Several philanthropic gifts to the Center in recent months will have a profound impact on Carolina’s students, faculty and the Jewish Studies program overall. An anonymous donor has committed $350,000 to create an endowed graduate student support in Jewish Studies in the name of the Tui Epsilon Phi fraternity Carolina’s ability to recruit and support the best and brightest graduate students will further its reputation as a university that produces up-and-coming teacher-scholars in the field that go on to become faculty at leading colleges and universities worldwide. The new Tui Epsilon Phi Fund for Jewish Studies will support graduate students working on topics in Jewish Studies in varying stages of their academic careers.

Universe: ‘53, and Saralyn, ‘53, Oberdorfer have committed to a planned gift to be made from their retirement plan assets, estimated in excess of $400,000, to establish a flexible endowed fund to support Jewish Studies. The unrestricted endowment will enable the Center’s director to meet pressing needs and fund important programs and research in Jewish Studies. Flexible funding of this type helps meet unanticipated future needs and opportunities so that the program remains vital. Another planned gift that will provide a significant impact was made by Joseph Kittner, ‘37, LLB ’39, who was a steady friend of the Center, making annual gifts to the Fund for Jewish Studies throughout his lifetime. As a result of his thoughtful planning, the Center received a direct gift from his estate of more than $210,000. In addition, he established a testamentary trust for a family member that will ultimately result in an additional gift of approximately $150,000 to the program in future years. These gifts will be available to provide support for faculty and students.

This year, Eli N. Evans, ’38, founding chair of the Center’s advisory board, made a gift of $500,000 to the existing endowment fund for the Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lectureship Fund, which will ensure that the lecture series continues. The Evans lectureship brings nationally renowned scholars and interpreters of Jewish history, culture and experience to campus to speak with students, faculty and the general public. “The generosity of these donors will further expand our academic and community programs, and will help Jewish Studies maintain its level of excellence during its next phase of growth,” said Jonathan Hess, director. “The use of planned giving tools can be utilized, contact Margaret Costley at the Arts and Sciences Foundation: 919-843-0345 or Margaret.Costley@unc.edu.”

This year’s Evans lecture will bring a truly unique event to Chapel Hill, featuring David Mandelbaum in a one-man stage performance. Titled Yoel Rakoever Speaks to G-d, and performed in Yiddish with English subtitles, the show explores the final testament of a Jew named Yoel Rakoever, who examines his relationship with God during the end of the Warsaw ghetto. The event is on April 14, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the UNC Friday Center. It is free and open to the public.

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This year marks an historic juncture for the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. As we gear up for our 10th anniversary, we celebrate the fact that we are the first and only university in the state of North Carolina to offer an undergraduate degree in Jewish Studies. And with our graduate certificate in Jewish Studies now on the books, we are well poised to play a leading role in the training of graduate students in Jewish Studies as well. We’ve clearly had tremendous success with our public events over the course of the last decade. Our events program for our 10th anniversary year, however, is even more ambitious, with two dramatic performances, a film screening with original music composed by Carolina students, and public lectures on a variety of topics by leading scholars from all over the world.

Our goal this year is not just to celebrate what we’ve accomplished but to lay out our vision for the future. Our major strategic goal for our first decade was to assemble a comprehensive faculty in Jewish Studies through a combination of private giving and state funding, and since 2003, the College has recruited nine new Jewish Studies faculty in five different academic departments. More than 1,000 undergraduates now take Jewish Studies courses each year at Carolina, and these students represent a diverse cross-section of the population as one finds in any other program on campus. We have remarkable students at Carolina. In the coming decade we look forward to building a program that serves their needs with even more opportunities for student research in Jewish Studies, even more courses taught by even more faculty in Jewish Studies, and graduate fellowships that help Carolina recruit the very best students in the nation to pursue their doctoral training in Chapel Hill.

Major gifts have played an important role in what we’ve been able to accomplish over the last decade. But such annual giving, and we owe a tremendous amount of thanks to all the alumni and friends who have supported us—whether with an annual gift of $200 or $2,000. Indeed, annual giving has been so essential to the success of Jewish Studies at Carolina that we have created a special challenge for our 10th anniversary. We are asking all donors to help double annual support giving this year by increasing their giving level and by sharing the Center’s story with others who may have an interest in Jewish Studies at Carolina.

Please know how grateful we are for the inspiring support for Jewish Studies that our alumni and friends have shown us over the last 10 years. And please know what a tremendous difference your continued support will make as we embark on the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies’s second decade!
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On behalf of the College of Arts and Sciences, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to outstanding teaching, scholarship and community engagement through the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. The College is emerging from a period of economic challenges in remarkably strong shape. Last year our faculty attracted more than $88 million in external contracts and grants, our new state budget allocation is stable for the first time since 2008, and, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends like you, the College raised $52 million in private gifts last fiscal year.

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With your support, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies has made remarkable gains. In May, we will celebrate the graduation of UNC’s first Jewish Studies major — from the only institution of higher education to offer such a degree in North Carolina! Reaching this ambitious goal of higher education to offer such a degree in we will celebrate the graduation of UNC’s first Jewish Studies major.

The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies is essential to the academic mission of the University and the College — to foster innovative learning, discovery and community engagement. Indeed, the Center’s vitality derives from stellar teaching, research and service that are far more integrated into the liberal arts than in many other Jewish Studies programs. At Carolina, Jewish Studies trains students to think globally, historically and in interdisciplinary terms.

Jewish Studies at Carolina would not be where it is today without you. Thank you for your support now and in the future. I look forward to working with you to ensure that the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies continues to soar.

Karen M. Gil
Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Message From the Dean

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literature and history in both our coursework and research endeavors. The new Capstone Course offered this semester, Literature and Jewish Modernity, explores key texts of Jewish literature produced in Europe, North America, North Africa and the Middle East from the 19th century to the present. Group discussions focus on the field of modern Jewish literature that emerged in the 19th century, encompassing literature written in English, French, Danish, German, Hebrew, Judeo-Arabic, Ladino, Russian and Yiddish and translated into a variety of languages to reach a broad transnational readership. The Capstone Course is required for those pursuing the new undergraduate degree program and is also open to non-major students. It is a new course that will be offered each fall semester and will feature different instructors and a range of topics, but will always delve into a compelling aspect of Jewish Studies.

For more information on the academic programs, visit: ccjs.unc.edu

Students Profile

Hayley Wright, ’13

Last spring, Hayley Wright, ’13 took pen to paper and became the first declared major in Jewish Studies at Carolina. For the New York City native, the decision capped a mounting interest in the field that had grown since her days as a first-year student.

Although she always planned to study Hebrew for her foreign language, she found herself taking more and more classes in Jewish Studies. Soon, she was working on a minor, and by the end of her sophomore year she learned about the upcoming new major in Jewish Studies.

“Our people are so interesting,” Wright explains about her academic focus. “Through the Center, I’ve been able to learn about myself and where I’m from.” She is quick to add, though, that “Jewish Studies is not just for Jewish people. I would encourage anyone on this campus to take a course.”

The greatest asset to Carolina’s Jewish Studies program — and Wright’s motivation for the major — has been the faculty. “What really makes the program is the professors,” Wright observes. “They care, take time, and work with students.”

This semester, Wright is working closely with Professor Hess on an independent study project that incorporates her experiences during a life-changing trip this past summer through Eastern Europe with her synagogue. The youngest in the travel group, Wright recalls, “It was my first trip abroad without my mom and dad, but I had plenty of ‘mothers’ by the end.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY LECTURES
Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
CAROL NEWSOM
Demons and Angels in Early Judaism

Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.
JIDI MAGNÉS
Excavations in the Ancient Village and Synagogue of Huqoq

Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m.
SHARON PUCKER RIVO
Breaking Home Ties, film screening with live music

Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m.
DAVID MANDELBAUM
Yosl Rakover Speaks to G-d, stage production

Apr. 22, 7:30 p.m.
JAMES KUGEL
The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Beginnings of Biblical Interpretation

ACADEMIC LECTURES
Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.
SHAUL MAGID
Beyond Monotheism?

Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m.
RACHEL ELIOR
Who Wrote the Scrolls, and Why?

Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.
KATHARINA VON KELLENBACH
Absoved from the Guilt of the Past?

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Since its founding in 2003, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies has pursued a bold mission to build a leading Jewish Studies program on the campus of a large public research university. Thanks largely to private support from alumni and friends, Carolina’s Jewish Studies faculty has grown to 15, which has allowed the Center to expanded the Jewish Studies academic and community programs at a truly remarkable pace.

The Center’s success in its first 10 years could not have been possible without the generous support of Carolina alumni and friends. The Center depends on private support in order to fully realize its mission, and generous donations have established endowed faculty chairs, supported graduate students, sponsored student and faculty research, and underwritten dynamic public programs. Now, as the Center embarks on its second decade of excellence, private support will have an even greater impact.

The Fund for Jewish Studies is a key component to the Center’s overall fund-raising program.

The unrestricted dollars provided by alumni and friends have a tremendous impact on students and programs. In fact, the annual fund is so essential to the success of the program, that the Center has created a special anniversary challenge for annual fund donors and prospective donors: help the Center double its annual fund support this year by increasing your giving level over last year’s gift and by sharing the Center’s success story with friends, colleagues and neighbors who may have an interest in Jewish Studies at Carolina. 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. Please use the enclosed gift envelope to make your donation, or make an online gift to Fund #7361 at ccjs.unc.edu.

Together we can meet this special 10th anniversary challenge. Thank you for considering the Center as a beneficiary of your philanthropy.

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