


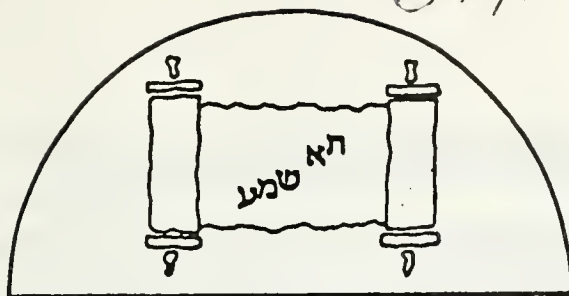
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PUBLIC EVENTS

In cooperation with several other units of the University of Illinois and various Jewish organizations within the community, the Committee sponsored the following programs and lectures:

- October 20, 1988 **Volker Honemann** (University of Gottingen and Visiting Professor, UIUC), "Sternberg 1492: A Case of Alleged Jewish Host -Desecration."
- November 16, 1988 **Haym Soloveitchik** (Yeshiva University), "Printing and the Influence on Jewish Law."
- November 27, 1988 **Meron Benvenisti** (Director, The West Bank Data Project, Former City Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem), "Changing Reality and Settlement Policies in the West Bank and Jerusalem."
- December 1, 1988 **David Levhari** (Hebrew University and Visiting Professor, UIUC), "The Economic Structure of Israel: Problems and Reforms."

- February 13, 1989 **Joseph Schraibman** (Washington University), "The Spanish Inquisition: Historical and Literary Echoes."
- February 16, 1989 **Zvi Jagendorf** (Hebrew University), "Israeli Theatre and Politics."
- February 22, 1989 **Rochelle Elstein** (Northwestern University), "Prized Above Rubies: Women's Influence on the Midwestern Synagogue."
- March 3, 1989 A reception marking the establishment of the Ruth H. Toby Judaica Collection.
- March 9, 1989 **Ilya Rudyak** (Theatre Director), "Remnants of Jewish Life in a Ukrainian *Shtetl*."
- March 28, 1989 **John Rothman** (President Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews), **Benny Dagan** (Israeli Consul), **Ahman Fahmy** (Egyptian Consul), "10th Anniversary Celebration of the Camp David Accords." A discussion of the significance of the Accords.
- April 27, 1989 **Sam Gruber** (Columbia University), Report on the Jewish Heritage Council of the World Monuments Fund.
- May 4, 1989 **Bernard Och** (Acting Director, Hillel), "Abraham and Mt. Moriah: The Sacrificing of Isaac."
- May 11, 1989 "Israel's 41st Birthday Reception" and Annual Israel Award Presentation to the 1989 Recipient, Professor Ehud Yairi, Department of Speech and Hearing Science.
- June 25-27, 1989 "Sidney Hillman: From Illinois Roots to National Labor and Political Leadership." A conference sponsored by The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union Chicago and Central States Joint Board, AFL-CIO.

In addition, the Committee was involved with a series of lectures held at the University YMCA on "Israel and the American National Interest.":

- January 30, 1989 "America and Israel: A Historical Perspective."
- February 13, 1989 "American Special Interest Groups and Israel."
- February 27, 1989 "Dollars to Shekels: America Military Aid to Israel."
- March 13, 1989 "Jerusalem: How Americans View the Holy City."
- March 27, 1989 "Israel and the American Press."
- April 10, 1989 "America's Place in the Arab-Israeli Conflict."

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Listed below are selected scholarly activities of members of the Committee and other faculty members involved in Jewish studies based on information received to date.

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Ernest C. Dawn, History

"An Arab Nationalist View of World Politics and History in the Interwar Period: Darwish al-Miqdadi," in The Great Powers in the Middle East 1919-1939. Ed. Uriel Dann. New York and London: Holmes and Meier, 1988.

A review of Philip S. Khoury, Syria and the French Mandate, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 109, 1989.

"The Influence of T.E. Lawrence on the Middle East," a paper presented at a symposium on T.E. Lawrence, Pepperdine University, Malibu CA, May 1988.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literatures

Varieties of Yiddish Verse--in English. *Commentary* 85, No. 4. 1988. 63-67.

"Soviet anti-Semitism Since 1945," a lecture at the Technisches Universitat, West Berlin, June 1988.

"Jewish Motifs in Recent Soviet Writing," a lecture at the University of Michigan, April 1988.

The 1989 Sydell Lewis lecture in Jewish Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, April 1989.

David Goodman, East Asian and Pacific Studies

"The Sources of Japanese Attitudes Toward the Jews: Foreign and Domestic, Right and Left."

Howard Jacobson, Classics

"Job's Suffering in Leo the Philosopher," *Bizantion*, 253, 1987.

"The Land of Nod," *Journal of Theological Studies*, forthcoming.

"Tertullian and Propagation," *Vigiliae Christianae*, forthcoming.

Invited to lecture at the international meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies (Dublin, July 1989).

Invited to contribute to *festchriften* for J. Pinsent and H. Fischel.

Wayne T. Pitard, Religious Studies

"An Historical Overview of Pastoral Nomadism in the Central Euphrates Valley," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 1988.

"The Ugaritic *Rapiuma* Texts: A Reevaluation," a paper presented at the Midwest Regional Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature and American Oriental Society, January 1989.

"Whispers from the Dust: Concepts of Death and Afterlife in Ancient Canaan and Israel," a paper presented at the Center for Advanced Study, UI, March 1989.

Gary G. Porton, Religious Studies

Goyim: Gentiles and Israelites in Mishnah-Tosefta. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988.

"Beraita deRabbi Ishmael," in Sifra: An Analytical Translation. Ed. Jacob Neusner. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988, I, 57-66.

Marvin Weinbaum, Political Science

Reviews of manuscripts on Arab topics for the National Science Foundation, *Comparative Politics*, and the *MESA Bulletin*.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Members of the faculty continued to contribute outreach activities to local and regional community groups and to other organizations during the past year.

Rina Donchin, Linguistics, taught Hebrew at the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University in the Fall. She continues to serve as the Editor of the Bulletin of Higher Hebrew Education (BHHE) of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH). As Editor she serves on the Executive Council of the NAPH. She also serves on the Committee on the Teaching of Hebrew Language and Literature in American Colleges and Universities established by the Executive Council, NAPH with the cooperation of the International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization in Jerusalem. Professor Donchin participated in various conferences: the annual meeting of the NAPH, the Georgetown University Round Table on Language and Linguistics, and the Third Annual Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning, UIUC.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literatures, lectured on "The Legacy of Soviet Yiddish Literature" at the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center. He gave a lecture on "Potrayal of the Jews in Soviet Russian Writing" at the YIVO Institute for Jewish research, New York. He also gave a lecture on Soviet anti-semitism at the University of Berlin.

David G. Goodman, East Asian and Pacific Studies, co-organized a two-day international conference on "Japan and the Jews." The conference was held at the Japan Society in New York, April 10-11 and jointly sponsored by Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith, the American Jewish Committee, and the University of Hartford. It brought together leading scholars from Japan, the United States, and Israel to consider Japanese images of the Jews, including recent, highly publicized expressions of anti-Semitism.

Howard Jacobson, Classics, has been invited to referee for *The Jewish Quarterly Review* and *Judaism*. He also served as a Cohn Tutor.

Gary G. Porton, Religious Studies, gave several lectures: "Why Jews Do What They Do" and "The Myth of the Judeo-Christian Tradition", Congregation Anshai Emet, Peoria; "The Necessity of Purim in Judaism", B'Nai Abraham, Decatur; and "Teaching Not Preaching: The Place of Religion in the Public University" at the National University Continuing Education Association National Conference.

Michael Shapiro, English, served on a panel on American attitudes toward Israel and the Middle East in the YMCA series on the Middle East. He was also on a panel at Sinai Temple which dealt primarily with the same topic.

Marvin Weinbaum, Political Science, has been involved in various outreach activities. He was active with the YMCA program on conflict resolution and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He also helped organize the Hillel-YMCA series on "Israel and the U.S. National Interest" in which he gave a lecture on "U.S. Military Aid to Israel". He served as a consultant to USA Today on Middle East terrorism and spoke on the topic with radio shows in San Antonio, Seattle, Chicago as well as locally. Prof. Weinbaum also gave a Sunrise Rotary Club lecture in one of the residence halls on the Palestinians and Israelis. He is presently involved in organizing on behalf of the Program in South and West Asian Studies a conference on Arab society (to be held in November) for which he is co-authoring a paper on the concept of security in Arab society.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION WON BY FACULTY

A number of the faculty involved in Jewish culture and society have won awards and received distinguished recognition during the 1988-89 academic year.

Wayne T. Pitard, Religious Studies, spent the Spring semester as a Fellow at the UI Center for Advanced Studies working on concepts of death and afterlife in ancient Canaan and Israel.

Howard Jacobson, Classics, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. He is working on early Jewish work of biblical interpretation, "Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum." He seeks to correct the text of the work, provide an English translation and write a book-length commentary.

David Goodman, East Asian and Pacific Studies, spent 1988-89 as an Associate in the UI Center for Advanced Studies. His project was titled "Dealing with Japanese Anti-Semitism: A Creative Response to a Problem in U.S.-Japanese Relations."

THE RUTH H. TOBY JUDAICA COLLECTION

Allen Toby and the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation donated \$5000 each toward collection development in Judaica. The collection is named in memory of Ruth H. Toby, late wife of Allen Toby and late mother of Ronald Toby, professor in the Department of History, UIUC.

GRANTS AWARDED & PROJECTS FUNDED

The Committee is pleased to announce that the annual award to a graduating senior who has been accepted for full-time graduate study in some aspect of Judaic or Jewish studies goes to both Scott Miller and Audrey Pollack. Scott has been admitted to Yeshiva Ohr Sameach in Jerusalem and Audrey to the rabbinical program at HUC-JIR.

The Committee is also pleased to announce that the annual prize for distinguished undergraduate essays in Judaic, Hebraic, Jewish or related studies goes to Janice Figman for her paper, "Jerusalem During the Mamluk Period."

The graduate student award has gone to Cary Nathenson and Batya Metzger. Cary will study Yiddish either at Oxford or Columbia University. Batya is doing graduate work on the Temple Isaiah Israel in Chicago.

The Committee has contributed towards the expenses of Rina Donchin, Marganit Weinberger-Rotman, David Metzger and Orly Rotem who are all bound for the NAPH meeting in Chicago. Rina Donchin will be attending a workshop in Jerusalem this August on the future relationships between the Israeli Center for Hebrew Teaching and European and American Universities, and the Committee will contribute towards her expenses.

The Committee funded Shlomo Yotvat to help organize the YMCA series of public lectures on "Israel and the American National Interest." (See above)

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF JEWISH MONUMENTS (ISJM) REPORT

ISJM organized sessions at the Annual Meeting of the College Art Association 1988 (Houston, February 11, 1988) and 1989 (San Francisco, February 16, 1989). Raina Fehl, ISJM, chaired both sessions. The Houston session was untitled and featured the following two papers: Sam Gruber, Columbia University, "Two Rural American Jewish Communities and their Synagogues: Alliance, N.J."; and Raina Fehl, UIUC, "Conserving the Finds of an Urban Excavation: The Jews' Street of Frankfurt am Main." The San Francisco session was titled "Synagogues and Cemeteries: the Problems of Conservation and Restoration" and featured three papers: Carol H. Krinsky, New York University, "Preservation and Reconstruction of European Synagogues"; Philipp Fehl, UIUC, "Vienna's Oldest Cemetery: Destruction and Restoration"; and Sam Gruber, Columbia University, "Report on the Jewish Heritage Council of the World Monuments Fund." ISJM also organized sessions at the 23rd (May 5, 1988) and 24th (May 4, 1989) International Congress on Medieval Studies (Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo). Raina Fehl once again chaired both sessions. The 1988 session was titled "The Temple and the Synagogue and featured the following: Asher Finkel, Seton Hall University, "The Synagogue as a Miniature Temple"; and Eunice D. Maguire, UI, "Jachin and Boaz and the Temple." The 1989 session was titled "Synagogues and the Law: Prescriptions and Restrictions" and featured the following: Raina Fehl, "Talmudic Antiquities and the Synagogue: Honoring the Work of Samuel Krauss (1866-1948)"; Asher Finkel, Seton Hall University, "The Sanctity of the Synagogue in Rabbinic Law"; Lawrence E. Frizzell, Seton Hall University, "Roman Law and the Church Concerning Synagogue Building"; and Evelyn M. Cohen, Jewish Theological Seminary, "Changing Attitudes Toward the Second Commandment as Reflected in Jewish Art."

Philipp Fehl, Art History, UIUC, published "The *Stadttempel* of the Jews of Vienna: Childhood Recollections and History," including a transcript of the "Statuten [the by-laws] fur das Bethaus der Israeliten in Wien [1828]" and "Isaac Noah Mannheimer's preface to his *Collected Chancel Orations*, delivered at the *Stadttempel* [1835]."

ISJM co-sponsored (with the Committee) the talks by Rochelle Elstein and Sam Gruber (see above).

KAVANAH

The second issue of Kavanah has appeared. Edited by Marissa Pratt and Cathy Shane, Kavanah is a literary magazine subsidized by the Committee.

COURSES

The enrollment for courses in Jewish culture and society showed an increase from last year. There were 754 students enrolled in our courses in 1988-89, compared to 573 in 1987-88. (The figure does not include independent study courses). The increase brings us back to the level of 1986-87 and reflects the fact that, unlike last year but like the year before, Religious Studies 101 was offered in Fall and Spring. Enrollment remained steady in other courses. See our appendix to this Report for the 1988-89 enrollment figures.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following faculty members served on the Committee for the academic year 1988-89:

Maurice Friedberg (Slavic Languages and Literatures)
 Fred M. Gottheil (Economics)
 Howard Jacobson (Classics)
 Frederic C. Jaher (History)
 Gary G. Porton (Religious Studies)
 William R. Schoedel (Religious Studies)
 Michael Shapiro (English)
 Marvin G. Weinbaum (Political Science)

Gary Porton and Michael Shapiro served as Co- Chairs.

STAFF CHANGE

Our administrative assistant for the year was Kanti Bajpai, who is now completing his Ph.D in Political Science. His cheerful efficiency and wizardry with the Apple underlies virtually everything the Committee has done this year. We wish him good luck as he leaves to take up the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Maharajah Sayajirao University, Baroda, India.

**APPENDIX: ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR COURSES IN JEWISH CULTURE,
1988-1989**

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English/Comparative Literature

284 Modern Jewish Literature 24

History

173 Islamic History & Civilization in the Near & Middle East to 1700 11

174 Islamic History & Civilization in the Near & Middle East since 1700 17

296-A Jewish History 9

298-C The Arab-Israeli Confrontation 7

303 The Near and Middle East in the Twentieth Century 36

307 Islam and the Near East from Mohammed to 1258 8

308 The Europeanization of the Near East, 1768-1914 10

Linguistics

201 Elementary Modern Hebrew, I 22

202 Elementary Modern Hebrew, II 15

210 Biblical Prose 2

303 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, I 6

304 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, II 14

305 Advanced Modern Hebrew, I 11

306 Advanced Modern Hebrew, II 12

307 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, I 3

308 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, II 5

Political Science

338 Governments and Politics in the Middle East 67

Religious Studies

101 The Bible as Literature (two semesters) 177

110 World Religions 158

120 A History of Judaism 35

201 Hebrew Bible in English 14

202 Earliest Christianity: The New Testament Period 23

221 American Judaism 17

283 Jewish Sacred Literature 3

342 History of Early Judaism 4

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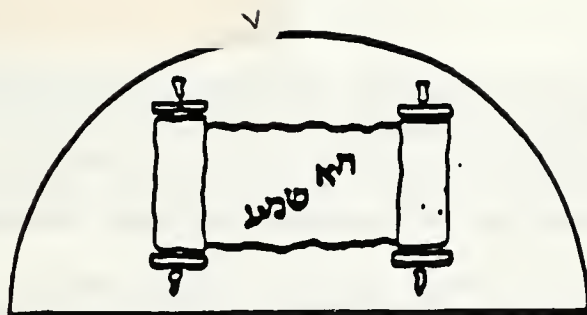
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NOTE: In addition, several faculty members supervised independent studies for individual students.

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PUBLIC EVENTS

In cooperation with several other units of the University of Illinois and various organizations within the community, the Committee cosponsored the following programs and lectures:

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| October 11, 1990 | Victor H. Mathews (Southwest Missouri State University), "The World of the Biblical Ancestors: Pastoralists and Immigrants." |
| October 25, 1990 | Joel Zack , Architect, on "The Synagogues of Morocco." |
| November 6, 1990 | Savyon Liebrecht , Author, "The Influence of the Holocaust on the Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors." |
| November 11, 1990 | Michael Handesaltz , Theater Critic, "The Absorption and Impact of Soviet Immigration on the Israeli Cultural Scene." |
| February 14, 1991 | Anson F. Rainey , (Tel Aviv University), "Southern Judah in the Biblical Period." |

- February 28, 1991 **Joan Peters**, Author, "Where it began: the roots of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict."
- March 5, 1991 **Gabriel Barkay** (Tel Aviv University), "The Oldest Biblical Manuscript: the Discovery of the Priestly Blessing in Jerusalem."
- March 14, 1991 **Judith Wegner** (University of Massachusetts), "Women in Jewish Law: Classical Sources and Contemporary Problems."
- April 18, 1991 **Bernard Wasserstein** (Brandeis University), "The Origins of Israel: Myths and Realities." Einhorn lecture.
- April 22, 1991 **Joel Bainerman**, Journalist, "Israel from A to Z: Social, Political and Economic Perspectives."
- April 28, 1991 **Yehoshafat Harkabi** (Hebrew University), "Arab-Israeli Conflict after the Gulf War."

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Listed below are selected scholarly activities of members of the Committee and other faculty members involved in Jewish studies, based on information received to date.

David Desser, Cinema Studies

"The Cinematic Melting Pot: Ethnicity, Jews and Psychoanalysis", in Lester Friedman ed, *Unspeakable Images: Ethnicity and the American Cinema*, (University of Illinois, 1991).

Rina Donchin, Hebrew

"The Role of NIKKUD in the Teaching of Hebrew," a paper delivered at the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH) 1990 International Conference on University Teaching of Hebrew, June 2-4, New York.

"Israel, Basic Facts", a paper presented in a workshop on Israel, organized by Illini Pact, at the Illini Union, February 3, 1991.

"Using Authentic Literary Text in Teaching Intermediate Hebrew," a paper presented at the International Workshop on Teaching Hebrew Jewish Culture, Jerusalem, July 9-15, 1990.

Presented a paper on using authentic video in teaching Israeli current events, in a workshop organized by the Language Learning Lab of UIUC, March 8, 1991.

Organized and chaired a panel on "The Transition from High School to University Teaching of Hebrew" at the Midwest Association of Jewish Studies (MWJS), October 15-16, Chicago. Served as a member of the MWJS Association.

Compiled a series of exercises and audio cassettes of grammar for Intermediate Hebrew.

Served as publication coordinator of the National Association of the Professors of Hebrew.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literature

"In Poland Again," *Commentary*, November 1990, p. 40-46.

Book review on Elizabeth Klosty Beaujour's Alien Tongues: Bilingual Russian Writers of the "First" Emigration, in *Russian Review*, 1991: 50 (1).

Review of Lewis Rapoport's Stalin's War Against the Jews, in the *New Leader*, Feb. 11-25, 1991, p. 20-21.

Visited Moscow in October 1990, and appeared on Soviet radio and television in addition to being interviewed by Soviet journals on subjects relating to Soviet culture in the era of glasnost, and Soviet-American military and cultural relations.

Delivered a lecture at the Institute for Slavic Studies of the USSR Academy of Science; at the Institute of World Literature of the Soviet Academy of Science; at the All-Union Library of Foreign Literature; at the National Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences; and at the section for literary translation of the Union of Soviet Writers.

Presented a paper and participated in two round-table discussions at the IV World Congress of Soviet and East European Studies in Harrogate, England, July 21-27, 1990.

Presented a paper at the First Canadian-USSR Academic Dialogue held at the University of Toronto in December 1990.

Presented the keynote address at a conference on the Soviet Union sponsored by the Vermont Council on the Humanities in Burlington, Vermont, in November 1990.

Howard Jacobson, Classics

"Land of Nod," *Journal of Theological Studies*, 1990, p. 91-92.

"Biblical Quotation in Ps-Philo," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha*, 1989, 47-64.

Articles accepted and in press:

"Josephus on Moses' Death," *Festschrift J. Pinsent*.
 "Chronicles of Jerahmeel 27.4," *Revue des Etudes Juives*.
 "The Judge Bedan," *Vetus Testamentum*.
 "Ps-Philo and Tammuz," *Journal for the Study of Pseudepigrapha*.
 "Nonnulla Onomastica," *Journal of Theological Studies*.

Invited to referee and review for *Jewish Quarterly Review* and *Sixteenth Century Journal*..

Served on the editorial board of *Illinois Classical Studies*, and as editor for *Latin Studies, ICS Supplements*.

Michael Shapiro, English

Read a paper on American-Jewish fiction entitled "Beyond the Immigrant Bildungsroman" at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Chicago in December, 1990.

Prepared a report on Jewish studies at the University of Illinois, which was presented by Rina Donchin at the second annual conference of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association.

Marvin Weinbaum, Political Science

"Pakistan and Afghanistan: The Strategic Relationship," *Asian Survey*, June 1991:13 (forthcoming).

"Iran and Afghanistan; Precedents and Prospects for Superpower Cooperation," in Edward Kolodziej and Roger Kanet (eds.), *The Cold War as Cooperation* (London: Macmillan Publishers, 1991).

"Benazir Bhutto," *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, 1991 (forthcoming).

"Israel as a Factor in Domestic Arab Politics," in Robert O. Freedman (ed.), *Israel at Forty*, Westview Press, forthcoming, 1991.

"Arab Opinion, U.S. Foreign Policy, and the Persian Gulf," *Southern Illinois University Journal*, 15 (Spring 1991): 501-510.

"War and Peace in Afghanistan; the Pakistani Role," *The Middle East Journal*, Winter 1991: 45(1).

"Pakistan and Afghanistan: Antagonism or Cooperation?" *Swords and Ploughshares*, Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois, Fall 1990: 5(1).

"Afghanistan and the Politics of Pakistan," *Universities Field Staff International, Field Staff Reports*, Asia Series, 1990(7).

"Soviet Strategies, Afghan Refugees and Pakistan's Security," in Ewan Anderson and Nancy Hatch Dupree (eds.), *The Cultural Basis of Afghan Nationalism*, (London and New York: Pinter Publishers, 1990), p. 193-216.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Members of the faculty continued to contribute outreach activities to local and regional community groups and to other organizations during the past year.

Rina Donchin, Director of the Hebrew Program, Department of Linguistics, prepared, with the technical support of Ulric Chung, Video Coordinator of the Language Learning Laboratory, a promotional video tape describing the Hebrew Program. The tape was sent to high schools around the state, to be viewed by students who may be interested in studying Hebrew.

She also prepared, with the technical support of Rachel Manuel, Audio Coordinator in the Language Learning Laboratory and Esther Yotvat of the Hebrew Program, a program of listening-comprehension series of cassettes, a workbook and a teacher's manual.

Michael Shapiro, English, presented a paper to the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago on the topic: "Modern Jewish Literature beyond the Immigrant Experience: Its Relationship to Jewish Identity." He spoke on the same topic at the synagogue in Decatur.

Harvey Choldin, Sociology, spoke at the synagogue in Decatur, IL, March 1991, on "Whatever Happened to the Melting Pot?"

The Committee on Jewish Culture and Society sponsored a visit by Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch of the B'nai Torah Highland Park Reform Temple, 2789 Oak, Highland Park, IL 60035, in order to bring the program to the attention of students, prospective students and their families in the northern suburbs.

Elderhostel:

Under the auspices of the Division of Continuing Education, Gary Porton and Michael Shapiro organized a one-week Elderhostel from June 9 to June 15 on the Jewish Experience in America and Jewish Images in Art. It enrolled nearly to capacity (50) almost as soon as it was offered and attracted students from all over the United States. Responses were extremely favorable and preliminary discussion is under way about repeating the program next summer or perhaps offering a somewhat different set of topics in Jewish studies.

Gary Porton lectured to the group on Jewish history and on American Judaism, while Michael Shapiro spoke on American Jewish literature. Lecturers included three other members of the committee: Fred Jaher (on American anti-semitism), Rina Donchin (on the teaching of Hebrew with PLATO) and Marvin Weinbaum (on American Jews and the Middle East). Other faculty or staff participants included James Marchand (on Yiddish), Harvey Choldin (on ethnicity), and Linda Bloom (on American-Jewish art). Paul Weichsel accompanied by Lorraine Weber offered a concert of Yiddish songs reflecting the immigrant experience. Two local artists, Elizabeth Klein, a novelist, and

Lynne Wachtel, a potter, spoke to the group about their work. Rabbi Jeff Falick spoke about Jewish students, and Rabbis Brad Bloom and Isaac Neuman formed a panel on American and European rabbinates -- past, present, and future. The film *Hester Street* was shown one evening.

This program was the Committee's most ambitious undertaking to date in the area of outreach and was very enthusiastically received by those who attended.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION WON BY FACULTY

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literature, was an associate of the Center for Advanced Study of the University of Illinois and was awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment of the Humanities.

GRANTS AWARDED & PROJECTS FUNDED

The Committee has contributed towards the research expenses of University of Illinois faculty working on a variety of topics within Jewish studies.

Kenneth Ober, departmental affiliate, German department, travelled to Hebrew Union College to work on "ghetto stories" in Russian, German, Danish and English as well as research on the Danish-Jewish writer, Meier Goldschmidt. His translation of *A Jew* by Meier Goldschmidt was published by Garland Publishing Inc., while his article on the same author has been accepted for publication by *Scandinavica*, an International Journal of Scandinavian Studies.

Batya Metzger submitted a research paper entitled "The Architecture of Temple Isaiah Israel in Chicago, Illinois, in the Light of the Synagogue Architecture in the United States," in partial fulfilment of the M.A. degree requirements in Art History, School of Art and Design, University of Illinois, Sept. 1990.

Alan Carasso, German department, was awarded \$600 (matching the Oxford scholarship) so that he could pursue a study of Yiddish this summer at Oxford.

COURSES

As the appendix indicates, the enrollment for courses in Jewish Culture and Society showed an increase from last year. There were 1044 students enrolled in our courses in 1990-91, compared to 990 in 1989-90. (The figure does not include independent study courses). The increase reflects the fact that the enrollment figures in several Linguistics and History courses were up.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following faculty members served on the Committee for the academic year 1990-91:

David Desser (Cinema Studies)
Rina Donchin (Linguistics)

Maurice Friedberg (Slavic Languages and Literatures)
David Goodman (East Asian and Pacific Studies)
Fred M. Gottheil (Economics)
Howard Jacobson (Classics)
Frederic C. Jaher (History)

Gary G. Porton (Religious Studies)
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Michael Shapiro (English)
Marvin G. Weinbaum (Political Science)

Gary Porton and Michael Shapiro served as co-chairs of the Committee.

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174 Islamic History & Civilization in the Near & Middle East since 1700 91

296A A History of the Jews in the Diaspora 14

298F Middle Eastern Cities and Urban Life under Islam 9

303 Near and Middle East in the Twentieth Century 35

308 Europeanization of the Near East 1768-1914 7

485 Problems in the Near and Middle East 2

Linguistics

201 Elementary Modern Hebrew, I 41

202 Elementary Modern Hebrew, II 26

303 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, I 18

304 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, II 20

305 Advanced Modern Hebrew, I 8

306 Advanced Modern Hebrew, II 10

307 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, I 5

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121 An Introduction to Christianity 137

130 Jewish Practices: A Religio-Historical Approach 25

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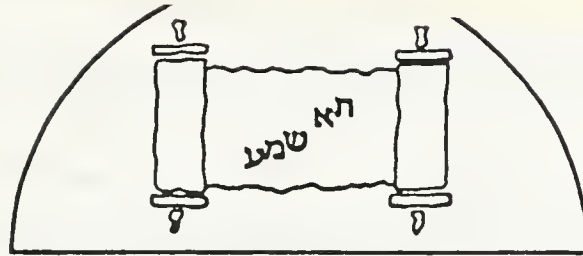
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PUBLIC EVENTS

In cooperation with several other units of the University of Illinois and various organizations within the community, the Committee cosponsored the following programs and lectures:

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| July 8 - 9, 1991 | 1991 Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe Discussion Group on <i>Simon Dubnov and His Heritage on the 50th Anniversary of His Death</i> . |
| November 1991 | Rinat , Israel's National Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber, as the first part of the year-long MidEast Fest. |
| November 7, 1991 | Mayer Gruber , (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), The Rashi Scandal: What Happened to Rashi's Pictorial Illustrations? |

- November 21, 1991 **Asher Susser**, (Tel Aviv University), *The Middle East and the Peace Process after the Gulf War*
- December 2, 1991 **Jerome Badanes**, (Sarah Lawrence College, New York), in a reading from his novel *The Final Opus of Leon Solomon* .
- December 3, 1991 *Image Before My Eyes*, award-winning documentary by Jerome Badanes.
- February 2, 1992 **Avinoam Armoni**, (Director, New Israel Fund, Israel), *Civil Rights and Humanitarian Issues in Israel*
- February 2, 1992 **Carol Edelson and Myron Perlman**, (New Jewish Agenda -- Chicago), workshop on *Anti-Semitism and Racism*.
- February 10, 1992 **David Grossman**, (Israeli Author), *Survivor's Paradox in the Middle East*
- February 12, 1992 **Emmanuel Farjoun**, (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), *The Occupation and its Effect on Israeli Society*
- February 17, 1992 *The Summer of Aviya*, a play at Virginia Theater, Champaign, with the author, Gila Almagor, in the lead. This was the second event in the year-long **MidEast Fest**.
- February 23, 1992 *This is the Moment*, documentary featuring Israelis and Palestinians talking about peace.
- February 27, 1992 **James Shapiro**, (Columbia University), *The Image of the Jew in the Merchant of Venice*
- March 1- 3 1992 **Irena Klepfisz**, (City College of New York and exec-dir, New Jewish Agenda), Poetry reading at Jane Addams bookstore; *Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A discussion on some current issues; Jewish Identity, Jewish Culture and Jewish Studies*, etc.
- March 4, 1992 **John Rothman**, (active politician), *American Politics and Policy*
- March 19, 1992 **Gerhard Baader**, (Free University, Berlin), *Debunking the Nazi Doctor Myth: The Fallacy of Coercion*
- March 22, 1992 **Jane Ramsay**, (director, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Chicago), *Multicultural Coalitions: Opportunities and Visions*
- April 6, 1992 **Lawrence Schiffman**, (New York University), *The Dead Sea Scrolls: New Light on the History of Judaism and Christianity*. Annual Einhorn Lecture.
- April 9, 1992 *Hebrew Lunch and Music*, together with the Hebrew Program in the Department of Linguistics.
- April 21, 1992 *Ladies' Tailor*, a film by Leonid Gorovets (U.S.S. R , 1990). Based on play by Alexander Bortschagovski. Presented by Gorovets.

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Listed below are selected scholarly activities of members of the Committee and other faculty members involved in Jewish studies, based on information received to date.

Harvey Choldin, Sociology

Attended a conference on "Measurement of Ethnicity," April 1992, at Ottawa Canada. Conference was sponsored by Statistics Canada and U.S. Bureau of the Census.

David Desser, Cinema Studies

"Woody Allen" and "The Movie Moguls" in *Jewish-American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*. Jack Fischel and Sanford Pinsker, eds. (Garland Press).

Rina Donchin, Hebrew

Delivered paper entitled "Beyond the Textbook," at the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH) 1991 International Conference on University Teaching of Hebrew, Atlanta, Georgia, June 1991.

Delivered paper entitled "Stories for the Advanced Student," at the 10th International Workshop on Teaching Hebrew, Jerusalem, July 1991.

Delivered paper entitled "Israeli Culture and the Hebrew Language," at the International Tasting Club of the Honors Program, UIUC, December 1991.

Currently working on combining a series of video programs on *Everyday Conversations in Hebrew* for intermediate-level Hebrew with audio exercises into a computer-assisted interactive video. This project is in cooperation with the Language Learning Laboratory.

Edited *Bulletin of Higher Hebrew Education*, volume 5.

Served as publication coordinator of the National Association of the Professors of Hebrew.

Served as a member of the executive board of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literature

"Introduction," *The Bloody Hoax*, by Sholom Aleichem (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991).

How Things Were Done in Odessa: Cultural and Intellectual Pursuits in a Soviet City (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford: Westview Press, 1991)

Interviewed by the Yiddish Service of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, Jerusalem, January 1992, on *Jewish Studies in American Universities*.

Delivered a lecture at Syracuse University, October 1991, on *Is a Jewish Cultural Revival Possible in the Former USSR?*

Delivered a lecture at the World Conference on International Broadcasting, Jerusalem, Israel, January-February 1992, on *Broadcasting Jewish Religious and Cultural Programming*.

Sonya Michel, History

Presented paper entitled "Jews /Gender /American Cinema" at Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, UIUC, May 4, 1992.

Review of Susan Glenn's *Daughters of the Shtetl* in *American Historical Review*, 96:5, December 1991.

"Jews /Gender /American Cinema," forthcoming in Lynn Davidman and Shelly Tenenbaum, eds., *Feminist Perspectives on Jewish Studies* (Yale University Press, 1993).

Kenneth Ober, Germanic Languages and Literature

"Meir Goldschmidt og den tysk-jødiske ghetto-fortælling," (Meir Goldschmidt and the German-Jewish *Ghetto Story* I), *Rambam, Tidsskrift for jødisk kultur og forskning*, 31.1991-92.

"Med saadanne Folelser skriver man en Roman," (Origins of Meir Goldschmidt's *En Jode*), *Scandinavica, An Interational Journal of Scandinavian Studies*, May 30:1, 1991).

Ober's research was partially funded by the Committee.

Alexander Ringer, Music

Arnold Schoenberg: The Composer as Jew, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990).

Michael Shapiro, English

Edited and wrote the introduction, to a collection of essays, *Divisions Between Traditionalism and Liberalism in the American Jewish Community* (Lewiston: Edwin Mellen Press, 1991). Three of the essays were expansions of lectures delivered on this campus under the aegis of the Committee on Jewish Culture and Society. (See enclosed order form).

"Jewish Studies at the University of Illinois," *Shofar*, 9 (1991), no. 4, 115-19. A revised version of a report given at a panel at the second annual meeting of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Chicago, October 1990.

"Confessions of a Dramaturg," in *D'vorim*, Spring 1992.

Scholar-in-residence at the Honors College, Southern Oregon State College, Ashland, Oregon, January 13-15, 1992. Taught two classes, helped the students prepare an evening of improvisations based on Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta* and Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Also delivered a public lecture entitled *Interpolated and Unwritten Scenes in the Merchant of Venice*.

Lectured on *Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln in German 200*, Jewish Authors of German Literature (Professor Wade).

Presented a reading of American-Jewish Poetry, English Departmental Event on Cultural Diversity.

Marvin Weinbaum, Political Science

"The Israel Factor in Arab Politics", in *Israel's Foreign Policy*, ed. by Robert Freedman.

Worked on the invitation to Abdul Majali, head of the Jordan delegation to the peace talks with Israel.

Participated in the Program of South and West Asian Studies' Brown Bag talks on Israel.

Traveled to India, Pakistan and Nepal in March 1992. Lectures there touched on some aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict, though concentrated on Islam and democratic government and issues of regional security.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Members of the faculty continued to contribute outreach activities to local and regional community groups and to other organizations during the past year.

Rina Donchin, Director of the Hebrew Program, Department of Linguistics, prepared, with the technical support of the Language Learning Laboratory, prepared a series of exercises and audio-cassettes entitled "Everyday Conversations in Hebrew," for the intermediate level.

Michael Shapiro, English, presented lectures and discussions on *The Merchant of Venice* at Urbana Junior High School, Sinai Temple, Hillel Foundation, and Tikkun discussion group.

He was the dramaturg (consultant) for the Illinois Repertory Theater Production of *The Merchant of Venice* in April 1992.

He also directed *36* by Norman Lessing, Sinai Radio Players, Sinai Temple (radio-style play), February 8, 1992.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION WON BY FACULTY

David Goodman, East Asian Languages and Cultures, will be working through the summer and into the fall of 1992 as an associate in the Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, on a book to be published by the Free Press. The work is tentatively titled, *Japan and the Jews: An Inquiry into the Quality of Japanese Intellectual Life*. The book will be coauthored with Masanori Miyazawa, Professor of History at Doshisha Women's College, Kyoto, Japan.

GRANTS AWARDED & PROJECTS FUNDED

The Committee has contributed towards the research expenses of University of Illinois faculty working on a variety of topics within Jewish studies.

Maurice Friedberg received an award for part of travel expenses to Israel so that he could present a paper at an international seminar on Broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

The Committee on Jewish Culture and Society, in collaboration with the C-U Jewish Federation's Council on Community Relations, financed a **project for a series of visits by English graduate students to local schools** whose students were scheduled to see the production of the *Merchant of Venice* at Krannert Center.

The four graduate students, all of them advanced Ph.D. candidates in early modern drama, were Alan Walworth, Tamise Van Pelt, Barb Sebek and Amy Farmer. Between April 7 and 14, 1992, they visited the following schools, reaching an estimated 500 students:

Centennial High School, Champaign
University High School, Urbana
North Ridge Middle School, Danville
Jamaica High School, Sidell
Urbana Middle School and High School.

Qiang Zeng of the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations was sponsored by the Committee for a half-year research program (January 1992 through June 1992) in American Jewish Studies. This program involved a detailed study of the American-Jewish community's views on Israel and on the Middle East.

Allan Metz, Assistant Professor/Assistant Subject Specialist for Latin America, was partially funded for a trip to College Park, MD for research related to ongoing work on Argentinian Jewry in October 1991. He was also partially funded for a combined conference/ research trip to Austin, TX in March 1992. His research involved a comparison of the impact of nationalism on the Jews of Argentina and Chile in the 1930s.

Amy Schiffman won the Committee's award of \$500, donated by the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, to a graduating senior who is planning to do graduate work in the area of Judaica. She has been accepted to the joint MA program in Jewish communal work at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University and to the program sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and Graetz College in Philadelphia.

A NOTE FROM KAREN SCHMIDT, JEWISH STUDIES BIBLIOGRAPHER:

We spent all of our regular monograph and serial money during FY92. About 75 per cent of what we received are U.S. titles, while the rest are European, mainly German language, books. We remained static with our serials as there is no money to order any new titles unless money is transferred from monographs. There were no requests for new serial titles, but this is an area that the faculty might want to look at closely in FY93.

There were two major acquisitions of primary source material made possible by special funds. Michael and Elaine Avner paid for the purchase of *America and the Holocaust*, a 13 volume set costing \$1750.00. An NEH grant paid for *American*

Zionism, a 15 volume set costing \$1900.00. Both of these titles are excellent basic primary source items of interest to many disciplines.

In addition, the extensive approval plans that the Acquisitions unit maintains have supplemented the Jewish Studies collection significantly. We received about 70 books valued at approximately \$2600.00 through these plans, which pick up U.S. and British university press and major presses publications. Through the European Blanket Order, we got another 60 books, valued at about \$1800.00. Coupled with the two large sets, we were able to acquire about \$9970.00 in new books for Jewish Studies this past year.

Here are some summary data from FY 92 for the Jewish Studies funds available to the Library:

Budget

Regular Funds

Monographs:	\$1917.00
Serials:	\$ 1001.00
Total:	\$ 2998.00

Friends and Special Purchase Funds

Toby-Judaica	\$ 840.00
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COURSES

As the appendix indicates, the enrollment for courses in Jewish Culture and Society showed an increase from last year. There were 1141 students enrolled in our courses in 1991-92, compared to 1044 in 1990-91. (The figure does not include independent study courses). The increase reflects the fact that the enrollment figures in Economics and some History courses were up. In addition, a new course, German 200/396 **Jewish Writers/ German Literature**, was offered in the Spring of 1992.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following faculty members served on the Committee for the academic year 1991-92:

- David Desser (Cinema Studies)
- Rina Donchin (Linguistics)
- Maurice Friedberg (Slavic Languages and Literatures)
- David Goodman (East Asian and Pacific Studies)
- Fred M. Gottheil (Economics)
- Howard Jacobson (Classics)
- Frederic C. Jaher (History)
- Wayne Pitard (Religious Studies)
- Gary G. Porton (Religious Studies)
- Michael Shapiro (English)
- Marvin G. Weinbaum (Political Science)

Gary Porton and Michael Shapiro continue to serve as chairs of the Committee.

APPENDIX: ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR COURSES IN JEWISH CULTURE, 1991-1992

Asian Studies

238 Hiroshima/ Nagasaki and the Literature of Survival 10

Economics

359 The Israeli Economy 47

German

200/396 Jewish Writers/ German Literature 17

History

173 Islamic History & Civilization in the Near & Middle East to 1700 33

174 Islamic History & Civilization in the Near & Middle East since 1700 32

296B Egypt since World War I: Emergence of a Modern Nation 8

298 The Middle Eastern Trilogy: Cities, Villages and Nomads 3

303 Near and Middle East in the Twentieth Century 49

308 Emergence of Modern Middle East in the 18th and 19th Centuries

28

343 The Turks and Ottoman Empire, 1100-1566 9

Linguistics

201 Elementary Modern Hebrew, I 28

202 Elementary Modern Hebrew, II 18

303 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, I 26

304 Intermediate Modern Hebrew, II 23

305 Advanced Modern Hebrew, I 15

306 Advanced Modern Hebrew, II 11

307 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, I 7

308 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature, II 7

Political Science

338 Governments and Politics in the Middle East 70

Religious Studies

101 The Bible as Literature (two semesters) 128

106 Archaeology and the Bible 52

110 World Religions 331

120 A History of Judaism 24

121 An Introduction to Christianity 128

130 Jewish Practices: A Religio-Historical Approach 5

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"... all four essays held my attention, and I learned something from each of them. . . . All of the authors eschew jargon and academic mumbo-jumbo. These essays should be of special interest to the non-specialist, for the educated layperson who is interested in the broader issues revolving around the future of the American Jewish community. This volume will also make a useful addition to college and university libraries." - Joseph Haberer, editor of *Shofar*, in *Scholarly Research and Review*.

"... these essays should be of interest to all those interested in today's America. They provide us with methods of understanding the cohesion and division within American society in general by focusing on one small segment of America's population. This is truly an important and useful collection of significant essays on contemporary American life." - Gary G. Porton, *Program for the Study of Religion, University of Illinois*.

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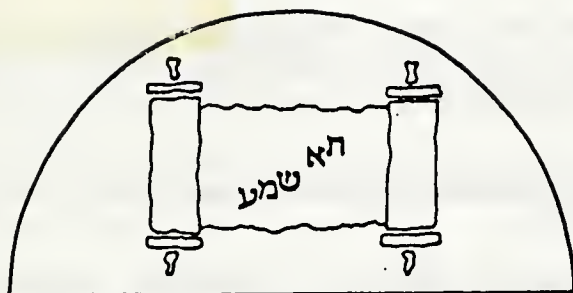
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PUBLIC EVENTS

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September 8

Kenneth Libo, (Curator of American Jewish History, Museum of Jewish Heritage), *In the Footsteps of Columbus: Early Jewish Settlers in the Americas, 1492-1800. Millercomm93 Lecture.*

- September 8 - 15 Exhibit: *Voyages to Freedom: 500 Years of Jewish Life in Latin America and the Caribbean.* **World Heritage Museum.**
- October 27 * *Europa, Europa*, a German film by Polish Director **Agnieszka Holland**, depicting the story of **Shlomo Perel**.
- October 28 * **Shlomo Perel**, (Holocaust survivor), *The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing: Shlomo Perel's double life as Jew and Nazi.*
- October 28 * **Shlomo Perel**, *Brown Bag Lunch.*
- November 3 **Chanin Fareis** (Arab-Israeli) and **Paula Gluzman** (Jewish-Israeli): *Women's Vision of Peace: An Arab-Jewish Dialogue.*
- November 16 * **Yossi Melman**, (Israeli Journalist), *The New Israelis: How Political, Social and Cultural Changes Effect the Peace Process.*
- November 19 **Ruth Ehrenstein** (Reconstructionist Rabbi), *Women, Ritual and Reconstructionism*, and other events.

1993

- January 14 **Henry Sapoznik**, (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research), *Yiddish Music: A Reflection of Jewish Life.*
- February 2 * *Scapegoat*, a film by Israeli Director **Dan Wolman**.
- February 3 * *Ben's Biography*, a one man play by **Dan Wolman**.
- February 8 **Rodolfo Acuña**, (California State University), *Pluralism in Today's Society: The Necessity of Latino Studies Programs in the Educational System.*
- February 10 * **Michael Keren**, (Tel Aviv University), *Labor In Power: Current Israeli Politics in Historical Perspective.*
- February 10 * **Michael Keren**, (Tel Aviv University), *The Political Attitudes of Israeli Youth.*
- March 1 * **Motti Lerner**, (Israeli Playwright), *Playwrighting in a Political Society.*

- March 18 * **Jacob Lassner**, (Wayne State University), *Demonizing the Queen of Sheba: Boundaries of Gender and Culture in Post-biblical Judaism and Medieval Islam.*
- March 30 *Jakob the Liar*, a film set in the Lodz Ghetto under Nazi Rule.
- April 15 * **Antony Polonsky**, (Brandeis University), *Research Opportunities in Modern Polish-Jewish History.*
- April 15 * **Antony Polonsky**, (Brandeis University), **Annual Einhorn Lecture:** *The Failure of Jewish Assimilation in Nineteenth Century Warsaw.*
- April 19 **Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz**, (Jews for Racial and Economic Justice), *The Issue is Power: Women, Jews, Violence and Resistance.*
- April 21 **Murray Zimiles**, (State University of New York, Purchase), *The Book of Fire: An Artist's Response to the Holocaust.*
- April 26 * **Dan Almagor**, (Israeli playwright and songwriter), *One Hundred and Ten Years of Israeli Song.*

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Listed below are selected scholarly activities of members of the Committee and other faculty members involved in Jewish studies, based on information received to date.

Rina Donchin, Linguistics

Delivered a paper entitled "Teaching authentic material" at the International Conference on Teaching of Hebrew sponsored by the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH), Toronto, Canada, June 1992.

Delivered a paper on "The Use of Interactive Video in Hebrew Language Teaching" at the Melton Center Conference on Teaching Hebrew, Jerusalem, Israel, June 1992.

Delivered a paper entitled "The Use of Technology in Teaching Hebrew" at the 11th International Workshop on Teaching Hebrew, Jerusalem, Israel, June 1992.

Organized a session on "Teaching Hebrew in High Schools" at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Chicago, September 1992.

Delivered a paper on "Teaching for Relevance" at the Conference on Language and Pragmatics, UIUC, March 1993.

Edited Bulletin of Higher Hebrew Education, Vol. 5-6.

Publication Coordinator, National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

Member of the Executive Board, Midwest Jewish Studies Association.

Raina Fehl, International Survey of Jewish Monuments

Chaired a panel on "Synagogues in New Territories" at the Eighty-First Annual Conference of the College Art Association of America, February 4, 1993.

Chaired a panel on "The Sacred Art of Calligraphy in Jewish Life: the Synagogue, the Home, the Cemetery" at the Twenty-eighth International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 6-9, 1993.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literatures

Contributed an essay on Isaac Babel to a Russian volume entitled *American Scholars on Russian Literature*, to be published by the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow.

David Goodman, East Asian and Pacific Studies

As a Fellow in the Program of Cultural Values and Ethics, completed a book on Japan and the Jews.

Howard Jacobson, Classics

"Chronicles of Jerahmeel 27.4," Revue de Études Juives (1991): 363.

Associate, Center for Advanced Study, UIUC, Spring 1994.

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 1993-4.

Herbert Marder, English

"Witness: Shoah's Children: Seeing Through Anger," The Massachusetts Review, 33 (1992): 294-304.

Sonya Michel, History

Delivered a paper on "Jews and Gender in American Cinema" at a colloquium, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, UIUC, 1992.

Was on the program of the Conference on Jewish Women at Brandeis University, to deliver the paper "Jews and Gender in American Cinema," Boston, March 1993.

Kenneth Ober, Germanic Languages and Literatures

"A Forgotten Translation and a Forgotten Translator: Meir Goldschmidt's "Maser" in French," Scandinavica, May, 1993.

Wayne Pitard, Religious Studies

"The Shape of the 'Ayin in Ugaritic Script," Journal of Near Eastern Studies 51(1992): 261-79.

Contributed several entries to the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Six Volumes. (Garden City: Doubleday, 1992).

Review of Gibeah: The Search for a Biblical City, in Religious Studies Review 18(1992): 137-38.

Delivered a paper entitled "The Practice and Function of Feeding the Dead in Canaan, Egypt and Israel" at the National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, California, November 21, 1992.

Delivered an invited paper entitled "Ugaritic Epigraphy and Paleography" at the National Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research. San Francisco, California, November 23, 1992.

Elected President, American Oriental Society, Middle West Branch, 1993-95.

Book Review Editor, Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Member of the Editorial Board, Bulletin of Higher Hebrew Education.

Received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1992-93, and spent the year on leave, writing a book on concepts of death and afterlife in ancient Canaan and Israel.

Michael Shapiro, English

Review of Stanley Elkin's Criers and Kibitzers, Kibitzers & Criers, in Shofar 10 (No. 2 - Winter 1992): 118-19.

Review of Richard Elman's Tar Beach, in Shofar 11 (No. 2 - Winter 1993): 172-73.

Review of John Gross's Shylock: A Legend and Its Legacy, in The Forward, May 21, 1993, p.9.

Review of Steve Stern's Henry Kaplan's Adventures Underground, in Shofar 10 (No. 3 - Spring 1992): 123-29.

Mara Wade, Germanic Languages and Literatures

Taught a course on Jewish Writers/German Literature. The course was developed with the help of the Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, and a Course Development Profile appeared in the Program's Report (March 1993).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Members of the faculty continued to participate in outreach activities to local and regional community groups and to other organizations during the past year.

Harvey Choldin, Sociology

Delivered a lecture entitled "Whatever Happened to the Melting Pot," at the Sinai Temple Adult Education Series.

Maurice Friedberg, Slavic Languages and Literatures

Delivered an address to the Centennial Convention of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Gave a talk over the Russian service of The Voice of Israel.

Howard Jacobson, Classics

Taught a course in Talmud at the Hillel Foundation.

Michael Shapiro, English

Delivered a talk on "The Dybbuk" at the local Hadassah meeting on Great Jewish Romances.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION WON BY FACULTY

Rina Donchin, Hebrew, received a MUCIA Travel Award to partially cover the expenses of continued collaboration in Israel on the development of a multi-media program for Intermediate Level Hebrew.

Fred Gottheil, Economics, received the "Commerce Council Outstanding Teaching Award" for his teaching of Israeli Economy and other subjects.

Marvin Weinbaum, Political Science, received the campus "Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award" for his teaching of Middle East politics and other subjects.

GRANTS AWARDED AND PROJECTS FUNDED

The Committee has made modest contributions towards the travel expenses of University of Illinois faculty attending seminars and conferences central to their research or teaching in Jewish Studies.

Josh Shanes won the Committee's award of \$500, donated by the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, to a graduating senior who is planning to do graduate work in the area of Judaica. A Rotary Fellow, Mr. Shanes plans to spend 1993-94 at Hebrew University in Jerusalem before entering the Ph.D. program in modern European History at the University of Wisconsin. His general interest is the history of the interactions of Jews with the nations and cultures of Europe. At the University of Illinois, Mr. Shanes was Chancellor's Scholar and a James Scholar, a columnist for the Daily Illini, and an active member of Hillel and other Jewish student

groups. He wrote his senior honors thesis on the impact of the television "docu-drama" Holocaust on viewers in America and Europe.

Randi Storch won the Committee's award of \$250, donated by the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, to a graduate student doing research in some aspect of Judaic, Hebraic or Jewish Studies. Ms. Storch is a Ph.D. candidate in American History. She plans to study primary documents pertaining to Yiddish culture, both in Europe and the United States, in order to do original research on the history of Yiddish-speaking immigrants in the United States, and will use the award to study Yiddish at the YIVO Institute.

REPORT FROM KAREN SCHMIDT, JEWISH STUDIES BIBLIOGRAPHER

Jewish Studies acquisitions continued at much the same rate during 1992-1993 as it has in previous years. The fund received a 4% increase on the serials portion of its budget, to cover a small portion of the anticipated 10% serial cost increase. There is little probability of any substantial increase in this fund in the coming years, as the Library budget tightens and focuses on funding disciplines that are high priorities within the university.

During this fiscal year, the Library purchased over \$2200 in monographs, and about \$700 in serials directly from the Jewish Studies funds. In addition, many publications of general interest were purchased by the History Library and the Undergraduate Library, including such important works as most volumes in The Sephardic Classical Library.

The university press and publisher-based approval plans continue to be an important supplement to the acquisition of Jewish Studies material. On these plans alone, the library received 175 domestic titles valued at approximately \$8000. The European blanket orders, which cover Germany, Italy, France and Spain, accounted for about 100 more titles in various areas of interest to Jewish Studies. Annette Schoenberg, who works in Acquisitions with these plans, has proven to be extremely helpful in pointing out items of interest to Jewish Studies.

There continues to be a heavy demand on the Jewish Studies funds for videos and new periodicals. The rule established some time ago in the Library which requires that a new periodical cannot be purchased unless another is cancelled or money transferred from monographs keeps this collection from adding new journals.

The funding from Friends money (the Toby fund) is very small this year - \$115.16 - and only a few items were purchased with this money. The Toby endowment provided \$1446 in FY93 for new purchases. In the next fiscal year, the Library will be heavily

in the University Capital Campaign, a program which seems to hold promise for the Jewish Studies fund. The collection also received small gifts of books or money from time to time in memory of relatives.

COURSES

As the appendix indicates, the enrollment for courses in Jewish Culture and Society showed a decrease from last year. There were 990 students enrolled in our courses in 1992-93, compared to 1141 in 1991-92. (These figures do not include independent study courses). The figures reflect the fact that only 21 courses in Jewish Culture and Society were offered in 1992-93, compared to 31 in 1991-92. However, it is worth noting that enrollment figures for most courses went up from last year. In the Modern Hebrew Program, enrollment showed an increase of nearly 40% from the previous year, from 135 students in 1991-92, to 188 in 1992-93.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following faculty members served on the Committee for the academic year 1992-93:

David Desser (Cinema Studies)
Rina Donchin (Linguistics)
Maurice Friedberg (Slavic Languages and Literatures)
David Goodman (East Asian and Pacific Studies)
Fred M. Gottheil (Economics)
Howard Jacobson (Classics)
Frederic C. Jaher (History)
Wayne Pitard (Religious Studies)
Gary G. Porton (Religious Studies)
Michael Shapiro (English)
Marvin G. Weinbaum (Political Science)

Gary Porton and Michael Shapiro continue to serve as chairs of the Committee.

Rabbi Jeffrey Falick will join the Committee in 1993-94.

APPENDIX: ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR COURSES IN JEWISH CULTURE, 1991-1992

Economics

359 The Israeli Economy 33

English

284 Modern Jewish Literature 30

Hebrew

201 Elementary Modern Hebrew I 60

202 Elementary Modern Hebrew II 40

303 Intermediate Modern Hebrew I 26

304 Intermediate Modern Hebrew II 20

305 Advanced Modern Hebrew I 12

306 Advanced Modern Hebrew II 10

307 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature 11

308 Topics in Modern Hebrew Language and Literature 9

History

173 Hist. & Civ. of the Islamic Middle East 73

322 The Emergence of the Modern Middle East 36

Political Science

338 Government and Politics in the Middle East 51

Religious Studies

101 The Bible as Literature (Old Testament) 58

101 The Bible as Literature (New Testament)* 58

110 World Religions (two semesters) 343

121 An Introduction to Christianity* 61

202 The New Testament in English* 21

221 American Judaism 19

294 Catholic and Protestant Medical Ethics* 10

340 The Formation of Christian Thought* 2

342 History of Early Judaism 7

TOTAL

990

* These courses on Christianity make significant use of Judaic material. Total enrollment omitting these courses is 838.

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