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The Bornblum Judaic Studies Newsletter Fall 2005
Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary Year

BJS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

This academic year marks the 20th Anniversary of Bornblum Judaic Studies. Established in 1985-1986, with the generous help of Bert Bornblum and David Bornblum, the program has hosted numerous distinguished scholars, professors, and other guests. BJS has served both the campus and the community in many capacities. This 20th Anniversary year will culminate with a program featuring the world-renowned Jewish historian **Sir Martin Gilbert on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center. SAVE THE DATE!**

Congrats to BJS Students

Congratulations to **Monika Shelton**, who graduated this year with her bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies. Monika plans to go on to graduate school for advanced studies. Her senior thesis director was Dr. Shaul Bar. Monika and **Nathan Coker** were this year's recipients of the \$500 BJS Award for Outstanding Student.

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Shaul Bar is nearing the completion of his book *Biblical Perspectives on Death*. **Dr. Stephen Benin** returns to the U of M this fall after spending the last two years working in Israel, where he

served as a Fellow at the Hartman Institute and taught at the Hebrew University. **Dr. David Patterson** edited and wrote the introduction for the recently published book *Is the Holocaust Vanishing?* by Murray J. Kohn. He contributed essays to *Life in the Ghettos during the Holocaust*, edited by Eric Sterling, and in *The Genocidal Mind*, edited by Dennis Klein. In addition to giving a lecture at the 14th World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, he has given invited presentations for conferences, schools, and congregations in the US and abroad. Dr. Patterson was also a 2005 Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee.

BJS and Orr Humanities Center to Host Great Books Faculty Seminars

BJS is entering its third year as a co-sponsor with the Orr Humanities Center to present a series of faculty seminars on the Great Books. All the seminars meet on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge in the University Center. This year's seminars begin on **October 6** with Dr. Nele Hempel of The University of Memphis; Dr. Hempel will discuss the writing of Nobel Laureate Elfriede Jelinek. The second seminar meets on **November 10**, with a presentation on the sonnets of Sor Juana by Dr. Luis Cortest of the University of

Oklahoma. He is followed by Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsvath of the University of Texas at Dallas, who will discuss the writings of Thomas Mann on **January 26**. Finally, Dr. Kenneth Dollarhide of Kean College will examine *Ceremony* by noted Native American Leslie Marmon Silko on **March 23**. All faculty are invited to participate.

Judaic Studies to Co-Host Distinguished Guests

This year Bornblum Judaic Studies joins with various campus and community partners to host several outstanding events. The first lecture will be on “Disengagement from Gaza” by **Elliott Chodoff**, one of the Israeli commanding officers in Gaza, on **Tues., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC)**. The second lecture is presented with the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS) and features linguist **Dr. Cynthia Bernstein’s** talk on “Southern Jewish Languages” **Sun., Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m. at the MJCC**. BJS and MJHS will cosponsor an afternoon with Memphis authors as part of the Jewish Book Celebration on **Sun., Nov. 13, 2:00 p.m. at the MJCC**; the authors are **Pierre Secher, Anna Olswanger, David Patterson, and Louis Cantor**.

With gratitude for the generous support of the Lemsky Endowment, BJS welcomes Bluma Zuckerbrot, this year’s Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming BJS Activities

- 1. Tues, Sept 27, 7:30 pm, MJCC:** “Disengagement from Gaza” by Elliot Chodoff
- 2. Sun, Oct 9, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “Southern Jewish Languages” by Dr. Cynthia Bernstein

December’s guest scholar will be **Dr. Norman Stillman** of the University of Oklahoma, who will speak on “Jews and Muslims: The Historical Encounter” on **Sun., Dec. 4, 2:00 p.m. in the University Center**. On **Thurs., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. in the University Center** **Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsvath** of the University of Texas at Dallas will discuss Jewish Hungary and the Holocaust.

SIGN UP NOW FOR A SPRING BREAK STUDY TOUR OF ISRAEL

In Spring 2006 students may enroll in JDST/ANTH 4840/6840 Israel: Antiquity and Modernity. The core of the course is a study tour of Israel, departing March 5 and returning March 13. The cost per student is \$1,000, which includes airfare, hotels, two meals per day, ground transportation and entry fees to tour sites. Students must also pay \$85 in cash to cover all gratuities, as well as \$50 to the Office of International Programs for an international student ID. The full amounts must be paid by December 1, 2005. Space is limited and will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Dr. David Patterson the **BJS office in 301 Mitchell, 678-2919**.

- 3. Thurs, Nov 10, 7:00 p.m., Fogelman Executive Center:** Avi Patt, “On the Holocaust”
- 4. Sun, Nov 13, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** Jewish Book Celebration of Memphis authors
- 5. Sun, Dec 4, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “Jews and Muslims: The Historical Encounter” by Dr. Norman Stillman
- 6. Thurs, Jan 26, 7:30 pm, Univ Center:** “Hungary and the Holocaust” by Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsvath
- 7. Thurs, Apr 27, 7:30 pm, MJCC:** Sir Martin Gilbert

Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Spring 2006

UNIV 2850	Religions of Abraham	UNIV 3580	Hebrew & Greek Legacy
JDST 3661	Old Testament	JDST 4511	Holocaust Studies
JDST 4830	Israeli/Palestinian Conflict	JDST 4840	Israel: Ancient & Modern
HEBR 1020	Elementary Hebrew	HEBR 2020	Intermediate Hebrew

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