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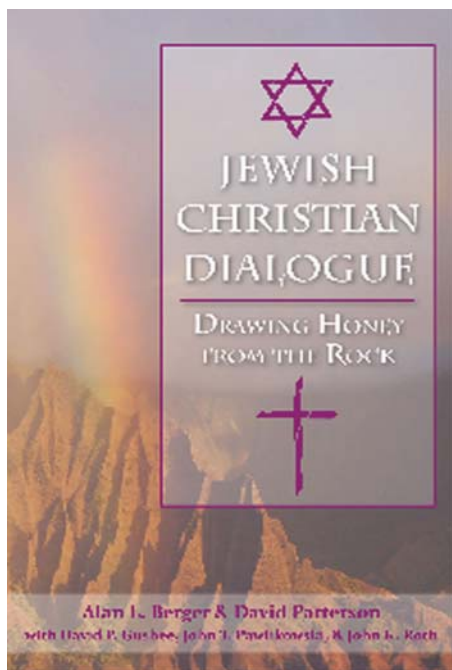
The Bornblum Judaic Studies Newsletter

Spring 2009

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Shaul Bar's article "Who Were the 'Mixed Multitude'?" was recently published in the scholarly journal *Hebrew Studies*. He has also published an article in *The Bible Today* called "Trees in the Book of Genesis." In the article he examines the meaning of the famous trees in Genesis, from the terebinth of Moreh and Mamre to the famed tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. In addition, he continues to work on his new book *Famine in the land of Milk and Honey*.

Dr. David Patterson's new book *Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Drawing Honey from the Rock* (co-authored with Alan L. Berger) has just been published by Paragon



House. In December Dr. Patterson lectured on his book *Overcoming Alienation: A Kabbalistic Reflection on the Four Levels of the Soul* at the Memphis Jewish

Community Center's 2008 Jewish Book Celebration and on "The Nazi Influence on Hamas Ideology" as part of the Herbert Berman Memorial Lecture Series at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. In January he delivers the 2009 May Smith Lecture at Florida Atlantic University on "Jewish and Christians Views of the Messiah and Redemption"; previous lecturers in that series have included Elie Wiesel, Irving Greenberg, John K. Roth, and John Carroll. Dr. Patterson wrote the Introduction for *Living On: Portraits of Tennessee Survivors and Liberators*, just published by the University of Tennessee Press, and his chapter "Toward a Post-Holocaust Jewish Understanding of the Jewish State and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" appears in the volume *Anguished Hope*, edited by John K. Roth and Leonard Grob (Wm B. Eerdmans). He is a contributor to *Polish-Jewish Relations in North America*, edited by Antony Polonsky (Littman Library), which just won the 2008 Oskar Halecki Prize of the Polish American Historical Association. Finally, Dr. Patterson is a winner of this year's College of Arts and Sciences Award for Excellence in Teaching.

BJS Welcomes New Majors

Transfer student **Albert Crozier** and freshmen **William Hirsh** and **Jordan McDugle** of Memphis have become the newest among students majoring in Judaic Studies. Mr. Hirsh is a double major, who is majoring in philosophy as well. For information on requirements for a major or minor, course offerings, events, scholarships and awards, and other opportunities, see the BJS website at <http://isc.memphis.edu/jdst/>, call the BJS office at 678-2919, or email the Director **David Patterson** at daptrsn@memphis.edu.

Judaic Studies to Co-Host Distinguished Guests, Events

This semester Bornblum Judaic Studies joins with various campus and community partners to host several outstanding events.

On **Thurs., Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the U of M Rose Theatre** BJS presents the documentary film on antisemitism *The Monster Among Us* with filmmaker **Allen Mondell**; co-sponsored by the Memphis Friends of Israel and the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS), the film will be followed by a panel discussion with Allen Mondell, Elliot Chodoff, and David Patterson.

On **Sun., Feb 22, 2:00 p.m., at the MJCC** BJS will join with the MJHS to sponsor a lecture on “Israel: The Next Step to Peace” by **Elliot Chodoff**, this year’s David Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies. Next, distinguished Israel spokesman **Larry Weinberg** of Israel21C will speak about

“Israel’s Contributions to Humanity” on **Sun., March 15, 2:00 p.m., at the MJCC**; this event is also co-sponsored by the MJHS. Finally, **Dr. Brenda Basher** of Tulane University will lecture on “Southern Jewry” in a lecture co-sponsored by the MJHS on **Sun., May 10, 2:00 p.m., at the MJCC**.



From *The Monster Among Us*
by Allen and Cynthia Mondell

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Spring 2009

JDST 2850 Religions of Abraham

JDST 3661 Old Testament

JDST 4801 Jewish Mysticism

JDST 4900 Independent Study

HEBR 1010 Elementary Hebrew

JDST 3601 Judaism

JDST 4511 Holocaust Studies

JDST 4820 Political History of
Israel

JDST 7796 Independent Study

HEBR 2010 Intermediate Hebrew

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming BJS Activities 2008–2009

1. Thurs, Jan 29, 7:30 pm, U of M Rose Theatre: The Monster Among Us, film and panel featuring Elliot Chodoff, David Patterson, and Allen Mondell
2. Sun, Feb 22, 2:00 pm, MJCC: “Israel: The Next Step to Peace” by Elliot Chodoff
3. Sun, March 15, 2:00 pm, MJCC: “Israel’s Contributions to Humanity” by Larry Weinberg
4. Sun, May 10, 2:00 pm, MJCC: “Southern Jewry” by Dr. Brenda Brasher

BJS AND U OF M LIBRARY TO PRESENT A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON “MODERN JEWISH CLASSICS”

BJS and The University of Memphis Libraries will present a four-part series of discussions on “Modern Jewish Classics” in the Spring 2009 semester. Discussions will be led by Dr. David Patterson and will take place on the following Mondays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in 226 McWhorter Library:

- Feb 2: The Penitent by I. B. Singer
- March 2: Survival in Auschwitz by Primo Levi
- March 30: Twilight by Elie Wiesel
- April 27: I Asked for Wonder by Abraham Joshua Heschel

The program is free and open to the public.

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Learn Hebrew

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