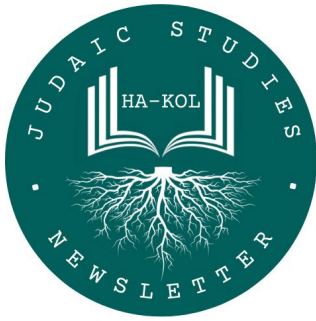


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Save the Date!

October 7th, 2022

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JUST Lunch

*Student Interns: "Judaic
Studies Paid Summer*

Faculty Corner



[Dina Danon](#) has accepted a joint appointment in the Binghamton University History Department, and we congratulate her!

[Douglas Jones](#) will present "Augustine's Rule of Love in Sixteenth and Seventeenth-Century English Piety" at the *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference* in Minneapolis in October 2022.

[Jonathan Karp](#) chaired and presented at a panel entitled "A Transnational Turn in American Jewish History," at the biennial *Scholars Conference of the American Jewish Historical Society*, held at Tulane University in New Orleans in May 2022.

Prof Karp also served as a moderator and discussant for two consecutive panels on "Jews and the Economic History of the Modern World" at the *World Economic History Conference* in Paris, in July 2022.

He also published a book review entitled "The Art of the Dealer" on Charles Dellheim's book *Belonging and Betrayal: How Jews Made the Art World Modern* in the

Internship Program"

October 26th, 2022

3-4 p.m. | LT 1310

Harpur Week

"Delicious" in Four
Languages

November 3rd, 2022

7-9 p.m. | Casadesus

Recital Hall, BU

The Ancient Law - Live
music and silent movie
event, with an original
score composed and
performed by **Alicia**
Svigals and **Donald Sosin**

November 8th, 2022

5-7 p.m. | FA 258

Screening of **Shalal. A**
Reel War and Q&A
with Israeli director
Karnit Mandel

November 18th, 2022

Noon | LN 1106

JUST Lunch

Professor Heba Taha:
"Imagining the future:
researching nuclear
politics in the Middle
East"

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summer 2022 edition of *The Jewish Review of Books*,
and will give the 2022 Leonard and Saradona Lefkowitz
Lecture in Jewish Studies at Alfred University in
Western New York this October. This lecture will
focus on his book in progress on Blacks and Jews in
the Business of American Popular Music.

Michael Kelly has, along with Catalin Taranu (New
Europe College, Bucharest, Romania), edited "*Vera Lex
Historiae?*": *Constructions of Truth in Medieval
Historical Narrative*, published by Gracchi Books,
2022. Professor Kelly has also published four
articles: "Truth & Antihistory" in "*Vera Lex
Historiae?*": *Constructions of Truth in Medieval
Historical Narrative*; "Approaching a Non-Modern
Historical Theory: Catholic Theology, Alain Badiou,
and Antihistory" in *Understanding Badiou*,
Understanding Modernism; "The Logic of Control:
Postulating A Visigothic Ontology of Human Being" in
*Leadership, Cohesion and Identity in the Visigothic
Kingdom*; and "Visigothic Catholicism as Secular
Ideology: Toward A De-Othering, or 'Saming', of Jews
in Visigothic Spain" in *Popular Religions in Late
Antiquity*.

He serves as Peer Reviewer for *Speculum: A Journal of
Medieval Studies* in September-October 2022, and
provides Editorial Service & Project Management
for Gracchi Books, Visigothic Symposia, and Networks
and Neighbours in July-September 2022.

Shay Rabineau is taking a research leave this fall to
take the second ever recorded hike around the Dead
Sea for his next research project. We are excited to
hear all about it when he comes back from his trip.
Professor Rabineau also presented at the 2022 World
Trails Conference in Skiathos, Greece in October,
2022. He co-presented the "2022 World Trails Report"
that he co-edited with Galeo Saintz, the Chair of the
World Trails Network and he will co-present "Rising
Leaders and Educators -- Changemakers for Trails and
Communities," with Delia Clark and Julie Judkins.
Both sessions emerge from his role as co-chair of the
Trails and Knowledge Task Team and his position on
the World Trails Network Advisory Council.

Hebatalla Taha co-wrote the article "Seizing Nuclear
Tehran: Obstacles to Understanding Iranian Nuclear

Yiddish?

Oy!

The Department of

Judaic Studies

offers a variety of

courses in Yiddish

language at the

beginner and

intermediate level

(these courses meet

Foreign Language

requirements) as

well as several

courses in Yiddish

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courses are taught

in English. Learn

the language your

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spoken and get a

bissel taste of the

richness of Yiddish

culture.

Read more about our

[Yiddish Language](#)

[and Literature](#)

[Courses](#).

Activities," with Clément Therme and Kjølsv Egeland, published in *Middle East Journal*. Taha will also attend the annual *Historical Materialism* conference in London this November. She is on a panel focusing on how the critique of capitalism can be brought into conversation with analyses of Palestine/Israel.

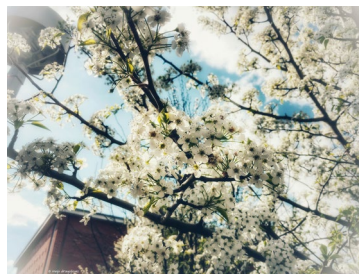


Professor Hebatalla Taha

Professor Taha joined our Department in Fall 2022 as an Assistant Professor of Israel Studies. She previously taught International Relations at the American University in Cairo and at Leiden University. She also held postdoctoral fellowships at Sciences Po Paris and at the American University of Beirut. Her PhD, completed at St Antony's College at the University of Oxford in 2017, dealt with Israeli economic development policies towards Palestinians of 1948.

Broadly speaking, she is interested in intersections between political economy and conflict, and her recent work has focused on nuclear technologies and imaginations of the future.

Heba loves reading fiction, mostly sci-fi and fantasy, eating Thai food, and making memes. She is very excited to see bears, from a distance.



Student Corner

Thank You!

First we thank our wonderful *students*, who

are our reason for being here!

We also thank our **Alumni Council** for their wise counsel and especially the [Executive Mentorship Program](#) that provides our students with unique opportunities.

And as always, we are grateful for our generous **donors** Linda Grabel, Richard Byrne, the Saperstein Family, and contributors to our special funds: Arkush Wiseman Fund for Yiddish, Bernard Lasky Lecture Fund, the Israel Institute, Lucius Littauer Judaic Book Fund, Margolis Lectureship in Judaic Studies, Temple Beth El Endowment, and Yedida Stillman Memorial Fund.



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Suggestions?

The Department of Judaic Studies is interested to hear from you! Please let us know if you have any [suggestions or questions](#) for us regarding:



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarship awardees for AY 22-23 are **Noa Pitkowsky** (Benjamin and Ann Schechter Scholarship in Judaic Studies); **Lara Marks** (Dozoretz Judaic Studies Scholarship); **Katriella Weingarten** (Olum Foundation Scholarship); and **Amanda Cetina** (Rozen Memorial Scholarship).

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors who make these awards and scholarships possible!



PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

We have also awarded **5 Summer 2022 internships**. Our *B'nai B'rith Youth Organization* Interns were **Jayne Tart** and **Katriella Weingarten**; *Israel Policy Forum* Interns **Amanda Cetina** and **Matthew Plotsker**; and *Joint Distribution Committee Archives* Intern **Gabrielle Umanova**. Our funded summer internships provide terrific opportunities for broadening educational experiences. They engage students in hands-on expertise and make great résumé items! Most of our internships have remote working options, and the summer stipend is a generous \$4,000. [Read more about our Paid Summer Internships and For-Credit Community Internships.](#)



OUR CLASSES

Spring schedule will be published on October 19th, 2022. Check out our course lineup for spring semester!

You can find all our classes and latest updates at our [Courses page](#). We offer a wide range of courses in Judaic Studies, Israel Studies, and Religious Studies as well as Hebrew and Yiddish. Take fun and interesting classes with us, grab Gen Eds, and meet

- Ha-Kol, our Newsletter
- social events
- guest speakers you would like to see on campus
- how we can make our department more accommodating.

How are you doing, really?

As always, we appreciate hearing from our students. If you have questions or concerns or news to share with the BU Judaic Studies community, please take a few moments to fill out this **anonymous Questionnaire**.

your major/minor requirements.



What's New

JUST Lunch Makes a Comeback

We are bringing back our traditional **JUST Lunch on Fridays at noon**. This fall lunches will be held in **LN 1106** (IASH conference room, located at the ground floor of the Library Tower, right across Harpur Edge) and the dates are:

September 16th - Professor Shay Rabineau talked about his upcoming research trip around the Dead Sea, second ever recorded.

October 7th - Student Interns will talk about their experiences in Paid Summer Internship Program that they got awarded through our Department.

November 18th - Professor Hebatalla Taha will introduce herself and present: "Imagining the Future: Researching Nuclear Politics in the Middle East."

Stop by, meet old friends and make new ones, and chat with our faculty and hear about their current research.

We will serve sandwiches, coffee, tea, snacks, and kosher food. If, however, you follow any specific diet (medical or religious), please bring your own food. Thank you for understanding!

Since seating is limited, don't forget to [RSVP](#) to any JUST Lunch you want to attend. See you there!