


winter 2018-19 newsletter

An aerial photograph of the Rollins College campus in Winter Park, Florida. The image shows a large, light-colored building with a prominent steeple, surrounded by green lawns, trees, and other campus buildings. A body of water is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

JEWISH STUDIES at ROLLINS

December 5, 2018

4th night of Hanukkah

Dear friends of the Jewish Studies Program,

Our fall semester is quickly winding down, and our students are spending their last week writing final papers and preparing for exams. This semester, I introduced new students to the Jewish Studies program via our core course--the Hebrew Bible and our elective course--Jerusalem: History, Religion, and Politics. The last several months have been emotionally traumatic with the increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. and particularly after the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre. Together with Rollins College Hillel, we held a memorial service honoring the dead and providing support to our students and community. We continue to believe that a most effective way to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred is through education and dialogue in the classroom.

We recently re-launched the Jewish Studies Advisory Committee and held two meetings. Our discussions included ways to enhance the teaching and study of Hebrew on campus, ideas for new course offerings, and the approval of a new student grant to be named "The Harriet Lake Award for Summer Research." This summer, the award will fund one student research project under the direction of Professor McLaughlin (Education Department) focusing on educational practices and goals at several Anne Frank schools.

I am pleased to share that Rabbi David Kay, senior Rabbi at Temple Ohev Shalom will be teaching our core course, Jewish Life and Thought, during spring semester 2019. In other news, Professor Julia



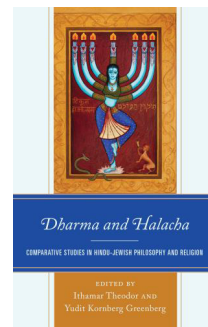
Maskivker (Political Science Department) will serve as coordinator of the program during my Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship at the University of Mumbai in the spring semester.

In other news, last summer I was a research fellow at the Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Goethe University, at the invitation of Dr. Wiese, Martin-Buber Professor of Philosophy of Jewish Religion at Goethe University Frankfurt. My research project was on Hindu-Jewish comparative studies and interreligious engagements, which coincided with the publication of my new book, *Dharma and Halacha: Comparative Studies in Hindu-Jewish Philosophy and Religion*, about which a book review panel was held at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting this past November.

In closing, we are grateful for and value your friendship and support of the Jewish Studies Program at Rollins.

Wishing you and your family happy holidays!

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Director, Jewish Studies Program
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Fulbright-Nehru Scholar,
2015; 2019



<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498512794/Dharma-and-Halacha-Comparative-Studies-in-Hindu-Jewish-Philosophy-and-Religion>

This program in Jewish studies at Rollins College identifies and combines courses in the departments of Philosophy and Religion, English, Foreign Languages, Art, Music, and Anthropology. Time periods and geographical areas covered range from ancient Israel to contemporary American Society. The multidisciplinary approach of the program includes biblical studies, art, music, archeology, literature, women's studies, and philosophy.

The Jewish Studies minor may be particularly beneficial for students interested in graduate studies in Religious Studies, International Politics, History, Comparative Literature, Foreign Languages, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies.

What other benefits does the program have to offer students?

Study Abroad programs at the school for overseas students at Tel Aviv University; January and/or May Field Study Courses in Israel; Summer Archaeological digs in Israel; Jewish Studies Center in Prague.

Service learning and internships in such local institutions as the Hebrew Day School, Sunday Schools, The Holocaust Education and Resource Center; The Jewish Community Center; Jewish Family service, and Kinneret, a Jewish home for the aged. Students seeking advice about this interdisciplinary program may contact Dr. Yudit K. Greenberg, Director.

Six courses are required for a minor in Jewish Studies:
2 core courses, 3 electives, and a senior independent
study research paper.

REL217 Jewish Life & Thought
M, 6:45 – 9:10 p.m. | Kay

ANT355 Middle East: Film and Culture
TR, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Newcomb

GMN252 Looking Back: Third Reich
TR, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. | Decker

MENA315 Music and Power in the Middle East
MW, 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Aloush

POL304 Middle East Politics
MW, 1 – 2:15 p.m. | Tatari

STUDENT REFLECTION: SOPHIE STECKERL



During my freshmen year at Rollins College, I was lucky enough to have been placed in Dr. Greenberg's Hebrew Bible class. This class sparked an interest in religion I didn't know I had. Soon enough I declared my minor in Jewish Studies. Over the years I have taken several classes in the program. Such classes include Religion in the Body, Hebrew 101, 102, and even 201. However, my favorite class so far not only in the Jewish Studies program but during my time at Rollins, has been Jerusalem: History and Politics taught by Dr. Greenberg herself. In this class, we focused on the history of Jerusalem, the many people who conquered it, and the three Abrahamic religions who have strong ties to the land. Jerusalem: History and Politics, allows questions to be raised and points to be made surrounding the past, and the current conflict the region is facing predominantly between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people.

Sophie Steckerl

Jewish Studies, Philosophy, and Communication Studies



(Top Left) Dr. Greenberg participated in a book panel on Dharma and Halacha: Comparative Studies of Hindu and Jewish Philosophy and Religion (Theodor and Greenberg, Lexington) at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting and the Dharma Association of North America meeting on November 17, 2018. (Top Right) Challah bake with Jewish Studies students. (l to r) Sophie Steckerl, Heather Borochaner, Dr. Greenberg, and Issy Beham. (Bottom Left) Holocaust survivor Helen Greenspan with Students in Dr. Greenberg's Jewish Life and Thought Class, April 2018



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