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**TO THE POINT:** Rutgers students recognized for excellence in Jewish Studies

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – On May 2nd, Rutgers students were recognized for their academic achievements in Jewish Studies. Dr. Richard Edwards, interim executive vice president for academic affairs, was the guest speaker at the event. Awards were also given for study abroad and for special research projects. In addition, an award was given to a graduate student in the Jewish Studies Department's new master's program for the first time. The seventeen graduating seniors of 2012 who had majored or minored in Jewish Studies at Rutgers were also recognized at the ceremony. The award ceremony is sponsored by the Department of Jewish Studies and the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Graduation Year</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>
Benjamin Applebaum	2012	New Brunswick	Middlesex
Julie Cannon	Graduate Student	Long Valley	Morris
Amanda Cove	2012	Somerset	Somerset
Bryce Diamond	2013	Out of State - New York, NY	
Shira Galler	2013	Ventnor City	Atlantic
Jason Gosnell	Graduate Student	Toms River	Ocean
Samuel Hollander	2013	Cherry Hill	Camden
Josh Jeffreys	2013	Cherry Hill	Camden
Hannah Johnson	2013	Branchburg	Somerset
Jessica Katz	2013	Freehold	Monmouth
Ariel Lubow	2014	Springfield	Union
Samuel Weiner	2012	Paramus	Bergen

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The Department of Jewish Studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to the academic study of all aspects of the Jewish experience at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Courses offered by the department, which are open to all students, address the historical, social, cultural, religious, and political life of the Jewish people from ancient times to the present. The Department of Jewish Studies works closely with the Bildner Center to promote Jewish studies at Rutgers.