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## JUDAIC STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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It is with both sadness and a deep sense of loss that the Judaic Studies Program mourns the loss of Art Liebman, who died recently at the age of 48 after a valiant struggle against cancer. Art's course on the Sociology of the Jews had been a regular and popular offering since the Judaic Studies Program began twelve years ago. One of the highlights of the course was a trip to the Lower East Side led by Art.

Art was the author of several books including Jews and the Left (1979). He was working on an autobiographical novel about growing up in a working class Jewish family in New Jersey when he died.

We will miss Art sorely. Yehi zikhro barukh (May his memory be blessed).

### Judaic Studies Coordinated Curriculum - Fall 1985

We have already put together our course offerings for Fall 1985. As always, there is a wide variety of courses, covering the rich scope of the Jewish cultural, historical, and religious experience. Two entirely new courses are to be given: "Spanish Jews, Marranos and Sephardic Culture" by David Gitlitz, and "History of Jewish Music", by Brian Rosen of the Music Department. Below is the full list of Judaic Studies courses for next fall:

#### CORE COURSES

Jud. St. 125/History 152A/Rel. St. 122	The Biblical Period	Biale
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#### TOPICS COURSES

Jud. St.-U 182A/History-U 298M	Jews & Other Germans	Hertz
Jud. St. 182S/Spanish 180T/Comp. Lit. 221T	Spanish Jews, Marranos & Sephardic Culture	Gitlitz
Jud. St.-U 254/History-U 254	Jewish Mysticism & Hasidism	Biale
Jud. St. 198	Senior Thesis	Staff
Jud. St. 199	Independent Study	Staff
Hebrew 123T/Rel. St. 123/Eng. 159	Bible II	Levin
History 130/Rel. St. 120	Intro. to Religious Studies	N. Stillman
Pol. Sci. 125	Politics in the Middle East	Peretz
Pol. Sci.-U 270G	Comparative Foreign Policies/ Middle East	Peretz
Music LA 157X	History of Jewish Music	Rosen

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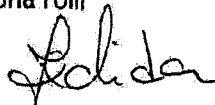
LANGUAGE COURSES

Hebrew 101	Elementary Hebrew I	Y. Stillman
Hebrew 103	Intermediate Hebrew	Y. Stillman
Hebrew 103A	Intermediate Hebrew (Adv.)	Staff
Hebrew 262	Alienation in Modern Hebrew Literature	Staff
Hebrew 291A	Journalistic Hebrew	Staff
Yiddish 101	Elementary Yiddish	Friedland
Yiddish 103	Intermediate Yiddish	Friedland

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Ami Ayalon, April 17th

Our next guest speaker will be Dr. Ami Ayalon of Tel Aviv University and the Shiloah Institute, who is currently a visiting scholar at Cornell. Dr. Ayalon's research is on the development and evolution of political and social ideas in modern Middle East History. He will speak at Binghamton on Wednesday, April 17th, when his topic will be "Semantic Aspects of Changing Political Concepts in the Middle East during the 19th Century." The talk is being cosponsored with the Southwest Asia and North Africa Program and will be open to the public.

Shalom



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