



For more than ten years, the Herman P. and Sophia Taubman Foundation Symposia in Jewish Studies at the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center has hosted conferences, lectures, performances, residencies, and exhibits by eminent writers, critics, scholars, journalists, civic leaders, artists, actors, musicians, dancers, and filmmakers. This nationally-recognized public programming has brought the community to campus and developed important relationships between the campus and local Jewish organizations.



Our faculty and students have collaborated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara on its "Portraits of Survival" exhibition, producing an award-winning video. UC Santa Barbara also has an active Hillel program, and faculty, students, and administrators work closely with Hillel and community members to advance common educational goals. In 2006, Hillel helped to facilitate a new introductory course in Jewish Studies that attracted 150 students.

THE JEWISH STUDIES INITIATIVE AT UC SANTA BARBARA

The Division of Humanities and Fine Arts at UC Santa Barbara is pleased to announce a major initiative in Jewish Studies. With a generous and visionary gift of \$1,000,000 from the Marsha and Jay Glazer Foundation, we will establish the *Marsha and Jay Glazer Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies and the Marsha and Jay Glazer Jewish Studies Program Endowment*. This gift will allow the campus to recruit a senior scholar in this exciting, interdisciplinary field and to support faculty and graduate student research, teaching and curricula, student scholarships and fellowships, and programming in Jewish Studies.

The Glazer endowments represent the beginning of an important new initiative that aims to raise the profile of Jewish Studies scholarship and teaching on campus and strengthen intellectual and cultural communities beyond the campus in the best tradition of a great public university. Building upon our academic strengths to develop an expanded and more focused curriculum for a large number of students from a variety of fields and backgrounds, the initiative will stimulate new scholarship and thinking and create increased understanding of the history and culture of Judaism.

UC Santa Barbara has a strong record in teaching and research in Jewish Studies. Courses in Judaica and modern Hebrew have been offered since 1966, and an undergraduate Jewish Studies Minor, now housed in the Department of Religious Studies, was established in the fall of 1995. We offer both Biblical Hebrew and modern Hebrew language courses, as well as Yiddish. The Department of Religious Studies includes faculty whose research and teaching within Jewish Studies range from Biblical Hebrew to the religions of the Ancient Near East to Rabbinic literature and Jewish mysticism to the sociology of contemporary Jerusalem.

Twenty-five faculty in more than ten departments teach courses on literature, history, art, architecture, and film on such subjects as German Judaism, American Jewish novelists, the resurgence of anti-Semitism in Western and Eastern European countries, Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora, the politics of the Middle East, Jewish communities of medieval Spain, the architectural history of modern Jerusalem, and Holocaust Studies.

Over the next five years, we hope to build on the catalytic gift of Marsha and Jay Glazer by raising \$5 to \$10 million (in annual, current-use funding and in permanent endowments) to achieve the following goals:

- Expand and deepen our interdisciplinary Jewish Studies *curriculum* and the *Jewish Studies Minor*.
- Create more *endowed Chairs in Jewish Studies* in a variety of departments to advance Jewish Studies scholarship, provide senior leadership on campus, and serve as ambassadors to the community in Santa Barbara.
- Recruit *new assistant professors and graduate students* working in Jewish Studies so we can develop and train the next generation of scholars and teachers in the field.
- Bring *visiting scholars, postdoctoral fellows*, and professors to teach Jewish Studies to enrich the intellectual community for Jewish Studies scholarship.
- Support *language study* in both Biblical and modern Hebrew to give our students the skills needed to conduct rigorous research.
- Undertake innovative, interdisciplinary *research projects* that will advance the field of Jewish Studies both on campus and in the field at large by bringing it into dialogue with faculty and students from various fields and disciplines.
- Provide *scholarships and fellowships for students* working in Jewish Studies, including travel and study abroad grants that will allow them to study in Israel and other countries.
- Develop *international exchanges* that will allow our programs to be truly global.

With funding for these programs and logistical support, we would create a *Center for Jewish Studies* to coordinate programming, curricula, research projects, grants and fellowships, and communication with students, faculty, staff, and the Santa Barbara community.

The time has come to build on this foundation of interdisciplinary and innovative scholarship and teaching, public programming, and intellectual and imaginative energy. The Jewish Studies Initiative will dramatically increase the scope and depth of Jewish Studies research and teaching across the campus. We aim to create a distinct profile for Jewish Studies on campus and in the UC system and to establish a national and international presence.

We invite you to become a leadership donor. Naming and recognition opportunities are available for each of these important programs. Gifts to the Jewish Studies Initiative can be made outright, or through planned giving vehicles such as charitable unitrusts, charitable lead trusts, gift annuities, bequests, or other vehicles. Our development professionals will be pleased to work with you to plan and structure a gift that corresponds to your personal, financial, and philanthropic goals.

This is the moment for the campus and the community to build upon the excellence that has made this interdisciplinary area of study so exciting and important to our students, faculty, and community. The university already has made significant investments in Jewish Studies. The Glazer endowments have allowed us to launch this initiative. With additional private support, we can take advantage of this momentum and transform Jewish Studies at UC Santa Barbara.

To learn more about how you can support Jewish Studies at UC Santa Barbara, please contact:

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