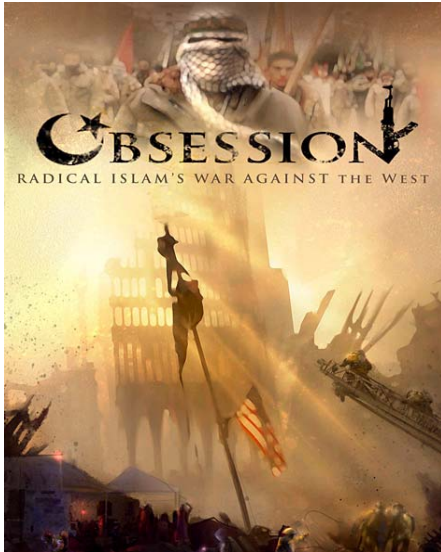




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BJS and Honest Reporting to Show Award-Winning Film on Radical Islamic Terrorism

On Tuesday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Theatre BJS and Honest Reporting will show *Obsession: Radical Islam's War against the West*. The sixty-minute award-winning film features footage from the Muslim media and interviews with experts such as Alan Dershowitz, Brigitte Gabriel, Sir Martin Gilbert, Khaleel Mohammed, Daniel Pipes, and Robert Wistrich, as well as former terrorist Walid Shoebat and the daughter of a terrorist, Nonie Darwiah. David Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies Elliot Chodoff will comment on the program, which is free and open to the public.

The film argues that if we turn a blind eye to radical Islamic terrorists' war against the West, the free world will meet with disaster. It outlines parallels, as well as historical connections, between the rise of Islamic radicalism and the rise of National Socialism.

The Center for Defense Information, lists 26 Islamic terrorist organizations in the world. According to thereligionofpeace.com, they have carried out more than 7,000 attacks since 9/11. British Scholar Margaret Brearley, claims that Wahabbi Muslims, who preach a violent hatred of the West, fund about 80% of Muslim institutions in the United States. Daniel Pipes estimates 10 to 15% of Muslims worldwide are actively involved in the terrorists' war against the West.

Emmanuel Levinas once said that the entire world has entered into the state of the Jewish State, with more and more societies facing, internally and externally, a murderous hatred on the part of people bent on nothing short of extermination. *Obsession* is a wake-up call for those of us who live in a free society while it is still a free society.



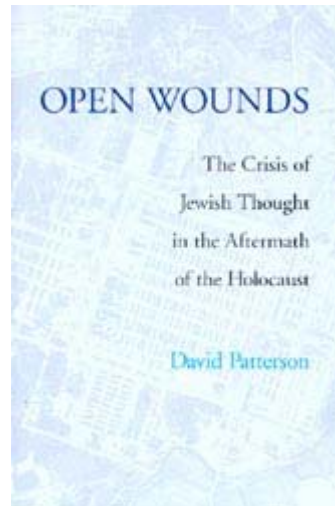
Elliot Chodoff, Visiting Scholar
in Israel Studies

With gratitude for the generous support of the Lemsky Fund of the Memphis Jewish Federation, BJS welcomes Elliot Chodoff, the Spring 2007 David Bornblum Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies.

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Stephen Benin was an invited lecturer at the Colloquium on Political Hebraism held in December in Jerusalem. **Dr. Shaul Bar's** article "Intermarriage and the Hebrew Bible" appears in the journal *The Bible Today*, and his review essay on *Understanding the Hebrew Bible: A Reader's Guide* by Elliott Rabin appears in *The Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*. In addition, Dr. Bar delivered a lecture on "The Concept of the Biblical Sheol" at Harding University. This semester **Dr. David Patterson** will give lectures at conferences in Capetown, Cleveland, Portland, and Athens; he also presented a paper in December at the meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies in San Diego, CA. His book *Open Wounds: The Crisis of Jewish Thought in the Aftermath of Auschwitz* was just published by Washington University

Press. He wrote a chapter for the recently published *Approaches to Teaching Elie Wiesel's Night*, edited by Alan Rosen, and he has an article on "Aggadic Elements in Elie Wiesel's Tales" scheduled for publication in the journal *Literature and Belief* in March. Dr. Patterson continues to give numerous presentations for organizations in the Memphis community.



Open Wounds, a new book by David Patterson

Judaic Studies to Host Distinguished Guests

On **Sun., Jan. 21, at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Peabody Place Museum** BJS and the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS) will host a lecture on "The Story of the Belz Judaica Collection" by **Jack Belz**. On **Tues., Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., at the U of M Rose Theatre** BJS presents the award-winning documentary *Obsession: Radical Islam's War against the West*, with a discussion by **Elliot Chodoff**, this year's David Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar. In February, the BJS hosts Jewish artist and ketubah expert **David Moss**, who will speak about "The Art of the Ketubah" on

Mon., Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC). On **Mon., Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m., also at MJCC,** BJS has **Sharon Mintz** of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who will discuss “The Story of Jewish Art.” Then on **Sun., Feb 25, at 2:00 p.m.** BJS and the MJHS will have **Elliot Chodoff** back for a conversation about “The Current Situation in Israel.” **Prof. Khaleel Mohammed** of San Diego State University will be on hand **Wed., March 14, 7:30 p.m., in the U of M Mitchell Auditorium** for a presentation on “Islamic Teaching on the Jews.” Finally, on **Wed., April 11, 7:30 p.m., at a site TBA,** BJS and the MJHS host Professor **Holly Shulman** of the

University of Virginia; she will present a lecture titled “Rethinking Jewish Women in the Civil Rights Movement.”



BJS Guest Speaker Professor Khaleel Mohammed

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUDAIC STUDIES STUDENTS

BJS offers many scholarship and award opportunities for students seeking a degree in Judaic Studies, as well as for Judaic Studies students interested in studying in Israel for a summer, semester, or year. Also, if you will be a junior or a senior majoring in Judaic Studies in 2006 – 2007, you may be eligible to receive an academic award. For information, contact the **BJS office in 301 Mitchell, 678-2919.**

Mark Your Calendar for BJS Activities in Spring 2005

- 1. Sun, Jan 21, 3:00 pm, Peabody Place Museum:** “The Story of the Belz Judaica Collection” by Jack Belz
- 2. Tues, Jan 30, 7:30 pm, U of M Rose Theatre:** “Obsession: Islamic Terrorism” film and discussion by Elliot Chodoff
- 3. Mon, Feb 5, 7:30 pm, MJCC:** “The Art of the Ketubah” by David Moss
- 4. Mon, Feb 12, 7:30 pm, MJCC:** “The Story of Jewish Art” by Sharon Mintz
- 5. Sun, Feb 25, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “Israel, the Middle East, and Terrorism” by Elliot Chodoff
- 6. Wed, Mar 14, 7:30 pm, Mitchell Auditorium:** “Islamic Teaching on the Jews” by Khaleel Mohammed
- 7. Thurs & Fri, Mar 29 & 30, U of M: Conference on Race and Racism**
- 8. Wed, Apr 11, 7:00 pm, site TBA:** “Rethinking Jewish Women in the Civil Rights Movement” by Holly Shulman

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Fall 2007

JDST 2850	Religions of Abraham	JDST 3661	Old Testament
JDST 4820	Political History of Israel	JDST 3801	Jewish Thought
HEBR 1010	Elementary Hebrew	JDST 4511	Holocaust Studies
HEBR 2010	Intermediate Hebrew	UNIV 7200	Liberal Studies (Holocaust)

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