community lectures

Jews, and the Civil War: Reevaluating the Legacy of the Civil War for America’s Jews
Sylvia and Irving Margolis Lecture on the Jewish Experience in the American South
Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
ADAM MENDELSOHN, assistant professor of Jewish Studies at the College of Charleston, will reassess the impact and importance of the Civil War for the American Jewish community, arguing that the focus on the battlefield exploits of Jews conceals more than it reveals.

The Stages of Memory After 9/11: From Berlin to New York
Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lecture in Jewish Studies
Monday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
JAMES YOUNG, professor and director of the Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will share a vividly illustrated slide lecture that examines Germany’s national Holocaust memorial and the World Trade Center Site Memorial and explores how the idea of a memorial has evolved to express irredeemable loss.

We’re No Angels: Striving for Perfection in Ancient Jewish Literature
Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
CHRISTINE HAYES, professor of Religious Studies at Yale University, will lead an exploration of diverse ancient Jewish conceptions of the nature of human perfection and whether or not humans are, or should aspire to be, like angels.

Material Culture and Jewish Identity: Or, What Makes a Jewish Home Jewish?
Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
VANESSA OCHS, an anthropologist of contemporary Jewish life and professor at the University of Virginia, will explore the ways that different kinds of things make homes Jewish, and how things found in the home facilitate Jewish living, creating, maintaining and transmitting Jewish identities.

academic lectures

Lost From Memory: 19th-century Jewish Merchant Communities in Small-Town America
Kaplan-Brauer Lecture on the Contribution of Judaism to Civilization
Monday, November 7, 5:30 p.m., Hyde Hall
DAVID KATZMAN, University of Kansas

Competing Memories: The Arabs and the Holocaust
The Morris, Ida and Alan Heilig Lectureship in Jewish Studies
Monday, December 5, 5:30 p.m., Hyde Hall
OMAR KAMIL, Dubnow Institute, Germany

“To Write Poetry After Auschwitz is Barbaric”: 44 Years of Living Among the Barbarians
Monday, February 6, 5:30 p.m., location TBA *
SIDRA DEKOVEN EZRAHI, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
This lecture is made possible by a grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation in honor of Eli N. Evans, ’58.

Anti-Semitism: The History of an Idea
The Morris, Ida and Alan Heilig Lectureship in Jewish Studies
Monday, February 27, 5:30 p.m., location TBA *
JONATHAN ELUKIN, Trinity College

The Wise Men of Chelm: Eastern European Jewry’s Favorite Folk Tradition and Its German Origins
Thursday, March 1, 5:30 p.m., location TBA *
RUTH VON BERNUTH, UNC Chapel Hill

the Uhlman family seminar

A two-day seminar on the Jewish South featuring faculty from UNC and elsewhere is planned for spring 2012. Please check our Web site for event topics, speakers, dates and registration fees. The seminar is offered by the Program in Humanities and Human Values and is made possible by a grant from the Uhlman Family Fund.