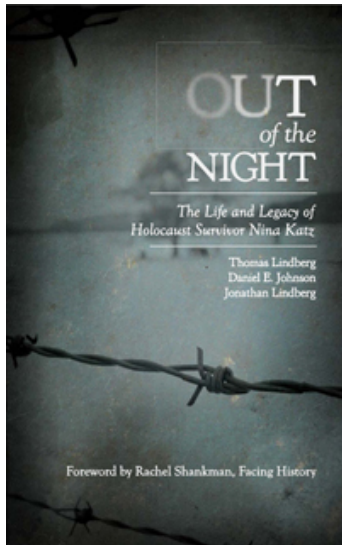




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The Story of Nina Katz

BJS Honors Holocaust Survivor Nina Katz, Thurs., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., Panhellenic Building

BJS will join with the Memphis Jewish Historical Society and Main Street Books to honor the publication of a new book on the life of Memphis Holocaust survivor Nina Katz. Written by Thomas Lindberg, Daniel E. Johnson, and Jonathan Lindberg, the book is titled *Out of the Night: The Life and Legacy of Holocaust Survivor Nina Katz*. The event is free and open to the public.

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Shaul Bar recently published an article in the distinguished journal *Hebrew Studies* entitled "Who were the Mixed Multitude?". In it he argues that the mixed multitude referred to in Exodus 12:38 were mercenaries who intermarried with the Israelites and left with them at the time of the Exodus from Egypt. His article "Critical Notes on Psalms 22:30" was published in the *Jewish Bible Quarterly*; here Dr. Bar offers many insights into the Masoretic text of the Hebrew Bible. In addition, he continues to work on his new book *Famine in the Land of Milk and Honey*.



DAVID PATTERSON
Emil L. Fackenheim
A Jewish Philosopher's Response to the Holocaust



New Book by Dr. David Patterson

Dr. David Patterson was recently the keynote speaker at a meeting of

Hadassah in New York, where he received Hadassah's Myrtle Wreath Award for his contributions to Jewish learning. He was a panelist at the Weinstein Symposium on the Holocaust in England this summer, and he is among the speakers invited to Boston University to honor Elie Wiesel on his 80th birthday in October. Dr. Patterson also served as scholar-in-residence for teacher workshops held by Facing History and Ourselves in June and continues to speak at various community venues in the Memphis area. He has a chapter in the newly-released *The Philosopher as Witness: Fackenheim and Responses to the Holocaust*, edited by Ben Pollack and Michael Morgan, and he has just published a new book called *Emil L. Fackenheim: A Jewish Philosopher's Response to the Holocaust*.

BJS AND U OF M LIBRARIES JOIN WITH NEXTBOOK AND ALA TO PRESENT DISCUSSION SERIES ON JEWISH LITERATURE

BJS and The University of Memphis Libraries are presenting a five-part series of discussions called "Let's Talk about It: Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination." The series is held in conjunction with Nextbook and the American Library Association. Discussions are led by **Dr. David Patterson** and take place on Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in 226 McWerther Library:

- August 7: *Journey to the End of the Millenium* by A. B. Yehoshua

- September 4: *Red Cavalary* by Isaac Babel
- October 2: *Neighbors* by Jan Gross
- October 30: *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud
- December 4: *Mona in the Promised Land* by Gish Jen

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Ross Johnson** at 678-8211 or email rmjohnsn@memphis.edu.

With gratitude for the generous support of the Lemsky Fund of the Memphis Jewish Federation, BJS once again welcomes Elliot Chodoff as the David Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies, Spring 2009. Look for his course JDST 4707 Military Thought and Modern Warfare: The Case of Israel.



Elliot Chodoff

**Mark Your Calendar for
These Upcoming BJS
Activities, 2008 – 2009**

1. **Thurs, Sept 4, 11:30 am-1:00pm, 226 Library:** Discussion of Isaac Babel's *Red Cavalary* by David Patterson
2. **Thurs, Sept 4, 7:30 pm, U of M Panhellenic Building:** "Out of the Night: Holocaust Survivor Nina Katz," with Nina Katz
3. **Thurs, Oct 2, 11:30 am-1:00pm, 226 Library:** Discussion of Jan Gross's *Neighbors* by David Patterson
4. **Sun, Oct 26, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** Film *Orthodox Stance* with Jason Hutt

5. **Thurs, Oct 30, 11:30 am-1:00pm, 226 Library:** Discussion of Bernard Malamud's *The Assistant* by David Patterson
6. **Thurs, Jan 29, 7:30 pm, U of M Rose Theatre:** *The Monster Among Us*, film and panel featuring Elliot Chodoff, David Patterson, and Allen Mondell
7. **Mon, Feb 16, 5:30 pm, Panhellenic Bldg:** "Creation vs. Evolution: A Jewish Perspective" by Dr. Yehuda Gellman
8. **Sun, Feb 22, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** "Israel: The Next Step to Peace" by Elliot Chodoff
9. **Sun, March 15, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** "Israel's Contributions to Humanity" by Larry Weinberg

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Spring 2009

JDST 2850	Religions of Abraham	UNIV 3580	Hebrew & Greek Legacy
JDST 3801	Jewish Thought	JDST 3661	Old Testament
JDST 4702	Israel, Mid East, Terrorism	JDST 4511	Holocaust Studies
JDST 4900	Independent Study	JDST 7796	Independent Study
	JDST 4707 Military Thought and Modern Warfare: The Case of Israel		
HEBR 1020	Elementary Hebrew	HEBR 2020	Intermediate Hebrew

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