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The Bornblum Judaic Studies Newsletter Fall 2007

CONGRATS TO JDST STUDENTS

BJS offers congratulations to **Nathan Coker**, who received his B.L.S. in Judaic Studies last May. Nathan is on his way to Israel to continue his studies. Other BJS students have recently been studying in Israel or are on their way to study. Among them are Judaic Studies major **Mark McClain** and **Seleena Gaither**, **Brandon Maas**, **Carolyn Ward**, and **Jonathan Cox**, who earned minors in Judaic Studies.



Desecrated Jewish Cemetery in France

EVER AGAIN to be Shown Tues., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., Rose Theatre

BJS will join with the Memphis Jewish Historical Society for a presentation of the noted documentary *Ever Again*,

produced by Moriah Films, a division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The film explores the rapid rise of Muslim and neo-Nazi antisemitism throughout Europe. Directed by Richard Trank and narrated by Kevin Costner, the film features on-site footage and interviews both with victims and with perpetrators. The program is free and open to the public.

BJS AND HONEST REPORTING PRESENT 9/11 REMEMBRANCE WITH NONIE DARWISH

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Theatre BJS will join with Honest Reporting to present a lecture by Arab American activist Nonie Darwish. The author of numerous articles and the book *Now They Call Me Infidel*, Ms. Darwish is a founding member of Arabs for Israel and is a noted speaker. She has appeared in the film *Obsession* and other documentaries on Islamic Terrorism. Her talk is free and open to the public.

Judaic Studies to Co-Host Distinguished Guests

This year Bornblum Judaic Studies joins with various campus and community partners to host several outstanding events. The first program is the film *Ever Again*, presented by **Rabbi Aron**

Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Center; it deals with the rise of the Islamic and neo-Nazi antisemitism in Europe and elsewhere. Presented with the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS), the program will be on **Tues., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., at the U of M Rose Theatre**. The second lecture, co-sponsored by Honest Reporting, is a 9/11 remembrance program with Arab American author and activist **Nonie Darwish** on **Tues., Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the U of M Rose Theatre**. The next program is a film and lecture, co-hosted by the MJHS, featuring noted documentary filmmaker **Simcha Jacobovici**, whose presentation is on "The Ten Lost Tribes," **Sun., Dec. 2, 2:00 p.m., at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC)**. This program is part of the Memphis Jewish Book Celebration. Distinguished Holocaust scholar **Dr. Alan Berger** of Florida Atlantic University will speak about "Children of Holocaust Survivors" on **Sun., Feb. 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the MJCC**; this event is also co-sponsored by the MJHS. Visiting Bornblum/Lemsky Professor of Israel Studies **Elliot Chodoff** will speak on "The Threat of Terrorism" on **Sun., Feb. 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the MJCC**. The year will end with local scholar **Perre Magness** speaking on "The Jews of Memphis," **Sun., May 18, 2:00 p.m., at the MJCC**, co-sponsored by the MJHS.

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Shaul Bar is working on a new book titled *The Theology of Exile and Restoration*. Over the past several months **Dr. Stephen Benin** has been among the invited speakers at conferences at the Institute for the Study of Rabbinic Thought and the Shalom Hartman Institute, both of which are in Jerusalem. He was also invited to serve

as a commentator at a conference at Bar Ilan University and to give a lecture titled "Perplexed in Cambridge: John Spencer Confronts Maimonides" at the State University of New York in Buffalo. **Dr. David Patterson** recently made a presentation in Athens, was a panel participant at a Memphis showing of *Obsession* (a film on Islamic terrorism), and served as scholar-in-residence for teacher workshops held by Facing History and Ourselves; he was also appointed to the Facing History International Scholars Board of Advisors. Dr. Patterson's articles have recently appeared in the journals *Literature and Belief* and *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, as well as book chapters in *Elie Wiesel and the Art of Storytelling* (ed. Rosemary Horowitz), *The Decalogue Project* (ed. Roger VanHarn), *Approaches to Teaching Elie Wiesel's Night* (ed. Alan Rosen), and *Testimony, Tensions, and Tikkun* (ed. Myrna Goldenberg and Rochelle Millen).

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 Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies, Spring 2008.



Elliot Chodoff

**Mark Your Calendar for
These Upcoming BJS
Activities**

1. **Tues, Sept 4, 7:30 pm, U of M Rose Theatre:** “Ever Again” a film on Islamic terrorism, with Rabbi Aron Hier
2. **Tues, Sept 11, 7:30 pm, U of M Rose Theatre:** “In Remembrance of 9/11” by Nonie Darwish
3. **Sun, Nov 25-Sun, Dec 2, MJCC:** Jewish Book Celebration
4. **Sun, Dec 2, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “The Ten Lost Tribes,” film and talk by Simcha Jacobovici
5. **Sun, Feb 3, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “Children of Holocaust Survivors” by Alan Berger
6. **Sun, Feb 17, 2:00 (MJCC):** “The Terrorist Threat” by Elliot Chodoff
7. **Sun, May 18, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “The Jews of Memphis” by Perre Magness

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Spring 2007

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 4841	Biblical Archaeology	JDST 4900	Independent Study
	JDST 7796		Independent Study
HEBR 1020	Elementary Hebrew	HEBR 2020	Intermediate Hebrew

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