MAURICE GREENBERG CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SPRING 2018

Celebrating the Opening of the New Greenberg Center Location

The Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies is now located in a newly renovated space in the University of Hartford's Harry Jack Gray Center.

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PLEASE JOIN US at the new home of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, located in the University of Hartford’s Harry Jack Gray Center, for a “Taste of the Greenberg Center.”

The Origins of Modern Jewish Literature with Avinoam Patt  
Monday, January 29

Hebrew Language and Film with Yifat Avner  
Tuesday, January 30

An Introduction to Religion with Richard Freund  
Wednesday, January 31

Ethnic Violence in the 20th Century with Hazza Abu Rabia  
Thursday, February 1

Seating is limited; reservations are required. Call or email Susan Gottlieb at mgcjs@hartford.edu; 860.768.5018 by Thursday, January 25, for class times and to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.  
The Millie and Irving Bercowetz Research Library  
Maurice Greenberg Center, University of Hartford  

Love of God in the Bible and Beyond  
Professor Deena Grant, Hartford Seminary  
Made possible by The Humanities Center and the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies.

Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, University of Hartford  

Art and Spirituality  
Siona Benjamin is a painter originally from Bombay, now living in the U.S. Her work reflects her background of being brought up Jewish in a predominantly Hindu and Muslim India.  
Co-sponsored by The Humanities Center, the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, and the Hartford Art School.

Sunday, March 18, 7 p.m.  
Gilman Theater, Mandell Jewish Community Center  
335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Conn.

Tribute: Observations on Survival and Spirit  
Hartford Jewish Film Festival  

Film: Across the Waters (Danish with English subtitles.)  
Following the film screening, there will be an audience discussion moderated by University of Hartford Professor Avinoam Patt.  
Sponsored by the Kirstein Family Fund for Holocaust Education at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford.
**APRIL**

**SYMPOSIUM**

**Monday, April 2, 7 p.m.**
Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, University of Hartford

**Mussar and the Jewish Origins of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy**
What do Aaron Beck, the founder of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Mendel Lefin of Satanow, an enlightened Jew who was supported by the Polish Czartoryski family; and Benjamin Franklin, have in common? This talk will explore unusual connections between Franklin and the world of East European Jewry and American psychology.

**Dr. Rachael Rosner** is a Boston-based historian and psychologist and author of the forthcoming, *In Beck’s Basement: Aaron T. Beck and the Emergence of Cognitive Therapy* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

**Dr. Nancy Sinkoff**, associate professor of Jewish studies and history at Rutgers University.

Co-sponsored by the University of Hartford’s Department of Psychology and the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies.

**SYMPOSIUM**

**Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.**
Millie and Irving Bercowetz Research Library
Maurice Greenberg Center, University of Hartford

**75th Anniversary of The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**

**Samantha Baskind**, professor of art history at Cleveland State University and author of *The Warsaw Ghetto in American Art and Culture.*

**Avinoam Patt**, director of the Museum of Jewish Civilization and Philip D. Feltman Professor, Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford, will lecture on *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.*

**CONCERT**

$20 ticket sales benefit Habitat for Humanity of Hartford. Call 860.278.0785 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Concert sponsored by the University of Hartford’s College of Arts and Sciences, the Presidents’ College at the University of Hartford, and the Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

**Sunday April 22, 4 p.m.**
Asylum Hill Congregational Church
814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

**The Annunciation Concert with Paul Barnes and The Chiara String Quartet**

The East Coast premiere of *The Annunciation* by Philip Glass, for piano and string quartet. The concert also features the Asylum Hill Congregational Church Sanctuary Choir and the Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Images from the Greenberg Center’s archaeological dig of the first century Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth also will be displayed.
**EDWARD LEWIS WALLANT AWARD FOR AMERICAN JEWISH FICTION**

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.
Edward Lewis Wallant Award for American Jewish Fiction
Innovation Center, Mandell Jewish Community Center
335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford

[Image of book covers for "Underground Fugue" and "Heirlooms"

2017 Winner
Margot Singer
*Underground Fugue*

2017 Runner-up
Rachel Hall
*Heirlooms*

Made possible in part by the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, the Waltman Family Fund, and the Mandell Jewish Community Center.

**LECTURE**

Wednesday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.
Millie and Irving Bercowetz Research Library
Maurice Greenberg Center, University of Hartford

*On and Off the Derech: A Family Story*
Donald Weber, literary critic, professor of English, and chair of the English Department at Mount Holyoke College.

A lecture on “orthodox turns” narratives, stories of Jewish turning away from strict religious subcultures.

**MAY**

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.
The Greenberg Center’s Annual Awards Evening
Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, University of Hartford

- Greenberg Center Awards
- Holocaust Educator Awards
- Fishman Family Fund Awards in American Jewish Life and Culture
- Muriel Hoff American Jewish Poetry Award

Sponsored by the Fishman Family Fund, the Rubin and Zola Families, Chase Family Foundation, and the Hoff Family.

Reservations required for all events unless otherwise noted. Call 860.768.5018 or email mgcjs@hartford.edu.
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The University of Hartford’s Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies is a hub of academic excellence. Through broad coursework options, our students and the Greater Hartford community have the opportunity to learn, and proactively advocate, the influence of Jewish history, religion, and culture on the development of Western civilization. In this visionary partnership between the community and the University, the resources of both are shared for the benefit of all.

LEARN FROM THE PAST, TEACH FOR THE FUTURE

In the coming year, we welcome you to the Greenberg Center to take an intriguing class, enjoy a satisfying concert or stimulating lecture, or join us for a fascinating trip abroad. With your continued support we can take you to places you’ve never been—all right here in your backyard.

We can also give our deserving students much-needed scholarship assistance in difficult economic times and offer our community an alternate approach to Jewish study.

Please consider your annual gift today. With your help, we can ensure that the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies continues to grow and be the place where the community comes to learn.

Warm regards,
Dane Kostin
Chair, Board of Visitors
Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies

All Greenberg Center programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
New York comedian MODI (left), caught up with the Greenberg Center’s Susan Gottlieb and Professor Avinoam Patt after his well-received performance at the Mandell Jewish Community Center in September, sponsored by the Lillian Margulies Singer Jewish Humor Fund. The Hollywood Reporter and Backstage voted MODI one of the top 10 comedians in New York City.

In October, Concert Pianist Anastasia Seifedtina and UConn Associate Professor Sebastian Wogenstein presented a program on Western European Culture at the University of Hartford’s Wilde Auditorium that was made possible by the Rose and Arthur Fällmann Fund.

At the opening of the Vilna: The Jerusalem of Lithuania exhibit at the University of Hartford’s Museum of Jewish Civilization are Trinity College Professor Samuel Kassow (left), University of Hartford Professor Richard Freund, and Ada (Gens) Ustjanauskas (daughter of Jacob Gens, head of the Vilna Jewish Ghetto Council 1942–43). Prior to the exhibit opening, Kassow gave a lecture titled, Vilna and Jewish Culture Before, During, and After the Holocaust.
# Judaic Studies Courses

## Spring 2018

Classes begin Wednesday, January 23, 2018. Registration and tuition are required for all courses. Call the Registrar’s Office, University of Hartford, at 860.768.4999. Special rates for selected courses are available through the Mandell Jewish Community Center at 860.236.4571.

### ARA 111 Arabic Language and Culture II
Section 32180: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:50–6:05 p.m.
Instructor: Hazza Abu Rabia

### HBR 113 Elementary Hebrew I
Section 33271: Tuesdays, 5–7:20 p.m.
Instructor: Yifat Avner

### HBR 114 Hebrew Language Intermediate II
Section 35769: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:50 a.m.–12:05 p.m.
Instructor: Yifat Avner

### HBR 118 Advanced Hebrew Language—Conversation and Reading
Section 33006: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:05–3:20 p.m.
Instructor: Yifat Avner

### JS 204 Arabic Literature, History, and Culture in Translation
Section 18975: Tuesdays, 7:30–9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Hazza Abu Rabia

### JS 210 Responses to the Holocaust
Section 33037: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:55–4:10 p.m.
Instructor: Avinoam Patt

### JS 215 Intro to World Religions
Section 37530: Wednesdays, 5–7:20 p.m.
Instructor: Richard Freund

### JS 216 Modern Jewish History
Section 35782: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30–2:45 p.m.
Instructor: Avinoam Patt

### JS 324W Modern European Jewish Literature
Section 33618: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
Instructor: Avinoam Patt

### JS 425 Contemporary Studies in Jewish Civilization: Ethnic Violence in the 20th Century
Section 36822: Thursdays, 7:30–9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Hazza Abu Rabia

### MAYTERM (5/21–6/4)

#### JS 425 Contemporary Studies in Jewish Civilization: Great Powers in the Middle East
Section 31200: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Instructor: Hazza Abu Rabia

#### JS 425 Contemporary Studies in Jewish Civilization: Search in Humanity
Section 30997: Monday–Friday, 1:30–4:30 p.m.
Instructor: Hazza Abu Rabia

### SUMMERTERM (5/21–7/2)

#### HBR 113 Hebrew Language I: Elementary Conversational Hebrew
Section 33012: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 5–8 p.m.
Instructor: Yifat Avner

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If you answered yes to any of the above, please call the Greenberg Center at 860.768.4964, or email Susan Gottlieb at mgcs@hartford.edu, so that we can update our database.

**Parking:** For all events in Wilde Auditorium and the new Greenberg Center, please use parking lot D. Handicapped parking is available in Millard Circle and at the rear of Wilde Auditorium (between Abrams Hall and The Hartt School).

For events in Mali (Charles Dana Hall), use parking lot H.

For events at the Museum of Jewish Civilization, please use parking lot K (opposite Hartford Art School). For events at the Konover Campus Center, please use parking lot F. A map of the campus is available online at hartford.edu/about/map.
CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

William Singer Gallery
Museum of Jewish Civilization
Harry Jack Gray Center
University of Hartford

Vilna: The Jerusalem of Lithuania
Hartford Remembers the Holocaust
The Joel and SusAnna Grae Antiquities Collection

For museum hours and docent-led tours, contact the Greenberg Center at 860.768.4964 or mgcjs@hartford.edu.