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Judaic Studies Program
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INTRODUCTION

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON

JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM

ANIITTJAL REPORT 1975-76

Binghamton, New York 13901

This year has been one of unprecedented growth and progress for the
Judaic Studies Program on all fronts, despite the sudden and tragic ill-ness of the new director, Mr. Gottlieb, at the beginning of the Fall 1975 semester. The administrative and academic supervision of the Program was entrusted by Dean Grebstein to the Judaic Studies Committee, chaired by Mr. Stillman. Mr. Gottlieb's courses were covered voluntarily by several faculty members, and the Adrninistrgtion generously and compassionately extended Mr. Gottlieb's sick leave with pay for the entire academic year. It was a fine team effort for which we may all be proud.

Judaic Studies enrollments have :i.ncreased steadily this year (475., compared with 464 for 1974-75 and 449 for 1973-74). A new experimental course on anti-se1hitism drew 1lr7" students. Five students have de.clared their candidacy
for Judaic Studies certificates and there is one new Judaic Studies IPB
major. This year's graduation saw our first crop of certificate recipients
(5).

The hi~hly favorable evaluation accorded the Program by the Harpur
College Council Committee to Evaluate Undergraduate Programs (published. April 9, 1976) was most gratifying. Likewise, some of our courses and faculty received very high ratings in the S.C.A.T.E. r.e~iew. One course received the third highest rating of any course in the school.

The Program held a highly successful Distinguished Speakers Series
which was very well attended by students, faculty, and community. Community relations improved greatly, and a Town-Gown Dinner was held to raise money for a Judaic Studies Library Fund. The ,Jewish Federation of Broome County has committed itself to extending financial support to the Program. Other fund raising projects are now under way.

The Program ameliorated and cemented the close working relations exist-
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Below is a detailed breakdo,m of the 1975-76 record.

Judaic Studies Committee Members

The committee appointed for 1975-76 consisted of the following:

Administration
Faculty (Philosophy)

Dean Grebstein
Leon J. Goldstein
Samuel Morell
Helen Rivlin
Norman Stillman
Edward Weisband
Arieh Lebcwitz
Karen Palley

Faculty (Classics & Near Eastern Studies)
Faculty (History) (Sabbatical Spring '76) Faculty (History)(Chairman)
Faculty (Political Science) (appointed Spring '76) Student
Student
Lloyd Silberman Student (Ms. Palley and Mr.
were replaced by:
-B.on Edelstein
Steven Levine

Silberman resigned during the fall'75 semester and

Student
Student

COURSES AND ENROLLME:~:TS 1975-76

Fall 1975

JS 125 Jewish Civilization: Biblical Period

JS 182B Main Currents of Modern J ewish History JS 199 Independent Study
Hebrew 101 Section 1 Elementary Hebrew
Section 2
Hebrew 103

Hebrew 199
Hebrew 264
Hebrew 291A
History 153A
Yiddish 101

Spring 1976

JS 126

JS 182c
JS 199
Hebrew 102

Hebrew 104

Section 1 Intermediate Hebrew Section 2

Independent Study
Mode:cn Short Story
Journal istic Hebr ew
MecJ.ieval Jewish History
Element ary Yiddish

J ewish Civ.: Hellenistic-
Rabbinic Period
Antisemitism

Independent Study
Section 1 Elementary Hebrew Section 2

Readings in Hebrew Literature Section 1
Section 2

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January 21, 1976 - Professor Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi of Harvard

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Judaic Studies Faculty Contribution to the Judaics Field and to the Program's

Visibility

Several faculty members published articles and delivered scholarly papers this year in the Judaic Studies field. More should. This also increases our visibility and gives us a stronger hand in seeking outside funds, not to men-tion the fact that it enhances our academic respectability. Only a few individuals have been really active here over the three years of the program's existence. Our faculty is of high quality and ought not to "hide its light under a bushel."

Budget

Our total 1975-76 allotment was $1,170, The only allotment which ran
a deficit was Classroom due to the needs of the Antisemitism course (films mainly). The administration has generously doubled our classroom allotment for next year. The money will be put to good use.

Looking Forward

Next year we are hoping to haire Mr. Gottlieb back. All preparations are being made with the assumption that he will be returning to his duties, and there is every indication that he will. If he does not, however, contingency plans should be available. We have operated very successfully this year on an emergency, volunteer basis, drawing upon a large wellspring of good will. We ought not to depend upon such a method of operation for two years running,

however.

A new course is being offered next fall jointly with the History Depart-ment? entitled, 11The American Jewish Ex.perience.'11 It will be coordinated by Mr. Gottlieb and draw upon many History Department faculty m2m-oers, as well as D0.an Grebstein (English) and l\'.Ir.

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Mr. Liebman will be back from sabbatical and. offering Sociology of the Jews, another popular course.

We hope to see more Judaic Studies faculty members active next