

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK  
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL**

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for **each** proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to [pcc-submissions@umd.edu](mailto:pcc-submissions@umd.edu).

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PROPOSED ACTION (*A separate form for each*) ADD      DELETE      CHANGE X

**DESCRIPTION**

Change the **name** of the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff **Center** for Jewish Studies to:  
Joseph and Rebeca Meyerhoff **Program and Center** for Jewish Studies

**JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES**

Unit currently functions as a Program:

- Tenure home for two faculty lines
- Houses Undergraduate and Graduate programs
- Seeks to create Israel Studies Institute (separate application)
- Seeks to house Religious Studies minor, and Israel Studies minor (in development)

Change regularizes the status of the "Center" within the USM and MHEC terminology and policy on Centers, Institutes, and Programs.

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**APPROVAL SIGNATURES - *Please print name, sign, and date***

1. Department Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_
2. Department Chair *Harjira Karpin* 9/9/09
3. College/School PCC Chair *MARJORIE VENT* 10/13/08
4. Dean *Elizabeth Lorraine* 10/24/08
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Chair, Senate PCC \_\_\_\_\_
7. Chair of Senate \_\_\_\_\_
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal to Change the Name of the Meyerhoff Center to  
The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Program and Center for Jewish Studies

**Rationale**

For historical reasons, the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies is anomalously designated. Called a “Center,” it houses academic “Programs” (the Jewish Studies Program, with its BA, undergraduate minor, and MA). Previously, it had not held tenure lines (all its faculty had 100% or 51% appointments in other units). However, for administrative reasons in the College of Arts and Humanities as well as in response to the increasingly Program-like profile that it maintains, the Meyerhoff Center was granted permission to hold two tenure lines. We hope to add a third at the beginning of the 2010 academic year. However, the designation of the Center has never been adjusted.

On the recommendation of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, we request that the Center’s designation be changed to:

The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff **Program and Center** for Jewish Studies

**Structure of the Center**

*1. Academic Programs and Institutes*

Currently, the Meyerhoff Center houses three MHEC-approved academic programs:

- Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies
- Post-Baccalaureate (Graduate) Certificate in Jewish Studies

The Center also houses two undergraduate Minors, with a third in preparation:

- Jewish Studies (approved)
- Religious Studies (approved)
- Israel Studies (in preparation)

The latter two require--but under the Center’s current designation as a Center, cannot presently receive--designated course rubrics (RELS, ISRL).

The new Joseph B. and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies will be housed within the Meyerhoff Program and Center, which will be the home for its academic programs. (Under our current designation as Center, such an arrangement is not possible.)

*2. Core Faculty*

a. Faculty with tenure homes in Jewish Studies

Maxine L. Grossman (Associate)  
Keila (Rachel) Manekin (Assistant)\*  
[Kay Professor for Israel Studies, newly created, currently unoccupied]

b. Faculty with joint appointments

Adele Berlin (Full, 51% English)  
Sheila Jelen (Associate, 51% English)  
Hayim Lapin (Full, 51% History)

c. Faculty with 100% appointments in other units

Bernard D. Cooperman (Associate, History)  
Nili Levi (Instructor, Languages, with job security)  
Charles P. Manekin (Full, Philosophy)  
Marsha L. Rozenblit (Full, History)  
Eric Zakim (Associate, Languages)

d. Faculty members with 100% appointments in other units will be given a 0% appointment in Jewish Studies. Under current Senate rules such members are entitled to vote in the unit. Any problems (for APT and other matters) that may be caused by the two current appointments will be addressed by the University policy for joint appointments.

e. Faculty with appropriate research interests may wish to be considered Core Faculty of the Program. This will require the approval of the tenure-home department and of the Dean of the appropriate college. Upon such approval, Jewish Studies will provide a 0% appointment for such faculty. The normal rules for joint appointments in APT votes and other matters will apply.

3. *Status as Meyerhoff Center Faculty*

Most faculty assignments to the Center currently operate on the basis of a 1993 memo by then-President William Kirwan that designated a number of occupied lines as Jewish Studies lines. At the time of the Center's last unit review, the status of these lines as Jewish Studies lines was affirmed by the Dean of Arts and Humanities (attachment). These lines are:

- The half lines associated with named professorships, currently occupied by Berlin, Cooperman, and Rozenblit. (Balance of appointment is funded from designated endowments in the Common Trust: Robert H. Smith, Louis Kaplan, and Harvey M. Meyerhoff funds respectively.)
- Three full-time faculty lines then in the Department of Hebrew and East Asian

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\* Created for FY 2008 as a spousal hire. Cost-sharing basis includes Kaplan fund, College of Arts and Humanities, Provost, and Department of Philosophy.

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(now in Asian and Eastern European in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures), currently occupied by Lapin, C. Manekin, and Zakim (two of which are no longer in the SLLC).

- The instructional line in the Department of Hebrew and East Asian (now SLLC) then and still occupied by Nili Levi.

Since then, the Center has added one additional Jewish Studies line (occupied by Sheila Jelen) of which 51% is currently allocated to English and more recently three lines in Jewish Studies proper (Grossman, K. Manekin, and the Kay Professorship line). The designation of the line shared with English as a Jewish Studies line was also affirmed in as part of the unit review, with the limitations placed on the permanence of all line allocations in the College, and with special considerations should Jewish Studies petition to move the line from the current departmental (and field) allocation.

#### *4. Operational Resources*

The Center's State Budget consists of funding for:

- 4 half-FTE faculty appointments
- A budget line for Hebrew Language instruction
- A budget line for Israel Studies, to be used for the Kay Professorship
- A director's stipend
- One exempt staff FTE
- Small operating and assistantship allocations.

The bulk of the operations of the Center (the balance of 4 faculty FTEs, a non-exempt staff FTE, extensive additional instruction through adjunct faculty in FY09 budgeted as another 4 FTE, conferences and other programs) is supported by a sizable endowment and gifted operating funds.

## Appendix A

The Jewish Studies Program at the University of Maryland is an academic unit, one that offers its own degrees including the BA and MA. As of August 23, 2005 it possesses two faculty FTE, Lapin (half), Grossman (full), and Jelen (half). A significant portion of the funding on Berlin's line is from endowment that resides in Jewish Studies. Only Grossman has her tenure home in Jewish Studies, because her degree and disciplinary orientation lies in Jewish Studies. All other faculty in Jewish Studies have their tenure home in whatever disciplinary department is most relevant. As such they are full-time members of Jewish Studies as well as of their disciplinary home unit.

Because of the anomaly presented by joint appointment of virtually the entire program faculty in more than one unit, it is important to be clear as to 'ownership' of these lines. This document defines these lines and the procedure that will be followed in case of a vacancy occurring in any of them.

To begin: all lines in the College of Arts and Humanities require the approval of the Dean before any new search can be made based on any given line.

The President of the University of Maryland, William E. 'Brit' Kirwan guaranteed certain assets as dedicated to Jewish Studies in 1993. These include a secretarial line and an operating budget, together with seven (7) named lines in various departments. These include three named and partly endowed chairs, two in History, and one in English. In addition four (4) were in the then Department of Hebrew and East Asian Languages and Literatures (held by professors Levy, Isaacs, Manekin and Berlin). These latter are now held by Manekin in Philosophy, Levy and Zakim in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and Lapin in History and Jewish Studies. These lines are committed to support of Jewish Studies, although there is, as always, leeway in who holds the position, what that person's expertise is, and in what unit they reside.

In addition, the Dean of ARHU has approved lines and funding for two new faculty, Professor Jelen (English and Jewish Studies) and Professor Grossman (Jewish Studies).

The lines noted above are all currently dedicated to Jewish Studies. Should any line become vacant, the relevant units must request permission of the Dean to search to fill those lines. No department, whether Jewish Studies or another disciplinary 'home' department, may unilaterally decide how to reallocate a line and only the Dean may ultimately decide to reallocate. The seven lines noted above as dedicated by President Kirwan to Jewish Studies will remain so dedicated as long as there is a Jewish Studies Program or Department. Lines provided by the Dean will remain as Jewish Studies lines subject only to possible recall by the university or the state of state funds. As with all lines in the college, 20% of state funds revert to the Dean when lines become vacant. Should Jewish Studies wish to move one of these lines to another department, including

