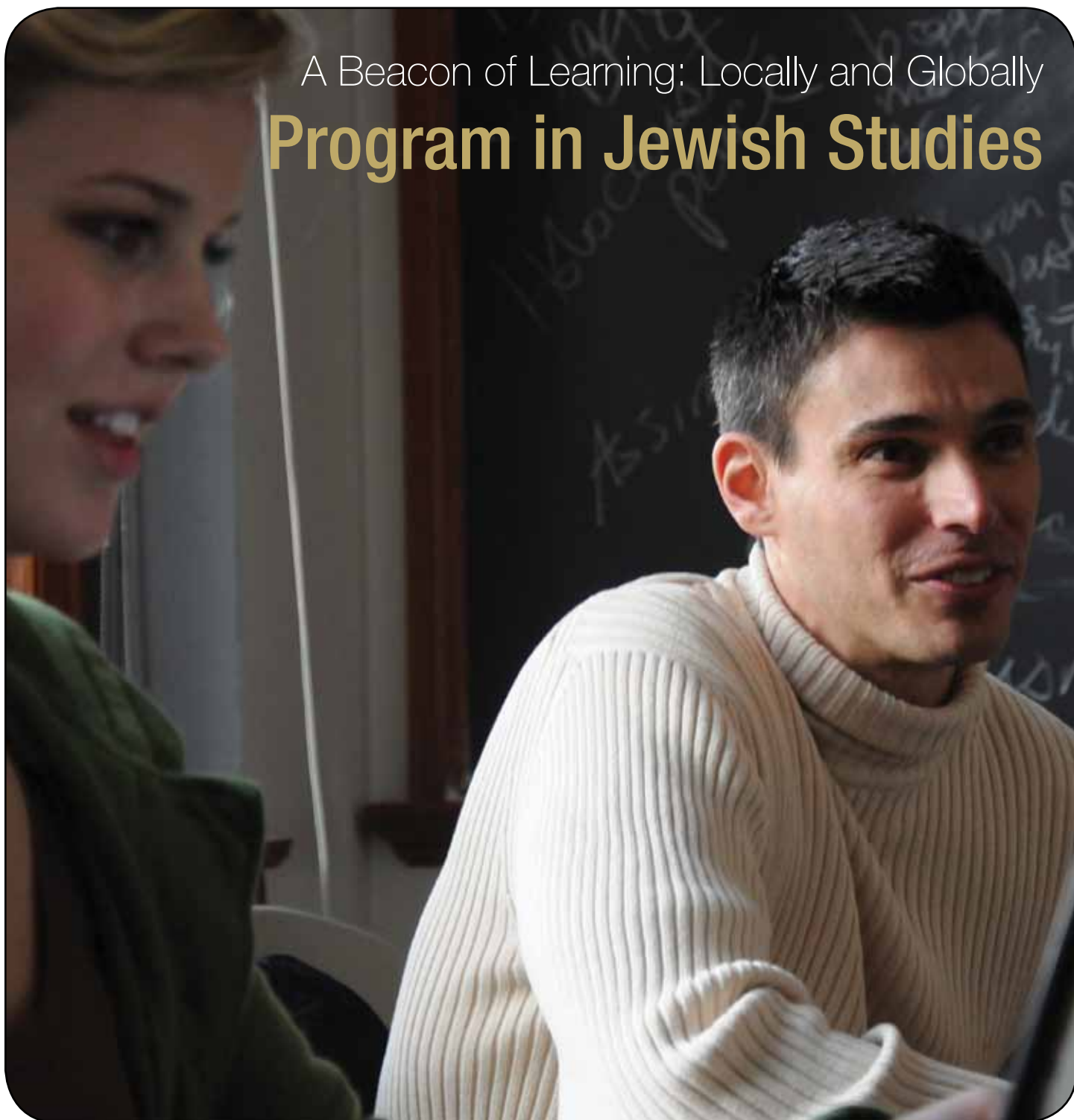


Creating Futures

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

A Beacon of Learning: Locally and Globally
Program in Jewish Studies



Global Resonance, Ethical Engagement

For thousands of years, Jews and their cultures have informed philosophy, society, history, and politics worldwide. As our society strives to provide students with an educational foundation that helps them think globally, the University of Colorado Boulder's Program in Jewish Studies uses the experiences of the world's oldest global people to help answer our most pressing questions.

If You Will It, It Is No Dream

Through tireless efforts of CU faculty, administration, and the community, the Program in Jewish Studies was launched in 2007. Recognizing the discipline's importance to a university committed to the liberal arts, globalization, and community engagement, the university allocated a senior tenure line to the program. In 2008, Professor David Shneer was hired to direct the program. A "taboo-breaking" scholar (*Tikkun* magazine) focusing on modern Jewish history, society and culture, Shneer brings an international profile to CU's program.

Under Shneer's leadership, and with support from the growing affiliated Jewish Studies faculty, course offerings have tripled, and student enrollment grows every semester. The faculty and students have proposed a major in Jewish Studies, which would make CU the only degree-granting Jewish Studies program in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Program faculty expanded in 2009 with the hiring of Robert Adler Peckerar, associate professor of Jewish literature and culture. The Hebrew program was also expanded under the leadership of Zilla Goodman to offer three full years of modern Hebrew. Added resources have allowed us to bring Caryn Aviv, who teaches in Anthropology, International Affairs and oversees our Community Internship in Jewish Studies; and Julie Lieber, who teaches in Jewish history and Religious Studies, to meet growing student demand for more courses.

We rely on community partnerships to continue growing the program and meet student demands.
Your support will help us grow the program.



Senior instructor Caryn Aviv teaching *Global Jewish Secular Societies*.

Barry and Susan Baer were early donors to the Program in Jewish Studies. Each year, their endowed scholarship supports a promising Jewish Studies student who demonstrates academic success and is engaged in *tikkun olam*, improving the world.

"The Program in Jewish Studies was a deciding factor in me attending CU," says **Carly Coons '12**, International Affairs major and 2009 Baer Scholarship recipient. "It has helped me explore Jewish culture and Judaism from an academic perspective and, most importantly, provided me with a global point of view."



Barry and Susan Baer with the Coons family.

A Curriculum that Traces Diverse Threads

While the program features core offerings in Jewish history and thought, other courses such as Jews Under Islam (funded by an individual donor), After the Holocaust, Radical Jews, Israeli literature, and a new service-learning, community-based internship program demonstrate the program's contemporary, forward-thinking focus.

As part of the university's goal of strengthening global connections, we offer study abroad opportunities from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv to London, Berlin, Beijing, and beyond. Our first global seminar, "Venice: Cradle of European Jewish Culture," sent CU students to the heart of Europe, and we are developing a second that will send students to Israel to examine environmental and water issues and the role resource scarcity plays in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Adding to the program's teaching distinction is a focus on *hevruta* — a traditional Jewish way of learning text that is collaborative, peer-to-peer and deeply engaged. The *hevruta* method is a core pedagogical model of Jewish Studies classes, attracting students who want a deep and intimate learning experience on a large university campus.

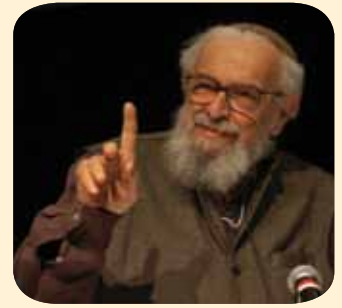
Strengthening Jewish Studies will:

- **Better serve Colorado students** with world-class faculty and Jewish learning that, in the past, was only available hundreds of miles away
- **Bolster the university's appeal to out-of-state students**, garnering recognition on an international scale and generating tuition revenue that strengthens the university
- **Enhance regional outreach** with CU Art Museum collaboration, service-learning internships and community engagement
- **Contribute to the body of knowledge about Jewish life, history, culture, art, and society** through research by renowned scholars who have won prestigious fellowships, published key books in their fields, and are frequent speakers at conferences around the world
- **Further broad appreciation** of Judaism's diverse ideas, traditions, and philosophies, and pave the way for common ground in global conflicts and political realms

In 2010, the Program in Jewish Studies together with the CU Libraries and Library Archives acquired the **Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi archives**.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, better known as Reb Zalman, is considered the father of the Jewish Renewal movement, which is a recent movement in Judaism that works to reinvigorate modern Judaism with mystical teachings and contemplative practices influenced by Hasidism. Reb Zalman is also an important leader in the Spiritual Eldering movement and a participant and leader of interfaith dialogues worldwide.

The acquisition of such an important archive makes CU a world hub for the study of Jewish renewal and Jewish mysticism.



Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

Rabbi Daniel Goldberger was one of the most respected rabbis on the Front Range. A prominent leader of local Jewish organizations as well as the founder of the first Jewish-Catholic interfaith dialogue, he was an early advocate of Jewish Studies at CU, and upon his passing in 2007, the Daniel and Ida Goldberger Fund was established to fund Jewish Studies

and to honor the example of this revered rabbi. In 2010, this fund was directed toward helping CU students pursue Jewish Studies education through study abroad or cultural immersion programs.



Pulitzer Prize winner Art Spiegelman with Ida Goldberger

In 2011, the Program in Jewish Studies received a generous gift to endow the **Louis P. Singer Chair in Jewish History**. Sisters and CU alumnae **Midge Korczak** and **Leslie Singer Lomas** wanted to honor their father who stoked their love of history and respect for civil rights. Louis P. Singer, a partner in the securities firm Troster-Singer, had a keen personal interest in intellectual debate, philanthropy and civil rights. He cared deeply about education and understood the importance of institutions fostering an understanding of diverse religions and cultures.

“At a time when globalization has become a must in education, the Singer Chair in Jewish History will ensure that CU students will be able to study the history of the world’s oldest global people long into the future.” says **David Shneer**, professor of history, Jewish Studies Program director, and inaugural Singer Chair.



Louis P. Singer

To learn about the many ways you can make a gift:

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How You Can Help

Faculty Development: Our most pressing need is to hire new and permanent faculty.

You can help by supporting the **Bender Foundation’s matching grant**, which funds Jewish Studies educational programs at all levels and enables us to recruit and retain faculty who have the wisdom and passion to spark Jewish learning for this and future generations. Your gift will be matched up to \$50,000. Online gifts can be made at www.cufund.org/bender.

Diversification of Curriculum: Help underwrite new courses in areas such as Yiddish studies, Sephardic studies, Israel studies, American Jewish History, and Middle Eastern Jewish Culture.

Undergraduate and Graduate Students: With scholarships and fellowships, we can ensure that the most enthusiastic and promising Jewish Studies scholars can attend CU, regardless of background or circumstance.

Your gift will ensure that CU takes its place as a beacon of learning for future leaders.

Our development officers can help you match your areas of interest with the program’s strategic priorities, and help you leave a legacy that will generate scholarship and understanding for years to come.



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