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The Bornblum Judaic Studies Newsletter Fall 2004

Congrats to BJS Grads

Congratulations to **Jinger Griner** and **Jason Hooten**, both of whom graduated this year with their bachelor's degrees with concentrations in Judaic Studies. As this is the first time that BJS has had two graduates in one class, it is yet another sign that the program is growing. We also welcome former BJS student **Gerald Leek**, who is now in the graduate program in history. He will serve as the Graduate Assistant to the Chair of Excellence this year.

BJS Scholars' Activities

This past year **Dr. Shaul Bar** lectured on "Symbolic Dreams in the Joseph Cycle" for the Association of Jewish Studies; Dr. Bar is also writing a book titled *Biblical Perspectives on Death*. **Dr. Stephen Benin** will be on professional leave for a second year to serve as a Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Center in Jerusalem and as a member of the Elijah Interfaith Institute, where he continues his research on John Spencer. He has given several invited seminars in Israel and is an invited participant in this year's Political Hebraism Conference in Jerusalem. The University of Washington Press has just released **Dr. David Patterson's** co-edited volume *After-Words: Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Justice*. In addition, Dr. Patterson published six articles and book chapters this year and gave invited presentations at Case Western Reserve

University, Oklahoma State University, Wittenberg University, Florida Atlantic University, the Catholic University of Leuven, and the Goldner Symposium on the Holocaust at Wroxton College, England. Dr. Patterson also did more than a dozen presentations in the Memphis community and was the winner of this year's University College Advising Award.

Judaic Studies to Co-Host Distinguished Guests

This fall Bornblum Judaic Studies joins with various campus and community partners to host several events. BJS is among the sponsors of the "Jews of Ancient Egypt" exhibit running **now through Oct. 24 at the Brooks Museum**. This year's first lecture is presented with the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS) and features oral history specialist **Dr. Jean Freedman, Sun., Sept. 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (JCC). On Sun., Sept. 26, 3:00 p.m. at the Fogelman Executive Center, we shall host Dr. Alan Wells and Dr. Patricia Heberer** of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for a program on "The Nazis and Medical Ethics." In honor of the 350th anniversary of a Jewish presence in America, BJS and the MJHS present **Rabbi Joel Finkelstein on Sun., Oct. 10, 2:00 p.m. at the JCC**. Next, on **Wed., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.** BJS will host

noted author **Jonathan Sarna** at the **MJCC** as part of this year's **Jewish Book Celebration**. Slavery scholars **Keven Bales** and **Wilma Dunaway** will be the featured guests of the **Orr Humanities Center, BJS, and the U of M Interdisciplinary Programs** at a two-day symposium titled "The Persistent Institution: Slavery Then and Now," **Thurs., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., and Fri., Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m., in the University Center Faulkner Lounge.** And on

Sun, Jan. 9, 2:00 p.m. at the JCC BJS and MJHS present "Jewish History and Jewish Museums" by **Tom Freudenheim.**

ISRAEL OPPORTUNITIES

BJS helps Judaic Studies students interested in studying in Israel for a summer, semester, or year. Contact the **BJS office in 301 Mitchell, 678-2919.**

With gratitude for the generous support of the Lemsky Endowment, BJS welcomes Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, this year's Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies.

Mark Your Calendar for BJS Activities in Fall 2004

1. **Now through Oct 24, Brooks Museum:** "The Jews of Ancient Egypt"
2. **Sun, Sept 19, 2:00 pm, JCC:** Lecture by oral historian **Dr. Jean Freedman**

3. **Sun, Sept 26, 3:00 pm, FEC:** "The Nazis and Medical Ethics" by **Dr. Alan Wells** and **Dr. Patricia Heberer**
4. **Sun, Oct 10, 2:00 p.m., JCC:** "350th Anniversary of Jews in America" by **Rabbi Joel Finkelstein**
5. **Wed, Nov 9, 7:30 pm, JCC:** "350 Years of American Jewry" by **Jonathan Sarna**
6. **Thurs, Nov 18, 7:30 pm, and Fri, Nov 19, 10:30 am, University Center Faulkner Lounge:** "The Persistent Institution: Slavery Then and Now" by **Keven Bales** and **Wilma Dunaway**
7. **Sun, Jan 9, 2:00 pm, JCC:** "Jewish History and Jewish Museums" by **Tom Freudenheim**

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Spring 2005

	JDST 3661 Old Testament		
JDST 4511	Holocaust Studies	JDST 4801	Jewish Mysticism
JDST 4830	Israeli/Palestinian Conflict	JDST 4840	Israel: Ancient & Modern
HEBR 1020	Elementary Hebrew	HEBR 2020	Intermediate Hebrew

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