Jewish culture has long recognized the classroom as a special place—indeed a sacred place akin to the Temple. When the prophet Ezekiel spoke of a “little sanctuary” among the exiles, explains one rabbinic commentator, he was referring to houses of study. The core of the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program (JSP), its holy of holies as it were, is the classroom. Our faculty is at the cutting edge of humanistic and social scientific research, in fields that include anthropology, linguistics, history,
literary study, philosophy, and political science. In the classroom, they introduce their students to all these approaches, helping them to come to a deeper and more complex understanding of Jewish culture and experience. While our mission is a secular one, I nonetheless think of what my colleagues and I do in the classroom, the education of our students, as a kind of sacred activity, a tremendous responsibility requiring great devotion, vigilance, and care.

What gives me great confidence in our ability to fulfill this responsibility is our outstanding faculty, including long-time veterans widely recognized for their contributions to scholarship and the university, and new additions to our faculty. To focus on the latter, in 2003-2004, we welcomed Dr. Mark Roseman as the Pat M. Glazer Chair of JS. Professor Roseman is internationally recognized for his scholarship on the Holocaust and post-war Europe, and is a riveting lecturer and engaging teacher, offering important courses on the Holocaust and the history of antisemitism. We are also honored to welcome Dr. Susan Gubar as an adjunct faculty member. Distinguished Professor of English at Indiana University (IU), Professor Gubar is renowned for her ground-breaking contributions to literary and feminist criticism, recently bringing her interpretive insight to bear on the Holocaust and the shadow it casts in Poetry After Auschwitz: Remembering What One Never Knew. She is also recognized as one of the best teachers at IU.

Opportunities for our students will expand even more in 2004-2005. We have recently completed the search for the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Chair in Modern Judaism, and we are delighted to welcome Dr. Shaul Magid to this position. A former Dean of the undergraduate program at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Dr. Magid will be teaching courses on Jewish mysticism and Hasidism, and other topics in religious studies. Also hired through the Department of Religious Studies for a position in modern Western religious thought, Dr. Nancy Levene, formerly of Williams College, has remarkable expertise in modern Jewish philosophy and will expand our offerings in this area in exciting ways. Dr. Miryam Segal is joining us as Assistant Professor of Hebrew language and literature. An up-and-coming scholar of Israeli and comparative literature, she will direct our Hebrew program and strengthen the literary side of our curriculum. All these scholars are immensely learned, creative, and intellectually alive, and their arrival opens up countless new learning opportunities for our students. The breadth and depth of our faculty’s knowledge, the vitality of their scholarship, and their commitment to promoting our student’s intellectual growth make the Borns JSP a dynamic center not just for the study of Jewish culture but for a superior liberal arts education.

Education does not thrive where there is too much self-satisfaction, however, and so even with all the programs currently offered, I feel it is my obligation as director to remain dissatisfied, to continue to look for new ways to develop and support the learning that happens here. In addition to putting the best teachers in the classroom, the Borns JSP is working to attract and support excellent students by raising funds for scholarships and internships. Recognizing the whole world as a classroom, we seek to enrich our students’ learning by using new overseas study programs and “service learning” to help them to move from our lecture halls and seminar tables into the wider world. But while the project of education requires continuous innovation and adaptation, our most important focus is the cultivation of what has always been most essential to great learning: committed teachers, engaged students, and the sacred bond between them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Weitzman
Director
Irving M. Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies and Associate Professor of Religious Studies
**JSP WELCOMES FOUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

**Shaul Magid, Nancy Levene, Miryam Segal, Mark Roseman**

**Shaul Magid**

Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Chair in Modern Judaism

Shaul Magid, a scholar of exceptional breath and interpretive skill, assumed the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Chair in Modern Judaism this fall. Professor Magid received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University and until this year was Associate Professor of Jewish thought at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) where he also served as Dean of the undergraduate program and as Chair of the Department of Jewish Philosophy. Dr. Magid’s research and teaching spans Jewish religious experience and thought from the Middle Ages to the present, particularly Hasidic Judaism, the subject of his Hasidism on the Margin published by the University of Wisconsin. His research also reaches into other moments in Jewish history—to 16th century Jewish mysticism, the subject of his next book, and to modern Jewish theologians like Mordechai Kaplan and Abraham Joshua Heschel. Ordained as a rabbi through Yeshivat Ha-Mivtar in Jerusalem, Professor Magid has a deep commitment to textually-based reasoning as the source of a vibrant Judaism. He also has a deep engagement in inter-religious dialogue, sympathetically engaging Christian and Muslim thought in a way that is very helpful at this time of religious tension.

We are deeply honored to have an endowed chair in JS in the names of Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein. The Schottensteins have demonstrated an unusually generous commitment to Jewish education in this country and in Israel and are the benefactors of numerous schools, academies, and universities. Among their many remarkable projects is the 72 volume Schottenstein Edition of the Babylonian Talmud (Mesorah).

**Nancy Levene**

We warmly welcome Nancy Levene, Associate Professor of Modern European and Jewish Religious Thought in the Department of Religious Studies and the JSP. Professor Levene received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2000, and since that time, has been Assistant Professor at Williams College. Her research has focused on the intersection of religion and political thought in the work of the great philosopher Baruch Spinoza. Her most recent publication is Spinoza’s Revelation: Religion, Democracy, and Reason (Cambridge University Press, 2004). Future research will expand to other figures also on the border between Jewish and secular thought.

**Miryam Segal**

This fall, we are pleased to welcome Professor Miryam Segal, Assistant Professor of Modern Hebrew Literature and Language and Comparative Literature. Dr. Segal received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of California at Berkeley last year. Her research focuses on Hebrew poetry and its interconnections with Israeli nationalism. The recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship and many other honors, she is a highly successful teacher, having taught at the University of Pennsylvania, the Drisha Institute in New York, and the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. She will be the Director of our Hebrew Program beginning in Fall 2005.

**Mark Roseman**

Holocaust Historian Assumes Pat M. Glazer Chair

Mark Roseman, a leading scholar of German history and the Holocaust, joined the Borns JSP faculty as the Pat M. Glazer Chair in JS in January 2004. Professor Roseman, who also is a member of the Department of History faculty, has emerged as a notable figure in the history of the Holocaust and of German history with the publication of his two most recent books, which have received international acclaim.

His courses on the history of antisemitism and the Holocaust have already become some of the most popular at IU.

Professor Roseman’s appointment is made possible by a major gift to the JSP from Jay and Marsha Glazer of Washington.

**Gala Honors Alvin Rosenfeld**

Rosenfeld Chair in Jewish Studies Established

The many contributions of Professor Alvin Rosenfeld, Director of the Borns JSP for 30 years and currently Director of its Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts, were celebrated at a gala in Indianapolis on May 17, 2004. The evening, attended by 180 friends, family members, colleagues, and former students, from across the country, began with a performance by noted chazzan Alberto Mizrahi. Tributes included presentations by Robert Borns, Leonard Goldstein, and Dean Kumble Subbaswamy. Marie Harf, a December, 2003 graduate spoke on behalf of Professor Rosenfeld’s former students.

The evening ended with Professor Steven Weitzman’s announcement of the establishment of the Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair. Co-chairs for the gala were Claudette Einhorn and Gale Nichols; cosponsors with the Borns JSP were Chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis and Dean Kumble Subbaswamy.

Alvin Rosenfeld was also honored at Founders Day in February, 2004, as an exemplary faculty member receiving the W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service.
Establishing the Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair

In 1999, Marsha and Jay Glazer established two endowed chairs in JS to honor Jay’s parents, Pat and Irving Glazer. In tribute to Alvin Rosenfeld, they also contributed half of the endowment of a third chair in his name, challenging the community to raise the other half. In response, Leonard Goldstein, president of the Borns JSP Advisory Board, formed a committee with Irving Glazer serving as honorary chair. Because of the leadership and tenacity of Irving Glazer and Leonard Goldstein, the hard work of committee members Ruth Feinberg, June Herman, Bobbi Kroot, Sybil Mervis, and Frank Newman, the generosity and continued initiative of Jay and Marsha Glazer, and the generosity of community members, the endowment campaign was completed.

The establishment of the Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair in JS ensures that Professor Rosenfeld’s name will always be associated with the program he developed. It also provides a very important tool to sustain the excellence of the program.

We are greatly indebted to Jay and Marsha Glazer, Irving and Pat Glazer, and the rest of the Glazer family for their vision, generosity, and effort in securing the establishment of the Rosenfeld Chair. Leading the response to the Glazers’ challenge were the following individuals:

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Their generosity took us a long way toward completing the endowment, but it required the community as a whole to make the chair a reality. We are also extremely grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their generous contributions.

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Henry Fischel and Michael Morgan

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Henry Fischel’s 90th Birthday Celebrated

Beloved Emeritus Professor Henry Fischel was honored with a surprise 90th birthday celebration at Meadowood Retirement Community on November 20, 2003. Hosted by Henry’s nephew Bob Newhouser and the Borns JSP, the party honored a beloved member of the JSP’s faculty.

Fischel’s former student Barry Ivker (B.A. 1964, Ph.D. 1968) wrote in the IU Alumni Magazine: “Dr. Fischel is a world-renowned scholar—a scholar’s scholar, whose seminars were frequently attended by professors and chairpersons in associated fields. He was capable of tracking a metaphor through the poetry of the entire Mediterranean basin or a grammatical irregularity through a dozen or more archaic languages. I was most impressed, in the 1960s and upon a recent visit, with his humility, his thoroughness, his critical mastery of the field, his quiet wit, his devotion to family—his basic humanity.”

Institute for Jewish Culture and Arts

Lou and Sybil Mervis Chair in Jewish Cultural Studies Established

The establishment in 2003 of an endowed faculty position, the Lou and Sybil Mervis Chair in Jewish Cultural Studies, represents a highly significant moment in the field of JS, leading the way in the effort to explore and raise awareness about what Jews have contributed to American culture, art and entertainment—drama and comedy, music, film, literature, radio and television, and the visual arts. The scholar/teacher recruited for this new faculty position will make possible an array of new courses for our students that will engage them in the vibrant world of art and culture. It will also allow the JSP to develop partnerships with the outstanding creative arts schools and programs that exist at IU: one of the world’s largest and best music schools; an excellent school of fine arts; an admirable art museum; a leading department of ethnomusicology; a fine theater and drama department, with a state-of-the-art theater facility; and first-rate literature and film studies departments. Together with the Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts and the highly successful Dorit and Gerald Paul Lecture Series in Jewish Culture and the Arts, the Mervis Chair in Jewish Cultural Studies will make the Borns JSP a major center for the study and appreciation of Jewish creative expression.

We are very grateful to Lou and Sybil Mervis for making this exciting opportunity possible. Lou Mervis, of Danville, Illinois, has been a longtime member of the JSP’s Advisory Board. A 1956 IU graduate, Lou was a Business major and a member of the Board of Aeon, Student Senate vice president, and a Little 500 Rider. The Mervises have been key figures in the Jewish community and arts community of Danville. Their strong interest in education has brought them to support opportunities for students who otherwise might not have gone on to higher education.

Stollman, Goldstein, Alberstein, Libeskind

The Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts, established by the Borns JSP last year with Professor Alvin Rosenfeld as its director, will bring two of the most gifted American Jewish authors of this generation Aryeh Lev Stollman and Rebecca Goldstein and famed Israeli musician Chava Alberstein to IU this year.

Aryeh Lev Stollman

Aryeh Lev Stollman will be at IU from March 29-31, 2005. Stollman, the first recipient of the Chaim Potok Literary Award, is recognized for his elegiac prose, his deft characterizations, and his knowledge of Jewish culture and history. His first novel, The Far Euphrates is an American Library Association

Dr. Stollman is currently a neuroradiologist at Mount Sinai Medical Center and divides his time between medicine and writing fiction.

**Rebecca Goldstein**


In 1996, Goldstein was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow. She holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Princeton University, where her work was concentrated in the philosophy of science. She teaches at Trinity College in Connecticut.

**Chava Alberstein**

Israel’s most accomplished singer, Chava Alberstein, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Bloomington’s Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 E. Kirkwood Avenue. Alberstein has released 40 albums in Hebrew, six of which have been awarded the Kinor David Prize, Israel’s Grammy. She has also released 6 albums in Yiddish. The much-anticipated concert is sponsored by the JSP’s Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts and the Lotus World Music Festival. Ticket information will be available at (812) 336-6599 or www.lotusfest.org.

**Unforgettable Evening with Daniel Libeskind**

Famed architect Daniel Libeskind presented the Dorit and Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture and the Arts, the inaugural event of the new Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts of the Borns JSP, to an overflow audience in Whittenberger Auditorium on Monday, March 1, 2004. Known for his design of the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Libeskind spoke movingly about the “commission of the century”—his design to rebuild the World Trade Center site destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001. Libeskind’s plans call for a 1,776 foot high Freedom Tower, the world’s tallest structure, a memorial site, new streets, a new rail station, a shopping area, and arts centers. The first architect to be given the Hiroshima Art Prize for work that promotes peace, he is determined in his vision to create spaces that are positive responses to the brutalities that surround us all.

A simultaneous webcast of the memorable lecture was broadcast to Ball State University, Purdue University, and to the overflow audience in the Georgian Room of the Indiana Memorial Union.

**Michael Brenner Returns to IU**

2004 Dorit and Gerald Paul Lecturer

We welcome back Dr. Michael Brenner to deliver the 2004 Dorit and Gerald Paul Program for the Study of Germans and the Jews. He will speak in Indianapolis on September 7 on “100 Years After Herzl: Zionism as International Nationalism,” and, in Bloomington, on the evening of September 8, on “The Same History is Not the Same Story: Jewish History and Jewish Politics”.

A professor of Jewish history and shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process and in dealing directly with the parties in negotiations in both the George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. Director and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Ambassador Ross worked closely with Secretaries of State James Baker, Warren Christopher, and Madeleine Albright. Prior to his service as special Middle East coordinator under President Clinton, Ross served as director of the State Department’s Policy Planning office in the first Bush administration. In that position, he played a prominent role in developing U.S. policy toward the former Soviet Union, the unification of Germany and its integration into NATO, arms control negotiations, and the development of the 1991 Gulf War coalition.

Ambassador Ross has published extensively on the former Soviet Union, arms control, and the greater Middle East. His book, *The Missing Peace*, a comprehensive look at the Middle East peace process, was published this fall.

**Programs**

**Dennis Ross to Speak**

October 20, 2004

Ambassador Dennis Ross will deliver a JSP lecture on the Middle East peace process on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 20 in Bloomington. A highly skilled diplomat, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in
culture at the University of Munich, he has taught at Brandeis University and was a visiting professor at IU in 1993–1994. His books include After the Holocaust: Rebuilding Jewish Lives in Postwar Germany; The Renaissance of Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany; and the co-edited German-Jewish History in Modern Times, winner of the 1997 National Jewish Book Award in Jewish history.

The Paul Program for the Study of Germans and Jews was established in 1986 by Dorit and Gerald Paul of Indianapolis to foster ongoing scholarly research into the complex interrelationships between German history and Jewish history. Former Paul Fellows include Professor Johann N. Schmidt of Hamburg University, Professor Michael Brocke of the Free University of Berlin, Professor Micha Brumlik of the University of Heidelberg, Professor Frank Stern of Ben–Gurion University, Professor Gertrud Koch of the Ruhr University, Bochum, Professor Dieter Lamping of the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Professor Amir Eshel of Stanford University, and Alan Bern, musical director of Brave Old World.

The Borns JSP has noted with concern the reemergence of antisemitism in Europe and elsewhere. Some of our programs address this troubling phenomenon.

**Holocaust Scholar Deborah Lipstadt Block Scholar in February 2005**

Professor Deborah Lipstadt, the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, will deliver the Edward A. Block Lecture in JS, “History on Trial: My Days in Court with Holocaust Denier David Irving,” on Thursday evening, February 24, 2005. The Director of the Institute for JS at Emory, she will speak about winning a decisive libel trial in London against David Irving who sued her for calling him a Holocaust denier and right wing extremist. Her book Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory, is the first full-length study of those who attempt to deny the Holocaust.

Professor Lipstadt serves as historical consultant to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and helped design the section of the museum dedicated to the American response to the Holocaust. Her book Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust examined how the American press covered the news of the persecution of European Jews between 1933 and 1945.


**Gottfried Wagner “From Richard Wagner to Adolf Hitler”**

Dr. Gottfried Wagner, a writer, composer, music theater director, and great-grandson of composer Richard Wagner, will speak on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m., about his great-grandfather’s fiercely antisemitic views and ways to view Wagner, the composer, in the future. Gottfried Wagner is the author of The Twilight of the Wagners: The Unveiling of a Family’s Legacy. Gottfried Wagner is currently working on an opera with Yehuda Nir, based on Nir’s memoir titled “The Lost Childhood.” The work brings together a survivor of the Holocaust and a Nazi descendant in an attempt to confront the German descent to genocide.

“**The Jewish Experience of Modern Germany**

Student Study Tour

Bridge of Understanding, May, 2005

Fifteen IU JS major and area certificate students will accompany Professor Matthias Lehmann to Germany for two weeks in May 2005, sponsored by the Bridge of Understanding, the IU Overseas Study Program, and the Borns JSP. The goal of the program will be to give students a unique opportunity to learn about the German-Jewish experience through direct interaction with Germans, Jewish and non-Jewish.

Prior to the trip, the students will learn about German-Jewish history in a series of classroom meetings with Professor Lehmann. Our students will have an opportunity to meet and interact with scholars of German-Jewish history during seminars held in cooperation with JS programs at German universities; students will meet representatives of Jewish life in Germany and their peers at German universities.

Bridge of Understanding was initiated in 1994 by the coordinator for German-American cooperation at the German Foreign Office and is supported by the German Foreign and Economic Affairs Ministries.

Marci Shore and Steven Zipperstein

**Steven Zipperstein 2003 Block Lecturer**

“A Passion and a Conception of the World: On Rereading the Protocols of the Elders of Zion” was the theme of Professor Steven Zipperstein’s 2003 Edward A. Block Lecture in JS on Monday, November 10, 2003. He is the Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History, and Co-Director of the Taube Center for JS at Stanford University. A prolific scholar, among his most recent books are Elusive Prophet: Ahad Ha’am; Imagining Russian Jewry; Origins of Zionism, which won the National Jewish Book Award; and, The Jews of Odessa: A Cultural History, 1794-1881, the winner of the Smilen Award in Jewish History. He edits (with Aron Rodrigue) Jewish Social Studies, a journal published by IU Press.
Antony Polonsky, a distinguished scholar of the Holocaust and the history of Polish Jewry, spoke about “Poles, Jews, and the Problems of Divided Memory” on March 26, 2004. He holds the Albert Abramson Chair of Holocaust Studies, an appointment held jointly at Brandeis University and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. His visit was sponsored by the Polish Studies Center and the Borns JSP.

“THE NEW ANTISEMITISM”

The 11th Joan and Samuel New Institute


JSP faculty members Joëlle Bahloul, Alvin Rosenfeld, and Jeffrey Veidlinger addressed the alarming upsurge of antisemitism in Europe and elsewhere in recent years. Borns JSP Director Steven Weitzman opened the Institute and moderated the closing panel discussion.

Through the New Institute, the JSP continues its longstanding tradition of contributing to ongoing, high-level community-wide education. As a result of a generous gift from Joan New, of Elkhart, Indiana and Scottsdale, Arizona, and the late Samuel New, the JSP regularly offers a seminar on Judaism and the Jews. The New Institute offers community members an opportunity to engage in intensive study of major issues in Jewish history, thought, and culture with members of the JSP faculty. The next Borns JSP New Institute in Spring 2006 will focus on Jews and the arts.

Recent events have illustrated the importance of religion in shaping our world. The following programs focus on the role of religion in Jewish life, past and present.

NOTRE DAME’S GARY ANDERSON TO SPEAK

Professor Gary Anderson, Professor of Theology, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at the University of Notre Dame, will deliver a lecture “On Seeing the Invisible God: The Tabernacle Furniture Theologically Considered” on March 28, 2005.

Professor Anderson’s research interests concern the role of ritual and sacrifice in biblical religion, the reception of the Bible in early Judaism and in Christianity, and the theological task of relating modern approaches to the study of biblical texts to the tradition of the church. He has had particular interest in the way apocryphal and pseudographic texts, as well as early Christian and Jewish art, can be used as sources for early biblical commentary. He has recently completed a book on early Jewish and Christian interpretations of the story of Adam and Eve, The Genesis of Perfection: Adam and Eve in Jewish and Christian Imagination. He is currently working on a commentary on Leviticus.

LEVINAS AND WITTGENSTEIN

Borns Faculty Research Workshop

Traditionally, Jewish scholarship has been a cooperative enterprise, with a strong oral as well as written dimension. The Borns JSP sees academic scholarship similarly. Individual research can be facilitated and advanced by consultation and intensive discussion among experts in a given field. Toward that end, the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Endowment supports regular faculty workshops chaired by JSP faculty members.

“Levinas and Wittgenstein,” a workshop co-sponsored with the Departments of Philosophy at IU and the University of Notre Dame, was convened on October 26-28, 2003, by JSP Professor Michael Morgan and Professor Paul Franks, of the University of Notre Dame. The central themes of the workshop, which brought scholars to IU from around the U.S. and from England, focused on ethics, religion, and the limits of language. Presenters included Steven Affeldt, David Cerbone, Alice Crary, Simon Critchley, Simon Glendinning, Gary Gutting, Jeffrey Kosky, Michael Morgan, Joshua Shaw, Joan Weiner, and Ed Witherspoon.

CONFERENCE ON “THE RELIGIOUS SELF IN ANTIQUITY”

September, 2003

A September 2003 conference on “The Religious Self in Antiquity,” initiated by Professor Steven Weitzman, Professor David Brakke of the Department of Religious Studies, and Professor Michael Satlow of Brown University, featured such widely recognized scholars in the fields of biblical studies, rabbinics, ancient Christianity, and pagan religions as Georgia Frank, Bert Harrill,
Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Esther Menn, Patricia Cox Miller, Saul Olyan, Jonathan Schofer, Alan Segal, Ben Sommer, Guy Stroumsa, Peter Struck, and Edward Watts. Fourteen papers considered the interior or subjective religious experience of ancient Jews, Christians, and pagans. Conference essays will be published by IU Press as a book tentatively titled, Seeking Selves in Ancient Religion. The conference was supported by the IU Arts and Humanities Initiative and the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns JSP Endowment.

**Isaiah Gafni Delivered Helen and Martin Schwartz Lectures “Past and Present in Rabbinic Literature”**

Isaiah Gafni, the Sol Rosenbloom Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew University and a noted scholar of the social, political, and religious history of the Jews in the Second Temple, Mishnah, and Talmud periods, was the eighth in a notable line of speakers in the Helen and Martin Schwartz Lecture Series. He presented two lectures in a series: “Remember the Days of Old: Perceptions of Past and Present in Rabbinic Literature” on October 20th, 2003, and “Reading the Rabbis as History” on the following evening. IU Press will publish a book focusing on The Jews in Cinema.

An endowment by Helen and Martin Schwartz, residents of Muncie, Indiana, and longtime friends of the JSP, ensures that the Schwartz Lectures in JS will continue on a regular basis and will subsequently be published by the IU Press.

**Bronstein Lecturer Peter Schafer “The Femininity of God”**

“The Femininity of God in Jewish Mysticism and in Christianity” was the theme of the Thursday, October 16, 2003, Sol and Arlene Bronstein Lecture in JS delivered by Professor Peter Schafer, the Ronald O. Perelman Professor of JS and Professor of Religion at Princeton University.

A world-renowned specialist in ancient Israel, rabbinics, and early Jewish mysticism, he was the 1994 recipient of Germany’s coveted Leibniz prize, granted to that nation’s most innovative scholars.

The Sol and Arlene Bronstein Lectures in JS are supported through a grant from the Sol Bronstein Charitable Trust in Evansville, Indiana. Previous Bronstein lecturers include Martin Marty, Antony Polonsky, David Sorkin, Jakob Petuchowski, Julius Lester, Francis E. Peters, Susannah Heschel, Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, Egon Mayer, James Shapiro, Elisheva Carlebach, Aron Rodrigue, and Norman Stillman.

**In Memoriam J. William Julian**

J. William Julian, who passed away on February 19, 2004, was an important civic leader in Indianapolis and a long-time supporter of the Borns JSP and IU Press. A graduate of Yale University, Mr. Julian was president of the Gibson Company. Deeply involved in the Jewish community, civic philanthropy, and interfaith relations, Mr. Julian’s passionate commitment to the ideal of religious coexistence based on mutual respect and understanding, led him and his wife Frances to establish the Bill and Frances Julian Program for Inter- and Intra-faith Understanding.

Excerpts from the inaugural Bill and Frances Julian Program for Inter- and Intra-Faith Understanding “Faith and Politics: Election 2004,” on April 1, 2004, were later aired on National Public Radio. Frances and the late Bill Julian endowed this annual JS program designed to promote dialogue and understanding between religious communities and among different forms of Judaism.

The Undergraduate Religious Studies Association (URSA) with advisor Caroline Dowd-Higgins and the Jewish Studies Student Association (JSSA) organized a panel discussion which brought together Professor Daniel O. Conkle, the Robert H. McKinney Professor of Law; JSP alumna Lindsey Barton Mintz, Director of Government Affairs for the Indianapolis Jewish
Community Relations Council; Professor Nazif Shahrani, Chair of the Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department; and Rebecca Jiménez, minister and Director of the Center for University Ministries, to discuss the impact of religion on the political process in America today. Students Jacob Fulk and Michelle Steiman were moderators.

The program sponsored by the Borns JSP was also sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, URSA, and the JSSA.

At the core of Jewish Studies is engagement in Jewish languages and literature. The JSP offers many opportunities in the areas of Hebrew and Yiddish, becoming stronger still in the light of recent hires.

Nurit Ben Yehuda
Visiting Hebrew Lecturer

Nurit Ben Yehuda joins the JSP this fall as a full-time visiting lecturer in modern Hebrew language. A native Israeli, Ms. Yehuda received her master’s degree from HUJ and has taught Hebrew and ulpan at the Rothberg School for International Students at HUJ and in other settings for more than 17 years. We welcome Nurit to Bloomington and the JSP.

LINGUIST JOSHUA FISHMAN VISITS

Joshua A. Fishman delivered the George J. Stolnitz Memorial Program, “Yiddish in the 21st Century: A Sociolinguistic Perspective,” on Monday, September 15, 2003 on the Bloomington campus. Distinguished University Research Professor Emeritus at Yeshiva University, Professor Fishman’s publications have shaped and defined modern scholarly study of bilingualism and multilingualism, the relation of language and thought, language spread, and language and nationalism.

The George J. Stolnitz Memorial Program, established to honor the memory of IU Economics Professor George J. Stolnitz (1920-2001), seeks to further the advancement of education and Yiddish language and culture at IU.

SUMMER INTENSIVE YIDDISH COURSE FOR HOLOCAUST RESEARCHERS


Ten students and scholars were selected from more than forty applicants. Participants had an interest in acquiring a reading knowledge of Yiddish in order to access Jewish source documents and to better understand the Yiddish-speaking Jewish communities of Europe that were targeted by the Nazis. We were pleased that one of the workshop participants was Ruth Schachter (B.A., 2003) currently a graduate student in Jewish history at the University of Maryland.

The six-week course, which offered participants the equivalent of a full year (6 credits) of college language instruction, focused primarily on Yiddish grammar and reading skills for use in research. Brukke Lang Caplan and Dr. Marc Caplan taught the course.

In addition to intensive language instruction, seven Holocaust-related evening lectures, “On the Golden Bridge of Sunset: Jewish Culture and the Holocaust,” open also to the public, were sponsored by the Borns JSP and the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The lectures by IU JSP faculty members included: “Yiddish Songs and Folk Creativity in the Holocaust,” by Professor Dov-Ber Kerler; “Antisemitism or Obedience? Understanding the Perpetrators,” by Professor Mark Roseman; “Literature and the Holocaust,” by Professor Alvin Rosenfeld; and “Sutzkever and Singer: Two Strategies for Holocaust Fiction in Yiddish,” by Dr. Marc Caplan; and lectures by Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies staff included: “History of the Holocaust: An Overview,” by Dr. Peter Black; “The Churches and the Holocaust,” by Dr. Suzanne Brown-Fleming; and “The Holocaust in Romania,” by Dr. Radu Ioanid.

The cost of the course, books, single-occupancy housing in university dormitories, and a meal allowance were paid by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.
GILBOA AND SLODQUI WIN YIDDISH PRIZE
George and Monique Stolnitz Yiddish Prize

Zvi Gilboa, a graduate student in Germanic Studies and an instructor of Hebrew, and Jorie Slodki, an undergraduate minor in Yiddish, were awarded the 2004 George and Monique Stolnitz Yiddish Prize.

Zvi, a graduate of the School of Music and an accomplished pianist, is a student of Yiddish and Yiddish literature working with Professor Dov-Ber Kerler.

Jorie Slodki, an Honors College Scholarship recipient pursuing a double major in Anthropology and Theater and a minor in Yiddish, is co-chair of the Hillel Jewish Arts Council this year.

An expression of long-time Bloomington residents George and Monique Stolnitz’s strong commitment to the advancement of education in Yiddish language and culture, the prize is awarded annually to a student who shows the greatest promise in the study of Yiddish language or literature, and/or the history in which Yiddish culture took root and flourished.

2005-2006 YIDDISH STUDIES FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION ANNOUNCED
Deadline: Friday, January 14, 2005

The JSP invites applications for the Cohn-Borns Yiddish Studies Graduate Fellowship for the 2005-2006 year. The fellowship provides a $15,000 stipend and full fee remission and can be tied to a multi-year package of support through fellowships and teaching assistantships. We are interested in hearing from students who show clear promise of dedicating themselves seriously to Yiddish studies. To be eligible for the fellowship, students must be accepted into an IU graduate program in any of the following departments: Comparative Literature, Germanic Studies, or History.

For more information, contact the JSP, e-mail iujsp@indiana.edu or go to our website at: http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/fellowship.htm. Application deadline is January 14, 2005.

The Yiddish Studies Fellowship is made possible by the generosity of Dr. Alice Ginott Cohn and Theodore Cohn and Sandra and Robert Borns.

HEBREW NEWS

It is believed that IU’s first president Andrew Wylie taught Hebrew language classes beginning in the year 1829, five years after the first courses were taught at the university. In 175 years, thousands of students have studied Hebrew at IU. The Hebrew program continues to grow and thrive. In this past year, enrollments in modern Hebrew language courses totaled 318. Of these students, a growing number came to IU as intermediate or advanced in Hebrew.

Biblical Hebrew enrollments numbered 34. There were 36 students pursuing the Hebrew minor during the 2003-2004 year. The weekly Hebrew table attracted hundreds of students throughout the year. Professor Stephen Katz directed the Hebrew language program. Ronnie Be’eri was the full-time Hebrew instructor.

Yael Asner, Jonathan Bubis, Adam Ganson, Isac Jacobovits, Noam Kupchan, Rachel Lubetsky, Philip Sherman, Tanir Shalhav, Sarah Smiley, Rebecca Tehrani, Sari Willis, Alana Zoldan, and graduate student Emily Zoss were named to the national Hebrew Honor Society Eta Beta Rho.

LECTURES, CO-SPONSORED LECTURES AND EVENTS

The JSP cooperates with other departments in co-sponsoring visits to campus by scholars and artists whose areas of research and creative work are of mutual interest. JSP lectures, co-sponsored lectures, and events during the 2003-2004 academic year included:

Lee Fontanella, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, “Photographing Terror and Liberation in a Nazi Camp.”

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College, “Racializing Theology: Nationalism, Nazism, and the Protestant Desire for Dejudaization.”

“Imre Kertész in Perspective: Hungarian and Jewish Culture in the 20th Century” Symposium

Boris Khandros, author and filmmaker from Kiev, Ukraine, “Living Traces of History: Tracing the Culture and Fate of Ukrainian Jewry.”

Ori Kritz, University of Oklahoma, “Zionist Visions of the New Jew in Art and Literature.”

Klezmorchestra, Jewish Book Month performance at IU Library.


Miryam Segal, Pardes Institute and the Conservative Yeshiva, “Bluinstein’s ‘Aftergross’ Poetics.”


Neta Stahl, Yale University, “Deceiving Mirrors: The Image of Jesus in Agnon’s Stories.”

Peter Stansky, Stanford University, “The Shaping of Two Sassoons - Philip and Sybil: The Nineteenth Century and Beyond.”

Guy Stroumsa, HUJ, “From the Master of Wisdom to the Spiritual Master in Late Antiquity.”

Roman Timenchik, HUJ, “Jewish Components in Russian Silver Age Culture.”

Modern Hebrew teachers (left to right) Zvi Gilboa, Ronnie Be’eri, and Ofer Levy
Michael Schlie graduated summa cum laude from New York University. Before beginning as a full-time instructor of Philosophy, Latin, and German for two years at East Stroudsburg University, he pursued graduate studies in the Humanities at the University of Chicago. With mastery of German, Latin, French, and Hebrew, Michael plans to continue his study of Paul Celan, including research examining Celan’s appropriation and use of the rhythms, imagery, and expectations of the Hebrew Bible, specifically the Psalms and the Song of Songs.

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The dedication of the JSP Advisory Board is vital to the continuation and further development of the JSP. The Advisory Board plays a leadership role in important initiatives like the Rosenfeld Chair Endowment Campaign. We are indebted to president Leonard Goldstein, vice president Ruth Feinberg, and our board members for their assistance in helping us build and sustain a program of excellence:

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IN MEMORIAM
Arnold Feinberg

Arnold Feinberg, the husband of Dr. Ruth Feinberg, Vice-President of the Borns JSP Advisory Board, died on March 30, 2004. An industrialist and philanthropist, Arnie was a partner in Parts Warehousing and Mid Con Corporation. A leader in charitable causes, he served on the boards of many organizations in both Indianapolis and Cleveland, including the United Way, the Julian Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and the JCC.

IN MEMORIAM
Dr. Beatrice Miller

Dr. Beatrice Miller died in Baltimore on February 8, 2004. She earned three degrees from IU, including an education doctorate in nursing. Director of Nursing and the School of Nursing at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, she and her husband Dr. David Miller ran Camp Glyndon in southern Maryland, a camp for diabetic children. They established the Borns JSP’s Drs. Beatrice S. and David I. Miller Endowment for Jewish Culture and the Arts.

Readers may keep up with news of the JSP throughout the year via the internet at the JSP website: http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/

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**STUDENT NEWS**

The JSP has grown to have the largest number of JS majors of any secular university in the U.S. Among our 86 majors, 75 students pursuing the area certificate, and 34 pursuing a Hebrew minor in 2003-2004, were outstanding students from across the country, including international past presidents of B’nai B’rith Youth Organization, B’nai B’rith Girls, and United Synagogue Youth.

Our education efforts go beyond students currently enrolled at IU. This year, we initiated an effort to reach out to high school students.

**Solotkin Lecture Goes Camping**

Jeffrey Veidlinger speaks to Avodahniks at Goldman Union Camp

For the first time, the Borns JSP’s annual Samuel and Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture was delivered to the incoming high school seniors who are participating in the work-study Avodah program at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, Indiana. Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger presented a multimedia lecture “Recovering the Jewish Shtetl” on June 22, 2004, and also discussed with the Avodahniks selecting a college and college studies with JS in mind. The campers were enthusiastic and we hope to continue this new educational connection to Goldman Union Camp.

**Four High School Seniors Receive $12,500 in Scholarships**

Scholarships totaling $12,500 were awarded to four incoming JS freshmen for the 2004-2005 year. The third annual Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship for an Incoming Freshman in JS was awarded to Deana Sussman of Chesterfield, Missouri. The first place winner at the Greater St. Louis Science Fair, Deana has been invited to be a Direct Admit student to the College of Arts and Sciences. A major in JS, she plans to be a congregational rabbi.

The recipients of the 2004-2005 Irving M. Glazer Student Scholarships for Incoming Freshmen in JS are Jody Gansel of Marietta, Georgia, and Lauren Berman of Louisville, Kentucky, who both plan to major in JS. Jody is currently the Social Action Vice-President for the North American Federation of Temple Youth’s Southern Region. She studied for a semester in Israel on the Eisendrath (EIE) Program, and has attended Panim El Panim Washington Institute for Leadership and Values. She plans to pursue her graduate studies in Jewish communal service.

Lauren Berman is currently president of the Ohio Valley Federation of Temple Youth. Throughout high school, Lauren was on student council, served on the principal’s advisory board, and played varsity soccer, being named honorable mention Kentucky all-state. She plans to be a rabbi or Jewish educator.

Rachel Kaplan, from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the president of the Chicago Area Region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, received a Borns Scholarship. She has been a Union of Reform Judaism Meitav Fellow, a fellowship that includes social action work and intense study. She attended the EIE semester of high school in Israel. She is a member of the Jewish United Chicago Youth Leadership Council. She will major in JS and plans to be a rabbi.

Thanks to the generosity of Irving M. Glazer and his friends and family 15 freshmen have received JS scholarships over the past eight years. Applicants for the 2004-2005 Borns and Glazer scholarships came from a large pool of outstanding students throughout the U.S.

**Current High School Seniors can Apply for 3 JS Freshman Scholarships Totaling $11,000**

Current high school seniors applying to IU and committed to JS may apply for 3 freshmen scholarships for the 2005-2006 year. One $5,000 Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship and 2 $3,000 Irving M. Glazer Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding incoming freshmen committed to pursuing a major or an area certificate in JS.

For information about how to apply for these scholarships, high school seniors can view details about the application procedure at http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/glazerscholarship.htm. The application deadline for Fall 2005 is Friday, March 4, 2005.

*JS FIGs students dine with JS faculty and JSSA officers*

**JS Freshman Living-Learning Group**

For the sixth fall, IU freshmen had the option of living and studying in the JS Freshman Interest Group (FIG). This fall, 14 JS FIG students are living together (in the northwest neighborhood), engaging in student-initiated JS activities, taking a one hour course designed to help freshmen make the academic transition to IU, and taking two JS courses together: “Introduction to Jewish History” (taught by Professor Matthias Lehmann) and “Introduction to Old Testament/Hebrew Bible” (taught by Professor Steven Weitzman). For the third year, JS student Susan Shirley is the JS FIG Peer Instructor.

There is no additional cost to participate in the JS FIG, nor are there any academic prerequisites. Participants can room with a...
non-JS FIG participant. For more information about the JS FIG for Fall 2005, contact (812) 855-5636 or e-mail: housing@indiana.edu.

**JS Graduates**

**Largest Class of Graduating Majors**

One hundred and fifty one students have graduated with a B.A. in JS since our major was established in 1992. Our thirteenth and largest graduating class of majors included 27 B.A. recipients: Aaron Aft of Springfield, Virginia; Jonathan Azulay of Skokie, Illinois; Dawn Bilobran of Birmingham, Michigan; Daniel Farahan of Carmel, Indiana; Jessica Edelstein of Edina, Minnesota; Elizabeth Finn of Olathe, Kansas; Sarina Fogel of West Bloomfield, Michigan; David Fuchs of Westport, Connecticut; Tamar Gal of Savannah, Georgia; Marisa Geer of Cleveland, Ohio; Dana Haffner of New Orleans, Louisiana; Leah Hedrick of Mission, Kansas; Andrew Kaplan of Gahanna, Ohio; Benjamin Lewis of Chicago, Illinois; Jamie Katz of Overland Park, Kansas; Daniel Kuperstein of Carmel, Indiana; David Lizzo of St. Louis; Natalie Nachman of Fairfax, Virginia; Michael Ravenscroft of Wabash, Indiana; Sam Rodin of Northfield, Illinois; Brian Rosenzweig of Baltimore, Maryland; Calli Schiller of Plano, Texas; Jonathon Schuster of Rancho Santa Fe, California; Joshua Taff of Sacramento, California; Hal Ungar of Metairie, Louisiana; Jory Wall of Louisville, Kentucky, and Elizabeth Wood of West Lafayette, Indiana.

Joining the 321 alumni of our JS area certificate program were graduates Benjamin Anchill of West Bloomfield, Michigan; Rebecca Berzof of Louisville, Kentucky; Emily Eisenberg of Pepper Pike, Ohio; Ellyn Fine of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Darrin Frankovitz of Indianapolis, Jennifer Gossman of Columbus, Ohio; Joshua Hamerman of Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Marie Harf of Granville, Ohio; Molly Kotlen of Houston, Texas; Amy Kuretsky of Minnetonka, Minnesota; Brooke Lipman of West Bloomfield, Michigan; Leah Nahmias of Greensburg, Indiana; Jonathan Polland of Bellaire, Texas; Andrea Rosenfeld of Skokie, Illinois; Amalia Shifriss of Bloomington, Indiana; Benjamin Sider of Indianapolis; Gabriel Traylor of Princeton, New Jersey, and Emily Walsh of Mason, Ohio.

The second class of students completing the Hebrew minor in JS were Lili Lahav of Livingston, New Jersey; Leonid Zelikovich of Carmel, Indiana and JS majors David Lizzo, Natalie Nachman, and Joshua Taff.

Graduating with departmental honors were Marie Harf in Political Science, Jamie Katz in Psychology, and Amy Kuretsky in Art History.

**Elizabeth Wood Awarded Piser Prize Outstanding JS Graduate**

Elizabeth Wood from West Lafayette, Indiana, a May 2004 graduate with majors in JS and Political Studies and a minor in Psychology, was awarded the 2004 Leonore and Louis Piser Prize in JS. Of the graduating class of 47 students, Elizabeth was deemed the most outstanding graduating JS student who plans to pursue a career related to JS.

Graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Elizabeth began rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem this summer. Elizabeth was assistant head counselor at Goldman Union Camp and advisor for two years for the Bloomington Jewish high school youth group.

The recipient of the 2003-2004 Fort Wayne Jewish Federation Scholarship, she served on IU’s August student panel, the Board of Aeons that meets regularly with the university president, chancellor, and vice presidents, to advise on long range planning. For two years, Elizabeth served as a resident assistant at Wright Quadrangle. She was undergraduate teaching intern for Professor Dina Spechler for two years.

The $750 Piser Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding graduating JS B.A., area certificate, or Hebrew minor student who is planning further graduate work in JS and a career in the field. Through the Piser Prize and other initiatives, the JSP hopes to demonstrate to our graduating seniors the high value we place on their continued education and careers in JS. The late Leonore and Louis Piser, of South Bend, made the award possible.

**JSP Awards More Than $40,000 in Scholarships and Internships**

The JSP was pleased to award 19 scholarships and 2 internships, totaling more than $40,000, to continuing JS major, area certificate, and Hebrew minor students for the 2004-2005 year. The scholarships and internships were established through the generosity of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns JS Endowment, Sondra and Art Percy of Matarwan, New Jersey, Sandra and Stanley Tockman of Evansville, Edward M. Dayan of Indianapolis, and Sara and the late Albert Reuben of Indianapolis.

Julie Achen of Los Alamitos, California, a senior majoring in JS and Sociology and a Hebrew and Management minor student, received the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation Scholarship. In Spring 2004, she also received the Jose Rangel Scholarship made possible by Sidney and Sharon Mishkin of Indianapolis.

Four students were awarded Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Merit Scholarships in JS, which recognize truly exceptional academic accomplishments. Borns Merit Scholarship recipients are: David Fliesher, an Accounting and Finance major and an JS area certificate student from St. Louis. In Fall 2003, he was elected governor of Briscoe and a member of the Blue Ribbon Society. Margaret O’Connor, a sophomore JS and Political Science major from Mountlake Terrace, Washington, interned at the Religious Action Center this summer. She is an Honors College student studying both Hebrew and Arabic. Abigail Schachtner, a pre-med student from St. Louis majoring in JS and Biology, has been inducted into two honor societies, Alpha Epsilon Delta and PhiEta Sigma. Danielle Zuber, a JS major, was recognized as the most outstanding biblical Hebrew student in 2003-2004. She serves as the cantor for IU High Holy Day services.
Nine Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns JS Scholarships were awarded. Joanna Blotner of Chevy Chase, Maryland, a major in JS, International Studies, and Political Science, came to IU last year after completing a summer of intensive Hebrew study in the Columbia University-HUJ ulpan program. Sarah Boughey, a junior from Huntington Beach, California, is majoring in Elementary Education and pursuing an area certificate in JS. She serves as secretary of the Indiana Student Education Association. Elizabeth Lintott, a junior major plans to pursue a career in Jewish education. An Honors College mentor, she teaches at Congregation Beth Shalom and plays on the IU lacrosse team. She is from Northbrook, Illinois. Derrick Murphy, from Crawfordsville, Indiana, is spending the fall semester at HUJ. He is majoring in JS and NELC. Megan Roberts, a junior from Knoxville, Tennessee, plans a career in Jewish education. She is majoring in JS and International Studies. Rachel Schonwald of Oklahoma City plans to be a rabbi. She was a Direct Admit student to the College last fall. Philip Sherman, a JS major and a Hebrew minor, is vice president of Hillel. From Plymouth, Minnesota, he plans a career in Jewish communal service. Stacy Weissman, a senior majoring in Psychology and pursuing an area certificate in JS, plans a career as a social worker in a Jewish agency. Jennifer Gubitz of Fort Wayne was awarded a Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship and the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Administrative Internship for the 2004-2005 year. She studied in the CET JS program in Prague in Spring 2004. She will serve as the JSSA president during the coming year and work as an intern for Carolyn Lipson-Walker. Meytal Ashkenazi, a junior born and raised in Israel, is the recipient of the Sandra and Stanley Trockman Scholarship. A Business major pursuing an area certificate in JS, she plans to work for a Jewish not-for-profit organization as a fund raiser.

Sonya Weisburd of Indianapolis received the Percy Family Scholarship and the Edward M. Dayan Scholarship. She will serve as the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Research Intern this Fall for Professor Veidlinger researching Jewish theater and culture in Russia in the 1920s. She volunteered for 7 weeks in Honduras through American Jewish World Service in summer 2003.

JS doctoral minors James Schelble (Central Eurasian Studies) and Daniel Clasby (History) received the Sara and Albert Reuben Scholarships for Study of the Holocaust. James is completing his master’s thesis on antisemitism in Hungary. Daniel’s research focuses on the Holocaust and Italy.

14th Bern Essay Prize Awarded to Joshua Garfinkel

Joshua Garfinkel, a junior from Skokie, Illinois, was awarded the 2004 Henry A. Bern Memorial Essay Competition for his poignant story, “Fresh Baked Bread,” about a childhood in Holland, a family’s fate in German-occupied Austria, and their immigration to the U.S. A Hebrew minor, majoring in both English and International Studies, and Political Science, Josh served as the international president of the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization.

The annual Bern Essay Competition was established to honor the memory of Henry A. Bern, professor emeritus in the IU School of Education, loyal supporter of the JSP, and a long-time Bloomington resident. The Bern prize aims to stimulate undergraduate excellence in writing and research in JS.
Very Funny Guys” with Rabbi Bob Alper and comedian Ahmed Ahmed to raise awareness of multicultural understanding and tolerance.

Elected JSSA officers for the 2004-2005 year are: President Jennifer Gubitz, VP Megan Roberts, Secretary Samantha Leapman, and Treasurer Ellie Zusstone.

Jewish Studies Career Night

On November 4, 2003, Amy Wagner of United Jewish Communities, Rachel Brumberg of the Jewish Education Service of North America, Naomi Sobel of the Jewish Community Center Association, and Sean Alpert of Hillel International were the speakers at the annual JS Career Night. A career fair with national representatives from the United Jewish Communities, the Jewish Education Service of North America, Hillel International, Jewish Community Centers of America, JTS, and Baltimore Hebrew University followed. The event was co-sponsored by the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center.

The IU JSP is one of the foremost undergraduate educators of Jewish communal service professionals (see Alumni News). Mentoring students for careers related to JS is a high priority of the JSP. To support our students, the JSP also sends a weekly e-mail newsletter and maintains a resource center with information about JS graduate programs, the rabbinate and cantorate, scholarships, internships, and careers.

JSP Funds Students at Conferences

For the twelfth year, the Borns JSP with support from the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns JSP Endowment, subsidized conference attendance for students. Three undergraduate students—Joanna Blotner, Sarina Fogel, and Emily Walsh, and one graduate student—Jeremy Shere—received funding to attend JS conferences. During the 2004-2005 year, JS students will be eligible to apply for subsidies to support attendance at conferences related academically or professionally to JS.

Student Honors

Benjamin Anchill, Molly Kotlen, Leah Nahmias, and Elizabeth Wood were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

Leah Nahmias and Leah Hedrick were accepted into Teach for America

Fifteen JS majors were named to the College of Arts and Sciences Spring 2004 Dean’s List: Aaron Aft, Jonathan Azulay, Peri Berntsen, Jonathan Bubis, Sarina Fogel, Jonathan Ginburg, Jamie Katz, Elizabeth Lintott, Natalie Nachman, Jessica Reiter, Megan Roberts, Abigail Schachter, Netta Schneller, Sonya Weisburd, and Elizabeth Wood.

Seventeen JS majors were named to the Fall 2003 Dean’s List: Michael Arlen, Julie Avchen, Joanna Blotner, Jonathan Bubis, Sarina Fogel, Dana Haffner, Jamie Katz, Daniel Kuperstein, Derrick Murphy, Natalie Nachman, Michael Ravenscroft, Erielle Reshef, Philip Sherman, Susan Shirley, Laura Siegel, Sonya Weisburd, and Elizabeth Wood.

Julie Avchen, Jennifer Gubitz, Jamie Snow, and Laura Siegel received Edward L. Hutton International Experience Grants from the Honors College to support study abroad. Jennifer Gubitz was awarded the Prague CET Scholarship to participate in their semester program in JS.
ALUMNI NEWS

We are proud of our graduates, so many of whom now hold important positions at major educational and communal organizations throughout the country.

Rabbi Debra Reed Blank (1977) was named Assistant Dean of the Graduate School of JTS. She is the Rabbi Philip R. Alstat Professor of Liturgy.


Judith Fink Ehrenstein (1985) is children’s librarian at the Montgomery County Public Library in Rockville, Maryland.


Faith Salesin Becker (1987) is a speech pathologist at Hawthorn Junior High in Illinois.

Peter Malnak (1987) is Development Economist at the U.S. Agency of International Development.

Andi Czarlinsky Callam (1988) and Jeff Callam welcomed their second child, Clayton Aaron, in October 2003. Andi has been appointed Groups Services Director at the Louisville JCC.

Shelly Greenwald Malmon (1988) is Director of Administration for the BJF in Orange County.

Marcus Moir (1988) is the owner of 1st Stop Travel Store in Bloomington.

Leslie Kepes Pomerantz (1988) is Executive Director of the Jewish Volunteer Connection of Baltimore’s UJC.

Cantor Yael Fischman (1989) is Assistant Director of the Amkolel Judaic Resource Center in Rockville, Maryland.

Kevin Zeldin (1989) is Associate Director of Development at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Leslie Abella Dahan (1990) is an immigration lawyer in Washington, D.C.

Steven Greenberg (1990) works in marketing for a software company in Israel.

Beth Levy Merkes (1990) is Director of the Centennial Campaign for the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. She was married to David Merkes in January 2004.

Karen Becker Sher (1990) received the 2003 Grosberg Award for Leadership Dedication to the Jewish community from the St. Louis Federation.

Rabbi Braham David (1991) was ordained by JTS in 2003 and is Rabbi of Temple Shalom in Medford, Massachusetts.

Reverend Scott Fouts (1991) is associate pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Woodville, Virginia.

Susan Lipsitz (1991) is Director of Regional Activities for the University of Chicago.

Robyn Schwartz Plaskoff (1991) and husband Josh are the proud parents of Ryan Isaac Plaskoff born in 2003.

Nancy Brenowitz (1992) is Director of the Undergraduate Dietetics Program at the University of Maryland.

Rabbi Eli Garfinkel (1993) is a rabbi at Adath Israel Congregation in Cincinnati.

Cheryl Garson Hays (1993) is a realtor at Long and Foster in Bethesda, Maryland.

Kevin Hovis (1993) practices general and class action litigation in the Chicago area.

Rabbi Yael Splanysz (1993) is Associate Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

Jessica Bennett Mehlman (1994) is Endowment Associate at the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

Karen Givon Feder (1995) and her husband Rabbi David Feder are the parents of twins Ari and Orli born in October 2002. They live in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Valerie Hirschorn Frank (1995) is Donor Relations Professional at the Jewish Community Relations Council in Boston.


Alexis Gruber (1995) is Program Executive in the Volunteer and Leadership Development Division at the UJA Federation of New York.

Bruce Hoffman (1995) is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Ohio University.

Matt Davidson, (1996) Assistant Director of the USC Hillel, produced a Passover documentary “Our Mother’s Recipe” that was aired on PBS. He received the 2004 Guild of Temple Musicians Young Composer’s Award for his song-cycle for Shabbat.

Ari Frome (1996) is a consultant for CCS Fundraising.

Jonathan Greenberg (1996) is a rabbinical student at HUC-JIR.

Meryl Hamerman (1996) is Assistant Editor at Harper Collins Publishing.

Gina Lewald-Fass (1996) is Vice-Principal of the Temple Sholom religious school in Greenwich, CT. She and Jonathan Fass (1996) are the parents of Michal born July 22, 2002. (See photo on this page.)

Beth Uidsky (1996) is Director of Adolescent Outpatient Services at Stillwater Associates in Cleveland.

Stefanie Kupersmith Albertson (1997) is Assistant Manager of Training Development for Target Corporation.

Alberta Comer (1997) is Lending Services Librarian at Indiana State University.

Matthew Curran (1997) is an attorney with the Cincinnati firm Thompson Hine which specializes in business litigation.

Jennifer Hedderich Dubinsky (1997) is a teacher at Canty Elementary in Chicago.

Missy Dobkins (1998) is Specialty Sales Representative for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Atlanta.

Bryan Eisenberg (1998) is Assistant Director of Public Affairs for the Japan External Trade Organization.

Jamie Harris-Gershon (1998) and her husband David are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mayan. We are so pleased that Jamie has recovered from her injuries suffered in the Summer 2001 Hebrew University cafeteria bombing.

Rachel Murow (1998) is the Mid-Atlantic Development Director of AIPAC.

Stefanie Kreitzman Rhodes (1998) is Program Director for the Jewish Funders Network in NYC.

Gary Shyken (1998) and his wife Lee are the parents of Shmuel Aaron Shyken, born January 16, 2004.

Jared Hershenson (1999) and his wife Jessica are the parents of Samuel Moshe born January 12, 2004. Jared is a resident in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins.

Kate Hirschfeld (1999) is Director of Development and Helping Hearts coordinator at the Tree of Knowledge Learning Centers in Cleveland.

Libby Katz Hogan, (1999) the co-administrator of Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, is the mother of Kobi and Maya.


David Orensten (1999) is an attorney at Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur in Columbus, Ohio.

Gina Lewald-Fass, Jonathan Fass, and baby Michal
Adam Tennen (1999) is with the Planning Department of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

Caryl Berman Auslander (2000) is the Public Policy Specialist for the American Association of Blood Banks.

Jenny Baumel (2000) is Research Analyst for the California State University Office of the Chancellor.

Kate Breiter (2000) and Eytan Uslan (2001) join a growing number of other Borns JSP couples. They were married this summer. Leslie Cohen (2000) completed her graduate degree from the Drachler Program in Jewish Communal Leadership at the University of Michigan. She is a clinical social worker at Jewish Family Services in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Leslie and Andy Kastner (2002) will be married in December. Andy is spending the year studying in Israel in preparation for rabbinical school.

Tamara Gibson (2000) is Administrative Assistant in Sales and Catering at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California. Lindsay Glazer (2000) is a public defender in Broward County, Florida and is engaged to Jason Warshofsky.

Neil Graf (2000) is production supervisor at IU’s Center for Survey Research.

Allison Gutnik (2000) is Youth Director at West Suburban Temple in Chicago.

Jennifer Joseph (2000) is news anchor at News 24 in Houston.

Shauna Replane Leavey (2000) is Assistant Principal of the religious school of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Sara LeWinter (2001) is Assistant Regional Director of Rocky Mountain BBYO.

Emily Lipp (2001) is Legislative Assistant for Representative Baron Hill. She is engaged to David Siroti and will be married in January 2003.

Emily Malinowski (2001) is Coordinator of Marketing and Community Relations at the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City.

David Reinwald, (2001) a cantorial student at HUC was the featured cantor in the live broadcast of The Gotham Radio Players presentation of “The Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto” on WBAI in New York City.

Will Smith (2001) is pursuing a master's degree at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America seminary.

Jason Vaught (2001) is pursuing a master’s degree in Central Eurasian Studies at IU. He is spending the year studying in Jerusalem.

Joanne Weingarten (2001) is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at Phillips Graduate Institute in California.

Alissa Wise (2001) is a rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Seminary.

Robert Cating (2002) has begun a Ph.D. program in plant medicine at the University of Florida.

Ranet Cohen (2002) is a student at the IU Optometry School.

Steve Forn (2002) is Assistant Producer for Manning Productions in Chicago.

Jill Hibbsman (2002) completed her second year of medical school at Emory University.

Diana Kogan (2002) is the sole recipient of the prestigious Ralph L. Goldman Fellowship in International Jewish Communal Service of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Jill Hibbsman (2002) completed her second year of medical school at Emory University.

Gabriel Lewin (2002) was drama instructor at Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School in St. Louis through Teach for America last year and is currently studying at a yeshiva in Israel.

Jonathan Lipnick, (2002) who is pursuing a master's degree in Religious Studies at HUJ, is engaged to Hila Eisenberg.

Jenny Micon (2002) is a PA in the Art Department at Paramount Pictures.

Sarah Moriaty (2002) is an Admissions Assistant with IU Admissions.

Miriam Pullman (2002) is a graduate student at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jewish Communal Service.

Josh Samis (2002) is a law student at Emory University.

Sarah Stern (2002) is Administrative Assistant in the Israel, Zionism, & International Affairs Department of Hadassah.

Scott Zuick (2002) completed his second year at the IU School of Medicine.

Yuval Asner (2003) is a first year medical student at IU in Indianapolis.

Jen Bell (2003) is a campaign associate with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Mat Bloom, (2003) formerly on staff at the American Jewish Committee in Chicago, is a law student at Kent Law School.

Rachel Conroy (2003) is a student in the Drachler Program for Jewish Communal Leadership at the University of Michigan.

Asa Fradkin (2003) is a cantorial student at JTS.

Traci Geffon (2003) is a graphic designer at ADX, Inc. in California.

Andrea Jury (2003) is youth groups advisor; religious school and Hebrew teacher at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, Illinois.

Tamiyn Millsbaugh (2003) was married to Ari Leinwand on August 17, 2003.

Jenni Steinberg (2003) completed her first year of law school at the New England School of Law in Boston.

The Borns JSP takes pride in the achievements of its alumni and is always pleased to hear of their personal and professional accomplishments. Please send your news and current mailing and e-mail address to clipsonw@indiana.edu.
Our Faculty

Joëlle Bahloul pursued her ethnographic research on the Jews of France. Her article “Jews in France” will be featured in the Encyclopedia of Diasporas (Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publ., Fall 2004). This research has also resulted in an article on “Sephardic Diasporas since the 1950s,” to be published in French in Le Monde Sépharade, a volume on Sephardic history and culture edited by Shmuel Trigano (Paris, 2005). Professor Bahloul also contributed the entry on “Judaism” in the Encyclopedia of Food and Culture (Charles Scribners, 2003). The Spanish edition of her ethnography of reading in France Lecturas Precarias was published by Fondo de Cultura Economica (2003). She gave the Yedida Kalfon-Stillman Memorial Lecture at the University of Oklahoma on “Sephardic Women in France: Gender Emancipation and the Republic.” She also participated in the Stanford University conference on “Jewish Conceptions of Space and Place” where she spoke on “The Meaning of the Old Jewish Quarter.” At the University of Chicago conference, “Practice of Everyday Life,” she spoke about the collective memory of the domestic space in the formation of migrants’ identity. In Spring 2004, she gave a presentation on “Antisemitism and the Jews of France” for the JSP’s New Institute.

Jack Bielskiak’s research on democratization in the former communist states led to the publication of “Consolidating Electoral Democracy in Postcommunist States” in Donald R. Kelley, ed. After Communism: Perspectives on Democracy (University of Arkansas Press, 2003), and “Party Competition in Emerging Democracies: Representation and Effectiveness,” Studies in Public Policy, Center for the Study of Public Policy, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, November 2003. As a follow up to his courses “The Holocaust and Politics” and “The Politics of Tyranny,” he developed a new course on “The Politics of Genocide,” a survey of the major 20th century genocides.

Professor Bielskiak is the Distinguished Fulbright Chair in East European Studies at Warsaw University in Fall 2004.

Jerome Copulsky earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School in March, 2004, completing his dissertation “Between Exile and Redemption: Political Theology and the Shaping of Modern Jewish Thought.” Dr. Copulsky was a popular teacher during his 3 semesters at IU. We wish him well as he joins the faculty of Virginia Tech’s Department of Religious Studies.

Susan Gubar spent Spring/Summer 2004 on a Bogliosco Fellowship at the Liguria Study Center for Artists and Humanists in Italy completing a book In Rooms of Our Own about the inroads of feminism in higher education. Her Poetry After Auschwitz: Remembering What One Never Knew was published by IU Press in 2003. She received a fellowship from IU’s Institute for the Arts and Humanities to work on a book of essays on the ongoing impact of the Shoah on contemporary fiction, film, and poetry.

Stephen Katz published the first of a series of studies on how modern American Hebrew writers represented other minority groups to their readers. His article, “To Be as Others: E.E. Lisitsky’s Re-presentation of Native Americans,” appeared in Hebrew Union College Annual. Research grants from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Borns JSP, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and the College of Arts and Humanities Institute supported his research on the representation of Afro-Americans and Native-Americans in modern Hebrew literature. Professor Katz continues as Director of the Modern Hebrew language program.

Dov-Ber Kerler edited and published volume 27 of the periodical collection of Yiddish language and culture, Vernsholaimer Almanakh (Jerusalem, 2003) which included original fiction, poetry, essays and scholarly contributions by over thirty authors. He presented a paper, “Yiddish Cultural Life in Moscow in the 1960s” at a conference “Soviet & Kosher: A Century of Jewish Culture in Russia” at the University of Toronto. In May 2004 he delivered “Remnants of Prewar East European Purim Plays in Living Memory” at the Berkeley Yiddish Conference at the University of California. He continued to publish Yiddish poetry under the pen-name Boris Karloff in the Yiddish weekly Forverts; the Tel Aviv bimonthly Lebns-fragn; and the Chicago YIVO Society Newsletter. He developed and maintains a simple web-portal “Yiddish Today,” which offers updated links to online sources, resources, and some vital information on contemporary Yiddish press, theater, cultural centers in various cities throughout the world, as well as Yiddish music, audio, video and texts online (http://www.geocities.com/berkale/).

Matthias B. Lehmann finished work on his book Ladino Rabbinic Literature and Ottoman Sephardic Culture to be published by IU Press. He published “Ladino Religious Literature” in Jewish Studies Between the Disciplines (Brill, 2003) and presented a talk at the Association for Jewish Studies conference. He received research grants from the Borns JSP and the Maurice Amado Foundation for work on his project, tentatively entitled “Livorno and the Sephardi Mediterranean in the Eighteenth Century.” Professor Lehmann offered a new course on “Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Medieval Near East,” co-taught with Professor Edward Watts of the Department of History. He initiated a new overseas program for the JSP, “The Jewish Experience of Modern Germany.”

Herbert Marks is working on a new edition of the Hebrew Bible in English (to be published by W. W. Norton). His essay “Poetry and Memory” will appear in a collection Ars Memoriae: Mémorisation, Remémoration, Oubli, ed. Marie-Christine Lemardeley (Presses Universitaires de France). He chaired a panel and gave a paper on “Places, Memories, Citations” at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association.
On September 19, 2003, Emil Fackenheim died in Jerusalem. Michael Morgan spoke at the funeral and then thirty days later, at the memorial service at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. Professor Morgan’s lecture on Fackenheim and the Holocaust was presented as the featured presentation at an event in memory of Fackenheim at the University of Judaism, and he has written essays on Fackenheim that will appear in Shofer and in Yad Vashem Studies. He also gave talks at the College of William and Mary, in Boston, in Memphis, and in Baltimore, as well as at the Colloquium on Ancient Greek Philosophy at the University of Arizona. Professor Morgan organized and directed a conference at IU on Emmanuel Levinas and Ludwig Wittgenstein, at which he gave a paper on “Levinas, Judaism, and Ritual.” He is the co-editor of *Philosopher as Witness: Fackenheim and Responses to the Holocaust*, to be published by SUNY Press, and is editing the *Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*. He is revising a completed book manuscript on the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas and is at work on several invited essays—on the Holocaust and philosophy, genocide, revelation in Judaism and modernist thought, providence and evil, and the work of Emil Fackenheim. During the year, Morgan was named as Chancellor’s Professor.

Mark Roseman joined the JSP faculty in January 2004 as the Pat M. Glazer Chair in JS. He was awarded the 2003 Geschwister Scholl Prize for his book *In Einem Unbewachten Augenblick* which appeared in the previous year. He co-organized the conference “From Empire to Federal Republic: Elites, Violence, and Society in German History” held in New York in February 2003. The conference volume will be published by Berghahn Press in 2005. *German History from the Margins*, which he is co-editing, will be published in 2005 by IU Press. His article “Ideas, Contexts and the Pursuit of Genocide” appeared in the May 2003 issue of the *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* (London). He completed a chapter on the Wannsee Conference for an edited collection in honor of the historian Jeremy Noakes and another chapter on *generation conflict in German history* that will appear in a German collection. He spoke on “Generations as Imagined Communities” at the conference “Generationen,” at the Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung in June 2003; and “Writing the Biography of a Holocaust Survivor” at “Towards a Biographical Turn,” held at the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. in March 2004. He presented “Between Fanaticism and Banality: Understanding the Perpetrators of the Holocaust” at the University of Southampton. In 2003, he was invited to join the academic advisory council of the Haus der Wannsee Konferenz in Berlin.

Alvin Rosenfeld continued to research and write about Holocaust literature and also saw into print several publications on present-day antisemitism. *Podwójna Śmieć: Rozważania O Literaturze Holokaustu*, a Polish translation of his book, *A Double Dying: Reflections on Holocaust Literature*, appeared in Warsaw (Cylkady, 2004). His “Feeling Alone, Again: The Growing Unease among Germany’s Jews” was reprinted in *Best Jewish Writing 2003*, ed. Arthur Kurzwiel. The American Jewish Committee published and widely circulated his *Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism: A New Frontier of Bigotry and Anti-Zionism in Great Britain and Beyond: A ‘Respectable’ Anti-Semitism?* A Hungarian translation of the former title appeared in Budapest, and one of his essays on Anne Frank, “Popularising en herinnering—het geval Anne-Frank,” was published in the Netherlands. Professor Rosenfeld presented a paper about Anne Frank at a conference at the University of Toronto, “The Holocaust in the Netherlands: Comparisons, Assessments, and Significance,” in March. He contributed a paper, “Antisemitism(s): Traditional, Modern, Post-Modern,” at “Global Antisemitism: An International Conference,” in Montreal, also in March. In April he chaired the sessions on Hungarian-Jewish history and literature at the IU conference, “Imre Kertesz in Perspective: Hungarian and Jewish Culture in the 20th Century,” and in May he gave one of the 2004 Taubman Lectures at the University of California Santa Barbara: “The Anne Frank We Remember.” In addition to his activities as a member of the Academic Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Professor Rosenfeld continues to serve as a member of the museum’s governing council. For the sixth year in a row, he chaired the committee that selects the winner of the Koret Foundation Jewish Book Award in the category of Jewish fiction. He also continues his long-term work at the IU Press as editor of the IU Press series on Jewish Literature and Culture and serves as well as the Director of IU’s newly established Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts.

Marci Shore received the Trustee’s Teaching Award in 2004. She presented several papers this year, including “Love in the Time of Revolution: Intimacy, Betrayal and Marxism” at the workshop “Love Across European Borders” at the Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut in Essen, Germany; “Children of the Revolution: A Warsaw Family Story” at the seminar series “Borderlands: The Shatter-Zone of Empires” at Brown University; and “‘And They Didn’t Even Invite Me to Say a Few Words…’; How Warsaw’s Fin-de-siècle Generation Departed from Marxism” at the
Congress of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Toronto. She taught three new courses: an undergraduate seminar on European intellectuals and Marxism; an undergraduate lecture course on Eastern Europe under communism; and a graduate colloquium on cosmopolitanism and the avant-garde in East-Central Europe, 1900-1939. She will be spending the academic year at the Institut fur Wissenschaften von Menschen in Vienna.

Dina Spechler presented a paper entitled “Realism or Great Power Activism: Explaining Russian Foreign Policy Since 9/11” at the Conference of the International Studies Association and the Central and East European Studies Association in Budapest, Hungary. She continues working on her study of radical innovation in foreign policy, analyzing and comparing several important cases in the second half of the 20th century, including the decision by Egyptian President Sadat to recognize Israel and the decision by Israeli Prime Minister Rabin to recognize the PLO.

Jeffrey Veidlinger became Associate Director of the Borns JSP. He published “Soviet Jewry as a Diaspora Nationality: The ‘Black Years’ Reconsidered” in East European Jewish Affairs and “The Historical and Ethnographic Construction of Russian Jewry” in Ab Imperio. He gave presentations at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies convention; the “Soviet and Kosher: A Century of Jewish Life in Russia” conference in Toronto; the Klutznick Harris Symposium in Omaha; and “The Revolution of 1905: A Turning Point in Jewish History” conference in Jerusalem. He also presented a lecture at the University of Wisconsin as part of the Jewish Heritage Series. He delivered several papers as part of lecture series and seminars on the IU campus, and participated in the 2004 New Institute. Together with Professor Dov-Ber Kerler, he continues to participate in the IU Yiddish Ethnographic Project to interview the last Yiddish speakers of Ukraine in situ. He is also continuing work on his forthcoming book on Jewish cultural associations in Russia during the interrevolutionary era.

Dror Wahrman spent the year at the Newberry Library, funded by an ACLS Burkhardt Fellowship, working on a project in part, on what was G-d doing in the 18th century. His book The Making of the Modern Self was published by Yale University Press in June 2004. He accepted the directorship of the newly founded 18th Century Group on the IU campus. He is spending Fall 2004 in Jerusalem.


**JS Alumni Reunion**

**Planned September, 2005**

Many of the more than 500 alumni of the JSP will be gathering in Bloomington for the first JSP Alumni Reunion on September 23-25, 2005. To receive information about the reunion, alumni should log onto the JSP’s website in Spring 2005: http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/.

We hope to see many former majors, area certificate, Hebrew minor, and doctoral minor students for the festivities.

**JSP and Alumni Share Job Opportunities Via E-mail**

Eight years ago, as an extension of our career resource center, the JSP established an e-mail job network for JSP alumni. The network enables our alumni to share information about job openings. Throughout the year, e-mail notes about employment opportunities related to JS are sent to alumni, and alumni, in turn, share such news with the JSP via e-mail.

If you are a JSP alumnus/alumna and would like to be on this e-mail job list, please e-mail clipsonw@indiana.edu. If you have been on the list but have recently changed your e-mail address, please send your new e-mail address to clipsonw@indiana.edu.
JSP Faculty
James S. Ackerman
Professor (Emeritus), Religious Studies
Religion of Ancient Israel; Bible

Joëlle Bahloul
Associate Professor, Jewish Studies and Anthropology
Social and Cultural Anthropology of Judaism and the Jews

Ronnie Be‘eri
Lecturer in Jewish Studies
Modern Hebrew

Nurit Ben Yehuda
Visiting Lecturer in Jewish Studies
Modern Hebrew

Jack Bielasiak
Professor, Political Science and Russian and East European Institute
Politics of the Holocaust

Marc Caplan
Lecturer in Comparative Literature
Yiddish Literature; African Literature

Jerome Copulsky
Visiting Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Lecturer in Judaism, Jewish Studies, and Religious Studies
Judaism

Paul D. Eisenberg
Professor (Emeritus), Philosophy
Jewish Philosophy

Henry Fischel
Professor (Emeritus), Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Hebrew; Aramaic; Talmud; Intertestamental Literature

Susan Gubar
Distinguished Professor of English
Holocaust Literature

Jeffrey Isaac
Rudy Professor of Political Science
Political Theory

Irving Katz
Professor (Emeritus), History
American Jewish History

Stephen Katz
Associate Professor, Jewish Studies; Director of Modern Hebrew Program
Hebrew; Israeli Culture; Modern Hebrew Literature

Dov-Ber Kerler
Dr. Alice Field Cohn Chair in Yiddish Studies; Jewish Studies and Germanic Studies
Yiddish Studies

Matthias Lehmann
Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies and History
Jews in Islamic Lands and Medieval Spain; Sephardic Literature; Ottoman-Jewish History; 19th Century German Jewry

Nancy Levene
Associate Professor, Religious Studies
Modern Jewish and European Religious Thought

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