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TO THE POINT: Rutgers students recognized for excellence in Jewish studies

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – On May 5, Rutgers students were recognized for their academic achievements in Jewish studies at a virtual end-of year celebration and awards ceremony. Awards were given both to undergraduate and graduate students and included grants for study in Israel. In addition, the event celebrated the graduating seniors in the department this year. The ceremony featured student presentations of their diverse research projects in the field, including: beliefs and attitudes about mental health services among first-generation, American-born Russian Jews; a study of political ecology and water politics in the Jordan River; and a documentary film about stories of Holocaust survival with a focus on Albania. The annual awards 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.

Student Name	Graduation Year	Town	County
Moyagaye Bedward	Graduate Student	Out of State – Flushing, NY	
Dina Fradkin	2020	Monroe Township	Middlesex
Hanna Graifman	2020	Out of State – Commack, NY	
Christine Jensen	2021	Neshanic Station	Somerset
Anuska Lahiri	2021	Vorhees	Camden
Amanda Leifer	2020	Englewood	Bergen
Ryan McGinnis	2020	New Brunswick	Middlesex
Brianna Newman	2022	Burlington	Burlington
Yael Rabin	2020	Highland Park	Middlesex
Brandon Roberts	2021	Livingston	Essex
Annabelle Sinoff	2020	Out of State – Silver Springs, MD	
Avraham Sommer	2021	Teaneck	Bergen
Steven Weinberg	Graduate Student	Out of State – Elkins Park, PA	

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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.

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