



Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies

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Director's Message

As we begin 2016 at the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, we celebrate the successes of 2015 and look forward to the events still to come this year. In keeping with our mandate to forge strong, enduring connections between the University and the community, the fall of 2015 brought with it several key events that exemplified this mission. On October 7, the Developing Future Leaders conference highlighted the focus of these partnerships with its theme *Partners in Emerging Leadership: Campus and Community*. The conference brought together scholars, Jewish community leaders, and members of the community at large to discuss the topics of best practices in engaging the next generation of leaders, and forging strong University/community partnerships.

As we read in the Babylonian Talmud, tractate Kiddushin, "Study leads to action", and this was amply exemplified by the 2015 Limmud, held on November 1 at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. During this full-day event, Carleton faculty, affiliated ZC researchers, students, and other speakers came together to teach and learn. Among the many speakers were Professors Zeba Crook and Kimberly Stratton on *Memory and Story in Nascent Judaism*

and *Christianity*, on the repurposing of the Exodus story in the centuries following the Jewish revolts against Rome, as well as a panel discussion I had the pleasure of facilitating, featuring Lauren Shaps and Nikki Shapiro, on the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP), an outreach program that brings Jewish mothers to Israel for an experience often referred to as 'Birthright for Mommies'.

The fall of 2015 also marked the beginning of a special and important initiative, and we at the ZC are immensely proud to announce the launch of The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) at the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish

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Studies. Under the expert direction of Mina Cohn, CHES has the vital, guiding mission of developing and offering educational programs and activities that promote a deeper understanding of the history and legacy of the Holocaust. This new Centre has already begun to bring together academics, educators, survivors, students, community members, and other partners, and we at the ZC could not be more delighted.

Held on November 8, the inaugural event for CHES included a screening of the film *Shores of Light*. Registration for this event exceeded our expectations; so much so that we needed to book a larger room on campus. President Runte

and His Excellency, Ambassador Rafael Barak, opened the evening by speaking powerfully about the role of the university in remembering the Holocaust and the state of anti-Semitism today. The film was followed by a talk by Cypora Leb, who paid tribute to the memory of her parents, Miriam and Moshe Altman and the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis. Leb's presentation of the book *Czenstochow – Our Legacy*, a memoir written by survivors who made their way to Montreal, and the birthplace of Leb's parents, was both heartwarming and most fitting. I greatly look forward to working with Mina Cohn and her team to help make CHES an essential centre and resource for Holocaust education for the public and researchers alike.

With the new semester well underway, the ZC team and I are already thinking of next year's programming. We are excited to move forward on our plans to highlight Jewish Studies and Law in 2017 in honour of the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation under the leadership of ZC faculty member Professor Betina Kuzmarov and ZC research affiliate Jonathan Malino.

Wishing our affiliated faculty, researchers, students, and friends, a meaningful and successful semester of learning, teaching and research. May we all go from strength to strength.

Professor Deidre Butler,
Director

Recent and Upcoming Events — Winter 2016

On January 27, to mark International Holocaust Memorial Day, the Embassy of Italy—in collaboration with Centro Primo Levi, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, and the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship—screened the documentary film, *The Island of Roses: A Tragedy in Paradise*. The event took place at Library and Archives Canada.

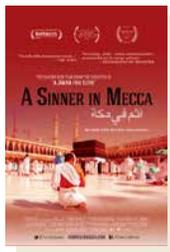
The Zelikovitz Centre is pleased to have hosted the InterSEXtionality: Faith, Gender and Sexuality Film Festival in collaboration with SCM, which ran from February 1-4, 2016 at Carleton University. The four-day film festival served to explore issues of gender and sexuality in Navaho spirituality, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity through select documentaries and short, facilitated discussions following each film. This year's roster included:



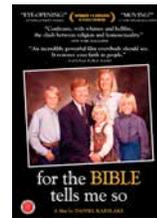
Two Spirits (2009)
Trailer: <http://twospirits.org/trailer/>



Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School (2005)
Trailer: <http://www.keshetonline.org/resource/hineini-coming-out-in-a-jewish-high-school/>



A Sinner in Mecca (2015)
Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzshP2k5FMk>



For the Bible Tells Me So (2007)
Trailer: <http://forthebibletellsmeso.org/media.htm>

Event	Date/ Location	Event Description
Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship Public Lecture: <i>"Auschwitz and its Authenticity – How to Preserve Memory."</i>	Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:30am The Polish Embassy: 443 Daly Avenue, Ottawa.	Our distinguished speaker: Mr. Piotr Cywiński, Director of Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum. Please register for the event at: ottawa.info@msz.gov.pl
"Memory and Identity: From the Exodus and Black Literature to the Digital Age."	Wednesday, March 2, 2016 11am – 2pm Location: 608 Robertson Hall (R0), Senate Room.	The Zelikovitz Centre presents this year's faculty colloquium as a platform for the scholarly exploration of memory and identity with a particular focus on Jewish history. Our panelists address the complex dynamics of this correlation from four different perspectives: from antiquity to the new media age. Panelists: Dr. Sarah Phillips Casteel, Associate Professor of English; Dr. Jennifer Evans, Associate Professor of History; Dr. Kimberly Stratton, Associate Professor of Religion in the College of the Humanities; and Dr. Ira Wagman, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Carleton University.
Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship Public Lecture: <i>"A Heroic Life."</i>	Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4 – 6pm The Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa: 57 Louis-Pasteur Private.	<i>"A Heroic Life,"</i> is a new biography about Raoul Wallenberg, written by award winning Swedish journalist and author, Ingrid Carlberg. A panel discussion will follow the author's presentation.
Annual Graduate Student Conference: <i>"Religion, Politics, and Culture."</i>	April 25, 2016 Time/Location: TBA	Each year, the ZC is pleased to sponsor an interdisciplinary graduate student conference on a theme that brings students working in the area of Jewish Studies into conversation with each other. These students study and produce research in a wide range of disciplines, including Art History, Biology, Law, Neuroscience, Political Economy, Religion, and Sociology.



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Faculty Members' Corner



BETINA APPEL KUZMAROV

is Associate Dean (Student Success) and Assistant Professor in the Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University.

Sometimes you have to leave home to realize your core values. I always knew I had a strong Jewish identity, but it was only when I started my Ph.D. in the North-East of England (Hull, to be exact, which always confuses people in Ottawa!) that this identity was foregrounded for me. I can drink my double-double with the best of them, but I came to love hearing Torah read with a thick Yorkshire accent! Since that time, I have been running a parallel track of research to my core international law and cultural property in Jewish law, and particularly the Jewish influences on international law, publishing one article on this subject. But, now, I am so excited to make the focus of my newest research project Jewish law, in particular agunot in Canada (title to be fleshed out), in what I hope will be a larger collaboration with Deidre Butler, Director of the Zelikovitz Centre. The aim is to interview and document (and perhaps even film) poskim, as well as women involved with the batei din to map the terrain for this flash-point issue for Jewish women. First steps will include a literature review to allow us to apply for an internal grant to start interviewing people. I am so excited to continue to share this research with you as it develops!

— Betina Kuzmarov

Research Affiliates Spotlight

The Zelikovitz Centre is strengthened by a growing network of research affiliates. These researchers are emerging scholars, graduate students, fellow faculty at other universities, and independent scholars. With each newsletter we will highlight the research of several of these colleagues.

JONATHAN W. MALINO

is Professor of Philosophy and John A. Weissenfluh Professor of Ethics and Religion, Emeritus, at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Columbia University, where he taught for five years, and rabbinical ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. At Guilford, he chaired the Philosophy Dept. for eighteen years, served as faculty head, and played a leading role in academic events planning.

Jonathan's research and publications have centered on philosophy of language, philosophy of religion, including the philosophy of Moses Maimonides, and philosophical psychology, particularly the concept of individual autonomy.

Jonathan has been a visiting professor of Philosophy at the Hebrew University, and from 1982-2007 was the American coordinator of the Shalom Hartman Institute's annual international philosophy conference in Jerusalem. In 2004, he edited *Judaism and Modernity: The Religious Philosophy of David Hartman*, and in 2012, he contributed "Interpretation, Modernity and the Philosophy of Judaism" to the *Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era*.



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship



Introducing Mina Cohn, Director of The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship

As a child of Holocaust survivors growing up in Israel, the last thing I sought to do was be involved with Holocaust education and programming. I was interested in archaeology and was anticipating a professional adult life focused on research in that area. However, after moving to Canada and having a family of my own, Holocaust remembrance slowly became an area of interest and importance. Joining the Ottawa Shoah Committee was a natural step. I have been involved with The Ottawa Shoah Committee since the late 80's and for five and a half years served as the committee's chair. I believe that in the face of today's challenges it is essential that we ensure that the Holocaust is never forgotten and that the

teaching of its legacy continues.

In early 2015, we started to seriously explore ways to establish a Centre for Holocaust Education in Ottawa. Recognizing that Ottawa was the only major city in Canada not to have such a Centre compelled me to work towards the realization of this goal. Following some research, a Founding Committee including survivors, children of survivors and educators was established. Shortly thereafter, we approached Deidre Butler, Director of the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, to discuss the creation of a Centre for Holocaust Education.

The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) at Carleton University's Zelikovitz Centre was launched

on November 8, in the presence of the Roseann O'Reilly Runte, President and Vice-Chancellor of Carleton University, His Excellency, Rafael Barak, Ambassador of Israel, His Excellency, Werner Franz Wnendt, Ambassador of Germany, His Excellency, Balint Odor, Ambassador of Hungary, His Excellency, Selçuk Ünal, Ambassador of Turkey, as well as dignitaries and representatives from other embassies.

Our launch event included the screening of the documentary *Shores of Light* and a short and poignant presentation by Cypora Leb, one of the babies born in Santa Maria di Leuca, who joined us from Montreal. Both the documentary and Mrs. Leb's words were warmly received

Future Plans:

CHES has arrived at an understanding with the Ottawa Jewish Federation and together we will develop Holocaust educational programs year-round, with a special focus on programming for Holocaust Education Month. Planning for November 2016 is already underway. The Committee is considering the theme "Holocaust and the Law"

with various programs related to this subject. More information will be available in the following months.

CHES is also working with Carleton University's MacOdrum Library to create a "Subject Guide" list of topics for Holocaust Education, which will be a valuable resource for scholars and teachers.

Join the CHES:

The CHES committee welcomes new members. Children of survivors are especially welcome to join. For more information, please contact:

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and left the audience very moved.

One of the goals of CHES is to ensure the continuity of Holocaust education through the active involvement of Holocaust survivors and their descendants. On December 9, we had our first very successful educational project in the form of a "Human Library" at a local high school with three survivors and three children of survivors. We anticipate working closely with the Ottawa school boards in the years ahead.

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CHES is privileged to have a dedicated committee whose members have considerable experience in developing and presenting Holocaust education programs with in-depth learning and commemoration opportunities for young and old throughout the year. The committee is currently planning programs for 2016. To be able to offer these programs and fulfill our mission and goals, CHES depends on donations and is also applying for grants. The Centre's major goal is to reach out to the public at large, promote respect for diversity and human rights, and sensitize the general public to the universal perils of anti-Semitism, racism, indifference, and hate.

I invite you to support our events in the future and look forward to seeing you as participants in our projects.

Mina Cohn



Mrs. Mina Cohn, Chairperson of CHES and Dr. Deidre Butler, Director of the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies at Carleton University, signing the documentation inaugurating their partnership

Documentary *Shores of Light* Shines at Inaugural Ceremony

By Marion Silver, Secretary of the CHES Committee

The inauguration of the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) was celebrated by a capacity crowd on Sunday, November 8, 2015. The first part of the evening was highlighted by the opening ceremony wherein Mina Cohn, Director of CHES, and Deidre Butler, Director of the Zelikovitz Centre, signed the rational document that describes their partnership. This formal procedure was followed by the screening of the documentary, *Shores of Light*, a film which details a hitherto untold chapter in the history of the Holocaust. It relates the story of displaced survivors who, having suffered through

the hardships and horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, were denied entry to permanent homes in what was then British Palestine. These survivors miraculously found sanctuary and warm hospitality in the Italian village of Santa Maria de Leuca.

The film was the brainchild of four Israeli women who chose to document the personal histories of their parents. In the making of the film, they uncovered the story of the wonderful relationship that existed between the poor local villagers and their survivor parents. Here, in Santa Maria de Leuca, survivors who had lost most of their loved ones were

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Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship

Photo: Ulle Baum



Left-right: front row: His Excellency, Pawel Wolowski, Ambassador of Poland, His Excellency, Fabrizio Nova, Ambassador of Italy, Mrs. Mina Cohn, director of CHES, His Excellency, Werner Wnendt, Ambassador of Germany, His Excellency, Balint Odor, Ambassador of Hungary. Second row: His Excellency, Rafael Barak, Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Miriam Barak, Mrs. Eleanor Wnendt-Juber

able to begin their lives anew. They got married and had children. In all, 200 Jewish babies were born in Santa Maria de Leuca between 1945 and 1948.

One such baby, Cypora Leb, née Altman of Montreal, was a distinguished guest at the event. In a moving address to the audience, Mrs. Leb remarked “my family and I are immensely grateful for choosing to honour the memory of our parents, Miriam and Moshe Altman, by paying everlasting tribute to them, to the six million Jews who perished, to the survivors, and to the righteous Italians who helped them rebuild their shattered lives.”

The audience, which consisted of a wide range of community members, was very enthusiastic about the initiative undertaken that evening. Benita Siemiatycki, former coordinator of the Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre, illustrates her commendation with the following comments: “I had the pleasure of attending the Centre’s inauguration...the movie was excellent and hearing first-hand from Mrs. Leb was another lesson in living history. The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship will play a positive and important role in educating the Ottawa community.” Mrs. Miriam Barak, wife of Israeli Ambassador Rafael Barak, and Rabbi Howard Finkelstein of Congregation Beth Tikvah both agreed that it was “an emotional and memorable evening.” This event was made possible thanks to the support of the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies and Carleton University.

Photo: Ulle Baum



Left-right: front row: Mrs. Mina Cohn, Mrs. Cypora Leb, His Excellency, Fabrizio Nova, Ambassador of Italy, and Mrs. Ida Sugar. Second row: His Excellency, Rafael Barak, Ambassador of Israel



Holocaust survivors, Miriam Cukierman and Moshe Altman, with their baby, Cypora.

“Human Library” Arrives at Cairine Wilson Secondary School

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, a limousine shuttled Holocaust survivors as well as children of Holocaust survivors to eagerly awaiting students of History and World Religions at Cairine Wilson Secondary School in Orleans. There, Mina Cohn, Director of the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES), Vera Gara, Ellie Bollegraaf, Tibor Egervari, Rubin Friedman and Marion Silver, were greeted warmly by the students and their teacher, Elaine Bryans. They were ushered into the library, which was beautifully decorated for the festival of Chanukah and Chanukah candles were lit. The tables were laden with blue and white place settings and each visitor was assigned a student server. The guests were then treated to a lunch painstakingly researched and meticulously prepared by the students in order to observe the rules of kashruth. During the lunch period, small groups of students were seated with each speaker who described either their own or their parents' experience during the Holocaust, as well as aspects of Judaism that were of interest to them. After lunch, two other World History classes along with their teacher, Kerra Wadley, joined the survivors and the children of survivors. The students were keen listeners, came prepared with questions, and were enthusiastic participants in the discussions that ensued. They demonstrated the utmost respect for the subject and were a credit to their school. Before leaving the school,



Two students from Cairine Wilson Secondary School holding up welcome signs.

as a token of appreciation, each visitor was handed a bouquet of flowers. It is indeed gratifying to know that there are teachers who are striving to help young people appreciate the events of history and who are guiding them in finding their place in today's very challenging world. The visit to Cairine Wilson Secondary School was the first of many that CHES plans to conduct in co-operation with local school boards in the Ottawa area.

As part of its mandate, CHES will continue to coordinate visits to schools in the Ottawa-Carleton area. We are in the process of informing schools about the steps they can take to invite a local survivor to speak to their students.

Ari van Mansum Award:

The Ari van Mansum Award is presented to a deserving teacher for excellence in Holocaust Education. This award is granted to the recipient during Holocaust Education Month each year. CHES is accepting nominees for this inspiring award. For more information about placing a nomination, please contact: minacohn@rogers.com



Child of Holocaust survivors, Rubin Friedman, lights Chanukah candles at Cairine Wilson Secondary School with Tibor Egevari, Marion Silver and Elly Bollograaf.



Left to right: Erin Dawson, David Osterer, Megan Hollinger, Miriam Nightingale, David Tanhelson, and Roger Greenberg at the Developing Future Leaders Conference on October 7.

DEVELOPING **FUTURE LEADERS** PROGRAM UPDATE

Watching the Developing Future Leaders (DFL) program grow and thrive has been extremely gratifying. I'm pleased to say that 2015 has flown by, and that DFL has been reoriented around a new budget and a set of growth-oriented goals.

During the fall of 2015, our DFL interns were placed in a wide variety of agencies, actively demonstrated their presentation, leadership, and networking skills during their first workshop of the year, and held a well-attended conference on the theme of university/community partnerships and young leadership.

During the second half of the 2015-16 academic year, DFL interns will continue to hone their presentation and problem-

solving skills through ongoing practice. They will also be exposed to real-world case studies, including examples of past and present leadership, to help them synthesize and learn. Another key goal in the coming months is to bring in more guest speakers to discuss topics related to Jewish leadership and community involvement with the DFL interns. Our partner agencies will be instrumental in helping us meet this mandate. This year, our partners include the following agencies and organizations:

- Tamir
- Ottawa Modern Jewish School
- Jewish Education through Torah
- Chabad

- Hillel Ottawa
- Jewish Archives
- Hillel Lodge
- The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs
- Jewish Federation of Ottawa

Working together, we've developed a process of continuous feedback from both the agencies and interns to better understand intern/agency relationships and to thereby nurture more enriching placements for all. We at the DFL program look forward to ongoing success in 2016 and beyond.

David Tanhelson
Interim Director, Developing
Future Leaders Program

A Focus on Emerging Leadership: Campus and Community

The Developing Future Leaders Conference 2015

In the Babylonian Talmud, Berakhot 63a, we read “In a place where there is no leader, strive to be a leader.” On October 7, 2015, the DFL program and the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies were proud to bring together a large group of established and emerging leaders and scholars who have answered this call for our Developing Future Leaders Conference. Held at the Fenn Lounge and chaired by ZC Director Deidre Butler, the event highlighted the importance of university/community partnerships, and called upon members of the Jewish community and the community at large to learn from each other and to discuss the challenges,

opportunities, strategies, and best practices with respect to attracting and training a new generation of leaders.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Andrea Freedman, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, who discussed the Ottawa Jewish

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-Babylonian Talmud, Berakhot 63a

Community Today. This was followed by a dynamic panel of speakers on the topic of leadership and university partnerships, including Carleton’s own

professors Edward Jackson and Paloma Raggio and M.A. student Bernadette Johnson.

The following session, on young leadership trends and best practices brought together talented community leaders and professionals including Bram Bregman, Adam Moscoe, Ariella Kimmel, and Howard Fremeth of the Israeli Embassy. This was immediately followed by a panel on the Developing Future Leaders Program itself, chaired by Deidre Butler, and featuring David Tanhelson and Adam Moscoe.

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Left-right: Paloma Raggio, Bernadette Johnson, and Edward Jackson.

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and engagement, university/community partnering, and mentorship strategies. Speakers on this panel included Rodney Nelson of Carleton, who spoke about the Aboriginal Enriched Support Program, Erica Bregman, who described the Jewish-Somali mentorship program at Jewish Family Services, and Peter Andree of Carleton University, who spoke on the topic of community engagement.

Following Rabbi Reuven Bulka’s blessing over challah, conference attendees enjoyed a kosher buffet luncheon and addresses by Deidre Butler, as well as Carleton’s President Roseann O’Reilly Runte, and Roger Greenberg, Executive Chairman of the Minto Group and the founding donor of the DFL program. The keynote address was delivered by Barbara Crook, Director of the Danbe Foundation, who discussed the topic of “Dealing in hope: What makes a true leader?”

We’re delighted to say that the conference was a resounding success, with registration numbers that exceeded our initial forecast, conveying a clear message that bodes well for the future of leadership at both Carleton and in the Ottawa area – youth are taking up the mantle of leadership, and leading us all into the future.



Left to right: Erica Bregman, Rodney Nelson, and Peter Andree.



Left to Right: Barbara Crook, Roger Greenberg, and Roseann O’Reilly Runte.



Adam Moscoe, speaking on “how to strengthen the Jewish community by stepping outside of it.”



Limmud Ottawa 2015: A Student Voice on a Day of Learning

By Erin Drawson, M.A. candidate in Religion and Public Life and senior DFL intern

I was fortunate this year to continue working for Limmud Ottawa through the Developing Future Leaders (DFL) program. In November, over 300 people gathered at the Soloway JCC to learn, chat, and share a meal. The day was an overwhelming success thanks to the many volunteers, particularly Jenny Roberge, without whom Limmud Ottawa would not be possible. This year, I supported the Limmud team in any way I could: I attended most planning meetings and organized the panels and sessions for the program and website. It is amazing to see how much Limmud Ottawa has grown in only the one year since I have been working with them. This year

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featured over 60 speakers and a human library. I am proud to work for the Zelikovitz Centre and to see how sponsoring events like Limmud enrich the programming and are accessible to the greater Ottawa Jewish community and beyond. This year we had several sessions and panels in which ZC research affiliates shared their research and knowledge: Ira Wagman, Daniel Bernard, Zeba Crook, Kimberly Stratton, and the director of the ZC, Deidre Butler. Each of their sessions

or panels contributed to the programming with their range of topics. I love being a part Limmud and the Zelikovitz Centre and it is wonderful that the ZC is able to contribute to the Jewish day of learning each year. While next year I will not be a DFL student, I will continue volunteering for Limmud Ottawa not only because it is an important facet of the Ottawa Jewish community, but also because it is so much fun!



Cancellation Announcement: Religion 3850 Israel Travel Course

It is with deep disappointment that immediately before going to press, and due to circumstances beyond our control, it has become clear that our registration numbers have not met our required cut-off to allow the Israel Travel Course to go forward in May 2016. As a result, we must unfortunately postpone the course until 2018.

The course was to be led and taught by Professor Deidre Butler, with guest lectures by international scholars from Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University, and was intended for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as auditors and students from other universities.

We have promoted the Israel Travel Course as a transformative educational

experience, and it most certainly is. Unfortunately, due to the weakness of the Canadian dollar, in combination with the recent violence in Israel, we

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understand that students and parents may have been hesitant to register.

However, we are optimistic for the future of this course, and believe strongly in the importance of study in Israel,

which allows students to explore Jewish studies from a variety of perspectives, enriching both scholarship and the student experience. This course is a true labour of love for us at the Zelikovitz Centre; we are excited for students to experience the diverse learning opportunities for Jewish studies that Israel represents from Qumran, to Masada, ancient synagogues, Safed, and Yad Vashem.

We are deeply committed to moving forward with the support of Carleton University and our donors, to prepare for the next Israel travel course in 2018. The acting Dean of FASS, Catherine Khordoc, has enthusiastically supported the course, and has recommitted our funding for 2018. This is no small thing and speaks to how much Carleton values this initiative. We had begun to successfully fundraise for the course and we are pleased to confirm that all donations to support students are also being held for our 2018 cohort. We thank those who submitted their registrations, and who expressed interest in the course, and hope that they, and many others, will join us for this experiential, truly life-changing experience, in May 2018.

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