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Yotam Fisher-Pinsker, a senior majoring in Jewish Studies, International Studies, and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (Arabic Flagship Program) is the recipient of the inaugural Dr. Carolyn Lipson-Walker Outstanding Senior Scholarship for Jewish Studies students at Indiana University. The prize recognizes a Jewish Studies undergraduate with a record of academic excellence and commitment to Jewish Studies initiatives.

A Direct Admit student to the College of Arts and Sciences and a Hutton Honors College student, Yotam received two 4 year Jewish Studies scholarships – The Leonard A. and Ruth K. Goldstein Scholarship and The Irving Glazer Scholarship, and was again recognized for his excellence in 2017-2018 with the Borns Merit Scholarship, in 2018-2019 with the inaugural Erna Rosenfeld Scholarship and a Borns Merit Scholarship, and for 2019-2020 with the Leonard Goldstein Scholarship, the Irving Katz Scholarship, and the Erna Rosenfeld Scholarship. He also is a Chancellor’s Scholar, a Dean’s Scholar, and is the recipient of a School of Global and International Studies School Scholarship.

In summer 2018, Yotam had a prestigious internship with the Polin Museum in Warsaw. In spring semester 2019, he studied in Amman, Jordan where he was a member of the Independent Election Commission in Jordan. In summer 2019, he was a case worker for the African Refugee Development Center in Tel Aviv.

This scholarship was initiated to honor Dr. Carolyn Lipson-Walker, Assistant Director of the Jewish Studies Program, for being instrumental in the growth and success of the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program, and to recognize her service as a friend, advisor, mentor, and teacher to hundreds of Jewish Studies students over more than 25 years. Carolyn was the inaugural recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Advisor of the Year Prize (2000) and received the IU Professional Staff Merit Award in 2017. She received her Ph.D. in Folklore and American Studies at IU supported by a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship.