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Newsletter



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Congratulations Class of 2022!

The Judaic Studies
Graduation Reception was
held in our department's
conference room on Friday,

Faculty Corner



[Dina Danon](#) has been promoted to an **Associate Professor of Judaic Studies**, and we congratulate her! Danon has also been an **IASH Fellow** in Spring 2022.

[Douglas Jones](#) has published an article "**The Living Sense of Scripture: John Everard's Puritan Hermeneutics in Seventeenth-Century England**" in the *Church History and Religious Culture* journal.

[Lior Libman](#) has received a \$3000 Harpur College Faculty Research Grant for her manuscript ***State of Shock: The Kibbutz in Israel from Avant-Garde to Fetish, 1948-1955***.

[Michael Kelly](#) has been awarded a 2021-2022 Fulbright Scholarship at the Department of Classics, University College Cork in Ireland.

[Shay Rabineau](#) is to publish a book ***Walking the Land: A History of Israeli Hiking Trails*** with Indiana University Press. Mazel tov, Shay!

Rabineau has also received a \$5000 Harpur College Faculty Research Grant for his next project ***Around the Dead Sea***.

May 20, 2022.

We had a lot of fun and laughter with our students, and we presented each with a copy of **The Magic Barrel** by Bernard Malamud, certificate of achievement, and graduation cord.

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 culture. Culture courses are taught in English. Learn the language your bubbe may have spoken and get a *bissel* taste of the richness of Yiddish culture.

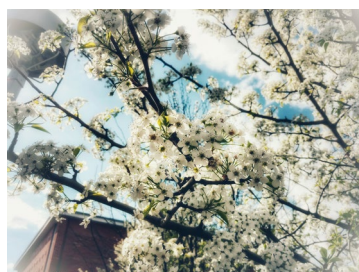
Hebatalla Taha will serve as Assistant Professor of Israel Studies and Associate Director of the Center for Israel Studies this fall. She is coming to Binghamton from Cairo, Egypt, and we are very excited for her to become a part of our department. More in our Fall 2022 issue – and welcome to Heba!



Professor Allan Arkush

Professor Arkush has been with Binghamton University since 1987, teaching primarily Intellectual History and Jewish history focusing more on modern times (ca.1750 to the present). His more recent courses are The Messianic Idea in Judaism, World War I and the Jews, and lately American Jewish history, and his research interests are Zionism, Israeli history, and modern Jewish thought. Arkush is internationally known for his work on Moses Mendelsohn, whose book **Jerusalem** Arkush translated from German to English – he has also written several articles about Mendelsohn and continues to write about him periodically. Professor Arkush was Chair of the Department and editor of the HA-KOL (The Voice) Newsletter from 1994 to 2008, and it was thanks to his diligent work that the Judaic Studies Program became a Department in 1992. For the past decade, Professor Arkush has been the Senior Contributing Editor for the [Jewish Review of Books](#), a well-known and respected publication, editing book reviews and contributing his own as well.

Are you surprised that Professor Arkush is a Stephen King fan?



Student Corner

Read more about our
[Yiddish Language
and Literature
Courses.](#)



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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.



Support

Adam I. Ascione D'Elia received the Jacob and Sarah Piaker Memorial Award for Excellence in Judaic Studies, and **Dalia Mermelstein** won the Pauline J. Piaker Memorial Award. Our scholarship awardees are **Emma Haynes** (Benjamin and Ann Schechter Scholarship in Judaic Studies); **Sasha Kinsler** (Dozoretz Judaic Studies Scholarship); **Sayem Hossain** (Olum Foundation Scholarship); and **Shir Nebel** (Rozen Memorial Scholarship).

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



PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

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.](#)



SUMMER AND FALL 2022 CLASSES

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 your major/minor requirements!

Suggestions?

What's New

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:

- 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.



Facelift for Conference Room!

Our Conference room
renovations (LT 1310) are
nearly complete, thanks
to the generosity of the

Saperstein family. We have new lights, carpet, paint,
whiteboard, and a few other additions.

Our famous popcorn machine is still going strong!

We also managed to save and frame mosaic windows
rescued from the Beth El Temple. These are now
proudly displayed in our conference room ([full
article here](#)). Stop by to see it!

JUST Lunch Makes a Comeback

We are bringing back our traditional JUST Lunch
Brown-Bag on Fridays at noon, beginning in September.
Stop by, chat with faculty, hear about their current
research, listen to a book review—or watch a movie.
Light refreshments will be served, but bring your own
brown bag lunch if you need a meal. Because seating
in the Saperstein Conference Room is limited, we will
send out a signup form. Watch this space for more
JUST Lunch news this fall!

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