

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is the only university in New Jersey that offers a bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies. During its brief history, the department has grown significantly and enrollment in Jewish Studies courses exceeds 1,500 annually. The Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers offers an examination of all aspects of the Jewish experience from an interdisciplinary perspective. Courses offered by the department, which are open to all students, address the historical, social, cultural, religious and political life of Jews in the modern period and throughout the ages. The department draws on resources of the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life.

Each year, Jewish studies majors and minors are invited to apply for competitive awards granted to those who have distinguished themselves in the field of Jewish studies. This year, two additional awards have been established at the Bildner Center solely for the purpose of study in Israel. All full-time undergraduates at Rutgers are eligible to apply for these two awards, which are distributed through the Jewish studies department.

Eighteen Rutgers students, majoring and minoring in Jewish studies, were recognized at an awards ceremony May 3 for their academic achievements. The winners were:

Shlomo Aronoff of **Ewing** received the **Reitman Family Student Award**. He is majoring in Jewish studies and communications and plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



Shlomo Aronoff

Joshua Beil of **Elizabeth** received the **Maurice Meyer III and Irma Meyer Award**. He is majoring in Jewish studies and history and plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



Joshua Beil

David Corman of **Westfield** received the **Rudolph and Mary Solomon Klein Scholarship**. He is majoring in history and political science, and his minor is in Jewish studies. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



David Corman

Elizabeth Davis of **Madison, Wis.**, received the **Maurice Meyer III and Irma Meyer Award**. She is majoring in Jewish studies and history and plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



Elizabeth Davis

Rivka Falk of **New Brunswick**



Rivka Falk

Have you elected new officers for your group? Do you know a student who has been honored? Those are names in the news. Send the items to Names in the News, c/o The Jewish State, 320 Raritan Avenue, Suite 203, Highland Park, N.J. 08904. Or by fax (732/393-0026) or e-mail: (ron.ostroff@verizon.net). Photos are welcome.

received the **Leonard and Adele Blumberg Award**. She majored in Jewish studies and history and graduated in May 2005.

Elan Gorshein of **Wayne** received the **Louis Fishman Memorial Award**. He majored in psychology, and his minor was in Jewish studies. He graduated in May.



Elan Gorshein

Rena Gutholc of **West Long Branch** received the **Herbert and Jacqueline Klein Award for Study in Israel**. She is majoring in art history and political science, and her minor is in philosophy. She plans to graduate in the winter of 2007.



Rena Gutholc

Jesse Mandell of **South Bend, Ind.**, received the **Baruch S. And Pearl W. Seidman Award**. He majored in political science and his minor was in Jewish studies. He graduated in May.



Jesse Mandell

Dina Mann of **Fort Lee** received the **Rudolph and Mary Solomon Klein Scholarship**. She majored in Middle Eastern studies, with a minor in Jewish studies. She graduated in May.



Dina Mann

Arthur Meirson of **Hillsdale** received the **Baruch S. And Pearl W. Seidman Award**. He majored in Jewish studies, history and political science. He graduated in May.



Arthur Meirson

Danielle Orron of **East Windsor** received the **Gertrude and Jacob Henoch Memorial Award**. She majored in Jewish studies and her minor was in political science. She graduated in May.



Danielle Orron

Ariela Robinson of **Skokie, Ill.**, received the **Ruth Feller Rosenberg Award**. She is majoring in English and her minor is in Jewish studies. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



Ariela Robinson

Rachel Rosen of **Philadelphia** received the **Norma U. and David M. Levitt Award** and the **Harold and Betty Perl Scholarship**.



Rachel Rosen

She majored in visual arts and her minor was in Jewish studies. She graduated in May.

Richard Shusteris of **New Brunswick** received the **Margolin Family Award for Study in Israel**. He is majoring in political science and philosophy, and his minor is in Jewish studies. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2007.



Richard Shusteris

Aliza Silk of **West Orange** received the **Betty and Julius Gillman Memorial Award**. She is majoring in Jewish studies and her minor is in psychology. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2006.



Aliza Silk

Deborah Toplansky of **Union** received the **Harold and Betty Perl Scholarship**. She is majoring in Jewish studies and her minor is in labor studies. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2007.



Deborah Toplansky

Amy Weiss of **New Providence** received the **Baruch S. And Pearl W. Seidman Award**. She majored in Jewish studies and sociology and graduated in May.



Amy Weiss

Melanie Winer of **Elizabeth** received the **Bernice and Milton I. Luxemburg Award** and the **Sandra and Stephen M. Greenberg Award**. She is majoring in Jewish studies and her minor is in English. She plans to graduate in the fall of 2005.



Melanie Winer

The **Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley** in **East Brunswick** honored its past presidents at its **Lag B'Omer Dinner Dance** May 26.

Eileen Caplan Seaman, the school's first president, was originally a trustee of the **Hebrew Academy of Perth Amboy**. There, she realized Jewish education required a school closer to the younger Jewish population. Seaman approached several synagogues and public schools, searching for an appropriate location. **East Brunswick Jewish Center** shared her vision for a local Jewish day school, and the **East Brunswick Board of Education** also provided assistance. **Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley** opened its doors in 1981 with 98 students enrolled in pre-K through grade 6. It was, at the time, the largest opening enrollment and highest number of grades for a **Solomon Schechter Day School**. Seaman grew up in **Cleveland** and came to the **New York metropolitan area** as a student at **New York University**. She and her husband, **Allen**, now live in **Greenwich, Conn.**, where Seaman runs her law practice.

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