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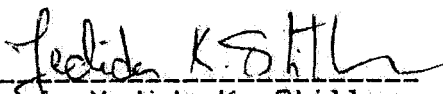
JUST COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

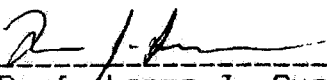
For the Judaic Studies Program [JUST] at SUNY-Binghamton, the recently completed 1987-88 school year was a period of consolidation and moving ahead. Both Professors Alan Arkush and Michael Taub were reappointed and placed on regular, tenure tracks. Robin Baron was hired by the University as JUST's secretary and a string of high-level, extraordinarily interesting public lectures were given. In every area of its operation, JUST moved ahead during the last two semesters and continues to be a pacesetting program at SUNY-Binghamton.

The continued success of JUST's outreach program, however, depends heavily on community support. JUST is only allocated \$100 by SUNY for extra-curricular activities. Community support is the difference between a campus-bound and a dynamic public-oriented program in Judaic Studies. This year's five public lectures were paid for entirely by community funds.

There are two ways to help support JUST at SUNY-Binghamton. Donations can be sent directly to the program, payable to "#524 JUST Acct." or to the "SUNY Foundation" with a notation that the contribution is earmarked for support of JUST. Donations are tax-deductable and should be sent c/o SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13901. Your support makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

In advance, thank you for your continued support!


Prof. Yedida K. Stillman
JUST Director


Prof. Lance J. Sussman
Ha-Kol, Editor

UPDATE: SOUTHERN TIER JEWISH HISTORY PROJECT

A date has been set for a public exhibition of hundreds of original photographs and documents depicting 125 years of Jewish life in the Southern Tier. Beginning on May 16, 1989, "Beyond the Catskills," will be on display in the Rosefsky

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Room on the SUNY campus. The exhibition, organized by Prof. Lance J. Sussman with the administrative assistance of Peggy Marcus, is a JUST project in cooperation with the SUNY Foundation.

Plans are also being made for the establishment of a Southern Tier Jewish Historical Society. Joining Prof. Sussman and Peggy Marcus on the Steering Committee are Flo Balin, Diane Herz, Jim Herz, Si Klionsky, Flora Rosefsky and Charles Rosenthal. The Historical Society will develop a permanent regional Jewish archive to record and preserve the history of Jewish life in this area. Photographs and documents are still needed depicting every aspect of Jewish life. All original materials will be returned. For further information, call Peggy Marcus at 798-0484 or Prof. Sussman at 797-0354.

RABBI MOSES MARGOLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES TO COMMENCE OCTOBER 16

Prof. Yedida K. Stillman, Director of JUST, has announced that Prof. David Daube, a world-renowned jurist and Biblical scholar, will be the first Rabbi Moses Margolis Memorial Lecturer this Fall. Prof. Daube studied "at the University of Goettingen and Oxford and Cambridge universities. From 1938--51 he was lecturer in law at Cambridge University, professor of Jurisprudence at Aberdeen, 1951-55, and Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford from 1955. From 1970 he was professor at the University of California at Berkeley." His published works include: Studies in Biblical Law (1947), New Testament and Rabbinic Judaism (1956), Collaboration with Tyranny in Rabbinic Law (1965) and Roman Law (1969).

Rabbi Moses Margolis was a leader in the Jewish community of Broome County for over sixty years. Born in the small Lithuanian city of Ponevez in 1896, he was educated at the Slobodka Yeshiva and studied with the illustrious Chafetz Chaim. In 1923, Rabbi Margolis and his wife, Belle Matlowski, arrived in Binghamton, New York where he was employed as the spiritual leader of Hebrew Brothers Congregation. Following a five year appointment in Bradford, Pennsylvania in the late 1920s, he returned to Hebrew Brothers and served as Cantor of Temple Israel from 1949 to 1975.

Rabbi Margolis was known for warm relationship with the entire Jewish community and excellent synagogue skills. An

ardent Zionist, he supported the Farband, Binghamton's Labor Zionist organization. "In short, Rabbi Margolis was a harmonizer and unifier. He enjoyed the love and respect of the Jewish community and of many in the general community."

The Moses Margolis Memorial Lecture Series will be a lasting tribute to one of the local Jewish community's great leaders. An annual lecture, open to the community at large, is planned. Donations to the Lecture Series should be sent to the SUNY-Foundation, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13901.

ALL SUNY JUST CONFERENCE HELD

SUNY-Binghamton's JUST program organized and sponsored an all-SUNY Judaic Studies Conference on Sunday, April 24, 1988. Judaic Studies scholars from around the state attended and exchanged ideas and information. An annual meeting and Newsletter are planned to coordinate efforts, share resources and develop new programs and ideas for the future. Binghamton's JUST is clearly the largest, most dynamic Judaic Studies program in the New York state system, largely thanks to its broad base of community and student support.

LASKY LECTURE SERIES BEGINS

Prof. Steve Katz, Cornell University, spoke to a large crowd on April 24 at SUNY-Binghamton on "Israel at 40." He was the first Bernard Lasky Judaic Studies Lecturer. In his well-received talk peppered with humorous remarks and acute observations, he analyzed the success of both Herzlian and Cultural Zionism in reestablishing Jewish power and raising Jewish pride. One of Zionism's greatest successes, he observed, was the creation of a "new Jew" who is not ashamed of being Jewish. President Clark attended the lecture as did a broad spectrum of community and university leaders.

COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Broome County's College of Jewish Studies, an adult education project of the Jewish Community Center, JUST, area synagogues and Hadassah was given national recognition this Spring by the Jewish Welfare Board. Most of the speakers during the last few semesters are SUNY faculty associated with JUST. The most recent program on "The Golden Age of German Jewry," was coordinated by Norbert Adler. Prof. Arkush gave the first three lectures in a series of six. Mr. Adler is also in the process of enhancing the SUNY

Library's collection on German Jewish history and culture. A Fall, '88 series is being planned on "The Modern Middle East and the Arab-Israeli Conflict." For more information, contact Claire Goldstein, JCC Program Director, 724-2417.

Yael Dayan Talk Sponsored by JUST

Yael Dayan, author, political activist and daughter of the late Israeli general, Moshe Dayan, spoke in Binghamton on Wednesday, March 16 to a crowd of almost 300 people at the JCC. A member of the Labor Party and a candidate for the Keneset in the upcoming elections, Dayan spoke on behalf of North American Friends of Peace Now, coordinated locally by Prof. Sussman. Her hour long address included a general description of Labor's position on the West Bank and was highlighted by a charge to the Binghamton Jewish community to open and democratic in its discussions on the Middle East. JUST, along with Temple Beth El, Temple Concord, B'nai Brith and 50 individuals.

STUDENT NEWS

Two Awards for excellence were made at the end of this school year. Michal Katz won the Jewish Federation's Award for Excellence in Hebrew. Irit Erez-Boukai won the Piaker Judaic Studies Award for outstanding work. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors.

Professors Norman and Yedida K. Stillman hosted a party for JUST alumni at their home on Saturday, April 23 as a part of SUNY's Alumni weekend. A large number of graduates attended and enjoyed Yedida's delicious "All-American" cooking!

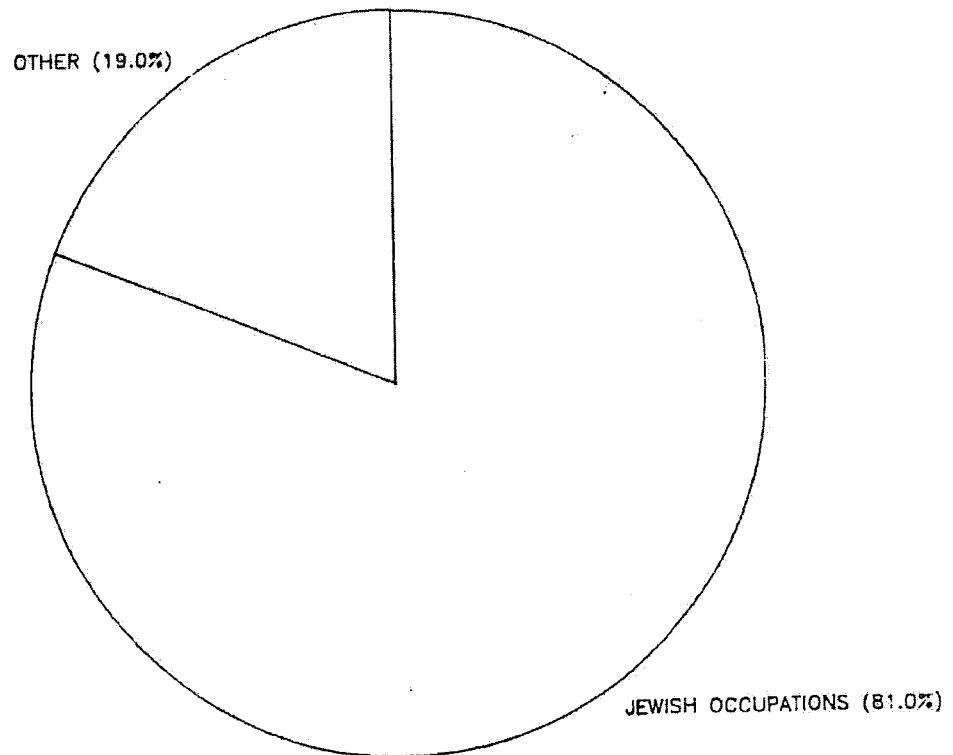
Finally, JUST recently conducted its first Alumni Survey. The graphics [attached] were prepared by Sandra Sketchley, a graduate student in History. The vast majority of our alumni become "Jewish professionals" and many are already making important contributions to Jewish life in the United States and Israel.

Fall Semester, 1988

Classes begin		Mon., August 29
LABOR DAY	(NO CLASSES)	Mon., Sept. 5
ROSH HASHANAH	(NO CLASSES)	Mon., Sept. 12
YOM KIPPUR	(NO CLASSES)	Wed., Sept. 21

HAVE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND RESTFUL SUMMER!

PERCENT OF SURVEY ENGAGED
IN JEWISH OCCUPATIONS



PERCENT OF SURVEY BY OCCUPATION

