



1986-87 a very productive year for Jewish Studies

- More than 750 registrations were recorded in course offerings during the academic year.

- A B.A. Major program was approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Interdisciplinary Studies Committee.

- The program's first B.A. major, Wendy Belkin of Clearwater, Florida, graduated in May, 1987.

- Six graduates were awarded a Certificate in Jewish Studies.

- New course offerings included "Religious Responses to the Holocaust," "I.B. Singer and S.Y. Agnon," "Zionism and the State of Israel," "The Modern Hebrew Novel in Translation," and "Classic Jewish Texts."

- The Jewish Studies Lecture Series featured invited lectures by prominent Jewish scholars and authors—Kenneth Stein, Robert Alter, Amos Oz, Susan Handelman, and Arthur Green—and lectures by University of Florida faculty—Aida Bamia, Warren Bargad, Barry Mesch, Sheldon Isenberg, Harold Stahmer, and Theodor Gaster.

- Two endowed lecture series were initiated in 1986-87: the Gary R. Gerson Lecture Series, and the Betty Schram Memorial Lecture.

- Two film series drew large audiences: four "Israeli Films of Israeli Novels," and four Holocaust films, including Claude Lanzmann's haunting production "Sho'ah" and H. J. Syberberg's absurd, phantasmal "Our Hitler."

- Nearly 2,000 campus and community individuals attended events sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies.

- Two Adjunct Lecturer appointments were made in Jewish Studies: Dr. Howard Greenstein of Jacksonville, and Rabbi Allan Lehmann of Gainesville.

- A major building campaign was announced and several new major gifts were made to the Center for Jewish Studies.

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During 1987-88 several topics will be highlighted in courses and programmed events. In the Fall Semester, Prof. Sheldon Isenberg will offer "Women in Judaism," which surveys the image of women from the Bible to modern times. The Center has arranged its Fall programs in coordination with this course, featuring lectures, readings, discussions and films on the history, literature, and culture of Jewish women.

In the Spring Semester the Center will feature two eminent personalities: the Nobel Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel and the acclaimed Israeli novelist, Avraham B. Yehoshua. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel, other topics include Israel and American Jewry, and Israeli culture and society in the eighties.

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The Center for Jewish Studies wishes to thank all those who have supported the Center so generously and abidingly during 1986-87: Charles Sidman, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Anita Spring, Associate Dean; Sam Proctor, Distinguished Service Professor of History; Ralph Lowenstein, Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications; all donors and friends who have made possible the Center's wide variety of activities on campus; Robert Lindgren, Jeff Robison, and Jim Palincsar of the University of Florida Foundation; the Jewish Studies faculty; Ms. Carlene Smith, Administrative Secretary to the Center; the Jewish Studies Academic Advisory Committee; department chairmen, the Hillel Foundation, Student Government and CLASSC for their cosponsorships; the Jewish Student Union and those individual students who helped bring much of the programming to fruition.

Jewish Studies Instructional Staff 1987-89

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Harold Stahmer (Modern Jewish Philosophies)
Barrie Straus (Women in Jewish Literature)
Jack Zipes (Germans and Jews: A Social and Cultural History)

"A Time to Build"

The University of Florida has announced a building campaign to refurbish Flint Hall, one of the University's original academic buildings, to serve as the permanent home of the Center for Jewish Studies.

Spearheaded by Mr. Benjamin Greenbaum of Tampa, the campaign, entitled "A Time to Build," will raise \$3.2 million by 1990 to carry out the project. The Center's need for facilities is great. Ever-increasing numbers of students, a full calendar of public programs, and growth in the number of scholars who work at and through the Center have created a need for centralized and more suitable offices, classrooms, conference and seminar rooms, and even a gallery and medium-sized auditorium.

Once established in Flint Hall, these facilities will give the Center for Jewish Studies the location, visibility, and space for continued program strength and development.

Gifts to the University of Florida's Center for Jewish Studies "A Time to Build" campaign should be made through the University of Florida Foundation. Individual contributions of sufficient size to this project will offer the opportunity to name rooms or areas in the building or to commemorate individual or family names. A gift of special magnitude can add a name

to the building title, "Flint Hall."

For further information on gift opportunities please call or write the University of Florida Foundation, P.O. Box 14425, Gainesville, Florida 32604, (904) 392-1691, or contact Dr. Warren Bargad, Director, Center for Jewish Studies, 401 Grinter Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 32611, (904) 392-9247.

"The University is proud of the contribution the Center makes to the excellence of the University, and we are pleased at this opportunity to further the Center's work." —

***Marshall M. Criser, President
University of Florida***

Melton Endowed Legislative Professorship

Through the generosity of Mr. Samuel M. Melton of Columbus, Ohio and Boca Raton, the Samuel M. Melton Legislative Professorship has been established in the Center for Jewish Studies under the provisions of the State of Florida's Major Gift Challenge Program. According to the provisions of this program, the Melton gift of \$100,000—the second \$100,000 gift to the Center by the Samuel M. Melton Foundation—the State's Major Gift Challenge Program

will provide \$50,000 in matching funds to establish an endowed fund to support this professorship in Jewish Studies.

The Samuel M. Melton Legislative Professorship will allow the Center for Jewish Studies either to invite a visiting professor from Israel in one of the various Jewish Studies disciplines to teach under the sponsorship of the Center, or to use the annual income of the Legislative Professorship Fund to

supplement the program of another faculty position in the Center for Jewish Studies.

The Center, its faculty and staff, are grateful to Florence and Sam Melton for their generous gift. An additional appointment to the academic program offered by the Center will continue to provide Jewish Studies with the means to offer greater opportunities for students at the University of Florida.

Wendy Belkin, First B.A. in Jewish Studies

In May, 1987, Wendy Kay Belkin of Clearwater became the University of Florida's first B.A. graduate in Jewish Studies.

During her university career, Wendy, a St. Louis native, was active in Hillel in both religious and social functions. She was also a founder and co-ordinator of Chevruta Student Torah Study Group which meets during the semester, occasionally conducts services at Hillel, holds Passover Sedarim, and sponsors semi-annual religious retreats. During her senior year,

Wendy served as the representative of the Center for Jewish Studies to the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council. She later became a member of the Council.

"One of the highlights of my college career," Wendy has stated, "was spending the second half of my Junior year as a student in the Overseas Student Program at Tel Aviv University. I am considering making aliyah in the next few years." Wendy plans to use her degree in Jewish Studies to pursue a career in Jewish community service.



Wendy Belkin

Kolko Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

Initiated by Dr. Louis D. Cohen, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Florida and a resident of Gainesville, the Philip and David Kolko Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in the Center for Jewish Studies in honor of Prof. Cohen's two uncles, who were natives of Poland.

The endowed fund, currently amounting to \$25,000, has been con-

stituted mainly by the generous gifts of Prof. Cohen and his cousins, Philip Kolko of Hawaii, and Philip E. Kubzansky of Boston University. Matching funds from the IBM Corporation were also contributed to the capital of the Kolko Fund.

The purpose of the Kolko Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to students who wish to spend a semester or a year of study in Israel. The Kolko

Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee will consider both academic excellence and financial need in making the scholarship awards.

Kolko scholarship applications will be made available in Spring 1988, in time for applications to the University of Florida approved programs for 1988-89 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, and Haifa University.

Breier Visiting Fellow Program

Robert J. Breier, a Coral Gables attorney, and the Estate of Albert J. Breier, have contributed \$25,000 to establish the Breier Visiting Fellow Program under the aegis of the Center for Jewish Studies.

The Breier Program will enable the Center to invite an outstanding Jewish scholar to the campus of the University of Florida for several days each year. The scholar will meet with students and faculty and discuss various issues within the scholar's particular field of interest. The scholar will also give a public lecture for a wider campus and community audience.

A wide variety of topics may be the subject of the Breier Visiting Fellow Program from year to year. One of the programs contemplated will include the problem of cults.

Dr. Warren Bargad, Director, notes that "the Breier Visiting Fellow Program will be a cornerstone of the Jewish Studies academic programming each year. The program will attract many students to these scholarly discussions and expose them to a wide range of Jewish issues."

The first Breier Visiting Fellow will be the prominent Israeli novelist, A. B. Yehoshua.

Certificates Awarded 1986-87

Six Certificates in Jewish Studies were awarded to the following students in academic year 1986-87: Igal Chemerinski, Marcy L. Greenspoon, Fern Lisa Weiner, Jodi L. Davis, Richard Sand, and Wendy Belkin.

1987 Bnai Zion Award

Jodi Cohen of Sunrise, Florida, received the 1987 Bnai Zion Award for Excellence in Hebrew. The award is made by the Bnai Zion Foundation of New York.

Anne and Bernard Panush Fund

In honor of special birthday anniversaries, the children of Anne and Bernard Panush of Clearwater, Florida, have established the Anne and Bernard Panush Fund to support Judaic scholarship and teaching at the University of Florida through the Center for Jewish Studies. Longtime residents of Detroit, Michigan, the Panushes moved to Clearwater, Florida, upon their retirements in 1976.

Both Anne and Bernard have been active in Jewish and communal affairs throughout their lives. Their varied activities have included the Michigan Jewish Historical Society, Congregations Beth Aaron and Beth Achim in Detroit, Metropolitan B'nai B'rith Council, Community Relations Council, the Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah, and the United Hebrew Schools. For many years Bernard was Accounting Manager and then Deputy

Commissioner of the Detroit Department of Public Works. Anne was a supervising teacher for the Detroit Board of Education.

Since moving to Clearwater, the Panushes have served the Jewish Federation, Congregation Beth Shalom, Pinellas County Mental Health Association, Clearwater Public Library, Hadassah, and the Golda Meir Center.

The Panush children, who initiated the Anne and Bernard Panush Fund, are Rena and Richard Panush of Gainesville, and Ellen and Julian Zelenko of Rehovoth, Israel.



Anne and Bernard Panush

The Price Library of Judaica

The past year has been marked by remarkable progress on a number of fronts. A major on-going project has been to convert our catalog cards for Hebrew and Yiddish monographs to machine-readable form for display in transliterated form on LUIS (Library User Information Service), the online computer catalog providing information on the collections of the State University System. At the present time, some 95% of the Judaica Library's cataloged monographic holdings appear on LUIS, and virtually all of the cataloged material in western languages are now shared nationally on OCLC and RLIN, the two major bibliographic networks that support resource sharing on an international level through their interlibrary loan programs.

As of July 6, 1987, the UF libraries, including its Judaica Library, are no longer maintaining the familiar card catalogs. With the exception of periodicals which are non-circulating, readers of *AMUDIM* can borrow books from the Price Library by first contacting their local library which in turn will borrow the needed volumes or obtain photocopied articles at a nominal charge from the University of Florida's Interlibrary Loan department.

A second project, now well under way, is to add provisional records for the Judaica Library's monographic backlog of approximately 7,000 uncataloged titles to the LUIS online catalog. With the exception of about 1,000 fairly recent Israeli books in Hebrew and perhaps five hundred scarce pamphlets from the Mishkin Collection, especially German Judaica, that await cataloging, this backlog consists of older, hard-to-obtain Hebrew and Yiddish books for which Library of Congress cataloging copy is unavailable. In terms of subject matter, the volumes encompass rabbinics, education, literature, Jewish movements, Zionism, and Israel. This treasure of irreplaceable books and fugitive pamphlets from pre-Holocaust Europe and Palestine/Israel,

both before and after statehood in 1948, adds immeasurable depth to our resources and suggests an endowment opportunity by interested readers if our rarities are to be preserved and cataloged for future generations of researchers.

In recent months, the University of Florida Libraries has launched a preservation program under the direction of Mr. Erich Kesse to identify fragile library materials for microfilming or deacidification and encapsulation as appropriate. As part of his training through the Preservation Program of Columbia University's School of Library Science, Mr. Kesse prepared a detailed "Physical Conditions Survey" of the library collection at the Yivo Institute of Jewish Research in New York because of this library's similarity in terms of bibliographic resources to the Price Library of Judaica. Surveys of our collection for endangered brittle books are already underway and we are pleased to collaborate with Erich Kesse in furthering the labor-intensive and costly preservation program that our library, the foremost repository of Judaica and Hebraica in the southeastern United States, so urgently demands.

With about 4,500 linear feet of shelving at its disposal, the Library continues to grow at an accelerated rate; approximately 75% of the currently available space is being used for library materials. Without the generous support of Mr. Richard Bennett, chairman of the UF Libraries' Access Services department, who provided several hundred feet of shelving for our vault and other areas, both within and outside of the Price Library proper, we literally would have outgrown our cramped facilities in Library East some two years ago.

Books and journals continue to pour into the Price Library from



around the world. Announcements, catalogs, offers, and reviews of books are continually searched against LUIS in order to avoid unwanted duplication of needed titles and are then ordered as funding permits. With income from the Price Library endowment, we added in 1986/87 about 150 memorial volumes, all of them scarce and greatly sought after by historians and genealogists, of eastern European Jewish communities extinguished by the Nazis. Jewish community histories from Germany and Italy have similarly been added, and we received through purchase several dozen scholarly, out-of-print monographs from a Dutch firm, Antiquariaat Spinoza.

We also solicit and receive gifts of selected monographs, pamphlets and research studies from individuals and

at the University of Florida



published in Israel today. Funding from the State of Florida enables us to buy only about 15% of the new releases of Judaica in English while at the same time supporting our current subscriptions of some 340 periodicals and newsletters, with most of the titles in the latter category being virtually unique among libraries in the southeast.

Given the fact that 40% of this budget is reserved for subscriptions, the remaining "discretionary" 60% (around \$10,000) simply cannot support either a timely or a comprehensive international acquisitions program for new Jewish books in all languages and certainly not audio-visual media, microform collections of rara or the Jewish press, manuscript facsimiles, or expensive sets in general. Two examples of the latter are close at hand: *The Encycloorama of Israel* (\$695) or the forthcoming 39-volume *The Rise of Israel: A Documentary Record from the Nineteenth Century to 1948* (\$2,400), a "Facsimile Series Reproducing over 1,900 Documents," edited by Howard M. Sachar. If the much-needed financial improvements are to be made, they can only come from the private sector through supplemental funding in the form of endowments, grants from Jewish community federations, and donations to our "adopt a book" endowment fund.

We congratulate Mrs. Yael Herbsman, formerly a Library Technical Assistant at the Price Library, upon receiving her Master's degree in Library Science from Florida State University; her Israeli library science degree is from Haifa University. She has subsequently moved to the UF Libraries' Catalog Department where she now serves as monographic cataloger for the social sciences and is the resident cataloging specialist for Hebraica.

organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, from around the world, thereby enabling us to add dozens of uncommon "here today, gone tomorrow" items from faraway places such as Nairobi, Zurich, or Sao Paulo, Brazil. (As I write these lines, today's mail delivered the requested seventy-fifth anniversary booklet honoring the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, 1895-1970; Salisbury is today Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia.)

It should come as no surprise that books are increasingly expensive; thus, it is only through donations and endowments that we can provide a respectable level of enrichment in the form of retrospective purchases together with the most significant books

It is a pleasure to report that the Judaica Library's Library Technical Assistant II position has finally been upgraded into a fulltime one. Yael's replacement is Elizabeth ("Joy") Funk who transferred to the Judaica Library from the main library after 16 years of para-professional cataloging experience. In addition to managing our binding and book ordering activities, Joy is also responsible for adding our backlog of unprocessed books and the new receipts to the online catalog either through "downloading" of OCLC records or by direct typing of text into LUIS. In the years to come, it is our expectation that we can take the first steps to bring our valuable collection of journals, perhaps 1,200 or more titles, under similar bibliographic control. With dial access to the RLIN database available within the Price Library, this utility will be increasingly relied upon as this network adds the long-anticipated vernacular Hebrew capability later this year.

The current year marks a significant anniversary in the Judaica Library's existence in that a full ten years have passed since the acquisition of our core collection from Rabbi Leonard Mishkin of Chicago. Now ten years young, the Price Library of Judaica can point to great accomplishments and strengths as a regional center of library excellence in Jewish studies. We solicit your use of the collection and the tangible support that helps to maintain the momentum of our rapid growth if the library is to address the needs of the community of faculty, students, and visiting researchers for a comprehensive, up-to-date repository of library resources.

Enquiries may be addressed to Robert Singerman, Price Library of Judaica, 18 Library East, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, FL 32611 (phone 904-392-0308).

Programs on "Women in Judaism"

Colloquium on "Women in Jewish Literature"

In conjunction with Prof. Isenberg's course on "Women in Judaism," the Center for Jewish Studies has invited four prominent Jewish women writers to the University of Florida to read from their works and to discuss with students and faculty the images and issues of women in contemporary American fiction. The authors are Marjorie Sandor, Esther Broner, Francine Prose, and Lynne Sharon Schwartz. The program, scheduled for the week of October 19-22, is cosponsored by the Department of English and its Creative Writing Program.

Marjorie Sandor, who will be joining the University's English faculty in Fall, 1988, is the author of "The Git-tel," an acclaimed short story, anthologized in *Best American Short Stories 1985* and *Twenty Under Thirty*, an anthology of young writers (Scribners, 1986). She has also published in *Antaeus*, *The Agni Review*, and *The Georgia Review*. An M.F.A. graduate of the University of Iowa, Ms. Sandor has worked as a writer since 1985 for the Harvard University News office and currently teaches in Harvard's Writing Program.

Francine Prose is the author of seven novels, including *Household Saints*, *Hungry Hearts*, and *Bigfoot Dreams*. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Mademoiselle*, *Antaeus*, *Vogue*, and many other publications, and she has written a series of "Hers" columns for *The New York Times*. She has taught at Harvard, Sarah Lawrence, The University of Arizona, The University of Utah, and in the Warren Wilson M.F.A. Program for Writers. A collection of her short stories, *Women and Children First*, will be published by Pantheon in spring, 1988.

Esther Broner is the author of five books, including *Her Mothers*, a novel, and *A Weave of Women*, a collection of short stories. Twice an awardee of the National Endowment for the Arts, Ms. Broner was a professor of English at Wayne State University and has been a Visiting Writer at Sarah Lawrence. Her writings have

appeared in *Moment*, *Tikkun*, *Commentary*, *Story*, *Nimrod*, and other journals.

Lynne Sharon Schwartz has written three novels: *Rough Strife* (nominated for an American Book Award and a PEN/Hemingway First Novel Award), *Balancing Acts*, and *Disturbances in the Field*; and two collections of stories, *Acquainted With the Night* and *The Melting Pot and Other Subversive Stories* (a new collection to be published in the Fall of 1987). An awardee of the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, Ms. Schwartz has taught fiction writing at Columbia University, The University of Iowa, and Rice University, and is currently Acting Director of the Creative Writing Program at Boston University.

In addition to their readings, the authors will meet with students and faculty in smaller group sessions to discuss aspects of creative writing and their perspectives on women in contemporary Jewish literature.



Francine Prose

Lecture programs

Two internationally known Jewish women scholars will be featured in the "Women in Judaism" Lecture Series during the Fall Semester.

On November 23, 1987, Prof. Paula H. Hyman, Lucy Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History, Yale University, will speak on the topic "Was There a 'World of Our Mothers'? The Experience of Jewish Women in America."

Prof. Hyman is an expert in the social history of the Jews of France. She also has been closely involved in the study of the history of American Jewish women and has co-edited the volume *The Jewish Woman in America* (Dial, 1976). She has also written *From Dreyfus to Vichy: The Remaking of French Jewry, 1906-1939* (Columbia University Press, 1979), and co-edited *The Jewish Family: Myths and Reality* (Holmes and Meier, 1986). A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Prof. Hyman has been awarded research grants by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In spring, 1986, she was a Lady Davis visiting professor at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

During her visit to the University, Prof. Hyman will also address a group of University of Florida Fulbright Scholars on "The Experience of Jewish Women in America." This program is part of the Fulbright Enrichment series sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Prof. Yedida K. Stillman, Director of the Judaic Studies Program at the State University of New York at Binghamton, will present a public lecture on December 7, 1987, on "Traditional Costumes of Moroccan Jewish Women."

Author of *Palestinian Costume and Jewelry* (University of New Mexico Press, 1979) and *From Southern Morocco to Northern Israel: Material Culture in Shelomi* (Haifa University Press, 1982), Prof. Stillman has written widely on Near Eastern Jewish folklore, attire, customs, and magic. She has collaborated with her husband, Prof. Norman A. Stillman, also of SUNY-Binghamton, on the translation of *An Italian Jew in Eighteenth-Century Morocco: Samuel Romanelli's "Journey in an Arab Land."*

During her stay in Gainesville, Prof. Stillman will also address a class on "The Arab Woman" on the topic "Attitudes toward Women in Traditional Near Eastern Societies."

Jewish Studies Programs, 1987-88

New Course Offerings

Three new courses in Jewish Studies will be offered during 1987-88.

Professor Sheldon Isenberg's course on "Women in Judaism" offers a survey of women's images and issues from the Bible to contemporary Jewish feminism. Much of the Center's programming during the Fall pertains to the subject matter presented in this new course.

A course on "American Jewish History," taught by Howard Greenstein, an Ohio State University Ph.D. and Rabbi of Temple Ahavath Chesed in Jacksonville, will focus on the history of Jewish immigration to America, the intellectual and cultural development of the American Jewish community, religious diversity, and community organization.

Dr. Warren Bargad's course on "Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature" will present selections from contemporary Israeli poetry and short fiction. The course is offered at the third-year level and requires fluency in Hebrew. The language of discussion in the course is Hebrew.

This past year again has been a significant period of growth and progress for the Center for Jewish Studies. Many gifts, both large and small, have continued to strengthen the Center and have encouraged the support and involvement of the entire Florida Jewish community.

As we look to the future, there remains much to accomplish. The addition of new Jewish Studies course offerings and programs, new distinguished faculty, and, eventually, a Graduate Studies program are among our goals. The Price Library of Judaica also must grow to keep pace with research needs and academic expansion.

We cannot accomplish these goals alone. You, the readers of AMUDIM, can help make this vision a reality. Please use the attached card and become a "Friend" of the Center or the Price Library.

Elie Wiesel Lecture

On March 9, 1988, the world-renowned author and lecturer, Elie Wiesel, will speak on "Legends of Our Time." His presentation is the second in the annual Gary R. Gerson Lecture Series.

Born in Sighet, Transylvania, in 1928, Mr. Wiesel was a prisoner in the infamous concentration camps of Birkenau, Auschwitz, and Buchenwald in 1944-45. After the liberation, he lived until 1956 in Paris, where he studied at The Sorbonne and the University of Paris, and also worked as a journalist for Israeli, French, and American newspapers.

The author of twenty-seven volumes of many genres—novels, essays, testimonies, stories, legends, and plays—Mr. Wiesel has also had a distinguished academic career. He has held Distinguished Professor positions at the City University of New York, Florida International University, and Yale University, and since 1976 has been a Distinguished University Professor at Boston University.

Mr. Wiesel's public service and organizational activities as well as his many honors and awards are too numerous to list here. Highlights include Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, honorary degrees from over fifty universities in the United States and abroad, and, in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize.

A number of festive activities are



Elie Wiesel

being planned around Mr. Wiesel's visit.

The Center for Jewish Studies wishes to thank the following organizations for their generous support of the Jewish Studies Program:

The Jewish Chautauqua Society, which will provide annual support for a course in Jewish Studies offered during the Spring semester;

The Bnai Zion Foundation, which will provide annually a prize award for Excellence in Hebrew to an undergraduate student;

The Hebrew Culture Foundation, which provides an annual stipend to support the Hebrew Language and Literature program;

The Gainesville Jewish Appeal, which supports the programs and events sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies.

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CALENDAR

- Oct. 19-22 **“Contemporary American Fiction: Four Jewish Women and Their Writings”**
All events at 8:00 P.M., Gannett Auditorium
- Marjorie Sandor** Oct. 19
- Francine Prose** Oct. 20
- Esther Broner** Oct. 21
- Lynne Sharon Schwartz** Oct. 22
- Nov. 23 **Paula E. Hyman** (Yale University)
“Was There a ‘World of Our Mothers’?
The Experience of Jewish Women in
America”
8:00 P.M., Gannett Auditorium
- Dec. 7 **Yedida Stillman** (SUNY at Binghamton)
“Traditional Costumes of Moroccan Jewish
Women” (lecture and slide presentation)
8:00 P.M., L005 Turlington
- Mar. 9 **The Gary R. Gerson Lecture**
Elie Wiesel (prominent author and Nobel
Laureate)
“Legends of Our Time”
8:00 P.M., University Memorial
Auditorium
- Apr. 14 **The Breier Visiting Fellow**
Avraham B. Yehoshua (Israeli novelist)
“The Israeli Writer Confronts His Society”
8:00 P.M., Gannett Auditorium

A. B. Yehoshua, Israeli Novelist

The noted Israeli novelist, Avraham B. Yehoshua will be the Center’s first Breier Visiting Fellow. He will speak on “The Israeli Writer Confronts His Society” on April 14, 1988.

Ever since his first collection of short stories, *The Death of the Old Man* (1962), Mr. Yehoshua’s works have been at the forefront of contemporary Israeli fiction. A number of

his writings in English translation have been well received by British and American reading audiences. These include the novels *The Lover* (1977) and *A Late Divorce* (1982).

Mr. Yehoshua’s latest work of fiction is the novel *Molkho* (1986). Also known as a playwright, Mr. Yehoshua’s most recent play, *Possessions*, was produced by the Haifa Municipal Theatre. The play has been translated into English and published in the Spring-Summer 1987 issue of *Formations*.

Visiting Professor Gershon Brin

Gershon Brin, Associate Professor of Bible at Tel Aviv University, is Visiting Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Florida during the Fall Semester.

A native of Tel Aviv, Professor Brin is the author of *Studies in the Book of Ezekiel* (1975) and *The Prophet in His Struggles* (1983), both in Hebrew, and has published numerous articles in scholarly journals. He has also contributed many items to biblical reference works, including the *Biblical Encyclopedia* and *The World of the Bible*. During 1979-1982 he served as Chairman of the Department of Bible at Tel Aviv University.

An expert in biblical law, prophecy, and the Dead Sea Scrolls literature, Prof. Brin teaches two courses: “Biblical Law” and “Biblical Prophecy.” He will also lecture on “The Law of Manslaughter: The Creation of a Biblical Law.”

Fall Semester Courses

Elementary Hebrew (3 sections), Intermediate Hebrew, Introduction to Judaism: Classical Period, Biblical Prophecy, Biblical Law, Women in Judaism, American Jewish History, Topics in Jewish Thought (graduate course).

Spring Semester Courses

Elementary Hebrew, Intermediate Hebrew, Introduction to Judaism: Modern Period, Jewish Mysticism, Zionism and the State of Israel, Jewish Thought (Honors course).

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