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The Bornblum Judaic Studies Newsletter Spring 2006



BJS Students Take a Study Tour of Israel

Twenty students will set out for a study tour of Israel on the night of March 4 and will return ten days later. Students on the trip receive academic credit for JDST 4840/6840 Israel: Antiquity & Modernity. BJS is grateful to **Dr. W. Harry Feinstone**, whose generosity has made this trip affordable for our students.

BJS Scholars' Activities

Dr. Stephen Benin presented a paper as the invited guest of a conference held in Tel Aviv in October. **Dr. Shaul Bar** received The University of Memphis Service Award for 15 years of service to the University. **Dr. David Patterson** presented papers at meetings held in Salt Lake City and Braga, Portugal, as well as the meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies in Washington, DC. His essays have recently appeared in

Genocide and Human Rights, edited by John K. Roth; *Feasts and Fasts*, edited by Marianne Darcy; and *Life in the Ghettos during the Holocaust*, edited by Eric Sterling. In addition, the University of Washington Press has just published his co-edited volume *Fire in the Ashes*, and Paragon House will publish his book *Wrestling with the Angel* in March.



Sir Martin Gilbert to Deliver the First David Bornblum Lecture in Honor of the 20th Anniversary of BJS

In honor of the 20th Anniversary of Bornblum Judaic Studies, on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center, the world

renowned Jewish historian Sir Martin Gilbert will present the first David Bornblum Lecture titled "Israel: The Miracle of Renewal."

Gilbert was selected to be the official biographer of Winston Churchill in 1963. He has written six volumes of the Churchill biography and edited twelve volumes of the statesman's documents. He was knighted in 1995 "for services to British history and international relations."

In addition to his work on Churchill, the British-born, Oxford-educated historian is widely known for historical atlases. He has written a dozen, including *Atlas of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, *Atlas of the Holocaust*, and *Atlas of Jewish History*. Other works of this prolific author include the three-volume *History of the Twentieth Century* and *Israel: A History*. Among his most recent publications are *Jerusalem in the Twentieth Century*, *Never Again: A History of the Holocaust*, and *The Righteous*.

Gilbert also co-authored the 1981 documentary film *Genocide*, which won an Academy Award for Best Documentary. The three-hour Masterpiece Theatre dramatization of this book *Churchill: The Wilderness Years* was critically acclaimed, as were his documentaries on the Israeli War of Independence and a three-part series on Jerusalem, both of which appeared on the History Channel.

Gilbert's lecture is free and open to the public.

Judaic Studies to Host

Distinguished Guests

On **Thurs., Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **University Center (UC)** BJS and the Memphis Jewish Historical Society (MJHS) will host a lecture on "Hungary and the Holocaust" by Dr. **Zsuzsanna Ozsvath** of the University of Texas at Dallas. On **Thurs., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., at the UC** BJS presents **Rabbi Rafael Grossman**, who will speak on "Jewish Teaching and the State of Israel." Also

in February, the MJHS and BJS present Jewish historian **Eli Evans**, who will speak about "Religious Tolerance and the Jews of the South" on **Sun., Feb. 26, at 2:p.m. at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC)**. BJS will join with the Memphis Jewish Federation to present a lecture on "An Arab's Perspective on Israel" by noted scholar and speaker **Brigitte Gabriel**, on **Mon., March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Psychology Auditorium**. Then on **Sun., March 26, at 2:00 p.m. at the MJCC** we have **Rabbi David Radinsky**, who will speak on "The Jews of Charleston: From the 17th to the 19th Century." On **Mon., March 27, at 2:00 p.m.** BJS joins with the U of M Philosophy Department to host French philosopher **Marc Crepon**, who will speak about Jacques Derrida.



Brigitte Gabriel, Founder of the American Congress for Truth, will offer "An Arab's Perspective on Israel" on March 20

BJS and Orr Humanities Center 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 spring's seminars begin with Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsvath of the

University of Texas at Dallas, who will discuss the poetry of Hungarian poet Attila József on **January 26**. Next, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUDAIC STUDIES STUDENTS

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

Mark Your Calendar for BJS Activities in Spring 2005

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 - 2. Thurs, Feb 16, 7:30 pm, site TBA:** “Jewish Teaching and the State of Israel” by Rabbi Rafael Grossman
 - 3. Sun, Feb 26, 2:00 pm, MJCC:** “Religious Tolerance and the Jews of the South” by Eli Evans
 - 4. Mon, Mar 20, 7:30 pm, site TBA:** “A Lebanese Perspective on Israel” by Brigitte Gabriel
 - 5. Sun, Mar 26, 2:00, MJCC:** “The Jews of Charleston, 17th – 19th Centuries” by Rabbi David Radinsky
 - 6. Mon, Mar 27, 2:00 pm, site TBA:** “Jacques Derrida” by Marc Crepon
 - 7. Apr 4 – May 20, National Civil Rights Museum:** “Living On” exhibit of Tennessee Holocaust survivors
 - 8. Thurs, Apr 27, 7:30 pm, MJCC:** Sir Martin Gilbert to deliver the David Bornblum Lecture in honor of the 20th Anniversary of BJS
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Look for these courses in Judaic Studies Fall 2006

JDST 2850	Religions of Abraham	JDST 3661	Old Testament
JDST 3801	Jewish Thought	JDST 4820	Political History of Israel
JDST 4801	Jewish Mysticism	HIST 3275	History of the Jewish People
HEBR 1010	Elementary Hebrew	HEBR 2010	Intermediate Hebrew
	UNIV 7200	Liberal Studies (Holocaust)	

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