

News for Fall 2016

The JS faculty has been working very hard to keep Jewish Studies constantly developing.

We are just about to enter our second year of offering BOTH a Jewish Studies **minor** and a **major**. See our websites on the two programs: the [JS Minor](#) and the [JS Major](#).

And with the major, Jewish Studies is now an independent, stand-alone program (in years past, we have been "housed" in Religious Studies [2002-2012] and in the Center for Global and International Studies [2013-2016]).

We are also in our third year of sponsoring study abroad programs in Israel (Haifa University, Tel Aviv University, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem) and at Jewish Studies programs in other countries: check out the Office of Study Abroad: <http://studyabroad.ku.edu>.

In the summers, KU JS is excavating in southern Israel at Tell es-Safi, the site of ancient Gath, led by Professors Aren Maeir of Bar Ilan University and our own Eric Welch. Check out their [video!](#)

The Program has received several donations of books on Jewish subjects; we're beginning to amass quite a library!

This Fall, Professor Emeritus David Katzman begins academic research on the Jews and Jewish communities of the Midwest, focusing on Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area; he has two research assistants, chosen by a national search.

We are also planning special activities this year; check out our [calendar page](#) for more details.

We're getting better all the time!

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