

JEWISH STUDIES EVENTS - SPRING 2009

We hope you can join us.

“Mamele (Little Mother)” Film shown with English subtitles

February 12, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 318 Bailey Hall.

Introduction by Renee Perelmutter, Assistant Professor of Slavic and Jewish Studies,

This is a part of the Yiddish Film Series, which is made possible by a Title VI Department of Education National Resource Center grant and the generous support of the KU Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies students, faculty and staff. Refreshments will be served.

"The Jewish-Pagan Dialogue"

Feb 16th, Monday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Hall Center Conference Hall

Azzan Yadin, Associate Professor, The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, Rutgers University

Co-sponsored by the KU Hall Center for the Humanities

“Failure of the Middle East Process”

March 2, Monday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union

Guy Ben-Porat, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public Policy and Administration in Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; currently (2008-2009), the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Professor at the University of California, Davis.

Sponsored by Israel Education Initiatives Associate, Israel on Campus Coalition

“Israeli Documentary Marathon”

March 8, Sunday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Spencer Museum of Art Auditorium

Co-Sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City, KU Hebrew Program, and KU Hillel

“Amerikaner Shadkhn (American Matchmaker)” Film shown with English subtitles

March 26, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 318 Bailey Hall.

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“Dutiful Daughters? Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue and Army Service”

April 6, Monday, 7:30–9:00 p.m. Kansas Room, Kansas Union

Caryn Aviv, Posen Lecturer in Secular Jewish Culture, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver

“The Dybbuk” Film shown with English subtitles

April 23, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 318 Bailey Hall.

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KU Jewish Studies faculty lecture series at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, KS

“Dybbuks in Jewish Folklore”

7:00 pm, Thursday, Feb. 19, at The Center

Renee Perelmutter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Slavic Languages and Literatures at KU

In Jewish folklore, a dybbuk is a possessing spirit, usually a soul of a dead person, that wanders restlessly until it finds a living host. The belief in dybbuks was especially prominent in early modern Eastern Europe; the persons possessed were taken to a baal-shem, a Hasidic rabbi who alone could exorcise the dybbuk. This presentation will explore Jewish attitudes towards mental illness and the conflicting concepts of afterlife as they emerge through folk narratives of possession. Excerpts from Ansky's famous film, *The Dybbuk*, will be shown.

This presentation is the first in a 3-part series, featuring faculty from the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Kansas. Watch for details on these upcoming presentations:

“Is Forgiveness a One-Person Business?”

7:00 pm, Thursday, March 19, at The Center

Sergey Dolgopolskii, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at KU

“Leaving the Hasidic Life: Does Dress Make the Jew?”

7:00 pm, Thursday, April 23, at The Center

Lynn Davidman, Ph.D., Beren Distinguished Professor of Modern Jewish Studies at KU