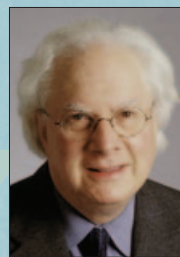


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FROM THE DIRECTORS

This year the Center for Israeli Studies and the Jewish Studies Program welcome two distinguished scholars from other institutions: Dr. Barry Rubin of the Interdisciplinary University—Herzilya as the first Abensohn Visiting Professor in Israeli Studies and Professor Calvin Goldscheider, American University Faculty Fellow and Brown University's Ungerleider Professor Emeritus of Judaic Studies. Through their teaching, lectures on campus, and community-based lectures off campus they will add to our presence in the Washington area and enrich the lives of AU students. Your past contributions have enabled us to host these two very distinguished faculty. To continue the type of programming you have come to expect from us, we need your sustaining financial support. On the back page of this newsletter you will find a contribution form. Please clip the form and send us a contribution so we may continue to sponsor the highly acclaimed programming of American University's Jewish Studies Program and Center for Israeli Studies. ■

Calvin Goldscheider Appointed Faculty Fellow in Jewish Studies and Israeli Studies

The Jewish Studies Program and the Center for Israeli Studies welcome Professor Calvin Goldscheider as Faculty Fellow. Goldscheider has just retired from a distinguished career at Brown University, where he is professor emeritus of sociology,



Ungerleider Professor Emeritus of Judaic Studies, and faculty associate of the Population Studies and Training Center. Goldscheider is an internationally renowned scholar in Jewish studies, Israel studies, sociology, and demography. He earned his PhD at Brown University and was formerly professor

of sociology and demography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and chairman of its Department of Demography. Goldscheider has also held faculty appointments at the University of Southern California, the University of California at Berkeley, and Brandeis University and was a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar and visiting professor at the Center for Women's Studies at Stockholm University. The most recent of the 24 books he has written or edited include *Israel's Changing Society* (2002); *Cultures and Conflict: The Arab-Israeli Conflict* (2002); and *Studying the Jewish Future* (2004).

Barry Rubin Named Inaugural Abensohn Visiting Professor in Israeli Studies

Professor Barry Rubin is the inaugural **Abensohn Visiting Professor in Israeli Studies** for the 2005–06 academic year. He teaches classes in Israeli studies, lectures in other classes at American University, and speaks at programs in the Washington, D.C., area and around the country. Rubin is the author or coauthor of 20 books specializing in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the director of Global Research in International Affairs (GLORIA) at the Interdisciplinary University—Herzilya, and a contributing columnist to the *Jerusalem Post*. His newest book is *The Long War for Freedom* (Wiley 2005). Previously he published *Yasir Arafat: A Political Biography*, *The Transformation of Palestinian Politics*, *Islamic Fundamentalism in Egyptian Politics*, and the widely used compendium of documents on the Middle East conflict *The Israel-Arab Reader* (coedited with Walter Laquer). The last is among 23 books Rubin edited or coedited. He is an expert on Turkey, as well, and edits the *Turkish Studies* journal and another widely used electronic journal, *Middle East Review of International Affairs* (MERIA). Rubin's appointment was made possible by contributions to the Center for Israeli Studies and its Abensohn Endowment and grants from the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise and the United Jewish Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.



FROM THE JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

American University's Jewish Studies Program graduates have taken AU's tradition of service out to the wider Jewish community, where they have distinguished themselves as professionals and as outstanding volunteers. After their time on our campus, many continued to explore Jewish studies in graduate school or in formal programs of adult education. Our graduates work vocationally and avocationally with the local and national Jewish federations; they teach in Jewish schools and synagogues; they are leaders in their Jewish communities. Hila Reichman, immediate past director of Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, speaks for many when she says: "I truly believe that my Jewish experiences at AU as a Jewish studies minor, my internship at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, my year of study abroad in Israel, and my involvements with AU Hillel all shaped my career path." Occasionally, such as when Chicago Jewish communal professionals Judy Millman Rosen and Jay Tcath met up for the first time this year, our graduates discovered their AU Jewish studies connection. This year's column spotlights our graduates.

Avital Ingber, Kogod School of Business '03, minored in Jewish studies. An associate in the Financial Resource Development Department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, she works with the Women's Affinity Network and also serves on the United Jewish Community's National Recruitment Corps to educate and recruit students to work in the Jewish community.

Lauren Kart, School of Public Affairs '98, College of Arts & Sciences '00, minored in Jewish studies and teaches fifth grade at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Maryland.

Jamie Levine, College of Arts and Sciences and School of International Service '02, double majored in Jewish studies and international relations. After graduation, she was a program specialist for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. She is currently a Jewish Service Corps volunteer, stationed in Izmir, Turkey, where she works with the Jewish community for the Joint Distribution Committee.

Lori Lyons, College of Arts and Sciences '00, minored in Jewish studies. After graduation, Lori directed the Graduate and Professionals Division of the Hillels of Illinois and then earned a master's in Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is currently assistant principal of New York's Congregation B'nai Jeshurun's Hebrew School and a contributing author to the Jewish publishing company Behrman House.

Marcia Weiner Mankoff, College of Arts and Sciences '91, minored in Jewish studies. She, her husband, Doug, and their growing family were recently featured on the cover of *Mosaic*, the magazine of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, for their commitment to the Foundation for Jewish Camping. She also continued her Jewish learning in the Wexner Heritage Foundation program and is a member of the United Jewish Communities National Young Leadership Cabinet and the L.A. Jewish

Federation's first Young Endowment Chair.

Hila Reichman, College of Arts and Sciences '97, minored in Jewish studies and went on to earn a master's degree in Jewish Communal Service at the University of Michigan. For six years she

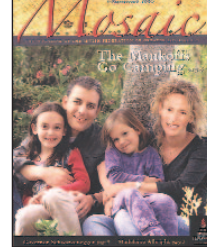


Hila Reichman

worked with college students at Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, eventually directing the program. She was also active in the young adult division of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and on the board of the Collaborative, a Jewish group for 20- and 30-something professionals.

Judy Millman Rosen, College of Arts and Sciences '86, majored in Jewish studies and has worked with the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and the Union for Reform Judaism. She is currently the Great Lakes regional director of the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Her volunteer activities center on the Solomon Schechter Day Schools of Metropolitan Chicago, where she was a member of the board of directors, and Temple Beth-El, where she was campaign manager for the capital campaign.

Susan Silverman, School of International Service '99, '00, minored in Jewish studies. While at AU, she interned for the American Jewish Committee, working on foreign policy issues and eventually becoming its assistant



Marcia Weiner Mankoff and family

director of strategic studies. She is currently the assistant director for the Center for Human Rights and Public Policy at B'nai B'rith International. She was the U.S. representative to the Young Jewish Leadership Diplomatic Seminar hosted by the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs and participated in the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship in Sweden, a summer institute training the next generation of worldwide Jewish leaders.

Eric Siroka, College of Arts and Sciences '99, minored in Jewish studies. Ordained rabbi by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, he is the spiritual leader of Or Chadash synagogue in Flemington, N.J. He is also the current chair of the board of rabbis of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties and the rabbinic dean of the adult education consortium Jewish LIFE.



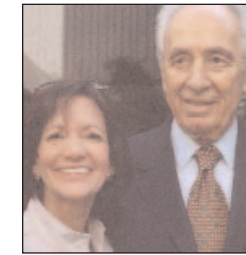
Eric Siroka

Jay Tcath, School of International Service '85, is vice president of the Chicago Jewish Federation and director of its Jewish Community Relations Council. He is immediate past president of the Jewish Community Relations Council Directors' Association and is currently participating in the United Jewish Communities-Mandel Foundation Executive Development Program. His work with the Initiative for Israel on Illinois Campuses led him to return to his alma mater to get pointers from Professor Pamela S. Nadell and AU's Center for Israeli Studies.



Jay Tcath

IN ISRAEL



Deputy director of the Center for Israeli Studies, Rhea Schwartz, with former prime minister Shimon Peres during her International Women's Forum conference in Tel Aviv



Rita Simon, School of Public Affairs, in 2000 established the Shula Ankary Foundation in Israel to support higher education for North African Jews. In 2005, the latest of more than 30 students granted awards accepted a scholarship from Moshe Ankary (Shula's son). Seated, from left to right, Professor Haim Levi (Hebrew University), Rita Simon, and Ruchama Nagar (Shula's daughter).

Alan Levine, School of Public Affairs, was one of 35 U.S. professors participating in a ten-day seminar in Israel, euphemistically called "terrorism school," on how democracies defend themselves from terrorism. Sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy (FDD), the program consisted of classroom meetings with experts from the renowned Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, meetings with the American and Jordanian ambassadors to Israel, a representative from the Turkish embassy,

and a former high-ranking Mossad agent. Most of the program, however, was spent in the field.

Field trips included going to the border of Lebanon, where the participants saw the Hezbollah flag flying but not the Lebanese flag; going to Gaza to meet with high-ranking representatives of the IDF; meeting convicted terrorists in an Israeli prison; talking with an Israeli whose wife and two children were murdered by machine gun fire on their family car; meeting with and seeing demonstrations by Israeli anti-terrorist forces charged with going into Gaza and the West Bank to capture or kill terrorists; visiting a specially trained team that detonates terrorist-planted explosives; and meetings with members of the Knesset, including Natan Sharansky.



Alan Levine, right, in the AU (in Hebrew) T-shirt, eyes the remnants of one of the SCUD missiles shot at Tel Aviv by Saddam Hussein. Israeli officials said that, instead of warheads, one SCUD was filled with cement and another with shoes. Photo taken at an Israeli military base.

The group tried on captured suicide vests and suicide belts from suicide bombers and saw the Palestinian warehouses of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that the detonation team had successfully disarmed.

Levine says, "Before I went to Israel, I knew about terrorism from reading about it and seeing it in images. However, being in Israel and learning on the spot where the actual terrorism had been executed gave me a visceral understanding of terrorism that will never leave me."

LECTURES SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR ISRAELI STUDIES

■ **ETGAR LEFKOVITS**, correspondent for the *Jerusalem Post*, "Reflections of a Jerusalem Correspondent," spoke on the special problems a journalist faces when there are vastly different competing narratives about a specific event.

■ Distinguished Israeli playwright and film maker **MOTTI LERNER**, at an AU screening of his newest film, *The Silence of the Sirens*, spoke on the widely acclaimed film about



Motti Lerner

Photo by Eyal Landsman

the ten days leading up to the 1973 Yom Kippur War—the personalities involved and the questionable military decisions that did not anticipate the Egyptian attack on Israel.

■ Journalist **ELLI WOHLGELERNTER**, currently an editor at *Ha' Aretz*, spoke about the impending American presidential election and its impact on the region in a lecture entitled "The Day after November 2."



Elli Wohlgelerner

■ **DR. JACOB SHAMIR**, professor of communication at Hebrew University and senior fellow, U.S. Institute for Peace, summarized new research he and Khalil Shikaki jointly conducted on Israeli and Palestinian public opinion in a lecture entitled "A New Game for a New Era: Publics and Leaders in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict."



Dr. Jacob Shamir

LECTURES SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

■ "The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls," by Jodi Magness, Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

■ "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," by Dr. Patricia Heberer, historian with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

■ "Resettlement of the Iberian Conversos: Choosing an Identity," by Professor Renée Levine Melammed from the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, where she is associate professor of history and associate dean of the Women's Studies MA program.



Renée Levine Melammed

■ "We Are What We Eat: 350 Years of American Jewish Food," by Joan Nathan, an internationally known cookbook author.

■ "Representing the Holocaust in Poetry," by Professor Marc Lee Raphael, chair of the Department of Religion, and Nathan Gumenick, chair of Judaic Studies, both at the College of William and Mary.

Faculty Notes

Richard Breitman, Department of History, continues his work with other historians on previously classified documents that deal with the U.S. government's knowledge of the Holocaust during World War II and its use of Nazi war criminals after the war. Cambridge University Press published an expanded edition of their findings (Richard Breitman, Norman Goda, Timothy Naftali, and Robert Wolfe), *U.S. Intelligence and the Nazis*. A French translation of *Official Secrets: What the Nazis Planned, What the British and Americans Knew* was published. Indiana University Press has agreed to publish the diaries of James G. McDonald, coedited by Barbara McDonald Stewart, Richard Breitman, and Severin Hochburg.

Erran Carmel, Kogod School of Business, on sabbatical, was a visiting professor at University College Dublin (Ireland) where, among other research projects, he researched the comparative adjustment process of the Irish and Israeli high-tech industries since the dot.com collapse and the new era of offshoring.

Kenneth Cohen, rabbi and Hillel director at AU, spoke on *Neturei Karta*, anti-Zionism, and the texts at the Rabbi Jay Sales Memorial Discussion Series, Adas Israel. He was interviewed on WRC-TV about the life of Pope John Paul II.

Gershon Greenberg, Department of Philosophy and Religion, published: "The Theological Letters of Rabbi Talmud of Lublin, Summer-Fall 1942," Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies symposium, *Ghettos 1939-1945*; "Historiyah Ugeulah: Bituyim Limeshihiyut Yehudit Ortodoksit Betom Milhemet Ha'olam Ha'sheniyah," Yad Vashem, *Holocaust and Jewish Historical Consciousness*; "Amalek Bitekufat Ha'shoah: Mahshevet Yehudit Ortodoksit," *Derekh Haruah: Sefer Likhvod Eliezer Schweid*; "The Vilnius Torah Conference, 19-21 June 1939: Messianism at the Onset of Catastrophe," *Jewish Intellectual Life in Pre-war Vilna*; "Holocaust and Musar for the Telsiai Yeshivah: Avraham Yitshak Bloch and Eliyahu Meir Bloch," *The Vanished World of Lithuanian Jewry*; "Postwar Orthodox Responses to the Holocaust," *Contemporary Responses to the Holocaust*; "Ultra-Orthodox

Jewish Thought about the Holocaust since WW II: The Radicalized Aspect" and "From Holocaust to Redemption in Wartime Jewish Religious Thought" both in *The Impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Thought and Theology*; and "Remember, But Do Not Resolve," *Murder Most Merciful*. His lectures were: "Religion in the Face of Death," Conference on the Church and Israel: Protestantism and Judaism in Lithuania in the 19th-20th Century (Vilnius); "God and Man in the Musar Theology of Slobodka: Avraham Grodzensky and Yitshak Ayzik Sher" (Vilnius); "Religious Losses in Lithuania under the Nazi Regime" (Vilnius); and "Kabbalah in the Land of Israel: Mordekhai Atiyah on Holocaust and Redemption" (Jerusalem).

Alan Kraut, Department of History, received the Arthur J. Viselstear Prize from the Medical Section of the American Public Health Association for the best new volume on the history of public health, his most recently published book, *Goldberger's War: The Life and Work of a Public Health Crusader*. Kraut's Immigration and Ethnic History Society's presidential address, "Foreign Bodies: The Perennial Negotiation over Health and Culture in a Nation of Immigrants," was published in the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, and his essay "Health, Disease, and Immigration Policy" was published in the *Journal of American Ethnic History*. His lectures were: "Doctors at the Borders: Historical Perspectives," to the C. F. Reynolds Medical Society at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School; "Immigrant and Refugee Health: A Historical Perspective," keynote lecture at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; "America and the Holocaust: A Chapter in U.S. Immigration History," cosponsored by the Holocaust Awareness Institute and the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society at the University of Denver. He continues to serve as the chair of the History Advisory Committee of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, is one of three script consultants to the PBS television series *History Detectives*, and served as a consultant to the Office of Homeland Security on the revision

of the Naturalization Examination.

Alan Levine, School of Public Affairs, won a Foundation for the Defense of Democracy Academic Fellowship for an intensive ten-day seminar in Israel on the threats of terrorism to democracy. He continues researching his book on the idea of America in European political thought, 1492-9/11, a topic on which he delivered numerous papers, including one at the Tel Aviv Seminar in Political Philosophy, Tel Aviv University. He continues to run the Washington, D.C., Political Theory Colloquium, is a regular consultant for the Department of State's International Visitors Program, and serves on the board of the AU Hillel.

Richard Linowes, Kogod School of Business, continues to teach several weeks a year in Tel Aviv at ISEMI, Israel's Institute for the Study of Entrepreneurship and Management of Innovation. His public lecture "American Financial Scandals and Their Aftermath" attracted a broad cross-section of the Israeli business community.



Pamela Nadell, Department of History and Jewish Studies Program, was deeply involved in the commemorations for the 350th anniversary of American Jewish life. A consultant to the Library of Congress's exhibit From Haven to Home, she wrote "America's Jewish Women" for its companion catalogue. Her articles on the anniversary also appeared in *American Jewish History* and *Jewish Quarterly Review*. She lectured about the anniversary at such campuses as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Boston University and to diverse Jewish communities, including Teaneck, Omaha, and Houston.

Naima Prevots, professor emerita, Department of Performing Arts, presented a lecture, "E-Learning in Dance: A Case Study Based on an Erasmus/European Union Course," at the Dance Library, the Central Library (Tel Aviv). She consulted in Israel with Dr. Michael Sagiv, director of Wingate College, and Dr. Shlomo Ben Gal, director of Continuing Education, to begin exploration of

ideas for forming the MA Dance Curriculum. Prevots was an invited guest at the performance of high school dance work at the Suzanne Dallal Center, associated with the Israeli Bagrut programs. She was instrumental in helping to develop the Bagrut programs through her consultations for the Ministry of Education in 1993 and 1994.

Rhea Schwartz, deputy director of the Center for Israeli Studies, participated in an International Women's Forum conference in Tel Aviv, hosted by the Israeli Women's Forum. Delegates from 15 countries traveled the country, meeting with leaders in politics, academia, science, journalism, and the arts. Highlights included a private meeting with Shimon Peres and a reception hosted by Moshe Katzav. She was the Israel Week speaker at Temple Rodef Shalom, Falls Church, Virginia, and presented a lecture entitled "Israel on American Campuses."

Rita Simon, School of Public Affairs, wrote a chapter on Israeli systems of juvenile justice in *Juvenile Justice Systems*; her book *Illicit Drug Policies: Trafficking and Use the World Over* describes the law and use of drugs in Israel, and she has a book forthcoming, *The Roles and Statuses of Women the World Over*.

Myra Sklarew, Department of Literature, published: "What We Want from Our Enemies," *Mozna'im: Hebrew Writers' Association Literary Monthly* (poem translated into Hebrew by



Moshe Dor); "Guardians of the First Estate," *Grace and Gravity: Fiction by Washington-Area Women*, ed. Richard Peabody; "Impasse," *D.C. Poets against the War*, ed. Sarah Browning et al; three poems in *European Judasim*: "Forest," "Impasse," and "Harmless"; "Talking to Insects in a Time of War," *The Potomac*; "111 Days in My Life Plus 4," introduction to a memoir by Ephraim Sten; "Monument," *Beltway: A Poetry Quarterly* (contemporary poems inspired by Walt Whitman); and "Identity, Memory, and Authority: An Introduction to Holocaust Poems" (Hilary Tham, Myra Sklarew, and Dori Katz), ed. Myrna Goldenberg. She has an advance book contract from SUNY Press for *Holocaust and the*

Construction of Memory, for which she received a grant from the Lucius Littauer Foundation. She gave a lecture entitled "Holocaust Memoir: Choose Another People/Sacred Script," American Literature Association, and read poems at Politics and Prose Bookstore, Café Muse Literary Series, Grace Church, and Chapter Books. Her essay "Appendix" was listed in *Best American Essays 2004* as one of "100 Notable Essays."

Russell Stone, Department of Sociology, serves as administrative officer of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS). The headquarters office for AIS, an international academic association for the study of contemporary Israel, is housed at American University in cooperation with AU's Center for Israeli Studies. He is advising editor of the Israeli Studies series published by the State University of New York Press. The series publishes four to six books each year on contemporary Israeli society, politics, and history and currently has 65 books in print. He serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Israel Studies* and *Israel Studies Forum*. He presented a paper entitled "Oslo and Public Opinion" in the panel Failed Peace-Making at the 20th Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies. His review of Joel S. Migdal's *Through the Lens of Israel: Explorations in State and Society* will appear in the *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*.

Howard M. Wachtel, Department of Economics and director, Center for Israeli Studies, served on a committee to make doctoral dissertation and MA thesis awards in Israel studies for the Israel Scholar Development Fund of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise. He is chair of the Association for Israel Studies Task Force on endowed chairs and centers in Israeli Studies. His book *Street of Dreams—Boulevard of Broken Hearts: Wall Street's First Century* is being translated and published in Chinese and Bulgarian. He has also published "U.S.-China Financial Entanglements," *Yomiuri Shimbun* (Japan) and "World Trade Order and the Beginning of the Decline of the Washington Consensus," in *Challenges of Globalization: New Trends in International Politics and Society*. ■

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Former AU President Hosts Reception in Honor of Lillian Abensohn

One year after the establishment of the Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Endowment in Israeli Studies, former AU president Benjamin Ladner and Mrs. Nancy Ladner hosted a reception for donors to the endowment. The endowment's success enabled the Center for Israeli Studies to appoint Professor Barry Rubin as the inaugural Abensohn Visiting Professor in Israeli Studies. (See page 1)



Former American University president Benjamin Ladner (left) and Howard M. Wachtel, director, Center for Israeli Studies, with Lillian Klein Abensohn in center in garden of the president's residence

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Mrs. Anne Ayalon, substituting for her husband, Ambassador Daniel Ayalon, who had to return to Israel for the visit of the U.S. secretary of state, speaking about the importance to Israel of the Center for Israeli Studies and the Abensohn Endowment

Faculty Comings and Goings

The Jewish Studies Program welcomes its new affiliated faculty.

Rebecca Boggs, a Rhodes Scholar, followed her diploma in Jewish studies from Oxford University with doctoral work in English at Yale University. She



Rebecca Boggs

joins AU's Department of Literature, where she will teach the course entitled From Shtetl to Superheroes in Modern Jewish

Literature. Her research focuses on literary modernism and its aftermath, with particular emphasis on poetry. She is married to Michael Wenthe (see below).

Marcela Malek Sulak comes to American University's Department of Literature from the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation, *New York as a Construction Site for American Literature, 1919–1929*, considers a variety of urban ethnic writers, including the Yiddishist Moyshe-Leyb Halpern. An accomplished poet, Sulak is also the coauthor of the forthcoming *500-Year History of the Sephardic Jews of Venezuela and the Caribbean*.

Michael Wenthe, a Rhodes Scholar, followed a diploma in Jewish studies from Oxford University with doctoral work in English at Yale.



Michael Wenthe

He joins AU's Department of Literature as its new medievalist. His research on outsiders in medieval Arthurian literature draws upon Hebrew and Old Yiddish texts. He is married to Rebecca Boggs (see above). ■

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AU Starts Chapter of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Two luncheon speakers launched an AU chapter of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East—an international organization of faculty with 19 campus chapters.

- Professor Gerald Steinberg, from Bar Ilan University, gave a talk entitled “Exploiting the Rhetoric of Human Rights: War by Other Means”
- Hudson Institute senior fellow Laurent Murawiec's talk was entitled “The Dangerous Rise and Coming Fall of the House of Saud.”



Laurent Murawiec

AU Resumes Formal Study Abroad Partnership with Hebrew University

American University has officially resumed its study abroad partnership with Hebrew University (HU), which was suspended in March 2001. Since then, AU students could study at HU or others Israeli universities, but the process was more complex and financial aid could not be transferred. Now AU students can again study in Israel as they can at any other approved AU study abroad program with all the attendant benefits, including transfer of financial aid and freely transferred credits back to AU.

Right, AU students listen to information provided about study abroad at Hebrew University



Alums Host Dinner Reception in NJ



Two AU alums and friends of the Center for Israeli Studies hosted a dinner-reception at their lovely home in Maplewood, N.J., for AU alums in northern New Jersey. From left, Ken and Mimi Heyman; Ellen and Alan Goldner, hosts; Rhea Schwartz, deputy director of the center, third from right; and Howard M. Wachtel, director, second from right. At right is Jason Benkendorf, also an AU alum, who is now with the Embassy of Israel, Office of Academic Affairs.



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