From Our Director’s Desk:

Recently, the nomination and confirmation of a new Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court generated intense public debate and focused attention on our Supreme Court and the confirmation process. In our annual Kuriansky Conference, we will revisit a similar event with a Jewish angle, that of the nomination of the first Jew to the U. S. Supreme Court. We are very proud to have secured a distinguished legal scholar, Professor Jeffrey Rosen of George Washington University Law School and the National Constitution Center, who counts among his many scholarly publications a book on Justice Louis Brandeis. Please open this Newsletter to read more on this exciting event, when our renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Rosen, will be joined by two other accomplished legal scholars at our longstanding tradition, the Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference.
2017 Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 • 7:00-9:30PM • GenRe Auditorium, UConn-Stamford

Dr. Jeffrey Rosen
The Legacy of Justice Louis D. Brandeis
and Why He Matters Today

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Daniel Weiner
Vice President for Global Affairs, University of Connecticut
Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy
Professor of Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies and Center Director,
University of Connecticut, Stamford

Keynote Address

DR. JEFFREY ROSEN

Jeffrey Rosen is Professor of Law at The George Washington University Law School. He is also the President and CEO of the National Constitution Center, a Contributing Editor of The Atlantic, and a nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. His newest book, Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet, was published on June 1, 2016, the 100th anniversary of Brandeis's Supreme Court confirmation. His other books include The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America, the best-selling companion book to the award-winning PBS series; The Most Democratic Branch: How the Courts Serve America; The Naked Crowd: Freedom and Security in an Anxious Age; and The Unwanted Gaze: The Destruction of Privacy in America. Rosen is coeditor, with Benjamin Wittes, of Constitution 3.0: Freedom and Technological Change. His essays and commentaries have appeared in The Atlantic, The New York Times Magazine, on National Public Radio, in the New Republic, where he was the legal affairs editor, and in The New Yorker, where he has been a staff writer. The Chicago Tribune named him one of the ten best magazine journalists in America, and the Los Angeles Times called him the nation's most widely read and influential legal commentator.

RESPONSE

Dr. David Yalof
Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, University of Connecticut

MODERATOR OF PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

Dr. Howard Erichson
Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

Please register in advance by using the included registration card or by contacting the Center at (203) 251-9525 or stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu.
### REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2017 LUNCH & LEARN

**Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2 & 9 • 12 Noon–1:30 PM**

Please make your check of $50 for the entire four-session series (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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Dietary Laws observed.

Registration is for the entire series only! Please register by THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017.

Discounts for local students and educators but advance registration is required.

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The Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference is **FREE** for our Lunch and Learn students, but advance registration is required.

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**To help us better plan the event, please respond by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017.**

Free admission for the UConn community, other local students and educators, and non-profit professionals, but advance registration is required.

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Professor Nehama Aschkenasy recommended two of her students **COREY FRATE** and **IQRA SABIR** for the prestigious 2016-2017 annual campus student awards. This is what Dr. Aschkenasy said:

**COREY FRATE** took three courses in Judaic Studies with me and distinguished himself as an intellectual young man and a terrific student! He is a History major, with a strong interest in current social and political issues. He stands out in class for his vast knowledge, extensive reading, and intelligent contributions to class discussions. I knew that if Corey was there then there would be interesting conversation. His interest in Judaic learning is phenomenal, *propelled by academic interest and intellectual engagement in today’s culture, ideas, and politics*. I found him mature, intellectually curious, and extremely interested in *discourse* on current events as well as the history of ideas. Corey is the kind of student we all like to have!

I also recommended Corey for a departmental award at the department at Storrs, and his record made a great impression on the professors there, because out of all the courses and qualified students that they had, they chose Corey!!

Good luck, Corey, and keep up the good work!!

**IQRA SABIR** took my course in Middle Eastern literature last spring. She impressed me as *very devoted to her studies, serious and focused. I felt in her a thirst to learn* and expand her horizons and also to engage in discourse that was not only academic but that affected lives. She *contributed in a major way to our class discussions and displayed an amazing understanding of the stories that come from the Middle Eastern cultures, and also a great wish to express herself and to hear other opinions. Mainly, what struck me in Iqra was not only an evident enjoyment of having a voice but her appreciation for – her gratitude for – being in an environment that allowed and even encouraged her to express her opinion and her own take of the stories! Time and again she let me realize how much she valued and cherished the forum that was given to her in our courses here to study and also articulate her opinions.*

This is what Iqra wrote me: “I find myself to be extremely fortunate for having moved to the United States of America at the age of eight to proceed with my career and become independent. I changed my major from Pharmacy to English because I hope to be able to educate myself to the point where I can become the voice of the women in Pakistan who struggle to achieve their goals on a daily basis.”

Thank you, Iqra, for being such a *great model of dedication and hard work* to your peers – and the best of luck to you in your career with us and beyond!
THE FALL 2017 LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
12:00 Noon — 1:30 PM / In the MPR on the 1st floor at UConn-Stamford

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

The Edith Samers & Edward Smith Lecture

The Politics of Jewish Emancipation 1780-1918

Dr. David Sorkin
Professor of Modern Jewish History
Yale University

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

The Saul Kwartin Memorial Lecture

Rabbi A. I. Kook, Founder of the Chief Rabbinate:
An Orthodox Revolutionary and His Lasting Impact

Dr. Yehuda Mirsky
Professor of Near Eastern & Judaic Studies
Brandeis University

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Maria & I shier Jacobson Annual Lecture

From Moses to Joseph (Lieberman):
The History of Jewish Participation in the Political Process

Dr. Beth Ginsberg
Professor of Political Science
University of Connecticut, Stamford

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The Nina & Norman Lotstein Lecture

The Parting of the Ways: How Judaism and Christianity Went Their Separate Ways

Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele
Pastor, Union Memorial Church, Stamford

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UConn garage is CLOSED—parking available in nearby garages

Please open for registration forms!!

The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn-Stamford, now in its thirty-seventh year, offers credit courses within the academic curriculum in the Humanities as well as outreach programs for the community at large in all areas of Judaic culture, literature, and history, from antiquity to modern times, Israel, Middle Eastern literature and politics, and interfaith studies.

For over three decades, the Center has established a learning community around itself which gathers for intellectual discussions of scholarly and contemporary issues. The Center’s outreach programs are attended by diverse groups from our region.

The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects. Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community recognition and has been financially supported by individuals, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

THE CENTER IS A RECIPIENT AGENCY OF THE UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER STAMFORD, NEW CANAAN AND DARIEN.

CREDIT COURSES
The following credit courses will be open to community audits in the FALL 2017:

Literature and Civilization of the Jewish People, HEJS 1103
Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Tues/Thurs, 2:00-3:15 PM, R TBD

Religion & Politics, POLS 2998W
Dr. Beth Ginsberg, Mon/Wed, 1:25-2:15 PM, R. TBD

Classes begin August 28th. Seats are limited.
Senior audits should register through the Office of the Registrar, (203) 251-8555, beginning on September 11th. For more information on our credit courses or Certificate program, please contact the Center at stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu or (203) 251-9525.

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