from the director

Established in 2003, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies has rapidly evolved into a thriving program that enriches both our students and the general community.

The success of our first five years, combined with strong support from alumni and friends, has inspired us to create an ambitious plan for our next five years. With your help, we will grow our academic program to include an undergraduate major and we’ll continue to expand our special events and public programs. Our vision will make the Center a leading program among universities in the South and throughout the nation.

Whether you’re thinking about making your first gift to the Center, or building on past generosity, you have the opportunity to play a critical role in the Center’s future.

For additional information, visit our Web site at ccjs.unc.edu. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you’d like to learn more about the program and how you can become involved.

Thank you for considering the Center as a beneficiary of your philanthropy.

giving opportunities

**Eminent Professorship** will be used to recruit an internationally known scholar to teach and conduct research in an academic field, such as holocaust history, that is key to Jewish Studies. $2,333,000 to endow*

**Named Directorship** provides an unrestricted endowment that assists the director in meeting the Center’s most pressing needs. $2 million to endow.

**Faculty Fellows** will be used to fund new positions for tenure-track junior faculty members. $1 million to endow.

**Faculty and Program Excellence Funds** provide crucially needed resources for the Center. Faculty Excellence Funds provide non-salary support for faculty and help maintain a cadre of teacher-scholars in Jewish Studies that is second to none. Program Excellence Funds enable the Center’s Director to provide innovative academic and public outreach programming. These endowments can be established at different levels.

**Graduate Fellowships** will be used to recruit to individual academic departments advanced students for whom Jewish Studies is central to their research and scholarship. $500,000 to endow.

**Graduate Student Excellence Funds** help Carolina faculty mentor and train tomorrow’s great teacher-scholars. These funds enable graduate students to access archival materials and complete research projects on a topic or theme in Jewish history, culture, or thought. These can be established at different levels.

**The Fund for Jewish Studies** provides unrestricted gifts that help fulfill the Center’s ambitious teaching, research and public service mission. No minimum.

*Endowments to establish professorships are eligible for matching grants from the State of North Carolina’s Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund.

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The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, an interdisciplinary academic program in the College of Arts and Sciences, promotes a deeper understanding of Jewish history, culture and thought through its teaching, research and community outreach initiatives. The Center’s global focus and comprehensive scope of study, coupled with Carolina’s national reputation as a student-focused research university, make the program truly unique among its peers.

The Jewish Studies program offers two academic minors—Jewish Studies and Modern Hebrew—that continually attract a diverse group of Carolina undergraduates. Student interest in the Center’s course offerings has steadily increased, and now more than 1,000 Carolina students enroll in Jewish Studies classes each year. To meet this growing demand, the Center has doubled its faculty in just five years and now has faculty members based in seven different academic departments across the humanities and social sciences.

The Center extends its programs to the general public with a free, public lecture series featuring international experts. Each year, more than 2,000 people participate in the Center’s various outreach programs. The Speaker’s Bureau, an educational outreach program coordinated by the Center, brings the academic program to all North Carolinians through public events held across the state. And each year, the Center co-sponsors programs with other Carolina departments, neighboring universities and community organizations to further enrich the student experience and strengthen community outreach efforts.

The Center’s success in its first five years could not have been possible without the generous support of Carolina alumni and friends. Now, as the Center embarks on a new era, private support will have an even greater impact. Gifts at all levels are essential for the Center to maintain its reputation for excellence while expanding its academic and public outreach programs for future generations.

“The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies has grown from a great idea to an exciting interdisciplinary hub of teaching, research and public activities.”

Holden Thorp
Chancellor

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William Andrews
Senior Associate Dean for the Arts and Humanities, College of Arts & Sciences

“Carolina’s interdisciplinary Jewish studies courses have been outstanding. I feel so privileged to have such incredible intellectual opportunities at Carolina.”

Diana Gergel, ’09

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