUKAH IN THE SQUARE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 at 4:00-6:00PM**

**MARION SQUARE PARK**

Chanukah in the Square is a wonderful, family-friendly way to come together as a community. Our local Holidaus will continue the tradition of lighting the menorah candles. Please plan on being there with your neighbors, friends, and family. Bring an appetizer and your dancing shoes. We will supply the hot food, the live music, and the festive atmosphere! As in past years, there will be no shortage of potato latkes.
FALL 2021 COURSES

First Year Seminar: Deconstructing the Nation  Instructor: Josha Shanes
FYSE 124.01 CRN13285  T, Th 9:25–10:40am JSC100
FYSE 124.02 CRN13287  T, Th 10:50am–12:05pm JSC100

First Year seminar: Film and Media in Israel  Instructor: Yaron Ayalon
FYSE 124.03 CRN13289  T, Th 12:15–1:30pm JSC237
FYSE 124.04 CRN13803  M, W 2:00–3:15pm JSC337
(First Year Seminars are open only to first year students)

Elementary Modern Hebrew  Instructor: Noa Weinberg
HBRW101.01 CRN10316  MW 10:00–10:50am and T 9:25–10:40am JSC337/210

Intermediate Modern Hebrew  Instructor: Noa Weinberg
HBRW201.01 CRN10621  MW 11:00–11:50am and T 12:05–1:30pm JSC337/210

Topics in Jewish Studies: Black Jews, Arab Jews: Prejudice and Diversity
JWST201.01 CRN12961  T, Th 10:50am–12:05pm JSC237

Topics in Jewish Studies: Bombs, Bolsheviks, and Birth Control: Jews and the Radical Left
JWST201.02 CRN12962  M, W, F 2:00–2:50pm JSC233

Jewish History II: Modern to Present
JWST215.01 CRN11133  M, W, F 10:00–10:50am JSC333
JWST215.02 CRN13444  M, W, F 11:00–11:50am JSC333

The Holocaust
JWST230.01 CRN12233  M, W, F 1:00–1:50pm JSC100
JWST230.02 CRN13444  M, W, F 12:00–12:50pm JSC100

Special Topics: Jews & Comedy
JWST300.01 CRN11990  T 5:30–8:30pm JSC237

Modern Jewish Politics  Instructor: Joshua Shanes
JWST335.01 CRN12963  T, Th 1:40–2:55pm JSC237

JEWSH FILMFEST 2021

Charleston Jewish Filmfest has partnered with the Nuovo Cinema Italiano Film Festival on November 4–6 to show “Thou Shalt Not Hate” and “A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto.” Showtimes will be forthcoming, find out more about these and other movies at facebook.com/Charlestonjewishfilmfest

JEWISH HISTORY SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Gathering Together!
Join the Southern Jewish Historical Society and the JHSSC in Charleston, SC “Expanding the Archive(s) of Southern Jewish History” October 22 – 24, 2021

Plans are complete for the 2021 SJHS annual conference, hosted by the JHSSC, the weekend of October 22-24. We will gather together for the first time since 2019 at the Historic Francis Marion Hotel in beautiful Charleston, SC.

In addition to walking tours of the sites of Jewish Charleston, conference-goers will gather for Shabbat dinner and services at iconic Kahal Kadish Beth Elohim. The weekend will feature a full slate of panels under the theme of “Expanding the Archive(s) of Southern Jewish History,” chosen to celebrate 25 years of the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston’s Special collections and its curator, Dale Rosengarten. Topics will range widely, including forays into southern Jewish history and creative arts, collecting Kentucky Jewish history, and refugee politics.

Hotel reservations and registration are now open! For registration, agenda, and hotel information go to jhssc.org/events/2021-sjhs-annual-conference

JHSSC continues the popular “Conversations with Judge Richard Gergel and Robert Rosen” via Zoom Go to jhssc.org/events for monthly topics and registration information.