CENTER FOR JUDAIC & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

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Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Director

The Fall 2000 Louis J. Kuriansky ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 5, 2000
9:45am – 3:15pm
In the large auditorium at UConn, Stamford

Golems, Dybbuks, and Magicians:
Myths and Mysticism in
Jewish History and Culture

The program for the day includes:

• Renowned scholars who will discuss:

  – Imagining Jewish Failure, Imagining Jewish Rage:
The Golem of Prague and Its Creators

  – Power and Possession:
Dybbuks and the Sexual Transformation of Ashkenaz

  – The Hasidic Rebbe:
Magician, Faith Healer, and Miracle Worker

• A Fascinating Audio-Visual Presentation:
The Golem in Hollywood:
A Jewish Legend on Film

• Luncheon at the Rich Concourse
  • A Symposium and Q&A Session

Please open this flyer for information and registration forms!

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy
Presents

The Fall 2000 Lunch & Learn Series

Five Thursdays
(Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9, 16)

Attended by over 150
every session last Spring,
this program is back by popular demand for an expanded,
five-session series!

In this series Dr. Aschkenasy shares with her students her scholarly interest in exploring the centrality of the biblical tales in Western culture and their influence on world literature.

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy is author of numerous essays and three books, including the award-winning Eve's Journey: Feminine Images in Hebraic Literary Tradition and Woman at the Window: Biblical Tales of Oppression and Escape.

In the MPR, 1st Floor, UConn, Stamford
Titles & Registration Form Inside!

INSIDE YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ON THE CENTER'S FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

• The Certificate in Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies • The Monday mornings seminar • The credit courses • Registration forms

The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, and is also supported by the UJF of Greenwich and the UJF of Westport/Weston/Wilton/Norwalk.
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9:45am • Coffee 10:00am • Program Begins

10:10am – 11:00am

Dr. Bernard Cooperman

Imagining Jewish Failure, Imagining Jewish Rage: The Golem of Prague and Its Creators

Professor of Jewish History, holding the Louis L. Kaplan Chair at the University of Maryland since 1989. A Ph.D. from Harvard, where he taught for twenty years; a specialist in the history of Jews in the early modern period, researching Jewish life in Italy during the Renaissance. Recent publications include The Ghetto of Venice and a study of Pauline Wengeroff, the first woman to describe the life of East European Jewry.

11:10am – 12:00 noon

Dr. Naomi Seidman

Power and Possession: Dybbuks and the Sexual Transformation of Ashkenaz

Associate Professor of Jewish Culture and Director of the Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. A Ph.D. from the U. of California, Berkeley, and author of A Marriage Made in Heaven: The Sexual Politics of Hebrew and Yiddish (1997) and numerous essays, including on the figure of the Dybbuk.

Professor Seidman's Lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life of the University of Connecticut at Storrs in celebration of its Twenty-First Anniversary.

Lunch: 12 noon – 12:50 at the Rich Concourse

12:50pm – 1:40pm

Dr. Allan Nadler

The Hasidic Rebbe: Magician, Faith-Healer, and Miracle Worker

Associate Professor of religion and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at Drew University, NJ; author of The Faith of the Mithnagdim: Rabbinic Responses to Hasidic Rapture (1997) and the forthcoming Heretic and Hero: Baruch Spinoza and the Modern Jewish Imagination; formerly Director of Research at the YIVO Institute, recipient of two rabbinical ordinations and a Ph.D. from Harvard in Jewish Intellectual History.
Dybbuks, and Magicians: Mysticism in Jewish History and Culture

1:40pm – 2:15pm

SPECIAL FEATURE:

The Golem in Hollywood: A Jewish Legend on Film

An Audio-Visual Presentation

by

Dr. Bernard Cooperman

2:15pm – 3:15pm

SYMPOSIUM and Q&A

Historical, Cultural, and Psychological Meanings of Magic and the Occult in Jewish Life.

MODERATOR OF SYMPOSIUM:

Dr. Joel Blatt, Professor of History, UConn, Stamford

PANELISTS:

Professors Bernard Cooperman, Naomi Seidman and Allan Nadler

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER AND MODERATOR:

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Professor of Comparative Literature, and Director, Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, UConn, Stamford

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2000 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Please make your check of $50 per person (including lunch) payable to: Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford, and mail to: Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, UConn, Stamford, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901-2315

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Telephone Home Office

Number of Reservations Check Enclosed for

Groups of ten or more: $35.00 per person. FREE admission for college and high school students, but advance reservation is required.

For information call our office at 251-9525. Please help us better plan the day by responding no later than October 27!
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

FALL 2000 LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
Five Thursdays • 12:15 – 1:30pm

In the MPR on the 1st floor, at UConn Stamford

GOOD AND EVIL:
BIBLICAL VILLAINS AND THEIR LATER INCARNATIONS

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

In the popular Lunch & Learn Series Dr. Aschkenasy shares with her students her current research and scholarly interests which focus on the universal, dramatic, and psychological appeal of the biblical tales, their centrality in Western Civilization, and the influence they have exerted on the literary imagination from ancient to modern times. The Fall 2000 five-lecture course will focus on villains in biblical tales and biblically-inspired works.

Thursday, October 12
The Treacherous Levite:
The Tale of the Concubine

Thursday, October 19
The Bible-Quoting Charlatan:
Chaucer's Pardoner

Thursday, October 26
Jezebel and Ahab and Their
Shakespearean Incarnations,
Lady Macbeth and Her Husband

Thursday, November 9
The Tale of Tamar:
The Evil Rapist
Who Inspired Shakespeare

Thursday, November 16
David's Tough General:
Loyal Soldier or Machiavellian Politician?

(No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary, but if you wish to read the texts before the course starts, please read Judges 19, The Pardoner sections in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, 1 Kings, 19 & 2 Kings, 9, Shakespeare, Macbeth, and Robert Alter's translation of 1 and 2 Samuel, The David Story.)

Registration for Fall 2000 Lunch & Learn
Please make your check of $50 for the entire five-session series (including lunch) to: Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford, and mail to: Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies UConn, Stamford, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901-2315

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Registration for the entire series only! No pro-rating. Please register by October 3, 2000.
The Outreach Seminar

A Tapestry of the Jewish Experience: From Czarist Russia to Contemporary America

Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy & Dr. Sondra Melzer
Mondays, 10-12 noon, Sept. 11, 18, 25 • Oct. 2, 16, 23 • Room 226

Reading List:
Shirley Kaufman (ed.), The Defiant Muse: Hebrew Feminist Poems from Antiquity to the Present, Patterson & Spicehandler (eds.),
Random Harvest (a collection of never-before-translated stories by H.N. Bialik),
B. Malamud, The Assistant, D. Parker, The Portable Dorothy Parker,
P. Roth, American Pastoral.

To Register: Please make your check of $60 payable to: Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford, and mail to:
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DISCOUNT FOR COMBINED REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE AND THE LUNCH & LEARN SERIES: $100.

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THE CERTIFICATE IN JUDAIC & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford, offers a Certificate in Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies to students who have completed the Certificate requirements (in designated courses given through English, Hebrew, Sociology, Political Science and other departments). The Certificate track is open to all undergraduate students as well as to qualified non-degree students.

The Certificate qualifies students to teach in religious schools and prepare them for advanced training in Religious Studies, Judaic scholarship, Jewish communal work, Middle Eastern and Israel studies, as well as for professional careers in government work and foreign service which require knowledge of Israel and the Middle East.

Scholarships are available for Certificate candidates!

For more information please contact Prof. Nehama Aschkenasy at 251-8435/9525.
The Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford, now celebrating its twentieth year, is a learning and study resource offering credit courses within the academic curriculum in the Humanities as well as non-credit outreach programs for the community at large in all areas of Judaic culture, literature, and history, from antiquity to modern times. The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs and activities in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects. Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community support and has been financially supported by individual community members, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

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The Board of the Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies, its Chairman Edward Backer, and its founding Director, Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, wish to acknowledge with gratitude the efforts and vision of the 2000 Allocations Committee of the UJF of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. We welcome a new era of strong partnership between the Center and the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, both working towards the enrichment and enhancement of the knowledge of Judaism, the Jewish heritage, Israel, and the unique Jewish contribution to Western civilization and contemporary American culture.

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