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FROM THE DIRECTOR

My colleagues are so modest and easygoing that someone who doesn't know their written work cannot fully appreciate how intellectually ambitious and productive they are. I want to use this column to pay tribute to their scholarly contributions.

The vitality of the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program (Borns JSP) as a major center of Jewish Studies(JS)-related research can be measured by the sheer number of books coming from Indiana University (IU) faculty this year alone (many from IU Press, which under the leadership of [Janet Rabinowitch](#) has become one of the country's most important publishers of JS scholarship). Some examples (in a list that is not meant to be exhaustive):

[Shaul Magid](#), who was promoted to full Professor in 2008, is soon to publish *From Metaphysics to Midrash* which uses a study of kabbalistic scriptural interpretation to roam across the boundaries between early modern Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. [Susan Gubar's](#) *Judas: A Biography* traces the history of that most reviled of figures over twenty centuries of collective imagination. [Miryam Segal's](#) *A New Sound in Hebrew Poetry* breaks new ground by exploring the intersection of poetics and politics in modern Hebrew poetry, while [Stephen Katz's](#) book *To Be As Others* takes a very different approach to Hebrew poetry with a study that analyzes Hebrew works composed in America. [Michael Morgan](#), whose retirement we celebrated in the spring of 2008, has seen several volumes published recently, including the *Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy* and a meditation on shame as a motive for political action. [Judah Cohen](#) has a book forthcoming on the making of the cantor in American Reform Judaism, and [Jeffrey Veidlinger](#), a book that follows the emergence of Jewish secular culture in the twilight of the Russian Empire.

Beyond individual studies, we are host to exciting collaborations as well. [Dov-Ber Kerler](#) and [Jeffrey Veidlinger](#) continue to advance a major ethnographic study of contemporary Yiddish speakers in the Ukraine. This summer sees the publication of *The Jews: A History*, written by myself, [Matthias Lehmann](#), together with former IU colleague John Efron. [Alvin Rosenfeld's](#) edited volume *The Writer Uprooted* brings together an assortment of essays around the theme of exile in contemporary Jewish literature. [Matthias Lehmann](#), together with [Joëlle Bahloul](#) (also just promoted to full Professor) and [Judah M. Cohen](#), are spearheading a new Sephardic Studies Initiative that will host a major conference this spring. [Mark Roseman's](#) many publications include *Conflict, Catastrophe and Continuity: Essays on Modern German History*, edited with Frank Biess and Hanna Schissler.

With so much intellectual capital focused in one place, the Borns JSP now aims to become a major center for the training of future scholars and teachers. The program is a relative newcomer to graduate education, but we are positioning ourselves as a fresh alternative to more established graduate programs. Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, we are now able to offer several fellowships to support students during their studies. A student can pursue a Ph.D. here in modern Jewish history through the Department of History, and a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought and Culture through the Department of Religious Studies (RS). We are now working on a new M.A. program for students who want to explore advanced JS without committing to a doctorate. (We hope to have that in place in the next year or two). We have also begun to develop a warm and engaged graduate student culture, with workshops that allow students to share their work and learn from one another. (See pages 8 and 10 for news of our graduate students.)

Bloomington is a little off the beaten path in the Jewish world, but it is a lovely, affordable, and fun place to be a student, and one can find committed mentors among our faculty as well as brilliant scholars. If you are interested in a career as a scholar and teacher of JS, please feel welcome to contact any of our faculty about the possibilities here.



Sincerely,

Steven Weitzman

Dr. Steven Weitzman
Director
Irving M. Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies
and Professor of Religious Studies



SUPPORT OUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Establish a Four-Year Scholarship

“The prospect of making Jewish studies the central focus of my curriculum has been the aspect of college life that I have most anticipated . . . The quality of the Borns JSP is what compelled me to apply to IU.”

Sarah Wilensky, inaugural recipient of the first four-year scholarship in JS, The Rosey and Karl Krakovitz Scholarship



Indiana Jewish Studies majors: (Front row—left to right) Nina Loftspring, Traci Stratford; (back row—left to right) Rachel Schonwald, Elizabeth Camuti, Jenn Queen, Lauren Berman

The Borns JSP is in the midst of a campaign to raise **four-year scholarships** for our growing number of undergraduate students. Our efforts are part of a larger IU campaign called “Matching the Promise” in which IU is offering a 1:1 match for any gift of \$50,000 or more, committing one dollar in support for every dollar of interest earning generated by a scholarship endowment. A gift given under the terms of the program will have twice

the impact that it would normally have because of the match, providing \$5,000 of support to a JS student for each of her or his four years of college. Since the scholarship will exist in perpetuity, and one can name it as one likes, it is a wonderful way to honor a loved one while investing in our students at the same time.

As you probably know, a college education is extremely expensive. IU is more financially accessible than other excellent universities, but our students, too, must often struggle to meet the cost of an education here, and we want to be able to recruit the very best regardless of financial need. Through these new scholarships, we will be able to provide significant support to students with an interest in JS, competing more successfully for the best students in the country. If you believe in JS and the

potential of higher education to transform lives, this is an excellent investment in the future.

Unfortunately, the time to take advantage of this opportunity is nearing an end because the funds set aside for the match are running out. The program will likely end within the year. When the funds are exhausted, we will no longer be able to double the impact of these scholarships in the way we can now. If you are in a position to consider such a gift, now is the time to have the most impact.

Because such a gift can be established in a variety of ways and may entail certain tax benefits, establishing such a scholarship may be more affordable than many realize. IU has created a great opportunity to support our students, and we hope you will consider this proposal seriously.

For more information, please contact Dr. Steven Weitzman, Director, Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, Goodbody Hall 326, 1011 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-7005, tel: 812-855-0453; sweitzma@indiana.edu.

EXCEPTIONAL DONORS ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Individuals of exceptional generosity and commitment have stepped forward already to establish endowments to fund four-year undergraduate scholarships: **Irving and Pat Glazer** of Indianapolis; **Jay and Marsha Glazer** of Mercer Island, Washington; **Rikki and Len Goldstein** of Fort Wayne, Indiana; **Rosey and the late Karl Krakovitz** of Bloomington; **Bobbi and Arthur Kroot** of Columbus, Indiana; **Bernice and Herb Levetown** of Tenafly, New Jersey; **Sybil and Lou Mervis** of Danville, Illinois; and, **Frances and the late Mendel Piser** of South Bend, Indiana. The unparalleled generosity of two genera-

tions of the **Glazer family, Irving and Pat, and son Jay and daughter-in-law Marsha**, began in the 1980s when Irving, an IU graduate, supported the JS Faculty Fund. Irv, his brother Bernard, friends, and his children established the first scholarship for an incoming freshmen in JS on the occasion of Irv’s 70th birthday in August 1987. Since that time, Jay and Marsha honored Irv and Pat by endowing the **Pat M. Glazer Chair in JS** and the **Irving M. Glazer Chair**, and all four Glazers were generous supporters of the **Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair** in JS.

During his two terms as the president of the JSP Advisory Board, **Len Goldstein** worked tirelessly to raise funds to establish the Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair in JS. Rikki and Len’s support are major reasons that the program has only kept growing in the

last decade after three previous decades of rising success.

Rosey Krakovitz, a beloved member of the Bloomington Jewish community, established the **Karl and Rosey Krakovitz Scholarship** in memory of her late husband Karl. We are proud that Rosey’s daughter **Audrey**, a synagogue administrator in North Carolina, is a JSP alumna (1986).

Bobbi and Arthur Kroot of Columbus, Indiana, have supported the JSP for many decades. Bobbi, a member of our Executive Committee, has been one of the champions of the JSP, introducing us to some of our most exceptional supporters. Bobbi and Art’s daughter-in-law, **Stephanie**, is pursuing a JS major.

Two champions of the Borns JSP have been **Sybil and Lou**



Mervis of Danville, Illinois, who have offered extraordinary commitment as advisory board members and supported scholarships and the ground-breaking endowment of the **Lou and Sybil Mervis Chair in the Study of Jewish Culture**. The Mervises have supported numerous students throughout the years and their passionate support of the JSP places it at the cutting edge of Jewish cultural and artistic studies.

The Bernice and Herb Levetown Scholarship in JS was established this year by Herb, a 1949 graduate of IU in Chemistry, and his wife Bernice. Herb credits IU with exposing a “young, Jewish kid from Brooklyn” to a wide variety of people and new ways of thinking.

The first **M. Mendel and Frances M. Piser Scholarship** was awarded this year to incoming freshman **Aela Sapir**. The Pisers, of South Bend, longtime supporters and deeply committed to Jewish education, have been exemplary role models in their support of the JSP and many other educational causes.

We are still only about halfway to our goal for four-year undergraduate scholarships. **We hope you will join these supporters to establish a four-year scholarship for the next generation of IU JS students.**

NEW INITIATIVES

JEWISH SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM

Students with an interest in becoming cantors, or studying Jewish music in all its forms, can now embark upon a special sequence of courses chosen in conjunction with the Jacobs School of Music, the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music, and the Jewish Theological Seminary’s H. L. Miller Cantorial School. Coordinated by **Judah M. Cohen, Lou and Sybil Mervis Professor in the Study of**

Jewish Culture, and approved by the JSP faculty, this arrangement combines two of IU’s greatest strengths: JS and Music. IU, as a result, will become a key training ground for the next genera-

tion of American Jewish synagogue musicians and scholars. The Jewish Sacred Music program received further support in spring 2008, with a generous contribution by **Lou and Sybil Mervis**. **The Selma Lee Mervis Young Scholarship** will offer an outstanding undergraduate student or students the opportunity to prepare for a career in Jewish music through the exceptional resources offered at IU. Both Jacobs School of Music students and JS majors can pursue the Jewish Sacred Music curriculum, which includes courses in Hebrew, music theory, music history,

Jewish history, Jewish music, and vocal performance. In addition, students will have the opportunity to join a special Pre-cantorial Interest Group, which will see films, hold discussions, and meet with special guests relating to Jewish music and the cantorate. They will also have the opportunity to be mentored by established cantors from the area and take on Jewish leadership responsibilities. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to excel in the cantorial school of their choice.

High school seniors interested in a career in the cantorate and committed to pursuing the Jewish sacred music program as JS majors or Jacobs School of Music vocal performance majors may apply for the inaugural **Selma Lee Mervis Young Scholarship** (up to \$10,000 per year for four years), a scholarship in memory of the sister of **Lou Mervis** and the sister-in-law of **Sybil Mervis**. See details about the application procedure at <http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/scholarships.html>. Applications must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2009**.

HELEN B. SCHWARTZ FUND ESTABLISHED

For First Books in JS

It is becoming more difficult for young unpublished scholars to get their first book published. Honoring his late wife **Helen B. Schwartz’s** commitment to scholarship, devoted supporter of the JSP **Martin D. Schwartz** of Muncie, Indiana, has endowed the **Helen B. Schwartz Fund for New Scholarship in JS**, which will support first books written by new authors working within the realm of JS to be published by IU Press.



Judah M. Cohen, Martin Schwartz, and Janet Rabinowitch, Director of the IU Press

The inaugural recipient of this award that encourages new voices in the field of JS, is our own **Professor Judah M. Cohen** for support of publication of his book on the training of the cantor in American Reform Judaism.

Helen Schwartz was devoted to education, both Jewish and secular. Helen and Martin jointly organized and conducted seminars in several Oxford University colleges for the World Business Council and established the national Schwartz Prize to recognize the best public humanities programs in the U.S. Among her numerous contributions, Helen was vice president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and established Hoosier Bounty, which provided thousands of meals each year to public agencies to feed people.

SEPHARDIC STUDIES INITIATIVE

Since its inception in the summer of 2007, IU’s **Sephardic Studies Initiative** (SSI) has developed a series of academic and public programs. An international conference on “Jewish Religion in Ottoman Lands,” co-sponsored with IU’s Chair for Ottoman and Turkish Studies, **Professor Kemal Silay**, included scholars from Israel (**Yaron Ben-Naeh, Yaron Harel, Zvi Zohar**) and the U.S. (**Matt Goldish, Marc Baer, Shaul Magid**). In September 2007, a performance by the New-York based group ASEFA, marked the beginning of the new Initiative with a concert of Sephardic—and, in particular, Moroccan Jewish—music. Later in fall 2007, the SSI hosted **Dr. Olga Borovaya**, a scholar of Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) literature teaching at Stanford University, who presented a lecture of Ladino literature from the 11th-18th centuries. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and



HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING 2008-2009 PROGRAMS

Free and Open to the Public

FALL

Installation Program for the Mervis, Rosenfeld, and Schottenstein Chairs, Thursday, September 4, 5:00 p.m., University Club, President's Room, IMU

Cardinal Stage production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" - September 12-28 and a panel with playwright **Wendy Kesselman** and **workshop for teachers (with David Barnouw)** on September 17

"pushmepullyou/stossmichziehich: A Jewish/German Dialogue Disclosed," featuring the art of **Karen Baldner** and **Björn Krondorfer**, accompanied by an afternoon symposium "**Wit(h)ness: Art, Memory, and the Holocaust**" with Professors **Lisa Saltzman**, **Edward Linenthal**, **Susan Gubar**, **Mark Roseman**, and **Alvin Rosenfeld**; **Dorit and Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture and the Arts**, Sunday, October 5, Mathers Museum

Jewish Women's Film Festival, Saturday, October 11-Monday, October 13

"**The Future of Yiddish**" by Professor **Dovid Katz**, **George Stolnitz Memorial Lecture**, Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., State Room East, IMU

SPRING

"**Wisdom Undermined: A New Look at the Book of Job**" by Professor **Ed Greenstein**, **James Ackerman Lecture** Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., Oak Room, IMU

A performance of cantorial music by **Cantor Natasha Hirschhorn**, **The Dorit and Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture and the Arts**, Sunday, February 15, afternoon, Location: TBA

"**Creative Expressions of the Sephardic Experience**" scholarly conference, Sunday, March 1-Monday, March 2, Oak Room, IMU

Professor Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, **Dorit and Gerald Paul Lecture for the Study of Germans and Jews**, "German-Jewish Gender History: Where From, Where To, and Why?", Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Oak Room, IMU

Professor Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, **Dorit and Gerald Paul Lecture for the Study of Germans and Jews**, "From Revolution to Resistance: German-Jewish Communists in the 1920s and 1930s," Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Indianapolis location: TBA

TO BE SCHEDULED

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, "Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews: A Work in Progress," **Samuel and Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture**

"**Fear: Anti-Semitism in Poland after Auschwitz**" by Professor **Jan Gross**, **Simona and Hart Hasten Lecture**, 7:30 p.m., Location: TBA



"Jewish Religion in Ottoman Lands" conference participants by Renaissance Studies. In addition, the SSI served as a co-sponsor for a concert of early Spanish and Sephardic music, part of the Bloomington Early Music Festival.

IU's Borns JSP is in a unique position to develop what is increasingly becoming a major field within JS: the study of Sephardic and Middle Eastern Jewish cultures. With three affiliated faculty working in the area—**Joëlle Bahloul**, JS and Anthropology, **Judah**

M. Cohen, JS and Folklore & Ethnomusicology, and **Matthias Lehmann**, JS and History—IU has a strength in Sephardic studies that few other American universities can match. Plans are under way for a second conference on "**Creative Expressions of the Sephardic Experience**," (March 1-2, 2008) organized by Professors **Matthias Lehmann** and **Judah M. Cohen** which will bring together an array of scholars and performers to explore the richness of Sephardic identity in folklore, art, and culture. Other public events will also be forthcoming over the next months.

The SSI, developed with seed money from the Borns JSP, seeks permanent funding to extend its programming as well as to support graduate student and faculty research in the study of the culture of Sephardic and Middle Eastern Jewries. For more information on the Initiative, please contact Professor Matthias Lehmann at mlehmann@indiana.edu.

COHEN, MAGID, VEIDLINGER *Formally Installed*

The Borns JSP will formally install **Professor Judah M. Cohen** as the **Lou and Sybil Mervis Chair in the Study of Jewish Culture**, **Professor Shaul Magid** as the **Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Chair in JS**, and **Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger** as the **Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair in JS** on Thursday, September 4, 2008 in the University Club, President's Room of the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU) at 5:00 p.m. Each of the chair holders has a book forthcoming from IU Press and will offer those present a brief glimpse of some of their most important findings. A reception will follow the presentations in honor of the chair holders and those whose generosity established their chairs.



STEPHANIE SCHÜLER-SPRINGORUM

2008 Dorit and Gerald Paul
Lecturer

Stephanie Schüler-Springorum, Director of the Institute for the History of German Jewry and Professor at the



Stephanie Schüler-Springorum

University of Hamburg, will deliver two lectures in the **Dorit and Gerald Paul Program for the Study of Germans and Jews**: “German-Jewish Gender History: Where From, Where To, and Why?” in Bloomington on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, and “From Revolution to Resistance: German-Jewish Communists in the 1920s and 1930s” in Indianapolis on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Professor Schüler-Springorum is the author of many publications, including “*Wir sind jung, die Welt ist offen . . .*” (with K. Bergbauer); *Die jüdische Minderheit in Königsberg/Pr. 1871-1945*; *Das Jüdische Hamburg* (edited with A. Brämer, K. Heinsohn, I. Lorenz) (2006); and *Deutsch-Jüdische Geschichte als Geschlechtergeschichte* (edited with K. Heinsohn) (2006).

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. Recent Paul Fellows include **Michael Brenner** of the University of Munich and **Peter Pulzer** of University of Oxford and the Leo Baeck Institute, London. Printed copies of these Paul Lectures are available upon request: iujsp@indiana.edu.

BARBARA KIRSHENBLATT-GIMBLETT

Returns to IU

Noted folklorist **Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett**, University Professor and Professor of Performance Studies at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, will deliver the **Samuel and Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture**, “Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews: A Work in Progress,” in 2008-2009. She received her Ph.D. from IU in 1972. Her books include *Destination Culture: Tourism, Museums, and Heritage*; *Image Before My Eyes: A Photographic History of Jewish Life in Poland, 1864-1939* (with Lucjan Dobroszycki); *They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust* (with Mayer Kirshenblatt); and *The Art of Being Jewish in Modern Times* (edited with Jonathan Karp).

JEWISH WOMEN IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



Documentary Film Festival
October 11-13

A two-day, student-initiated documentary film festival, “**Jewish Women in Global Perspective**” will bring ten films with themes ranging from a Holocaust-era swim club in Austria (“Watermarks”) to coming out in a Jewish day school (“Hineni”) to the IU campus on October 11–13, 2008. Two of the filmmakers, Faye Lederman (“A

Good Uplift”) and Jennifer Fox (“Flying: Confessions of a Free Woman”) will present their films. JS doctoral minor students **Jessica Alpert** and **Devorah Shubowitz** are directing the film festival. Thanks to key assistance from IU departments, most notably the Borns JSP, all showings will be free of charge.

DOVID KATZ “THE FUTURE OF YIDDISH”

George J. Stolnitz Memorial
Program

The 2008 **George J. Stolnitz Memorial Program**, established to honor the memory of IU Economics **Professor George J. Stolnitz** (1920-2001), will feature a lecture, “The Future of Yiddish,” at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008, by **Professor Dovid Katz**. The lecture will take place in State Room East of the IMU.

Dovid Katz founded Yiddish studies at Oxford University where he built a world-class center for Yiddish Studies. Since 1999, he has been Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture at Vilnius University, Lithuania. He is the author of numerous papers on the history of Yiddish, academic volumes, and books of original fiction in Yiddish. His most recent works include: *Lithuanian Jewish Culture* and *Words on Fire: The Unfinished Story of Yiddish* which was on *The Chicago Tribune*’s list of the year’s 10 best books on language.

JAN GROSS AT IU

Professor Jan T. Gross, Norman B. Tomlinson Professor of War and Society at Princeton University, will deliver the **Simona and Hart Hasten Lecture** in JS in spring 2009.

Gross was nominated for the 2001 National Book Award for his widely acclaimed *Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland*. In his most recent book, *Fear: Anti-Semitism in Poland after Auschwitz* (2006), he argues that the anti-semitism displayed in Poland in the war’s aftermath cannot be understood simply as a continuation of pre-war attitudes, but must be understood in the context of the Holocaust and the Communist takeover.



EDWARD GREENSTEIN TO SPEAK ON JOB

Biblical scholar **Ed Greenstein**, Bar Ilan University, will deliver the **James Ackerman Lecture**, “A New Look at the Book of Job,” on February 11, 2009, on the Bloomington campus. The lecture series honors **Professor Emeritus of RS and JS Jim Ackerman**, who helped to put the study of the Bible as literature at the forefront of academic study of the Bible in this country.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH CULTURE AND ARTS

The Borns JSP continues to develop its **Institute for Jewish Culture and the Arts** (**Professor Alvin Rosenfeld**, Director), whose mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of Jewish artistic creativity through lectures and programs by leading artists, writers, architects, art critics, and art historians. **The Dorit and Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture and the Arts** enables the Institute to bring a variety of artists to the Borns JSP.

Programs sponsored by the Institute during the 2007-2008 year were rich and varied. (Please see list of 2007-2008 events on page 9.) Institute programs planned for the 2008-2009 year include: the **Cardinal Stage** production of “**The Diary of Anne Frank**,” (September 12-28) along with a panel with playwright **Wendy Kesselman** and a workshop for teachers; “pushmepull-



Dorit, Gerald, and Professor Eloise Paul with Sir Gilbert Levine

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Susan Gubar, **Mark Roseman**, and **Alvin Rosenfeld** on Sunday, October 5 at IU’s Mathers Museum; the **Jewish Women in Global Perspective Documentary Film Festival**, October 11–13; and, a February performance of cantorial music by **Cantor Natasha Hirschhorn**, music director of Congregation Anshe Chesed in New York City.



Carolyn Lipson-Walker

CAROLYN LIPSON- WALKER

Named Assistant Director

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that the Borns JSP announces the promotion of **Dr. Carolyn Lipson-Walker** to the position of Assistant Director. Much beloved by students, Dr. Lipson-Walker will continue as academic advisor. But the program has sought to make the most of her experience, talents, and creativity by expanding her role to include development, alumni relations, and other important responsibilities. Dr. Lipson-Walker received her Ph.D. from IU’s illustrious Department of Folklore and is an expert in Southern Jewish folklore and culture. In 1993, she joined the staff of the JSP and her role has expanded as the program itself has expanded.

Dr. Lipson-Walker was instrumental in

developing (and sustaining) IU’s overseas study programs in Israel and elsewhere, produces the program’s much admired newsletter that reaches more than 10,000 people, and has worked with hundreds of students to help them make the most of IU and fulfill their potential after graduation. Today, as we often boast, we host one of the most successful undergraduate programs in the country, with 170 majors, certificate students and Hebrew minors, and our growing list of alumni is a who’s who of successful community leaders and educators. Dr. Lipson-Walker deserves much of the credit for that success. We are delighted to be able to recognize Carolyn in a substantive way for her many contributions to the program, but even more delighted that she will be helping lead the program into the future. - SW

JEWISH STUDIES WORKSHOPS

JS workshops provide opportunities for the JS community of faculty and graduate students to learn with visiting and local scholars. In 2007-2008, **Professor Yael Zerubavel** of Rutgers University, discussed “Images of Antiquity and the Rhetoric in Contemporary Israeli Culture”. Author, politician, and human rights activist, **Natan Sharansky** presented a workshop on “The Case for Democracy”. In November, faculty and graduate students took a special tour of the **Kinsey Institute’s** JS-related books and holdings; and, Professor Emeritus **Louis Greenspan**, McMaster University, spoke on “Bertrand Russell and the Jews”. JSP Visiting **Professor Daphne Tsimhoni** chaired a workshop “The Exodus of Jews from Arab Lands: Myths and Reality”. The JSP’s **Shaul Magid** presented the last workshop of the year, “The Holocaust as Inverted Miracle: Shalom Noah Barzofsky of Slonim on the Power and Divine Nature of Radical Evil.”

During the coming academic year, **Professor Robert Katz**, IUPUI, **Professor Björn Krondorfer**, St. Mary’s College, **Professor Dovid Katz**, Vilnius University, **Professor Richard Sarason**, Hebrew Union



College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, NYU, among others, will lead JS workshops. Jeffrey Veidlinger, Associate Director of the Borns JSP, is the convener of this series.

JANICE HURTUK

New Program Administrator and Fiscal Officer

The Borns JSP was very pleased to welcome Janice Hurtuk as its Program Administrator and Fiscal Officer in October, 2007. She has returned to IU Bloomington after nine years in Indianapolis. Most recently, Janice served as the Assistant to the Chair and Departmental Fiscal Officer for the Department of Geology/Earth Sciences at Indiana University–Purdue University (IUPUI). At IUPUI, Janice also served as Administrative Assistant to the Chair and Office Manager for the Department of Mathematics.



Janice Hurtuk

An Ohio native, Janice worked at IU Bloomington for the Office of the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School in Bloomington, the Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the Department of Economics.

The JSP faculty and staff appreciate Janice's patience and expertise, traits that have led to a smooth transition to this new position. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Janice, we hope you will soon.



Natan Sharansky with Dean Bennett Bertenthal

NATAN SHARANSKY

Simona and Hart Hasten Lecture

On November 12, 2007, thanks to the generosity of Simona and Hart Hasten of Indianapolis, Natan Sharansky, celebrated author and human rights activist, delivered the Simona and Hart Hasten Visiting Lecture in JS, "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What are the Prospects for Peace?"

In the 1980s, the world's most famous political prisoners were South Africa's Nelson Mandela and Soviet Jewish dissident Natan Sharansky. Mr. Sharansky spent nine years as a Soviet political prisoner. He served in the Knesset and as a minister in four cabinets. His most recent book *The Case for Democracy* is a critically-acclaimed best seller. He is now a fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, where he directs the Adelson Institute for Strategic Studies.

The Hastens have sponsored the IU visits of many renowned figures in the field of JS including Yigael Yadin, Saul Friedländer, Emil Fackenheim, Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, and, also in fall 2007, noted French intellectual Alain Finkielkraut.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

The Borns JSP currently counts nineteen graduate students pursuing the doctoral minor in JS. This is not only the largest number of graduate students we have ever been able to train, but they are also an exceptionally strong group of young scholars. In the last year alone, our graduate students have been recognized by the most prestigious organizations in the field.

Evie Dean-Olmsted

(Anthropology) won a Fulbright-Hays and Fulbright IIE grant for dissertation research in Mexico in 2008-2009. Ben Thorne (History) was awarded a J. William Fulbright Scholarship for study in Germany for this academic year. Elizabeth Lambert (History) will continue her research in Germany in 2008-2009 with support from a DAAD-German Academic

Service Scholarship and support from the Free University of Berlin. Larisa Privalskaya (Comparative Literature) was awarded a Louise McNutt Graduate Fellowship for the 2008-2009 year.

Three of our graduate students received fellowships from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: Barbara Krawcowicz (RS) who is spending the academic year in Washington, D.C. conducting research on Orthodox rabbinical responses to the Holocaust; Amy Simon (History), whose dissertation will compare attitudes and reactions of Jews to their perpetrators during the Nazi occupation; and Ben Thorne (History) who is rewriting the history of the Roma Holocaust in Romania. Both Ben and Amy also received Sara and Albert Reuben Scholarships in JS to support their study of the Holocaust.

Ryan Bond (Germanic Studies) who is conducting a study of the reconstruction of the Neue Synagogue of Dresden, Dan Clasby (History) whose dissertation is a study of the Jewish community of Venice with a focus on Italian Jewish political culture and the liberal state in the late 19th century, and Erin Corber (History) who is studying French Jewry during World War I, were awarded Glazer Family Fellowships for the 2008-2009 year.

Gabrielle Berlinger (Folklore) won the 2007 Raphael Patai Prize in Jewish Folklore and Ethnology for her essay, "770 Eastern Parkway: Brooklyn Brownstone, Sacred Space." The Prize is awarded by the Jewish Folklore and Ethnology Section of the American Folklore Society and the Committee on the Anthropology of Jews and Judaism of the American Anthropological Association for the best unpublished essay in Jewish folklore and ethnology by a student. Jessica Alpert (History) won the Department of Germanic

2007-2008 JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM LECTURES AND EVENTS

+“Jewish Religion in Ottoman Lands,” inaugural **Sephardic Studies Initiative conference**, convened by **Professor Matthias Lehmann** and **Professor Kemal Silay**, August 21-22, 2007

“Jewish Identity, Jewish Diversity (an illustrated conversation),” by photographer **Zion Ozeri**, **Samuel and Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture**, September 9, 2007

*+**Concert by ASEFA in honor of the establishment of the Sephardic Studies Initiative**, October 1, 2007

Edward A. Block Lecture, “The Last Frontier? Settlement, Ecology and Tourism in the Israeli Desert,” **Professor Yael Zerubavel**, Rutgers University, October 22, 2007

“Reconstructing ‘Community’: The Baghdadi Jews of British Burma,” **Ruth Fredman Cernea**, October 30, 2007

Hart and Simona Hasten Visiting Fellows Program, “The Jew in Christian and Post-Christian Europe: Reflections on Today’s Anti-Semitism,” **Professor Alain Finkelkraut**, École Polytechnique, November 1, 2007

*+“The Dynamics of Judeo-Spanish Literature—16th–18th Centuries,” **Professor Olga Borovaya**, Stanford University, November 5, 2007

Hart and Simona Hasten Visiting Fellows Program, “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What are the Prospects for Peace?” Internationally-acclaimed author and human rights activist **Natan Sharansky**, November 12, 2007

“Patriots and Pacifists: Jewish Women and the Peace Movement between the World Wars,” **Professor Melissa Klapper**, Rowan University, February 4, 2008

The 13th Joan and Samuel New Institute for the Study of Judaism and the Jews, “God in the 21st Century,” **Professor Shaul Magid**, **Professor Michael Morgan**, and **Professor Steven Weitzman**, Indianapolis, March 2, 2008

Bill and Frances Julian Program for Inter- and Intra-Faith Understanding, “God Was

Not Odd to Choose the Jews: Augustine on Jews and Judaism,” **Professor Paula Fredriksen**, Boston University, March 27, 2008

“The Quest for the Past and Future of Jewish Philosophy,” conference in honor of the retirement of Chancellor’s **Professor Michael Morgan**, March 31, 2008

Helen and Martin Schwartz Lectures in JS, “Rethinking Jewish Collectivity,” **Professor David Myers**, UCLA. “What was the Jewish Nation?” April 8 and “What is the Jewish Nation?” April 9, 2008

“The People’s Community and Anti-Semitic Violence: The Racist Transformation of Civil Society and Everyday Politics in Nazi Germany before World War II,” **Professor Michael Wildt**, Institut für Sozialforschung, April 16, 2008

***Dorit and Gerald Paul Program in Jewish Culture and the Arts**, “The Pope’s Maestro,” lecture by **Sir Gilbert Levine**, Indianapolis, April 28, 2008

Co-sponsored Events:

***Pearl Schwartz Memorial Program in Judaism and the Arts: Jazz concert by Anat Cohen Quartet** (Lotus World Music Festival), September 30, 2007

Holocaust survivor **Phil Gans**, “Remember the Past to Build the Future,” (Helene G. Simon Hillel Center), October 10, 2007

“The End of Everything: Catastrophe and Community in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Worlds,” conference (Ancient Studies Program) convened by **Professor Bert Harrill**, October 11-13, 2007

Professor Bettina Aptheker, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Civil Rights, Black Power, Women’s Liberation: The Politics of Memory and History,” (with Gender Studies), October 23, 2007

*Highlights of upcoming PBS series “The Jewish Americans,” with the series host, **Professor Beth Wenger**, University of Pennsylvania (at the Indianapolis JCC), October 24, 2007

Journalist **Gershon Gorenberg**, “Israel’s Accidental Empire: Into the Settlement Quagmire and Out” (with Middle East Conflict & Reform Lecture Series), October 29, 2007



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***Concert by Barbez: Force of Light** (homage to Paul Celan), November 10, 2007

***The Steve Peskoff Jewish Jazz Project** (Indianapolis JCC), February 17, 2008

“Europe and the Search for Peace in the Middle East,” **Daniel Benjamin**, Brookings Institute (with European Union Center for Excellence), February 26, 2008

Showing of film “Kadosh” with discussion led by **Professor Dror Wahrman** (Department of History’s Field of Gender and Sexuality International Film Festival), March 18, 2008

*“**Israel Culture Symposium**,” March 31-April 3, 2008

***Klezmer Music Workshop with Joshua Horowitz, Cookie Segelstein, Stuart Brotman** and **Michael Alpert** (Folk Music Revival and Dance-House Movements in Hungary Symposium), April 3, 2008

*“**Musical Identity and Revival**,” symposium chaired by **Professor Judah M. Cohen**, April 4, 2008

Israelpalooza, a celebration of Israel’s 60th birthday (Helene G. Simon Hillel Center), April 6, 2008

*Film showing and discussion of “**The Music of Terezin**” with director **Simon Broughton** (Folk Music Revival and Dance-House Movements in Hungary Symposium), April 7, 2008

Ambassador Raminder Singh Jassal, “India, Israel, and the Middle East,” (with India Studies) April 22, 2008

*+“**Duo Geminiani and Ensemble Lipzodes**” concert, Bloomington Early Music Festival, May 26, 2008

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Our Yiddish Studies program continues to grow and attract students from around the world. Our current student body includes young Yiddish enthusiasts from Russia, Lithuania, Poland and the United States.

Jolanta Mickute (History) was awarded the **Yiddish Graduate Fellowship** to continue her dissertation research on Jewish women in interwar Poland. She spent last year on the Warsaw University-IU

Exchange Program and is spending this year at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and at YIVO in New York. This summer, with sup-



port from **JSP Alice Field Cohn Awards**, **Mollie Ables**, (Musicology) a doctoral student working on klezmer music, continued her Yiddish studies at the Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, offered by YIVO and NYU, and **Margot Behrend Valles** (Comparative Literature) took language courses at Hebrew University.

Congratulations to JS doctoral minor **Ellen Muehlberger**, who completed her Ph.D. in RS on April 14, 2008. She is part-time assistant professor of RS at DePauw University. She was the JSP's outstanding instructor of Biblical Hebrew from Fall 2003 to Spring 2008. Ph.D. minor alum **Jill Smith** married Fabian Rieger in Berlin on July 21, 2007. Jill teaches at Bowdoin College.

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This academic year, the Borns JSP initiated a competition for graduate student grants-in-aid of research. These grants can be used to defray the costs of summer language study, travel, photocopying, or other research expenses for graduate students working on topics of relevance to JS. Preference will be given to JS doctoral minors. Students must submit a proposal, transcript, budget, and letter of reference by March 15, 2009, to Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger; Associate Director, Borns Jewish Studies Program; Indiana University; Goodbody Hall 326; 1011 E. 3rd St.; Bloomington, IN 47405-7005.

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Indianapolis home of **President Michael McRobbie** and **Laurie Burns McRobbie**, when President McRobbie spoke about his experiences this summer on a visit to Israel and his vision of Israel Studies at IU.

We are very grateful to our members for their time and commitment to the program and its students:

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can be tied to multi-year packages.

Prospective students must apply for admission directly to a graduate degree program at IU. In order to be considered for a JS fellowship, send a copy of your completed IU application and request that letters of recommendation be forwarded to Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger; Associate Director; Borns Jewish Studies Program; Indiana University; Goodbody Hall 326; 1011 E. 3rd St.; Bloomington, IN 47405-7005. Each application will be considered for all relevant fellowship and award opportunities. Review of 2009-2010 applications will begin on January 15, 2009.

Currently graduate students affiliated with the Borns JSP are pursuing degrees in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Folklore and Ethnomusicology, Germanic Studies, History, Near Eastern Languages and Culture, Religious Studies, and The Russian and East European Institute.

IN MEMORIAM

Bernard Glazer of Anderson, Indiana, active in the family business Glazer Brothers, died on January 22, 2008. Bernard and his family have been dedicated and generous supporters of the JSP.

Bud Latz, who died on February 20, 2008, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and his late wife Janet Latz, were longtime supporters of the Borns JSP.

Amelia Cook Lurvey died on December 12, 2007 in Indianapolis. She was one of the ten people who gave \$5,000 each to bring to IU Professor Henry Fischel, an eminent scholar of early Judaism. His presence on the faculty led directly to the creation of the Borns JSP.

M. Mendel Piser passed away in October, 2007. Mendel had a deep commitment to JS, and a particular interest in Jewish ethics and musar literature. He and his wife Frances recently established a four-year undergraduate scholarship in JS.



MARGOT BEHREND VALLES

Wins George and Monique Stolnitz Yiddish Prize

Margot Behrend Valles, a student who completed her M.A. in Comparative Literature this summer, won the **2008 George and Monique Stolnitz Yiddish Prize**. Margot came to IU on a Dr. Alice Field Cohn Fellowship in Yiddish Graduate Studies after having been introduced to Yiddish language and literature through a summer internship at the National Yiddish Book Center. She has taken language and literature courses in Hebrew and Yiddish with **Professors Dov-Ber Kerler** and **Stephen Katz**, and maintains a Yiddish reading group. Margot's research focuses on old Yiddish variants of the Arthurian legend. She begins work on her doctorate in comparative literature and a doctoral minor in JS at IU this fall.

An expression of **Monique and the late George 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.

2008 SUMMER INTENSIVE YIDDISH COURSE FOR HOLOCAUST RESEARCHERS

For the third summer, **The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**, in cooperation with the **IU Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL)**, and the **Borns JSP**, sponsored an intensive language course, **"Reading Yiddish for Holocaust Research,"** on the IU Bloomington campus, June 16-July 25, 2008.

Graduate students and scholars were selected for the six-week intensive reading-comprehension course. Participants sought to acquire a reading knowledge of Yiddish in order to access Jewish source documents and perspectives on the Holocaust and to better understand the Yiddish-speaking

Jewish communities of Europe that were targeted by the Nazis. The course, taught by **Professor Jan Schwartz**, of the University of Chicago, offered participants the equivalent of a full year (6 credits) of college language instruction.

The cost of the course, books, housing in a residence hall, and a meal allowance were paid by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. In addition to intensive language instruction, the course included six Holocaust-related guest lectures sponsored by the Borns JSP and the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. The lectures by Borns JSP faculty members included: "Glimpsing in the Blinding Light: Nazi Perpetrators Seen Through the Eyes of Their Victims" by **Professor Mark Roseman**, and "The Holocaust in American Musical Theater," by **Professor Judah M. Cohen**; and lectures by Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies staff, "A Coat of Many Colors: Jewish Life and Culture in Europe," by **Avi Patt**, and a review of material in Yiddish on early post-war resettlement by **Karen Auerbach**; and lectures by Assistant Professor of European Studies at Vanderbilt University **Nina Warnke**, "Shylock on the Yiddish Stage: Negotiating a Controversial Role," and by Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at University of Albany, **Barry Trachtenberg**, "Mapping Jewish Knowledge: Yiddish Scholarship, the Holocaust, and *Di algemeyne entsiklopedye*."

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Our undergraduate program is one of the largest and most popular in the country. Among the 77 JS majors and 100 students pursuing a certificate or Hebrew minor in spring 2008 were outstanding young people from a wide range of backgrounds, including many with proven leadership experience in regional, national, and international youth organizations.

Our students are the centerpiece of our program and we make special efforts to provide them with the kinds of educational

opportunities they need and deserve: a curriculum of 60 courses a year; significant scholarship support (including several newly established four-year scholarships awarded to outstanding incoming freshmen); a wide range of extracurricular activities; opportunities to meet world class scholars, leaders and artists; overseas study programs in Israel and elsewhere; and most importantly, a vibrant community of fellow students. We offer a major and certificate (almost double a minor) in JS, and minors in Hebrew and Yiddish (the latter through Germanic Studies), and we seek whenever possible to help our students bridge between their studies and their professional aspirations.



Modern Hebrew instructors—Eyal Tamir, Michal Maoz-Levy, and Ayelet Weiss

MODERN HEBREW PROGRAM

Especially in the last decade, the Borns JSP has worked to expand understanding of Israel and Israeli culture and to place its Hebrew language program at the forefront of the field by hiring a cutting edge computational linguist **Ayelet Weiss** to revamp it. Our Modern Hebrew program endeavors to offer its students excellent Hebrew language education, continuing to develop and increase its courses, focusing on spoken Hebrew with strong linguistic emphasis and the development of Hebrew computer skills. The program strives for its graduates to have well-developed language abilities in Hebrew, allowing them to use Modern Hebrew for any future careers both within and outside the field of JS: working, studying, or living in the Hebrew language. The program continues





to serve as a model for newly emerging Hebrew programs in midwest universities.

To foster its high level of instruction, all our Hebrew instructors are experienced teachers. They are of Israeli cultural background and with native Hebrew abilities and they specialize in the fields of Modern Hebrew linguistics and literature.

The JSP offers two years of fundamental language skills development and two years of advanced Hebrew content-based studies. More than 150 students enrolled in Modern Hebrew in Fall 2007. All classes are small and students are immersed within a Hebrew-speaking communicative environment. To support such a language acquisition approach, students use a variety of language resources such as the Israeli media, language computer-based programs, books, and CDs.

We are working to enhance the experience of our students by collaborating with leading programs in Israel to offer better language development study abroad oppor-

Weiss, Director of the Modern Hebrew Program, who was recognized by the College with a 2008 Trustees Teaching Award for her excellent teaching.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR UNDERGRADUATES

In Fall 2007, the Borns JSP, with support from the **Professional Leaders Project**, offered a course entitled "Professional Leadership and the American Jewish Community" for the second time. The goal was to help students prepare for leadership positions by introducing them to the various challenges and opportunities that the American Jewish community offers young professionals. Taught by **Judy Wortman**, a seasoned professional, a former UJC Federation and JCC director, guest speakers from around the country visited to share their expertise with the class, making it an exceptional networking opportunity.

Scholarship, the most prestigious JS scholarship awarded to a continuing student. A junior, Emily served as the Borns Administrative Intern last year. **Professor Steven Weitzman** wrote about her: "Emily is one of the best undergraduate students I have taught in a long time. She is exceptionally motivated, inquisitive, articulate, and thoughtful." An IU Alumni Scholar, Emily headed the Hutton Honors College Community Leaders last year and served as secretary of the Jewish Studies Student Association (JSSA).

The **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Merit Scholarships** recognize, regardless of financial need, the academic achievement of truly outstanding IU undergraduates, majoring or pursuing a certificate or a Hebrew minor in JS. Merit scholarships were awarded to **Joshua David** of Bloomington; **Nathaniela Orbach** of Naperville, Illinois; **David Orenstein** of Belmont, Michigan; and **Jacqueline Wolff** of Prospect, Kentucky. **David Orenstein** also was awarded **The Percy Family Scholarship**. A sophomore double major in JS and Psychology with minors in Hebrew and RS, David is planning to study at Hebrew University in Jerusalem (HUJ) during spring



JS scholarship recipients: (left to right) Aren Wilson-Wright, Leslie Gubitza, David Orenstein, Rachel Herman, Sarah Wilensky, Sarah Rader, Rachel Wolfson, Jessica Wainer, Emily Berman, Cheryl Steiman, Ayesha Athar, Joshua David, Jacqueline Wolff

tunities, tailored specifically for our program's students. To continue its development and pedagogical enhancement and remain an innovative program at the forefront of the fields of language acquisition, language programs and applied linguistics, we are working with the Department of Linguistics to find appropriate venues for developing Hebrew language learning systems which can allow Hebrew students the use of individually-tailored language training.

Congratulations to Ayelet



SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS AWARDED For JS Undergraduates

The Borns JSP is dedicated to assisting JS students with financial need and recognizing outstanding student performance. Fifteen continuing JS major and certificate students received more than \$28,000 of JS scholarship and internship funding for the current year.

Emily Berman of Louisville, Kentucky, a junior majoring in JS and Philosophy, received the **Fort Wayne Jewish Federation**

2009. **Joshua David**, a 4.0 Psychology major pursuing a certificate in JS, is the JS FIG peer instructor this fall. In spring 2009, he will study at HUJ. **Nati Orbach** spent last year studying at HUJ. A senior majoring in RS and Anthropology and completing the certificate in JS and the Hebrew minor, Nati plans to be a Biblical archaeologist. As an incoming freshman, **Jackie Wolff** was awarded an Irving M. Glazer Student Scholarship. She is a student in the Liberal Arts Management Program.

Ayesha Athar will serve as the **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Research Intern**.

She is focusing her studies on the history of Jews in Arab lands, and more specifically in Morocco. Before graduating and applying to graduate programs in Jewish history, Ayesha will work 10-12 hours helping **Professor Shaul Magid** as the Borns Research intern while writing an honors thesis under the direction of **Professor Matthias Lehmann**.

Traci Stratford was chosen to serve as this year's **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Administrative Intern** working for **Dr. Carolyn**

Lipson-Walker. The current president of the JSSA, Traci studied at Ben-Gurion University last spring. Traci plans to work for a Jewish non-profit organization in the U.S. and eventually in Israel.

Two years ago, scholarships were established to honor beloved professors emeriti **Henry Fischel** and **Irving Katz**. The 2008-2009 **Henry Fischel Scholarship in JS** was awarded to **Jessie Wainer** of Oak Park, Illinois, and the 2008-2009 **Irving Katz Scholarship** was awarded to **Sarah Wilensky** of St. Paul, Minnesota. A Hutton Honors College student, Jessie is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She is pursuing the JS major and a Hebrew minor. The recipient of the first JS four-year scholarship, the **Karl and Rosey Krakovitz Scholarship**, Sarah completed a remarkable freshman year, both academically, and in terms of service to the IU and greater community.

Leslie Gubit of Fort Wayne, Indiana, **Rachel Harrison** of Boulder, Colorado, **Rachel Herman** of Franklin, Tennessee, and **Rachel Wolfson** of Cincinnati, are the recipients of the **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship** for 2008-2009. Last year, Leslie Gubit of Fort Wayne received the Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship for an Incoming Freshman. A JS major, she is vice president of the JSSA. A JS major and



Hebrew minor student, **Rachel Harrison** studied at HUJ in fall 2007 and on the IU program in Vienna in spring 2008. She plans to begin cantorial school in Fall 2009. She is completing a JS honors thesis with **Professor Judah M. Cohen**. **Rachel**

Herman graduated from the American Hebrew Academy in North Carolina. A JS and International Studies major, she is studying both Modern Hebrew and Arabic. **Rachel Wolfson** is an

elementary education major with a math focus, pursuing a certificate in JS. She plans to teach and develop curriculum for Jewish day schools.

The recipient of the **Sandra and Stanley Trockman Scholarship** is **Cheryl Steiman**, a senior from Carmel, Indiana. She will be the first student to complete both a degree with a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in JS. She plans to be a dentist, and is the third outstanding Steiman sister to be an IU JS student.

Sarah Rader, from Chesterfield, Missouri, was awarded the **Edward M. Dayan Scholarship in JS**. Sarah came to IU after spending a year on the Nativ college program in Israel. A JS and Journalism major, Sarah is pursuing a minor in non-profit management. She plans to be a Jewish educator.

\$53,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 5 INCOMING FRESHMEN

Two outstanding incoming freshmen, **Aela Sapir** of Bloomington and **Philip Yatvin** of Park Ridge, Illinois, are the recipients of newly established four-year, \$5,000 per year, JS scholarships, generously endowed by **Sybil and Lou Mervis** and **Frances and the late Mendel Piser**.

Aela, who is majoring in both JS and

English, with a focus on Jewish literature, is the inaugural recipient of the **M. Mendel and Frances M. Piser Scholarship**. She wrote in her application, "I am overwhelmed with the depth and intensity of the Jewish people." Her high school English teacher praised the incoming freshman, "In Aela, I witness the epitome of what we hope students will be—one who loves learning, who challenges herself as well as the world around her, and one who is not afraid of the work that is necessary to learn."

Phil Yatvin was selected for the inaugural **Martha Ann Mervis Scholarship**, in memory of Lou Mervis' mother. A direct admit student to the Kelley School of Business, Philip looks forward to completing the certificate in JS.

Sarah Pellegrino, from Scottsdale, Arizona, was awarded the \$5,000 **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns JS Scholarship**. In preparation for a journalism career focusing on the Middle East, Sarah plans to major in both JS and Journalism and focus on Hebrew studies.

Two 2008-2009 freshman, **Abigail Ross** from Deerfield, Illinois and **Kimberly Marshall** from Morton Grove, Illinois, received \$4,000 **Irving M. Glazer Scholarships**. Abby studied for a semester in Jerusalem on the NFTY Eisendrath International Exchange Program. Kimberly has been a teacher's aide at her synagogue and plans to be a rabbi.

FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Outstanding High School Seniors Should Apply Before March 6, 2009

Thanks to the generosity of **Herb and Bernice Levetown** of Tenafly, New Jersey, outstanding current high school seniors, applying to IU for fall 2009 and committed to JS, may apply for a four-year (\$5,000 per year) scholarship: the inaugural **Herb and Bernice Levetown Scholarship**. Students interested in a career in the cantorate and committed to pursuing the Jewish sacred



music program as JS majors or Jacobs School of Music vocal performance majors may apply for the inaugural **Selma Lee Mervis Young Scholarship** (up to \$10,000 per year for four years).

Incoming freshmen applying for JS scholarships will also be considered for three one-year scholarships: the \$5,000 **Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Scholarship** and two \$4,000 **Irving M. Glazer Student Scholarships for Incoming Freshmen**. For information about how to apply for these scholarships, please see details about the application procedure at <http://www.indiana.edu/~jsp/scholarships.html>. Applications must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2009**.

laude with honors in JS) from Glencoe, Illinois, **Daniel Schwarz** of Rockville, Maryland, **Deana Sussman** (magna cum laude) of Chesterfield, Missouri, and **Rebecca Waxman** of St. Louis, Missouri.

Joining the 391 alumni of our JS certificate program, who completed at least eight JS courses in 3 categories, were graduates **Julia Franks** of Bloomington, **Heather Kaplan** of Old Westbury, New York, **Inna Kolesnikova** (cum laude) of Indianapolis, **Orly Nussbaum** of Skokie, Illinois, **Mallory Saks** of Springfield, New Jersey, **Tali Schussler** of Clarksville, Tennessee, **Marcy Siegler** of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, **Rebecca Silvern** of Auburn, Alabama; **Joshua Simons** (cum laude) of Scottsdale,

Daniel Millner graduated with honors in JS, completing a thesis with highest distinction, “Exegesis as Agon: A Reevaluation of Justin Martyr’s *Dialogue with Trypho the Jew*” directed by **Professor Shaul Magid**.

Three May, 2008 JS B.A. graduates were admitted to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion’s rabbinical school—**Rachel Kaplan**, **Jonathan Kleinman**, and **Deana Sussman**. **Daniel Millner** began pre-rabbinical studies at Yeshivot Hamivtav in Efrat Israel in summer 2008. **Inna Kolesnikova** is a graduate student in diplomacy and conflict resolution at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, while **Joshua Simons** is a



Graduating JS majors (front row—left to right) Lainna Cohen, Rebecca Waxman, Stephanie Beren, Lauren Berman, Jonathan Kleinman, Yael Eban; (back row—left to right) Jody Gansel, Rachel Kaplan, Daniel Millner, Scott Gellman, Deana Sussman, Daniel Schwarz

JS GRADUATES

Two hundred and twenty three students have graduated with a B.A. in JS since our major was established in 1992. Our sixteenth class of majors included 17 B.A. recipients: **Stephanie Beren** of Toledo, Ohio, **Lauren Berman** of Louisville, Kentucky, **David Bower** of Indianapolis, **Elizabeth Camuti** of Stewartsville, New Jersey, **Lainna Cohen** of Indianapolis, **Maya Cohen** of Sherman Oaks, California, **Bridget Coraz** (cum laude) of Indianapolis, **Joel Dinin** of West Hills, California, **Yael Eban** of Bloomington, **Jody Gansel** of Marietta, Georgia, **Scott Gellman** of Coral Springs, Florida, **Rachel Kaplan** of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, **Jonathan Kleinman** (magna cum laude) of Carmel, Indiana, **Daniel Millner** (summa cum



Arizona, and **William Slatkin** of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Joel Dinin and **Randal Rosman** of Pacific Palisades, California completed the requirements for the Yiddish minor through the Department of Germanic Studies.

The fifth class of students completing the JS minor in Hebrew were: **Lauren Berman**, **Karyn Bernstein** of Birmingham, Alabama, **Maya Cohen**, **Dan Corson-Knowles** (cum laude with honors in Business) of Granger, Indiana, **Joel Dinin**, **Ben Gerber** of Omaha, Nebraska, **Alexander Heisler** of Overland Park, Kansas, **Rachel Kaplan**, **Jonathan Kleinman**, **Inna Kolesnikova**, **Amy Margolin** of Orchard Lake, Michigan, **Leah Miller** of Carmel, Indiana, **Miriam Miller** of Carmel, Indiana, **Daniel Millner**, **Shira Nadel** of New York, New York, **Deana Sussman**, and **Rebecca Waxman**.

master’s degree student in intelligence and international security at King’s College London. **Lainna Cohen** is Director of Engagement at the Binghamton University Hillel. **Lauren Berman** and **Bridget Coraz** are both students at the University of Louisville: Lauren is pursuing a Masters of Education in the College Student Personnel program and Bridget is a law student. **Rebecca Waxman** is an AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps Fellow at the Fair Housing Action Center in New Orleans. **Elizabeth Camuti** was named August, 2007 Alumni of the Month by the Young People for the American Way. She works for the consulting firm of Scott and Yandura working for Rock The Vote. **Stephanie Beren** is new membership and development associate for Jewish Women International.



JS FIG students on fieldtrip to Lilly Library

FRESHMAN CHOOSE JEWISH STUDIES LIVING-LEARNING GROUP

The 10th year for the popular **JS Freshman Interest Group (FIG)** finds 14 JS FIG students 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 two other JS courses together: “Introduction to Jewish History” (taught by Borns JSP Associate Director **Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger**) and “The Bible and Its Interpreters” (a College Topics course taught by Borns JSP Director **Professor Steven Weitzman**). JS student **Joshua David** is serving as 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 2009, contact (812) 856-4301 or e-mail: figs@indiana.edu.

JS STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD

Study in Israel is an integral part of the JS curriculum. The Borns JSP has sent hundreds of students to the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University (HUJ) through the IU Overseas Study Program (OS). JSP staff and faculty have worked closely with OS to recruit, select, orient, and advise students going to HUJ. Since 2001, IU has sent 57 students to Hebrew University, 8 to Ben-Gurion University, and 22 to Tel Aviv University.

During the 2007-2008 year,

the following JS students studied at HUJ: **Matthew Bortnick, Rebecca Frazin, Jody Gansel, Rachel Harrison, Toby Lawson, Nathaniela Orbach, and Andrew Schwimmer**. While in Jerusalem, these students enjoyed the hospitality of IU graduates **Terry and Ron Hendin** who serve as IU OS’s “Friends.”

We are pleased, too, that JS students **Joel Dinin** and **Francie Schrank** studied at the CET JSP in Prague for a semester.

STUDENT HONORS

Congratulations to JS majors **Bridget Coraz, Jonathan Kleinman, Daniel Millner** who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Congratulations to JS majors **Ayesha Athar, Lauren Berman, Bridget Coraz, Yael Eban, Lauren Jacobson, Jonathan Kleinman, Daniel Millner, Aaron Ofengender, David Orenstein, and Jacqueline Wolff** who were named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List for Fall 2007. Ten JS majors were named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List for Spring 2008: **Ayesha Athar, Emily Berman, Lauren Jacobson, Daniel Millner, David Orenstein, Jake Spalding, Rebecca Waxman, Sarah Wilensky, Aren Wilson-Wright, and Jacqueline Wolff**.



IU students studying in Israel at the Hendin home with Jessica Manthie (IU Overseas Study Advisor—standing on right) spring 2008.

Lauren Berman was awarded the 2008 Student Dean’s Award from the Division of Student Affairs for contributions to the quality of student life on the Bloomington campus.

Congratulations to JS major **Mark Swick** who was elected Hillel President for 2008-2009. Other JS students elected to offices/committee positions at Hillel are: **Richard Brener, Jill Cogan, Brittany Cohen, Jesse Gross, Leslie Gubitz, Riley Holzman, Nina Loftspring, David Orenstein, Jenn Queen, Leigh Rapaport, Lauren Rosenblum, Marissa Salat, Francie Schrank, Allie Shipper, Rachel Silverstein, Traci Stratford, Matt Tepperman, Emily Thal, Carly Valfer, Jessie Wainer, and Sarah Wilensky**.

BERN ESSAY PRIZE WINNER

JS Major Aren Wilson-Wright

“1 Kings 12: A Satire on the Exodus” written by JS and RS major **Aren Wilson-Wright**, a junior from Greencastle, Indiana, received the 2008 **Henry A. Bern Memorial Essay Prize in JS**. One faculty member wrote about Aren’s paper: “The author is a fine reader with an original thesis. Perhaps most impressive of all, the author is able to see the connections between apparently disparate biblical passages and is aware that interpretation requires a diacritical perspective.”

Aren came to IU as a math major but fell in love with Bible studies when he took Professor Bert Harrill’s “Bible and Slavery” course. A Hutton Honors College student, Aren plans to pursue an academic career in RS focusing on Bible.

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 Borns JSP, and a long-time Bloomington resident. The \$500 Bern prize aims to stimulate undergraduate excellence in writing and research in JS.

DANIEL MILLNER AWARDED PISER PRIZE
Outstanding JS Graduate

Daniel Millner, who graduated summa cum laude with honors in JS in May 2008, was awarded the **Leonore and Louis Piser**



Professor Shaul Magid presents Daniel Millner with his honors medallion at JS student-faculty dinner.

Prize in JS. Daniel was deemed the most outstanding graduating JS student who plans to pursue a career related to JS.

A Phi Beta Kappa Honors College student, Dan also completed an RS major and Hebrew and History minors. Dan was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies. As a sophomore, Dan’s paper, “The Platonic Paul,” won the Henry A. Bern Memorial Competition in JS.

Dan played on the IU rugby team his freshman year and participated in the JSP’s “Jewish Experience in Modern Germany” in May 2005. He placed 3rd in the Big Man on Campus fund raiser for breast cancer at the IU Auditorium in his sophomore year playing bagpipes and performing Irish dance. Dan was co-chair for the JSSA/Hillel weekly Hebrew Table.

This year, Dan is studying at Yeshivat Hamivtav in Efrat, Israel, and next year plans to begin rabbinical studies at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York. Dan is also considering pursuing Ph.D. work in JS after ordination.



The \$750 Piser Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding graduating JS B.A., 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 Borns JSP hopes to demonstrate to our graduating seniors the high value of careers in JS. Making the award possible were the late **Leonore and Louis Piser**, of South Bend.

ACTIVE JS STUDENT COMMUNITY

Desserts, Lunches, Dinner with Faculty, Weekly Shulchan Ivrit

At the heart of the Borns JSP’s philosophy is a commitment to providing students an outstanding academic experience, primarily inside the classroom, but also beyond. Toward that end, the 2007–2008 leadership of the Jewish Studies Student Association (JSSA)—President **Rachel Kaplan**, VP **Riley Holzman**, Secretary **Emily Berman**, and Treasurer **Rebecca Waxman**—helped host a full calendar of student-faculty events.

The year began on September 24 with the popular JS Fall Welcome Dessert and ended with the gala student–faculty dinner on April 15 when the **Kolot Ensemble**, two days after their Carnegie Hall debut, performed. Students could “Meet the JSP Faculty” at a free dinner at Hillel in October. Every Wednesday in the fall and every Tuesday in the spring, Hebrew speakers convened for Shulchan Ivrit and a free dinner at Hillel’s kosher café. Todah rabbah to fall Hebrew Table co-chairs: **Daniel Millner** and **Rebecca Waxman** and to spring 2008 co-chairs: **Inna Kolesnikova** and **Joshua Simons**. In



JSSA officers plan 2007-2008 year. (Left to right) Rachel Kaplan, Rebecca Waxman, Riley Holzman, Emily Berman

January, JSSA officers hosted a dinner at Falafel’s for all current IU students who had been in the JS FIG. The JSSA co-sponsored the Union Board showing of Israeli film, “Close to Home,” and also the showing of the film “God Grew Tired of Us,” about several Lost Boys of Sudan, presented by the film’s director. With Hillel, the JSSA sponsored a talk and free dinner in honor of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel with **Professor Daphne Tsimhoni** who spoke about “As the State of Israel Turns 60: Challenges and Prospects”. On Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, JSSA volunteered at a number of projects throughout the community.

Elected JSSA officers for the 2008-2009 year are: President **Traci Stratford**, VP **Leslie Gubitz**, Secretary **Sarah Wilensky**, and Treasurer **Rachel Herman**.

Fall 2008 events will include: the first Hebrew Table on Tuesday, September 9 at 5:30; Meet the JS Faculty at dinner on Monday, September 15; and, the JS Fall Welcome Dessert on Thursday, September 25, 4:30-6:00 p.m.



Kolot Ensemble performs at 2008 JS student-faculty dinner.

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.

Gail Rosen Kramer (1984) and Matt Kramer celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter Miriam Chava on Rosh Chodesh Kislev. **Laura Keen Arenstein** (1984), her husband Michael Arenstein and daughter Ellie, shared in the service.

Wendy Rapport (1993) and her husband Michael welcomed son Simon on February 7, 2008.

Jessica Bennett Mehlman (1994) is Assistant Director of Financial Resource Development at the Jewish Foundation of Central New Jersey.

Brian Shankman (1994) is Mid-Atlanta Regional Director for AIPAC. He and his wife Deborah are the parents of a son Adi, born October 11, 2007.

Jennifer Zwilling (1994) and Jon Rosenwasser welcomed a baby boy on August 21, 2007. Jen is Director of Human Resources for Hillel International.

Stacey Fenster (1996) is creative manager at Burrell Advertising in Chicago.

Arin Frome Gornstein (1996) and Dan Gornstein became the parents of twin daughters Clara and Emma on August 2, 2007.

Alexis Gruber (1996) is married to IU grad Matthew Fisher. They live in West Orange, New Jersey, and are the parents of a 3 year old and a 1 year old.

Regina Lewald-Fass (1996) is a Judaic Studies middle school faculty member at the Emery/Weiner Day School in Houston. Her husband **Jonathan Fass** (1996) is Director of Jewish Life and Learning at the Houston JCC.

Jamie Harris-Gershon (1998) is completing an MSW at University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Rabbi Ari Poster Moffic (1998) and her husband Rabbi Evan Moffic welcomed their daughter Hannah Rose on March 25, 2007. Ari is the Director of Family Education at Congregation Sukkat Shalom in Wilmette, Illinois.

Stephanie Kreitzman Rhodes (1998) is Director of Foundation Professionals Initiative at the Jewish Funders Network.

Scott Segal (1998) is a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College.

Eve Shapiro (1998) is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Connecticut.

Congratulations to **Sean Herstein** (1999), his wife Olivia, and daughter Miriam, on the birth of daughter Nava Ruth on April 26, 2008. Sean, Jewish Education Director at the St. Paul JCC, is a teacher at the Talmud Torah of St. Paul in the day school, afternoon school, Midrasha and Twin Cities Jewish Middle School. He also serves as director of Beth Jacob Congregation's Shabbat Enrichment Program.

In fall 2007, **Adam Tennen** (1999) and his wife Sara adopted a baby girl Rylie from Kazakhstan. Adam is Assistant Campaign Director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix.

Julie Rubinfeld Brodsky (2000) is Assistant Director of Gan Shalom Early Childhood Center at Temple Sholom in Chicago. She is married to Harry Brodsky.

Jordan Cutler (2000) is Senior Policy Advisor focusing on Economic Development, Energy, and the Environment for Governor Blagojevich of Illinois. He spoke on the Governor's behalf at the Chicago Federation's Israel at 60 celebration. He and his wife are youth group advisors for their synagogue.

Tamara Gilson (2000) is Business Travel Sales Manager at the Renaissance Agoura Hills Hotel in California.

Julia Dosik Nickerson (2000) is married to 4th year rabbinical student at HUC, Joel Nickerson. They are the parents of Ella Rachel Nickerson, born on October 20, 2007.

Rabbi David Roth (2000) teaches at Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

Rachel Brand (2001) is Membership and Group Development Specialist for the northern area for Hadassah Southern California and an MBA student at American Jewish University.

Karen Cohen (2001) is engaged to Rick Bornstein.

Amy Friedman (2001) married Matthew Greenbaum on Nov. 10, 2007.

Debbie Sasso Herold (2001) and her husband Brad are the parents of Ari Joseph Herold.

Jami Trockman (2001) married Jordan Bachrad on February 17, 2008.

Ethan (Eytan) Uslan (2001) performed on *Prairie Home Companion* on October 20, 2007.

Alissa Wise (2001) is the rabbinic intern for Jews for Racial and Economic Justice in NYC.

Joel Goldsmith (2002) married Laurie Stone, sister of **Cantor Paula Pepperstone** (1995) on October 21, 2007.

Jonathan Lipnick (2002) and his wife Hila welcomed Naomi Rivka Lipnick born February 26, 2008. Jonathan is a doctoral student in Religious Studies at Harvard.

A son Aryeh (Ari) Tzvi Ohriner was born to **Philip Ohriner** (2002) and Shoshana Ohriner on September 27, 2007.

Miriam Pullman (2002) and Seth Friedman are engaged. She is a campaign associate for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

Emily Sonenshine (2002) is a second grade teacher at the Davis Academy Reform Jewish Day School in Atlanta.

Debra Powers Cutler (2003) is married to JTS rabbinical student Adam Cutler. Debra studied at Pardes in 2006-2007 and is an M.A. student in music education at Teachers College at

Columbia. She works part-time for Ramah Programs in Israel's New York office.

Ben Lewis (2003) is Formal and Informal Education Director at the New City Jewish Center in New City, New York.

Erielle Reshef (2003) is Senior Associate for Outreach and Development at the Israel on Campus Coalition.

Aaron Aft (2004) and **Leah Hedrick Aft** (2004) moved back to Bloomington this fall. Aaron began studies at the IU Law School and Leah is the Program Director at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center.

After teaching in Charlotte for 3 years, the first two for Teach for America, **Leah Nahmias** (2004) enrolled in a master's degree program in Public Humanities at Brown University.

Elizabeth Wood (2004) will be ordained at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati in 2009 and then plans to begin cantorial school in New York at HUC.



Seth Friedman and Miriam Pullman



Sarah Beren (2005) handles the Ohio and Pittsburgh area for AIPAC.

Brent Guttman (2005) began HUC rabbinical school in summer 2008.

Jennifer Rosenblatt (2005) made aliyah. She is a madricha for OTZMA.

Dan Shapiro (2005) is a student in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Emory University.

Lauren Shideler (2005) married Mitch Blacher, an IU School of Journalism alumnus in September 2, 2007. They live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where Lauren teaches 4th grade.

As a student in the HUC graduate program in communal service and Jewish education **Lauren Siegel** (2005) interned with the LA American Jewish Committee office and, in that role, helped with the creation of the film “*Darfur Now*”.

Sonya Weisburd (2005) is the Teen Group Coordinator for the Machar Jewish Cultural School in Washington, D.C.

Lauren Miller (2006) is assistant to the educator at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase. She is an MSW student at George Mason University

Amanda Dudley (2007) is Senior Administrative Assistant to the Managing Director of the Jewish Communal Network Commission of the UJA Federation in NY.

We are pleased that JS alumni include the following married couples: **Aaron Aft** and **Leah Hedrick Aft**, **Rabbi Bruce** and **Rona Harth Elder**, **Jonathan Fass** and **Gina Lewald-Fass**, **Esther** and **Benjamin Goldman**, **Leslie Cohen Kastner** and **Andy Kastner**, **Eafat Cohen Newton** and **Adam Newton**, **Marci Schulman Rubenstein** and **Jeffrey Rubenstein**, **Dr. Jill Hibshman Samis** and **Josh Samis**, and **Kate Breiter Uslan** and **Eytan Uslan**.

We mourn the death of **Marjorie Pauline Klein**, JS certificate (1981), who died on September 23, 2005.

WE WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH ALL ALUMNI

If you are a JSP alumni, please update your e-mail address and your mailing address. Email them to clipsonw@indiana.edu



IU'S JUDAICA AND HEBREW LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

IU's Judaica librarian, **Noa Wahrman** has made significant strides in the last few years in developing the IU Herman B Wells Library's Judaica and Hebrew collections and the IU Lilly Library collection which include rabbinical literature and Biblical studies; late antiquity; Jewish history in all periods; Jewish philosophy and thought; Jewish diaspora; Zionism; history and geography of Israel; Holocaust history, literature and personal narrative documentation and biography; and Hebrew/Israeli language and culture.

Last year, the Herman B Wells Library received a grant from the NEH to purchase the Franco-Jewish Pamphlets on microfilm, a collection of importance to scholars of modern Jewish history. And a grant from the 2/3s World Fund has made possible the purchase of microfilm collections of two out-of-print Hebrew literature periodicals: *Gilyonot* and *Bitsaron*.

Congratulations to **Noa** who completed her master's degree in Library Science in December 2007.



Professors Jeffrey Veidlinger and Dov-Ber Kerler interviewing Nokhem Gvinter in Bershah, Ukraine.

AHEYM

The Archives of Historical and Ethnographic Yiddish Memories (AHEYM, the acronym means “homeward” in Yiddish) is a project directed by **Professors Dov-Ber Kerler** and **Jeffrey Veidlinger** to conduct videotaped oral history and linguistic interviews with Yiddish-speakers in Eastern Europe. The archive currently holds over 600 hours of Yiddish-language interviews, conducted in Ukraine, Moldova,

Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Russia. The interviews include linguistic and dialectological data; oral histories of Jewish life before the Holocaust; Holocaust testimonials; musical performances (Yiddish folk songs, liturgical melodies and Hasidic *nigunim*); Yiddish anecdotes, jokes, stories, children's ditties, folk remedies, and Purim plays; reflections on contemporary Jewish life in the region; and professionally recorded video footage of sites of Jewish memory. During the 2007–2008 academic year, the project conducted interviews in Ukraine, Romania, and Hungary. The video archive is currently being processed, catalogued, and uploaded onto IU's Mass Data Storage Service, from where it will be accessible through the Internet. The project has been funded by a Preservation and Access grant from the NEH.



Debbie Morgan Rappaport (JS alumna 1990), daughter of Michael Morgan, displays *Philosophy of Michael Morgan for Dummies* at tribute on March 31.

FACULTY NEWS MICHAEL MORGAN HONORED ON RETIREMENT

“The Quest for the Past and Future of Jewish Philosophy” conference

In spring 2008, **Chancellor's Professor Michael Morgan** retired after more than 30 years at IU. An historian of philosophy whose research ranges from ancient Greek philosophy to religious thought and political theory in the 20th century, he has published widely in modern Jewish philosophy, from Spinoza and Mendelssohn to Buber and Rosenzweig, and he has worked on intellectual responses to the Holocaust and contemporary Jewish philosophy.



Debbie Morgan Rappaport, Professor Michael Morgan, Audrey Morgan, and Sara Morgan Moscowitz

Colleagues and former students recognized the distinguished professor's career at a day-long conference in his honor, "The Quest for the Past and Future of Jewish Philosophy," on March 31, 2008, sponsored by the Borns JSP. Speakers **Joshua Shaw**, a former Morgan student, Penn State Erie; **Benjamin Pollack**, Michigan State; **Paul Franks**, University of Toronto; **Leora Batnitzky**, Princeton; **Robert Bernansconi**, University of Memphis, and **Shaul Magid**, IU, celebrated Mike Morgan's outstanding contributions to the field of JS.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In addition to its teaching and research missions, the Borns JSP faculty places a significant emphasis on serving broad constituencies outside of the classroom.

On September 19, 2007, middle school and high school social studies teachers gathered in Indianapolis for the **Melvin and Betty Cohn Institute on Jews and Judaism** on the theme of "Teaching about Contemporary Genocides." Co-sponsored by the Borns JSP and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Indianapolis, and in cooperation with MSD Washington Township, the Institute was taught by **Professor Ed Linenthal** and **Professor Jack Bielasiak**. The Cohn Institute was established in 1989 by **Melvin and Betty J. Cohn** to provide Indiana teachers with opportunities for learning more about Judaism and the Jews.

The Borns JSP and the **Myer and Muriel Piser Education Fund** sponsored the IU Adult Jewish Education Series for the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley (South Bend) during the 2007-2008 year. **Professor Steven Weitzman's** lecture, "Readers of the Lost Ark," began the series; **Professor Shaul Magid** spoke about contemporary kabbala in America and

Israel; and **Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger** presented oral histories from Eastern Europe.

Professor Joëlle Bahloul spoke about the "Jews of China" at Congregation Beth Shalom's Sunday Night Forum, and participated in a panel on Jewish refugees from the Muslim world at the synagogue.

Professor Judah M. Cohen was the speaker at the 2007 annual meeting of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

Professors Judah M. Cohen and **Dror Wahrman** served as faculty for IU's Mini University.

Professor Stephen Katz was Melton instructor for the Indianapolis Bureau of Jewish Education, teaching a series of ten classes on "Israeli Literature as a Window on Israeli Culture."

Carolyn Lipson-Walker spoke at Congregation Beth Shalom on traditions of Southern Jews.

Professor Shaul Magid spoke at Congregation Aitz Chayim in Chicago. He spoke at the *Building Bridges: Martin Luther King Jr. after Forty Years* program, Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington.

Professor Mark Roseman spoke on "Hitler's Al Qaeda?" at the Holocaust Museum in Houston in August 2008, and conducted a training session for volunteers at the museum. On April 23, he gave a presentation on the Holocaust to the 5th grade class at St. Charles Borromeo School in Bloomington.

Professor Alvin Rosenfeld gave synagogue talks on anti-Zionism and antisemitism at Temple Micah in Washington, D.C., at Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield, Virginia, and at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto. He spoke on related subjects at the annual Conference of the American Jewish Committee, at a Jewish "Y" in NYC (sponsored by the AJC), at the Cincinnati chapter of the AJC, at a CAMERA conference in NYC, and at a meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council in Indianapolis. As Chair of Bloomington Friends of Israel, he organized a number of programs on Israel in Bloomington.

In June, **Professor Miryam Segal** spoke about Ilana Blumberg's memoir *Houses of Study: A Jewish Woman Among Books* at an event sponsored by the Tehillah Congregation in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the Harvard Hillel.

Professor Bronislava Volková taught a course for IU Continuing Studies "Interwar

Central Europe: Jewish Writers of Bohemia, Poland, and Germany" at Meadowood Retirement Community.

Professor Steven Weitzman spoke for the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis at the Indianapolis Museum of Art's exhibit on Roman art.

PROFESSOR HENRY FISCHEL 1913-2008



Professor Henry Fischel

It is with great sadness that the JSP notes the death of **Professor Henry Fischel**, Professor Emeritus of

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and the pioneer figure on the IU JSP faculty, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in Bloomington.

Dr. Fischel studied philosophy at the University of Berlin, and Judaica at the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums, a liberal rabbinical seminary in Berlin. He was ordained as rabbi in 1939, after having been detained for several months at a Nazi concentration camp. He continued his studies at the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland, and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1945.

In 1941, he came to Canada, where he initially lived in a holding camp, and served as rabbi for other refugees from Germany. For the next half century, he held distinguished rabbinical and academic positions in Canada and the U.S., including professorships at Brandeis University. He joined the IU faculty in 1961.

Professor Fischel was a scholar's scholar whose seminars were frequently attended by professors in associated fields. He published numerous books and articles exploring the relationship between Jewish literature and the Hellenistic world, and was a pioneer in this area of research. Among extensive academic honors and offices, he served as president of the Society of Biblical Literature in Canada, and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship.

One of his former students Barry Ivker, M.A. 1964, wrote about Henry in the November/December 1993 *Indiana Alumni*



Magazine: “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 impressed . . . with his humility, his thoroughness, his critical mastery of the field, his quiet wit, his devotion to his family—his basic humanity.” Dr. Fischel was one of the last living bridges to the enormously vital intellectual world of German Jewish culture prior to the Holocaust, a culture that still shapes Jewish scholarships and intellectual life to this day.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry Fischel, Ph.D. Scholarship in JS or the Fischel Book Fund in JS, Borns Jewish Studies Program, IU, 1011 E. 3rd Street, Goodbody Hall 326, Bloomington, IN 47405.

IRVING KATZ

1932-2008

One of the JSP’s most beloved faculty members, **Professor Irving Katz**, passed away on January 24, 2008, in New York



Professor Irving Katz

City, at the age of 75. For some time, he had been fighting cancer, living far longer than the doctors predicted. Complications from unrelated surgery precipitated his death.

When he retired in 2002, the *Indiana Daily Student* described the professor of History and JS as a “living legend.” His American Jewish History course and introductory History courses were among the university’s most popular. He received the Student Alumni Association’s Student Choice Award for outstanding teaching in 1991 and 1998.

For seventeen years, Dr. Katz dined weekly with students in Forest and Briscoe quads, leading them in discussions of politics, current events, and culture. Professor Katz was particularly generous in devoting time to community audiences, presenting numerous lectures on aspects of American Jewish history and on Israel throughout the Midwest. On April 14,



(Front row: left to right) Michael Morgan, Bert Harrill, Dean Bennett Bertenthal, Paul Eisenberg, Steve Katz, Judy Wortman; (Second row: left to right) Bronislava Volková, Judah Cohen, Dror Wahrman, Alvin Rosenfeld, Chaya Halberstam, Michal Maoz-Levy, Eyal Tamir; (Third row: left to right) Steve Weitzman, Dov-Ber Kerler, Matthias Lehmann, Noa Wahrman, Ellen Muehlberger, Mark Roseman, Ayelet Weiss

2002, he was awarded the Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion for distinguished contributions to IU.

Two years ago, with the help of many contributors, the Borns JSP established a scholarship in Professor Katz’s honor, and we are grateful that we had this chance to express our appreciation to him. Those wishing to honor Professor Katz’s memory might consider contributing to this scholarship fund: The Irving Katz Scholarship Fund (check made payable to IUF/Jewish Studies), Borns Jewish Studies Program, 1011 E. 3rd St., Goodbody Hall 326, Bloomington, In 47405.

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Joëlle Bahloul continued her work as associate editor and author of the *Encyclopedia of Jews of the Islamic World*, to appear with Brill Publishers in 2009. She is preparing an ethnography of French Jews, as well as a book *The Peripatetic Set Table*, an ethnographic study of eating practices and food rituals among Sephardic Jewish immigrants in France. She is also engaged in an ethnographic study of Jewish immigrants from the Muslim world in New York City, with special emphasis on Syrian Jews. She presented papers at the annual meetings of the Middle Eastern Studies Association on the memory of Jewish veterans of Algerian origins in forced labor camp internment during WWII, and on the Parisian Jewish quarter at the Lehigh University Berman Center Conference “No Direction Home: Re-Imagining Jewish Geography”. In 2008, Professor Bahloul was promoted to full professor.

Judah M. Cohen continued his work on musical expressions of Jewish life. He

published two essays this year, “The Jewish Sound of Things,” in the journal *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art & Belief* 3 (2007), and “Whither Jewish Music?: Jewish Studies, Music Scholarship, and the Tilt Between Seminary and University” in *AJS Review* 32 (2008). He gave the keynote address at the Indiana Jewish Historical Society’s annual meeting; he gave a paper, served as a respondent, and spoke as part of a round table at the annual meeting of the Association for JS; he served as respondent at a meeting of the Jewish Music Forum in New York’s Center for Jewish History; and he chaired a session and workshop on klezmer music at the conference “Folk Music Revival and the Dance-House Movement in Hungary,” at IU. Cohen introduced the TOPICS course “What Makes it Jewish?” into the JS curriculum in fall 2007, and helped organize concert performances by the ASEFA Ensemble and Barbez.

Paul Eisenberg continues to serve on IU’s Racial Incidents Team/Religious Bias Incidents Team. During the past academic year he served on the Bloomington Faculty Council, as he will do again next year. At Congregation Beth Shalom, he served last year as the chair of the Sunday Night Forum Committee.

W.W. Norton will bring out **Susan Gubar’s** biography of Judas, the twelfth apostle, in spring 2009.

Chaya Halberstam is spending this academic year on a fellowship as a visiting professor at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan.

J. Albert Harrill ended his three-year term as the Director of IU’s Graduate Program in Ancient Studies. He published

an article in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* on the Gospel of John, which incorporates evidence from the ancient Jewish authors Josephus and Philo of Alexandria to argue that the use of “cannibalism” language in the Gospel connects to a wider literary trope disparaging sectarian groups in the first century. He also published book reviews in *The Journal of Semitic Studies* and *Shofar: A Interdisciplinary Journal of JS*, as well as encyclopedia entries for the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. He spent the summer at the University of Münster on a Humboldt fellowship.

Stephen Katz's *To Be As Others: The Representation of Native and African-Americans in Hebrew Literature* will be published by the University of Texas Press in spring 2009. He published articles and translations pertaining to literary contributions of Hebrew writers (poetry and prose) in America: “Child’s Play: Hillel Bavli’s ‘Mrs. Woods’ and Indian Representation in American Hebrew Literature,” in *Modern Judaism* (2007) and a translation of “The Doll,” a short story by Yonah Bachur in *Zeek* magazine, February 2008. An annotated translation of E. E. Lisitzky’s “So Miriam Spoke of Moses” will appear in the *CCAR Journal* in spring 2009. He served as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures last year.

Matthias Lehmann continued research for his new book, *Networks of Benevolence: Rabbinic Emissaries from Palestine and the Making of a Modern Jewish Diaspora*. He published an article in *Jewish Social Studies* and is guest editor for a special issue on Sephardic identities in historical perspective forthcoming in *Jewish Social Studies* in fall 2008. He organized, together with Professor Kemal Silay, an international symposium on “Jewish Religion in Ottoman Lands” in August 2007. The symposium was part of the new Sephardic Studies Initiative which he is coordinating with support from the Borns JSP. Professor Lehmann also contributed to a new textbook on Jewish history which he co-authored together with Steven Weitzman as well as John Efron and Joshua Holo published by Prentice–Hall. Professor Lehmann presented a paper at the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association in Montreal, and taught a new graduate colloquium “Approaches to JS”.

Nancy Levene, who received tenure in spring 2008, gave three papers in the 2007-2008 academic year: “Traces of History in St. Anselm” for a panel entitled “Novelty, Presence, and History: Brief Pre-Modern Discourses on Method and Theory” convened at the North American Association for the Study of Religion national meeting in San Diego; she served on a panel entitled “Athens and Jerusalem in Modern Jewish Thought” at the Association of JS Annual Meeting in Toronto; and, she presented the paper “Spinoza and the Secular” at the Posen Faculty Seminar on Secular Jewish Culture and History, University of Cincinnati, Department of Judaic Studies. She also served as a commentator at the Fall Workshop on New Directions in Eighteenth-Century Art History, for the Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies at IU. She has two articles forthcoming: “Athens and Jerusalem: Myths and Mirrors in Strauss’s Vision of the West,” *Hebraic Political Studies* and “Memento Mori: Gary Lease and the Study of Religion,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. A third article, “Spinoza’s Materialism,” was submitted for a collected volume on Spinoza’s social and political thought currently under preparation. She posted two invited blogs to the Social Science Research Council’s Immanent Frame blog on Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere: the first on Mark Lilla’s *The Stillborn God*, and the second on Francis Ford Coppola’s *Youth without Youth*, based on the novella by Eliade.

Shaul Magid published “The Holocaust as Inverted Miracle: Shalom Noah Barzofsky of Slonim on the Power and Divine Nature of Radical Evil” *Spiritual Authority: Wrestling with Cultural Power in Jewish Thought*, Haim Kreisel and Boaz Huss eds. (Ben–Gurion University Press, 2008); “Pragmatism and Piety: The American Spiritual and Philosophical Roots of Jewish Renewal” *Kabbalah and Modernity* (Brill, 2008); “The Role of the Secular in Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Theology: (Re)Reading Heschel After 9/11” *Modern Judaism* (fall 2008); and “‘Adonai Open My Lips’: Preparing to Pray According to the Vilna Gaon,” *Journal of Textual Reasoning* (November, 2007). He published an essay on Gershom Scholem in the on–line *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, as

well as an essay on “Jewish Renewal” in the new *Encyclopedia of Religion* and various entries in the new *Encyclopedia Judaica* and the *YIVO Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe*. He published book reviews of Edward Hoffman’s, *The Way of Splendor: An Updated 25th Anniversary Edition*, *AJS Review* (forthcoming); Mor Altshuler’s, *The Messianic Secret of Hasidism, Kabbala* 16 (2008); and Elliot Horowitz’s, *Reckless Rites, American Historical Review* (2008). He also published many popular articles including, “The Zionist Clock at 60” *Tikkun Magazine*, May 2008; “Is Kabbala Mysticism?: Another View,” *Zeek Magazine*, March 2008, and “Whose Birthright?: Why Choosing Home Over Homeland Might Not Be So Bad,” *Zeek Magazine*, May 2008. His public lectures included: “American Judaism after Zionism—New Directions,” University of Rochester, April 2008; “Interim Jews: Michael Morgan’s Contribution to American Jewish Thought,” The Quest for the Past and Future of Jewish Philosophy, March 2008; and “Lurianic Kabbalah and Homosexuality” at Roehampton University, London, March 2008. He co-edited a volume of *Modern Judaism* with Professor Edward Kaplan on the thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel due out in the winter of 2009. He is also co-editing, with Professor Don Seeman, a volume of *Prooftexts* on Jewish Mysticism and Literature and co-editing with Professor Matthias Lehman a volume of *Jewish Studies Quarterly* on Jews in the Ottoman Empire. He was the recipient of a Global Citizenship Course Development Grant, for his course “The Struggle for the Holy Land: Nationalism and Territorialism in Israel/Palestine.” His new book *From Metaphysics to Midrash: Myth, History and the Interpretation of Scripture in Lurianic Kabbala* appeared with IU Press in June 2008.

Last year was **Michael Morgan’s** final year of teaching at IU, prior to his retirement in May of 2008. On March 31, the Borns JSP, in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy, honored Professor Morgan with a conference on his work (see page 20). His book *Discovering Levinas* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2007; the paperback will



appear in fall 2008. Together with Peter Eli Gordon, he edited the *Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*, which included his essay “Emil Fackenheim, the Holocaust, and Philosophy.” He completed the final editorial work on Emil Fackenheim, *Epitaph for German Judaism* (Wisconsin, 2007), for which he wrote a foreword. His book *On Shame* appeared in the Routledge Thinking in Action Series, and SUNY Press published *The Philosopher as Witness: Fackenheim and Responses to the Holocaust*, edited with Benjamin Pollock, which included his essay “Fackenheim and Levinas: Living and Thinking after Auschwitz.” He had several articles published: “Jewish Thought, Philosophy, and the Holocaust” in *Modern Judaism and Historical Consciousness* (Brill, 2007); “Responding to the Holocaust: Fackenheim, Levinas, Cavell” in *The Representation of the Holocaust in Literature and Film II* edited by Marc Raphael; and “Fackenheim’s Hermeneutical Circle” in *Emil L. Fackenheim: Philosopher, Theologian, Jew* (Brill, 2008). Professor Morgan gave a paper entitled “Agencies of Redemption” to the Political Theory Colloquium at Notre Dame. He also delivered a distinguished scholar lecture in Washington, D.C., for the Foundation for JS, entitled “Emil Fackenheim: Philosophy and Jewish Life.” At the annual Arizona Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, he gave a paper entitled “Becoming Like the Divine in Plato’s *Republic*.” He spoke at the Harvard Hillel on modern Jewish philosophy, at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto on Emil Fackenheim, and at the University of Chicago on Emmanuel Levinas. At IU, he gave a talk “God, Jewish Philosophy, and the Twentieth Century” for the New Institute; he also spoke on two of his recent books for the College Arts and Humanities Institute in a talk entitled “Shame and Responsibility: Living in an Age of Genocide.” At a conference on genre, categories, and concepts in aesthetics and the philosophy of art, he gave a paper entitled “Is Holocaust Film a Genre?” Professor Morgan is spending this fall in London as a

visiting professor at the Leo Baeck College and is associated with the Forum of European Philosophy at the London School of Economics.



Mark Roseman’s book *Conflict, Catastrophe, and Continuity*, co-edited with Frank Biess and Hanna Schissler, appeared in 2007 with Berghahn Press. As well as co-writing the introduction with Frank Biess, Mark published the chapter “Beyond Conviction? Perpetrators, Ideas and Action in the Holocaust in Historiographical Perspective” in the same volume. From September 2007–February 2008, he was a Fellow at Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum working, among other things, on the first volume of *Jewish Responses to Persecution, 1933-1938 (Volume 1 of USHMM Archival Studies Series: Documenting Life and Destruction. Select Sources on the Holocaust)* which he is co-editing with Jürgen Matthäus. He taught an undergraduate class at George Mason University in November 2007, as well as a training seminar for faculty at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in February 2008. In May 2008, he was Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at the University of York, UK. Mark presented at a number of conferences and research seminars, including the paper “Agents of Genocide? Nazi Perpetrators in the Courtroom,” at the *German Studies Association Annual Conference*. He spoke on “An Inability to Mourn? Generation Conflict, the 1960s and West German Memory of Nazism and War,” at the conference *Generational Memories Of World War II: An International Perspective*, IU. He offered the paper “Victims Reflect on the Perpetrators” at *Nazi Germany and the Jews: Years of Persecution, Years of Extermination* an international conference held at the University of Sussex, UK, June 2008, to honor the publication of Professor Saul Friedländer’s second volume. He also gave papers to research seminars at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, the University of Toronto, and the University of Edmonton in Canada, and the

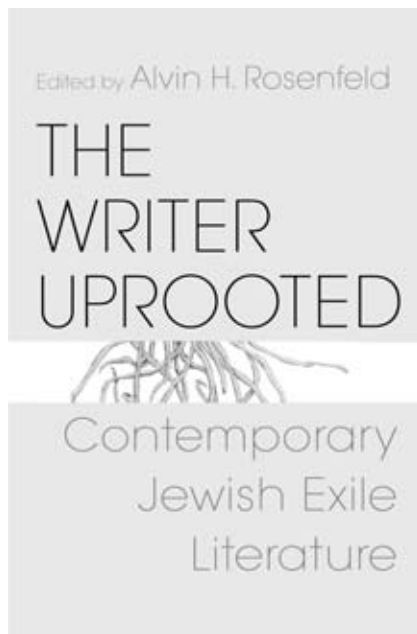
University of York, UK. Together with Professor Devin Pendas of Boston University, he was awarded \$15,000 by the German Historical Institute in Washington, to organize the conference “Beyond the Racial State” which will take place in October 2009 at IU.

Alvin Rosenfeld’s edited volume *The Writer Uprooted: Contemporary Jewish Exile Literature* was published by IU Press in July 2008. His “Exploiting Anne Frank”

appeared in the *Weekly Standard* in June.

“Searching the Victim’s Mind”

appeared in the *New Leader* in February. He lectured on Primo Levi at Brown University, on contemporary antisemitism at the University of Nebraska, The King’s College, in New York, at the annual conference of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, in Atlanta, at a CAMERA conference on Israel in New York, and at a conference on the U.N. sponsored by Touro Law school in New



York. He also spoke on “Challenges within the Field of Holocaust Studies,” at a symposium on the scholarly work of Raul Hilberg, at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He completed a 5-year term as a presidential appointee to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and continues to serve on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and is Chair of the Academic Committee of the Museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. He was appointed to a two-year term on the Claims Conference Academic Fellowships for Advanced Holocaust Studies Committee, to the International Advisory Board of the Institute for JS at the University of Antwerp in Belgium, and to the Governing Board of IU’s Institute for Advanced Studies. He continues as series editor in the area of Jewish literature and culture at the IU Press.

Miryam Segal completed a year as a Research Associate and Visiting Assistant Professor in the Women’s Studies in Religion Program at the Harvard Divinity School. In May, she was invited to give a

public lecture at the Harvard Divinity School on her current research entitled, “Scripture, the National Poet and the Small Group of Women.” She also gave a talk on gender and authorship at the Association for Israel Studies Conference at NYU in May. In July, she participated in an Institute on Emily Dickinson at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina. Her book, *A New Sound in Hebrew Poetry:*

Poetics, Politics, Accent will be published in December by IU Press.

Jeffrey Veidlinger spent the fall semester on sabbatical writing a book about Jewish memory in Eastern Europe. The book draws extensively from material collected in the AHEYM (the Archives of Historical and Ethnographic Yiddish Memories) project, which conducts oral history and linguistic interviews with Yiddish-speakers in Eastern Europe. In this connection, Professor Veidlinger travelled to Ukraine in the spring to participate in another AHEYM field work expedition. Over the course of the year, Professor Veidlinger published three articles: “The Jewish Question in the Soviet Union, 1917-1953,” in Steven A. Usitalo and William Benton Whisenhunt, eds., *Russian and Soviet History: From the Time of Troubles to the Collapse of the Soviet Union* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008); “Jewish Cultural Associations in the Aftermath of 1905,” in Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn, eds., *The Revolution of 1905 and Russia’s Jews* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008); and “Du lebst mayn folk: *Prince Ruweyni* in Historical Perspective,” in Joseph Sherman and Gennady Estraiikh, eds., *David Bergelson: From Modernism to Socialist Realism* (Legenda, 2007). He also presented papers at the Association for JS conference, the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies convention, the “Reflections on Czernowitz 100 Years Later” conference at Vanderbilt University,



and the “Generational Memory and World War II” conference at IU. Professor Veidlinger continues to serve as Associate Director of the Borns JSP and to teach courses on Eastern European Jewry, including a new course he developed on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union. Professor Veidlinger’s book, *Jewish Public Culture in the Late Russian Empire*, will be published with IU Press in spring 2009.

Bronislava Volková’s essay “Exile: Inside and Out,” was published in

The Writer Uprooted: Contemporary Jewish Exile Literature (IU Press, 2008). Her poem, “It Might Have Been a Very Long Time Ago,” appeared in *Poetica*. She will teach a 2nd eight weeks course this fall, “Interwar Central European Culture between the Wars: Cultural Florescence and Apocalyptic Vision” with heavy emphasis on Jewish literature and culture.

Working with former IU colleague John Efron and current colleague Matthias Lehmann, **Steve Weitzman** was able to put the finishing touches on *The Jews: A History*, a comprehensive account of the Jewish people from its beginnings to the present that aims to present Jewish history in a way that is more accessible, engaging and encompassing of the full breadth of Jewish experience and culture than previous textbooks/introductions. This last year, also saw the publication of a special edition of the journal *Prooftexts*, guest edited by Weitzman, that revisits the so-called literary approach to the Bible twenty five years after the publication of Robert Alter’s *The Art of Biblical Narrative*, along with essays appearing in the *Jewish Quarterly Review*, and a festschrift volume in honor of Weitzman’s teacher Professor Sara Japhet of HUJ. Weitzman’s current

research includes a biography of King Solomon, under contract with Yale University Press (he will be teaching a related course on King Solomon in spring 2009) and studies of the War Scroll and Josephus’ account of the Samaritans that he presented in preliminary form this last year at Columbia University, Stanford University, and UCLA. In his role as director of the Borns JSP, Weitzman’s current initiatives include a continued campaign to raise four-year scholarships under IU’s Matching the Promise campaign and the development of an M.A. program in JS.

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Power, Politics, and Piety: The Struggle for the Holy Land in Israel/Palestine—Magid
Theism, Atheism, and Existentialism—Levene
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Fantasy, Realism, and Fiction: First Century of Modern Yiddish Literature, 1810-1913—Kerler
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Introduction to Jewish History: From the Spanish Expulsion to the Present—Lehmann, Veidlinger
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The Jews of Spain—Lehmann
Modern Jewish History: From Expulsion to Revolution—Lehmann
Perpetrators of the Holocaust—Roseman

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