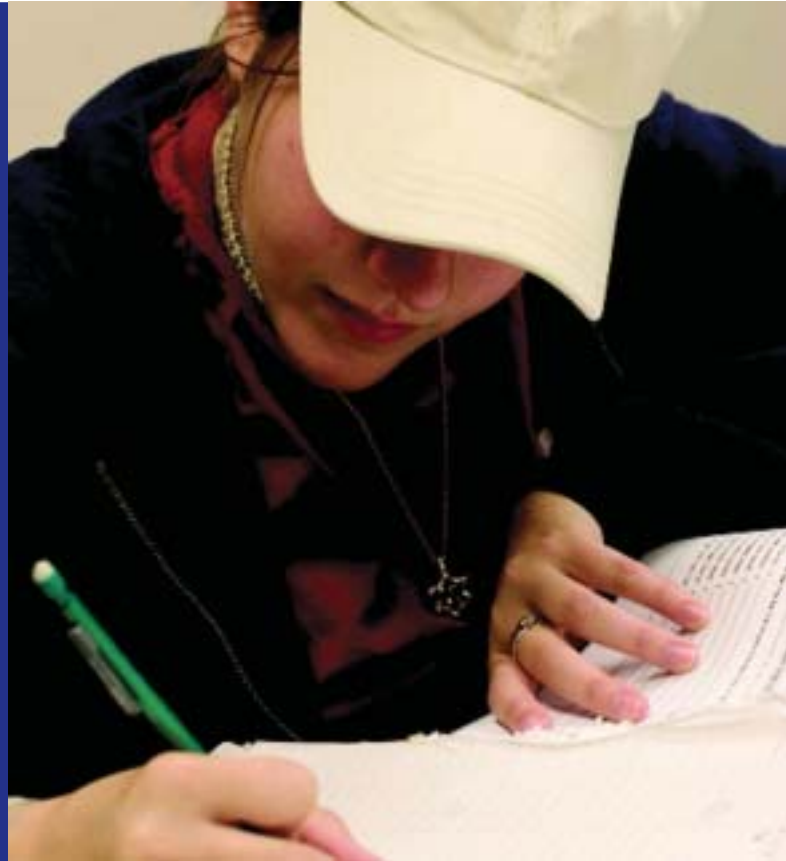




COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
YASCHIK/ARNOLD
JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM



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from Generation to Generation

FALL 2006





Director's Report

COMPLETING A MISSION

It is remarkably calm around the Jewish Studies Center in the summer. Students are gone, the campus is quiet, and it is only preparing for the impending onslaught that takes away from the serenity which academic life is known for. July is an excellent time to reflect.

All is very well with Jewish Studies. The three dimensions of the Program are thriving. The success of Jewish student life, the first dimension, is particularly satisfying, since it has been the most difficult to accomplish. The Jewish Student Union/Hillel is perpetually active. SDT is larger and more vibrant than it has ever been. AEPi is on track to be a major player in Jewish campus life. The pattern of having our entering class of Jewish students more than double our graduating class continued this year, promising a bright future for Jewish student life. Many rising high school seniors are stopping by this summer, so there is hope that we will sustain the growth in Jewish enrollment in the years ahead.

The academic side, the second dimension, is also flourishing. Last year, Keren Ben-Shushan joined the faculty as the first full-time appointment in Hebrew and raised the bar for Hebrew instruction. This year, Joshua Shanes becomes the first tenure track appointment in Jewish Studies in the history of the College. In June, the College hosted the Biennial Scholars' Conference, the premiere academic meeting of American Jewish historians. The College has committed another faculty line to Jewish Studies, so the academic side also has a promising future.

Community outreach, the third dimension, which has been the hallmark of Jewish Studies since the Program's inception, continues to reach new milestones. Our speakers last year were the best we have ever had, the Jewish Choral Society continues to get better, the "reading Hebrew" class has met even throughout the summer, and *A World of Jewish Culture* at Piccolo Spoleto had overflowing crowds at every venue.

For many years, my concern has been the long-term life of Jewish Studies at the College of Charleston. I wanted to assure that Jewish Studies had a life beyond the current cast of characters. We are succeeding in that mission. The building blocks are in place.

- The College of Charleston is attracting large numbers of Jewish students.
- Jewish Studies courses are well-subscribed.
- The Jewish Studies faculty is strong and Jewish Studies is now its own academic department.
- The Community Advisory Board is a tremendous resource.
- The Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center is a magnet for Jewish life on campus.
- Jewish Studies has an endowment that pays for those expenses not covered by our annual fund.
- Support from the larger community is exemplary.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished together. In fact, I think that we have added an important new piece to the rich fabric of Charleston Jewish life. Many thanks to all of you for bringing us to where we are. May we go from strength to strength.

Martin Perlmutter,
Director
Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program



Advisory Board Report



ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairing the Advisory Board is a great privilege. I am following in the footsteps of two pillars of South Carolina philanthropy: Henry Yaschik and Norman Arnold. Henry loved education, had grand ideas for the College of Charleston, and envisioned a Jewish Studies program here. He invested in the program, lovingly watched it grow, and he lived long enough to enjoy the product of his vision and hard work. Joining him in this idea early on was Norman Arnold. Norman committed resources to the program and led the Advisory Board for five years after Henry passed on. I inherited a well-functioning program and an excellent Advisory Board and I am committed to making them yet better.

The community would be amazed by how much goes on in the Program. As a founding member of the Advisory Board and having stayed in touch with the Program since its inception, I have long been a supporter of the Program. However I was still in the dark about how much is happening—in student life, public programming, course offerings, and much more. The Jewish Studies Center is abuzz with activity day and night. We now have the critical mass to attract growing numbers of students from distant communities.

After serving the Program for many years, some key members are stepping down because of the Board's new bylaws that set term limits and restrict the size of the board. Leah Chase was in the room when the idea of the Program was first discussed at the College and enjoyed the pride of parenthood. Morey Lipton was another founding member who was a regular at our events and was always a strong advocate for the Program. Barbara Ellison joined the board early on and has been an important presence at its meetings and events. Edward Kronsberg earns a well-deserved break after serving many years. And Bernard Warshaw did an excellent job as the President of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and served the board very well in that *ex officio* capacity. *Kol Hakavod* for a job very well done! All five are pillars of the Lowcountry Jewish community who represented the Program very well to the larger community. Their success is in the product they helped create, and they will be missed.

We have worthy replacements. Belinda Gergel, of Columbia, inherits Bernard's spot as the *ex officio* voice of the Historical Society. Spencer Lynch continues the Charleston presence with strong leadership credentials. Karen Becker, of Washington DC, is the third parent member of the Board, giving the Advisory Board a regional presence which corresponds to the College's Jewish student base.

This semester, the Advisory Board will meet on September 10th, before Senator Lindsey Graham's scheduled talk. Senator Graham has been an important voice in defense of Israel and I am thrilled that Jewish Studies arranged for him to talk at the College.

As some of the members of the Advisory Board are being replaced by new voices, we need to make sure that Jewish Studies continues on the path that the founders established, shaping Jewish Studies in exciting new ways.

Jerry Zucker,
Chair, Advisory Board
Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program





Dean's Report



I have overseen Jewish Studies at the College since the Program's inception, in a variety of different administrative positions, until last year as Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. As I have said repeatedly to the Advisory Board and to individual friends of Jewish Studies, this comprehensive academic and community program is one of my favorites at the College of Charleston.

Jewish Studies is a paradigm of an interdisciplinary academic outreach program that seeks to serve our students and the community through a variety of programs. With an increasing number of Jewish students matriculating to the College of Charleston, we have a solid core of excellent students who are benefiting from the distinctive community that has been created at the Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center.

With the creation of the new academic school of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs (LCWA), and my latest administrative responsibility for Jewish Studies as the school's new dean, Jewish Studies stands to benefit from the resources of the new school. This year, we hired our first tenure track faculty member for the program and will hire another in two years. These are very important gains for Jewish Studies and bode well for the Program's future.

I wish to congratulate and thank all of you who have contributed in various ways to the success of this program. I also want to publicly thank Dr. Perlmutter for his leadership and stewardship. Without his dedication and exceptional performance we would not be where we are today. From my perspective as dean, Jewish Studies has done everything right, with terrific students, excellent coursework, and distinctive programming. It is wonderful to speak to our students who are involved with the Jewish Studies Center and to hear them express such enthusiasm for the education they are receiving and the sense of community they feel.

One of the goals of the School of LCWA is to increase the number of international programs and opportunities for study abroad for our students. I am especially interested in expanding our course offerings and overseas programs that are directly related to Jewish Studies. We have proposed a new major in International Studies that will have area studies and thematic concentrations that should appeal to many of the students interested in Jewish Studies. We hope not only to be able to support students wanting to study in Israel, but to bring some Israeli students to the College of Charleston for a semester, a year, or for their entire undergraduate career. Please contact me directly if you have an interest in supporting Israel programs. This is yet another way that Jewish Studies can lead the way for the College of Charleston.

As we move forward, and with your encouragement and support, I have every reason to believe that this outstanding program will achieve even more in years to come. The international focus of the new school will enable Jewish Studies to develop in yet new dimensions, while continuing the excellent programs already in place.

Dr. Samuel M. Hines, Jr.
Dean, School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs
843. 953.5770

Three Rabbi Panel: Women and Judaism



**RABBI ANTHONY HOLZ (KKBE, REFORM); RABBI ARI SYTNER (BSBI, ORTHODOX);
TO BE ANNOUNCED (EMANU-EL, CONSERVATIVE)**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006 7:30PM STERN CENTER BALLROOM

Each semester, the Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston hosts a conversational forum led by the rabbis of our three local congregations. Now in its eleventh year, the panel is one of the proudest accomplishments of Jewish Studies as it shows both the diverse views within Judaism, while at the same time demonstrating the unity of the Charleston community and the importance of dialogue.

This semester, the three rabbis will discuss Jewish views about women. Many of the key issues that have confronted Judaism in the past fifty years--the status of the agunah, mixed seating, the ordination of women rabbis, even same-sex marriages--revolve around the place of women. The divergent views that have emerged will be represented by the rabbis of our local congregations.

*Co-sponsored by the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program, JSU/Hillel,
and the Women and Gender Studies Program.*

Selichot Concert: The Strauss/ Warschauer Duo



**OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL SELICHOT CONCERT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2006 8:30PM
RECITAL HALL--SIMONS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Selichot services begin Saturday night, September 16th, 2006, in anticipation of Rosh Hashanah on September 22nd. After Shabbat, the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program will host a free concert for the entire community. Now in its sixth year, the featured guests will be the Strauss/Warschauer Duo.

This free concert is cosponsored by Brith Sholom Beth Israel, Synagogue Emanu-El, and Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. Selichot services will precede the concert at KKBE and follow the concert at BSBI and Emanu-El. The concert provides an opportunity for the entire community to come together before the High Holy Days begin.

Deborah Strauss and Jeff Warschauer are two of the most accomplished and popular performers and teachers in the international klezmer and Yiddish music scene. They are both long-time members of the Klezmer Conservatory Band, have performed with violinist Itzhak Perlman on film and in concert, and are on the faculty of Klez Kamp and Klez Kanada Yiddish Culture Programs.

Dance Workshop and Israel Night

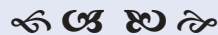
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2006 4:00-8:00PM ARNOLD HALL JEWISH STUDIES CENTER

The Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program, Jewish Young Professionals Dinner Group, and JSU/Hillel are co-sponsoring Israel Night, featuring Israeli dance, music, and food. Deborah Strauss will teach Israeli dance. Jeff Warschauer will lead us in a few Israeli songs. And Dill Werner, our new cook, will try her hand at Israeli cuisine. Open to students from across to tri-county and others who are young in body or at heart, this celebration will bring the entire young Jewish community together. Free and open to all who are young in body or at heart.



Sunday Mornings in Arnold Hall

Monthly brunches have become a regular feature of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program. Coffee and orange juice will be served. Events are free and open to the public. There is free parking in the Wentworth Garage, corner of Wentworth and St. Philip Streets for these events. Just present your program from the Sunday Morning event to have parking fees waived. Thanks to Lora and David Kratzok, Jean and Zev Wolf, and Kimberly Richey for their help with the brunches.



We mourn the passing of Peter Lindenberg, in Haifa on July 27th, who for many years was a devoted volunteer at these brunches, with Passover meals, and at whatever needed doing. He loved Jewish Studies and all things Jewish. We are all better because of the life that he shared with us. May Nina, Dahlia, and Dennis receive comfort among the mourners of Zion.

Robert Rosen - Sunday, September 17, 2006 at 10:00am

SAVING THE JEWS: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AND THE HOLOCAUST



Roosevelt has been criticized for turning a deaf ear to the plight of the Jews in World War II. In his just-released book, Rosen argues that many of Roosevelt's critics revise history, with the advantage of hindsight, neglecting the presence of prominent Jews in Roosevelt's inner circle, immigration laws that restricted Jewish entry into the United States, and the difficulties Roosevelt encountered in fighting World War II.

Prominent Charleston attorney, sought-after speaker, and well-published historian, Robert N. Rosen is the author of *A Short History of Charleston*, the best-selling history of the city; *Confederate Charleston: An Illustrated History of the City and the People During the Civil War*; *The Jewish Confederates*; and *Charleston: A Crossroads of History* with Isabella Leland. *Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust* is his latest book.

Paula Fredriksen - Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 11:00am (note time)

FUNNY THEY DON'T LOOK JEWISH: PAGANS, CHRISTIANS, AND JEWS IN THE ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE

By the time that St. Paul, and others like him, began their mission in the Graeco-Roman world, Gentiles — that is, pagans — had been a normal part of diaspora synagogue communities for centuries. Yet by the end of the first century, Christian Gentiles functioned as a lightning-rod for pagan anxiety and hostility. By looking closely at Paul's writings and various archaeological data, we can discover why Christian Gentiles caused such anxiety and hostility.

Professor Fredriksen is professor of religion at Boston University, specializing in the social and intellectual history of ancient Christianity, from the Late Second Temple period to the fall of the Western Roman Empire. Her books include *Augustine on Romans* (1982) and *From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus* (1988). Her most recent publication, *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: A Jewish Life and the Emergence of Christianity*, won the 1999 National Jewish Book Award.



Stephen Whitfield - Sunday, December 3, 2006 10:00am

**AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH AMERICAN HUMOR**

Satire, wit and jokes all constitute a key ingredient in American Jewish culture. Not only do they bind members of this minority group to one another, they also offer anyone seeking to analyze the group an opportunity to understand the sorts of values and patterns that continue to distinguish them from other Americans. The talk will focus on how Jewish humor can be enlisted to appreciate such cohesiveness and continuities.

Professor Whitfield is the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization and the chair of the Department of American Studies at Brandeis University. He is the author of eight books, including *In Search of American Jewish Culture* (1999, paperback 2001), and the editor, most recently, of *A Companion to Twentieth-Century America* (2004).

Special Lecture**A CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE WITH SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2006 7:30 PM****STERN CENTER BALLROOM***(located on the 4th floor of the Stern Center, George & Glebe Street)*

2006 is an important year with congressional elections just around the corner. It is also a year in which events in the Middle East have captured the world's attention. Senator Graham will reflect on issues confronting the nation, paying special attention to Israel and the Middle East.



A native South Carolinian, Graham grew up in Central and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Now a colonel in the Air Force Reserves, Graham served for six years of active duty as an Air Force lawyer. In 1988, Graham went into private law practice and in 1992 was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. In 1994, he became the first Republican to represent South Carolina's Third Congressional District in Washington since 1877. Lindsey Graham was elected to serve as United States Senator in 2002. He serves on four committees in the U.S. Senate: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, and Veterans Affairs. Graham is nationally known as an independent thinker and a principled reformer.

You Be the Judge: A Glimpse at Talmudic Reasoning**AN EVENING CLASS WITH RABBI HESH EPSTEIN****MONDAYS: SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 9, OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 13****AT 7:00-8:15PM IN LEVIN LIBRARY JEWISH STUDIES CENTER**

The central text of traditional Jewish study is the Talmud, which is primarily a book of legal discussion and analysis. Through discussion of the law, centuries of scholars derived principles of justice and an ethical world-view. Modern rabbis have applied these principles in order to decide contemporary legal disputes.

In this course, students are given a chance to experience the intellectual challenge of the Talmud as they enter the role of these rabbis and judge some difficult cases. Talmudic source texts are presented, and participants extract the underlying principles and decide how they are relevant to each case. Rabbi Hesh Epstein has been the Executive Director of Chabad Lubavitch of South Carolina since 1987. Father of nine and a sought after teacher, Rabbi Hesh was assistant rabbi at Brith Sholom Beth Israel in Charleston from 2001-2004.



Brown Bag Lunch Series

LIONS AND LEOPARDS AND BEARS! THE JEWISH APOCALYPTIC TRADITION

FACILITATOR: PROFESSOR JOHN HUDDLESTUN

WEDNESDAYS; SEPTEMBER 6, OCTOBER 4, NOVEMBER 1, DECEMBER 6

12:00-1:00PM ARNOLD HALL

In this series we will discuss the Jewish apocalyptic tradition with special attention to the book of Daniel, and consider other less-known texts of this general period and genre (Dead Sea Scrolls, Enoch literature, Sibylline oracles, 4th Ezra, 2nd Baruch). Apocalyptic writing such as Daniel 7-12 (and its Christian counterpart, the book of Revelation) are popularly understood as ancient puzzles whose secrets of fantastic future events can be unlocked only by the ingenious modern interpreter.

Contrary to popular conceptions, we will consider these texts in their ancient setting, and focus on what they meant to those who wrote and read them. What was the symbolic significance of heavenly and earthly conflicts, heavenly journeys, messiah figures, and images of the destruction of the wicked? If not prophecies of distant future events, what message did contemporary readers take from them? Such questions require an examination of apocalyptic as a developed literary genre viewed within its larger social and political setting.

Reading Hebrew

INSTRUCTORS: SHULA HOLTZ AND KEREN BEN-SHUSHAN

MONDAYS: AUGUST 28-DECEMBER 4, 2006 5:25-6:40PM

LEVIN LIBRARY & ARNOLD HALL

This is an informal, weekly course to teach students how to read Hebrew. It is aimed at beginners and people who have rusty skills and are interested in developing more skills in reading Hebrew. The focus is reading, not language comprehension. There will be beginning and intermediate levels offered at the same time. Participants are requested to attend all class meetings. Registration is not required and the course is free of charge and open to the entire community. It cannot be taken for college credit.



Jewish Choral Society



CHOIR DIRECTOR: MADELINE HERSHENSON

MONDAYS: AUGUST 28-DECEMBER 4, 2006 7:00-9:00PM ARNOLD HALL

Rehearsals begin for another semester of the Jewish Choral Society. The Society reached new heights last year with its standing room only performance at *A World of Jewish Culture*. Now in its seventh year, the Choral society keeps growing. The repertoire now includes Sephardic music, cantorial chants, contemporary Israeli music, Israeli folk songs, traditional songs from Eastern Europe, and Yiddish and Ladino music. New singers are welcome. No experience necessary.

Student Recruitment

Do you know of any students interest in attending the College of Charleston? The number of Jewish students attending the College has grown exponentially in the past 10 years and is continuing to grow. This year, the Jewish Studies Program is again offering prospective students the opportunity to visit the College of Charleston, attend classes, and join in a JSU/Hillel event. Please let us know if you know someone who would like to visit or join us for an event. All prospective students are welcome. If you know of anyone interested in receiving information about the Jewish Studies Program or Jewish student life at the College, please contact Mary Karesh at kareshm@cofc.edu or by phone at 843.953.3917.

A World of Jewish Culture at Piccolo Spoleto



The Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies program premiered *A World of Jewish Culture* at Piccolo Spoleto in 1998 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Israel. Since its inception, the weekend has featured the talent of artists worldwide, showcasing Jewish culture, which has been an important part of Charleston's long Jewish history. This past year, the *A World of Jewish Culture* featured six major events: the award-winning Israeli film, *Ushpizin*, a concert with *Viva Klezmer* alongside our own Jewish Choral Society, Yiddish cabaret performances by Eleanor Reissa, selections from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, and a preview of the forthcoming off-Broadway musical, *Terezin*, with music by Joel Derfner. The major problem we faced was overflowing crowds, a dilemma we hope to encounter again in future years. Special thanks to the Herzman-Fishman Foundation for continuing its major sponsorship of *A World of Jewish Culture* in 2006.

Next year we will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the *A World of Jewish Culture* at Piccolo Spoleto. Plans are underway to make this the biggest celebration ever. If you have any ideas or interest in helping with the festival, please call the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program at 843.953.5682.

The Biennial Scholars' Conference

In June, the College of Charleston hosted the 2006 Biennial Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History. With over 150 participants, the three-day assembly was both educational and entertaining, combining cultural events with a Charleston focus and scholarly presentations, many of which revolved around regionalism.

The participants left with a respect and appreciation for Charleston's rich Jewish history and the extensive Jewish archives that have been assembled at the Jewish Heritage Collection at the Addlestone Library. Charleston is now on the academic map, well-deserved for a city that for many years had the largest Jewish population in the United States.



Gifts to Jewish Studies

The Henry and Sylvia Yaschik Foundation just made another generous grant to the Jewish Studies Program to help with Jewish student life at the College of Charleston. The grant will fund staffing for the JSU/Hillel and help service the College's rapidly growing Jewish student population. Henry and Sylvia Yaschik were the lifeblood of Jewish Studies during the Program's early years so it is a joy to see their foundation continue to support the Program which gave them such joy and which bears their names.

The Saul Alexander Foundation, Nathan and Marlene Addlestone Foundation, Herzman-Fishman Foundation, Oscar and Mona Sokol Foundation, George and Sara Stern Foundation, and Zucker Family Foundation all continued their annual support of Jewish Studies.

The Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies endowment at the College of Charleston Foundation also received two major gifts in the past year from members of the Program's Advisory Board. Endowment gifts are an enduring legacy, since they produce revenues each year for Jewish Studies. Many thanks to Art and Annie Sandler of Virginia Beach, parents of Jessica and Dylan Sandler, both students at the College. Thanks too, to Jerry and Anita Zucker and their family for another generous gift to the Program. As endowments, these gifts are like the Energizer Bunny--they keep on giving. Todah Rabbah.



Meet the Staff

MARSHA ALTERMAN volunteered to help establish the Jewish Student Union/Hillel in 1990-1991. After a hiatus, she is serving again as the Director of Jewish Student Life. She will be working with the JSU board to help coordinate activities and events as well as serving as the liaison between the board and the Program. Marsha graduated with a Master's in Education and Counseling from George Washington University. She has two lovely daughters with her husband, Doug.



SUSAN ADDLESTONE BERLIN is again taking charge of our TEACHH initiative (The Experience of A Career with Helping Hands,) our student mentoring program which gives students the opportunity to explore career possibilities by writing resumes, learning interviewing skills, and shadowing professionals. Susan has a Masters in speech pathology and runs an after school literacy program on Johns Island. She is married to Nico, and they have four children.

SAMANTHA GARMAN recently graduated from the College of Charleston with a BA in theater. Excited to start working in the Jewish Studies Center, she will help around the office as well as with the publications. Samantha has a special interest in creative writing.



ENID IDELSOHN came to work for the Jewish Studies Program in the fall of 2002, when the Jewish Studies Center first opened. Her job is to facilitate all of the administrative/business functions of the program and to defer to Marty. She is responsible for publications, scheduling all of the meetings in Arnold Hall and the Levin Library, hiring student workers, and coordinating the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina. If you have ANY questions, Enid is the person to go to.

MARY KARESH is starting her second year working with the Jewish Studies Program. A native of Columbia, she graduated from the College with a BS in Business Administration in 2005. Mary works with promoting Jewish student life at the College. She arranges on-campus visits for prospective students, assists with Jewish Student Union/Hillel events, and works on the JSU/Hillel publications.



KIM KETTREY is an accounting major at the College and will graduate in December. Kim is a necessity to the office, as she handles the financial and bookkeeping aspects of the Program. She also makes sure Dr. Perlmutter's office is presentable.

Meet the Staff



ELIZABETH STEPHENSON started working at Jewish Studies her freshman year. Now a junior in the Honors College, she is double-majoring in English and Studio Art. As a student worker, Elizabeth completes a variety of odd jobs around the office--everything from cleaning the kitchen to designing graphics and publications like this one.

ELIZABETH DILL WERNER is the new cooking specialist at Jewish Studies. A junior at the College from Greenville, Dill is majoring in Creative Writing. She has a long history of preparing traditional Jewish cuisine for all occasions, from a typical Sabbath dinner to a Passover Seder. She enjoys being in the kitchen, coming up with new entrees, and teaching kosher cooking.



Our First Professor of Jewish Studies: Dr. Joshua Shanes



Jewish Studies is excited to announce its first full-time faculty member. Joshua Shanes will be joining Jewish Studies from the University of Illinois. Professor Shanes received his B.A. in History from the University of Illinois in 1993 and his Ph.D. in History from the University of Wisconsin in 2002, spending time studying in Israel in between.

Professor Shanes' research interests focus on Central and East European Jewry in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His specific interest is turn-of-the-century Galicia and the rise of Zionism as a counter-movement to the more traditional Jewish religious establishment. His teaching competencies include Jewish mysticism, modern Jewish history, and Yiddish.

JHSSC Fall Meeting

The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina will host its annual meetings in Greenville and Spartanburg on October 20-22nd, 2006. The meetings will begin in Spartanburg with Shabbat services and an oneg performance by Mappa Mundi on Friday night. It will move to Greenville on Saturday for morning services, panel discussions on Spartanburg and Greenville's Jewish history, and an evening concert, all at Congregation Beth Israel. The meetings will conclude on Sunday in Greenville at the Temple of Israel with breakfast, a keynote, and a business meeting of the JHSSC. The Jewish Historical Society is housed in the Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center at the College of Charleston.

Call for Chanukyot



The Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program is adorning its main office with Chanukyot, since they are decorative and functional, even if for only eight nights a year. We need a few more to complete the collection and have enough so that students can do serious candle lightings on Chanukah. If you would like to donate a decorative chanukya, please call us at 843.953.5682 or email altermanm@cofc.edu, and we will arrange to pick it up from you.



Schedule of Events - Fall 2006

All events will take place in Arnold Hall, unless otherwise noted. All are free and open to the public.

Reading Hebrew Class at 5:25pm
Starts Monday, August 28
Ends Monday, December 4, 2006

Jewish Choral Society at 7:00pm
Starts Monday, August 28
Ends Monday, December 4, 2006

Rabbi Hesh Epstein's Talmud Class:
You be the Judge at 7:00pm
Levin Library (Room 209)

Monday, September 4
Monday, October 9
Monday, October 30
Monday, November 13

Brown Bag Lunch Series:
Lions and Leopards and Bears!
First Wednesday of the month
12:00-1:00pm
Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Selichot Concert:

The Strauss/Warschauer Duo
Saturday, September 16, 2006
8:30 pm in the Recital Hall at
the Simons Center for the Arts

Senator Lindsey Graham
Sunday, September 10th at 7:30pm
in the Stern Center, 4th Floor Ballroom
Congressional Update

COFC FAMILY WEEKEND: OCT 6-8
Friday, October 6 at 5:45pm:
JSW/Hillel Sukkot dinner & services
(reservations required)
at Synagogue Emanu-El

Sunday, October 8 at 10:00am
Family weekend brunch
in Arnold Hall

Sunday Morning Brunches:

September 17: Robert Rosen at 10:00AM
October 29: Paula Fredriksen at 11:00AM!
December 3: Stephen Whitfield at 10:00AM

Dance Workshop and Israel Night:
Dance, song, and great food!
Sunday, September 17, 2006
4:00-8:00PM

Three Rabbi Panel - Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30pm
in the Stern Center, 4th Floor Ballroom
Women and Judaism

Jewish Student Union/Hillel

BY SARAH ZOLLER, PRESIDENT



Jewish student life on the College of Charleston campus is vibrant! Our goal is to provide Jewish students with a home away from home. To appeal to all students, we offer a wide variety of events and programs. The 2006-2007 JSU Executive Board has worked hard all summer to plan for the upcoming year. We look forward to welcoming new students and seeing familiar faces. The following events are scheduled for Welcome Week:

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| Saturday, August 19th | 2pm-4pm | Take a break from moving and drop by the JSC for ice cream and cold drinks |
| Monday, August 21st | 11am-1pm | New student bagel brunch in Arnold Hall (JSC) |
| Wednesday, August 23rd | 6pm-7pm | First Meet-to-Eat of the year at Andolini's! |
| Friday, August 25th | 6pm-8pm | Kick-off Shabbat dinner in Arnold Hall (JSC) |
| Sunday, August 27th | 5pm-7pm | Kick-off Cookout in the Stern Center Gardens |

Other events planned for the fall semester include regularly scheduled Shabbat dinners and Meet-to-Eats. You can also look forward to Havdallah on the beach, Monday night football (on the big screen!), movie and game nights, Meet-to-Treats (monthly ice cream outings), and a night at the Coastal Carolina Fair. Also, families should be sure to join us for Parents' Weekend on October 6-8!

If you have any questions regarding Jewish student life on campus or would like someone to tag along with for any of the events listed above, please don't hesitate to email me at zollercoaster@aol.com or call me at 843-323-5012. Feel free to drop by the Jewish Studies Center and check out our student lounge.

Executive Board for 2006-2007 school year:

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| Sarah Zoller, President | Charleston, South Carolina |
| Leah Slomovitz, Vice President | Atlanta, Georgia |
| PJ Schwartz, Treasurer, Religious Chair | Greenville, South Carolina |
| Caitlyn Franke, Secretary | West Palm Beach, Florida |
| Maxine Bier, Tzedek Chair | Westbrook, Connecticut |
| Sharon Nadav, Social Chair | Eagan, Minnesota |
| Michal Otten, Israel Chair | Gaithersburg, Maryland |
| Rachel Sommer, Student Recruitment | Buffalo, New York |





Greek Life: Sigma Delta Tau Sorority

BY **KIMBERLY BUDER, DELTA ETA CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Sigma Delta Tau had another exciting year on campus. This year, we became fully integrated within the Greek community. It is a joy to be a full member of Greek sorority life, with an equal footing alongside more established sororities on campus. Next year, we will be veterans, and are already looking forward to all the inter-Greek events, especially the fun mixers this fall.

November is formal recruitment month for SDT. We are excited about taking new sisters, and continuing to grow as a sorority and family. SDT is also informally recruiting women with sophomore or junior standing. Our first informal recruitment event will take place during the first week of school. Be on the lookout for information.

Last May we graduated three seniors and wish them all luck. Currently, SDT has 27 members after pledging 15 in the 2005-2006 school year. We love our new members, all of whom have made the chapter more dynamic. Each year the Greek system gives out awards to deserving organizations, which are referred to as the Borelli Awards. SDT was the proud recipient of the Best Scholarship Program and Highest New Member GPA. We are looking forward to winning even more awards next school year.

One highlight of the past year was raising more than \$1,000 for our national philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America. Next year, we will continue with the financial support of PCAA through our Family Weekend Poker Tournament in October and our annual *Spring Fashions of Charleston* in April.

Sigma Delta Tau looks forward to the 2006-2007 school year. We are attempting to get a sorority house on campus. SDT hopes to reach out to the community and see cougars, young and old, at our events.



Greek Life: Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity

BY **JEFF SILVERBERG, CHI OMICRON CHAPTER PRESIDENT**



AEPi is *the* National Jewish Fraternity, with 134 chapters spanning across the United States and Canada. With more than 77,000 members, AEPi has become the 12th largest fraternity in the country. In 2002, the Chi Omicron chapter of AEPi was chartered at the College of Charleston, continuing an almost century-old commitment to providing young Jewish men the best possible college experience.

Our fraternity consists of dedicated and diverse Jewish students who display honesty, faith, perseverance, humility, and mutual helpfulness within the Greek system. The strong bonds of our brotherhood are fostered by common values rooted within our Jewish heritage. Therefore, our basic purpose is to provide the opportunity for Jewish men to be able to join a Jewish organization whose purpose is not specifically religious, but rather social and cultural in nature. Alpha Epsilon Pi is a Jewish fraternity, and is open to all who are willing to espouse its purpose and values.

The Chi Omicron chapter of AEPi prides itself as being an active and respected fraternity at the College of Charleston. Our annual Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament has become a huge success at the College and a greatly anticipated event within the Greek community. We also actively participate in other events during the year such as Pep Supper, Greek Week, and mixers with sororities. In addition, we hold numerous brotherhood events, including paintball, barbecues, road trips, and community service projects. This year, our chapter received a Greek award for maintaining the highest grade point average of any fraternity or sorority on campus.

Next semester will prove to be a monumental year for our chapter. After recently initiating the largest pledge class in our history, the brothers have dedicated themselves to the growth of the fraternity on campus. Next year our chapter plans on doubling last year's pledge class, while continuing to support JSU/Hillel and Jewish life on campus, and strengthening our relationship with the vibrant Jewish community in Charleston.

Fall Semester 2006 Academic Course Offerings

**JWST 200.001/RELS 225.001**

Joshua Shanes

THE JEWISH TRADITION

TH 9:25am-10:50am

Jewish Studies Center Library (Room 209)

A multidisciplinary introduction to the history, beliefs, practices, and institutions of the Jewish tradition, from its Biblical foundations to the modern state of Israel.

JWST 200.002 & JWST 200.003

Joshua Shanes

FRESHMAN SEMINAR:**INQUIRY IN THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH TRADITION**

TR 10:50am-12:05pm and 1:40pm-2:55pm

Jewish Studies Center Library (Room 209)

Open only to freshmen, this course offers an introduction to Judaism and its historical development. Students will exit this course with a grounding in Jewish culture, religion, and history

RELS 201.001 & RELS 201.002

John Huddlestun

THE HEBREW BIBLE: HISTORY AND INTERPRETATION

TR 10:50am-12:05pm and TR 12:15pm-1:30pm

Education Center Room 219

An introductory study of the Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament, which considers the development of Biblical literature in the context of Ancient Near East culture and history.

HBRW 101.001

Keren Ben-Shushan

ELEMENTARY MODERN HEBREW

MWF 10:00am-10:50am

Jewish Studies Center Library (Room 209)

An introduction of fundamental language structures with emphasis on basic language skills: reading and listening comprehension, oral and written expression, including speaking.

HBRW 201.001

Keren Ben-Shushan

INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW

MWF 11:00am-11:50am

Jewish Studies Center Library (Room 209)

The object of this course is the development of basic proficiency through practice in the use of basic language skills emphasized in previous courses, and the acquisition of new vocabulary.

POLS 324.001

John Creed

POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

MWF 11:00am-11:50am

Maybank Hall Room 316

This course surveys the political, economic, and social structures and forces that make up the essence of Middle East politics and shape the region's place in the world.

JWST 300.001/HIST 310.001

Belinda Gergel

EXPLORATIONS IN SOUTHERN JEWISH HISTORY

TR 12:15pm-1:30pm

Jewish Studies Center Library (Room 209)

This course will explore the historical lives of Jews in the American South from the colonial to modern periods.

HIST 241.001

Richard Bodek

COMPARATIVE TOTALITARIANISM:**NAZI GERMANY AND STALINIST RUSSIA**

MWF 1:00pm-1:50pm

Maybank Hall Room 306

The Stalinist and Nazi Regimes mark the nadir of twentieth century European politics and society. This course will examine their respective rises to power, leaderships, systems of governance, culture, everyday life, institutions of terror, aggression, and treatment of minorities.

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