Judaic Studies Program
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INTRODUCTION

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ANNUAL REPORT 1976-77

It is unusual, to say the least, for a director or chairman to be
able to say without exaggeration in these difficult times that his program is truly flourishing. However, Judaic Studies is not only flourishing, but its outlook has never seemed brighter. The program will have a full-time director once again this fall after a two-year hiatus during which time I have be2e44h1555cw08.93 562.5827in7iacll

greater still had there been a full-time person
in the directorship. As I noted in last year's annual report, the key
to this program1 s success has been the dedication, and even more important,

the collegiality of its faculty and students.

After an intensive search involving approximately 200 applications,
the Judaic Studies Committee narrowed the field down to three excellent candidates for the coordinator's position. Mr. David Biale of UCLA was the overwhelming choice of faculty and students for this position and will be joining us in August. His coming bodes well for all of us.

Judaic Studies' enrollments have increased once again this year (587 compared with 475 for 1975-76; 464 for 1974-75 and 449 for 1973-74). Our pre-registration for the coming fall semester totals 375 - our highest ever. Twelve students have declared their candidacy for certificates and one new IPB major. At this year's graduation, Ronald Edelstein received his certificate and an IPB major in Judaic Studies. Next
year we will have a large crop of certificate candidates

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. our Distinguished Speakers Series was again widely publicized and
well attended by students, faculty, and community.

It is particularly gratifying to note that more members of the
program were publishing this year or delivering papers at Judaic Studies conferences both in this country and abroad than in any previous year.
It is also gratifying to announce that the Hi story Department will be cross-listing Mr. Biale's courses in view of his q_ualifications as a historian. This will certainly mean increased registration for our core

courses.

Once again the program stayed within the restrictions of its budget.

A special note of thanks should be given to Mrs. Dolores Kundrat who
has done the job of several secretaries over the past two years as the program's workload has increased. The paper work generated by the search for a new coordinator was staggering. In the past this has been handled by the Dean's office and the secretarial pool. This time it was handled entirely by Mrs. Kundrat. Many of our associated faculty have benefited from her ass:istance when their own department secretaries were somehow unable to prepare materials in time for classes. I, for one, would have been totally ineffective without her constant help. We all owe her a heartfelt debt of thanks.

Below is the brea..~down of the 1976-77 record.

Judaic Studies Committee Members

The committee appointed for 1976-77 consisted of the following:

Dean Grebstein
Leon J. Goldstein
Marcia Falk

Samuel Morell
Norman A. Stillman
Edward Weisband
Arieh Lebowitz
Ronald Edelstein

Administration Faculty (Philosophy) (Sabbatical Spring '77 1
Faculty (Classical & Near East Studies; English) (appointed Spring '77)
Faculty (Classical & Near East Studies) Faculty (History) (Chairman)
Faculty (Political Science)
Student
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COURSES AJ\TD ENROLLMENTS :l9]6-77

Fall 1976

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(also Hist. 196G)
JS 199

English 175G
Hebrew 101

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Jew. Civ.: Bi.1)lir.13.l Period R. Groner

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Independent Study

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Jewish American Fiction

Elementary Hebrew I - Sec.l Sec.2

S. Grebstein
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Instructor Enrollment
Fall 1976 (cont.)

Hebrew 103
Hebrew 151
Hebrew 260
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History 153A
Near E.S. 291B
(also Eng. 125) Sociology 188
Yiddish 101
Yiddish 199

Spring 1977

JS 126

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(also Hist. 196M)

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Africa del Norte, in Mexico City on August 3, 1977 (will be published in the Proceedings).

Helen A. Rivlin, professor of history, had an article, ".American Jews and the State of Israel - A Bict;r.tennial Perspective," published in Middle East ~ournal, (Summer 1976).

Don Peretz, professor of political science 9 presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago entitled,
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Jews and Arabs in the Ethnic Numbers Game in IsraeJ .. " An article: "Lebanon: Is It Good for the Jews?," appeared in Inter-Change, Vol. 2, No. 1, Se-pt. 1976. His new book, ·The Palestine State: A Rational Approach, with co--authors Tiichard ,T. Uard and :Pavan :-L Wilson, was· published in ~larch 1977 by Kennikat
Press. Professor Peretz gave two lectures at workshops f'or high school
teachers on Arab Israeli relations at NYU in December. He lectured on Israeli
politics at the National War College in Washington, D.C., on March l; and on
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Congregatlon Beth Tzedec, Toronto, February 11-13 where he del:i.ver<:~d r:. everal lectures and seminars on historical and current aspects of Muslim-Jewish re-lations. On March 3, Professor Stillman delivered a lecture entitled,

11 1 'Experience historiq_ue de s ,juifs au Maroc - un point de vue r evisioniste, 11
at L'Universite de Montr~al. IIe was the guest of the Pro5ra.mme des Etudes Juives and the Department d'Histoire. Also, he delivered a paper entitled, " ti experience historique des Juifs du Maroc ,.11 at the ler Colloq_ue Inter-· national sur les Juifs d'Afriq_ue du Nord - L'Epoque Coloniale in Jerusalem,
April 5-8. He also chaired the session entitled, "Organisation Communautaire
ct Sociale," and he was one of five speakers at a table ronde at the end of
the conference.

Both Stillmans were lntervlcwed on the Israeli Television Evening News about
No rth African Studies in the United States and about their research.

This year more than ever our faculty spoke at functions with 598.335N2.7781 0 0 0 T Community.