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**E-COMMUNICATOR  
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER March 15, 2010**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, March 15**

10:10 am – Monday Forum Mosaic  
G-27 (details below)

**TUESDAY, March 16**

12:00 noon UMSA Lunch re Prison Ministry

4:00 pm “This is Where It All Began. This is Where It Will Begin Again”  
with Professor Martina Urban  
Garland Hall, Room 301F

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

10:10 am – Weekly Worship Service,  
All Faith Chapel

7:30 pm Ghosts of Home: The Afterlife of Czernowitz in Jewish Memory  
Sherith Israel Synagogue (details below)

**THURSDAY, March 18**

4:30 pm How Christians and Jews understand Jesus, the New Testament and each other  
Amy Jill Levine, Speaker  
Wilson Hall, Room 103 (details below)

**FRIDAY, March 19**

10:10 am – Coffee Hour – Reading Room

12:00 noon La Mesa

Common Room

12 noon SGA Organization Meeting

Div 138

12:10 pm – Service of Word and Table

Benton Chapel

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GALA Save the date -- April 9, 2010

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**Monday Forum**

10:10-11:00AM, Room G-27

Mosaic will be hosting the forum tomorrow at 10:10am in G-27. The topic will be revolving around issues of religious literacy, a key component and goal of the interfaith movement.

We teach our children to read so they can survive in society. We teach them math so they can survive. Where does a sound knowledge of religion come into this? Well, most world music would not make sense if one did not take into account the religious aspects of that music. Same idea with literature or history and even the natural sciences.

Do people understand the theological consequences of GW Bush using terms like "crusade" in reference to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq? Or why all fast food restaurants are advertising their fish fillet sandwiches right now? Politicians and big businesses understand how they are using religion in their campaigns and you should too.

Also, what happens as a result of religious illiteracy?

All these questions shall be answered tomorrow at the Monday forum. Hope to see you all there!

Mosaic e-board

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**Film screening and discussion**

**"The Burdensome Stone"**

**"This is Where It All Began. This is Where It Will Begin Again"**

**with Professor Martina Urban**

**March 16th, Garland Hall, Room 301F, 4:00 p.m.**

**....a fascinating recent Israeli documentary on the myth of the of the Foundation Stone in Jerusalem.**

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Marianne Hirsch and Leo Spitzer conjure the

Ghosts of Home: The Afterlife of Czernowitz in Jewish Memory

A reading, book signing, and picture show.

17 March, 7:30 PM, Sherith Israel Synagogue (3600 West End Avenue @ Bowling Avenue)

Everyone is invited.

Kaffee und Kuchen will be served.

(Courtesy of VU's Program in Jewish Studies and the S.I. Sisterhood)

In their just-published history and memoir, *Ghosts of Home* (University of California Press) Marianne Hirsch, William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, and her husband Leo Spitzer, the Kathe Tappe Vernon Professor of History Emeritus at Dartmouth College, tell the story of Czernowitz, an invisible city that used to exist in what is today the Ukraine. Called "the Vienna of the East," Czernowitz was a vibrant center of Jewish-German Eastern European culture that flourished under the Habsburg Empire until it was all but wiped out in World War II. The city lives on, however, not only in the memories of those inhabitants who were able to escape the Holocaust but also, fascinatingly, in the memories of their children who have received tales of Czernowitz "like a precious and haunted heirloom." Hirsch's parents were themselves "Czernowitzer" who escaped the oppressive regimes of the Nazis, the Romanians and the Russians. Accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, they traveled to Chernivtsi, as the city is now called, in 1998. Hirsch and Spitzer

intersperse a historical narrative with accounts of this and three subsequent trips Hirsch and Spitzer made to the Ukraine to create a moving account of the persistence of this city in a communal memory that crosses generations.  
For additional information, please contact Lynne Perler @ (615)322-5029.

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How Christians and Jews understand Jesus, the New Testament and each other subject of lecture March 18

Amy-Jill Levine, a leading Biblical scholar from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, will address "Jesus, Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations" on Thursday, March 18, at Wilson Hall, Room 103.

The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and is followed by a complimentary reception at 5:30 p.m. in Wilson Lobby The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-seated basis. Parking will be available in Terrace Place Garage at 21st Avenue South and Terrace Place.

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, Levine's most recent books include *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* (HarperOne), *The Historical Jesus in Context* (Princeton) as well as the 14-volume series *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings* (Continuum).

Levine's speech is part of the Chancellor's Lecture Series, which brings to Vanderbilt and the wider Nashville community intellectuals who are shaping the world today. For more information about the Chancellor's Lecture Series, visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellor/cls](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellor/cls), e-mail [cls@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:cls@vanderbilt.edu) or call (615) 343-2574.

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## ANTOINETTE BROWN LECTURE

Texts We Love to Hate: Dealing with the Hard Places in Tradition

to be delivered by Judith Plaskow, Ph.D.  
Professor of Religious Studies  
Manhattan College

Thursday, March 25, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
Benton Chapel  
Vanderbilt University Divinity School

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Vanderbilt University Divinity School Relevant Religion Series

March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Religion, War, and Reconciliation  
C. Melissa Snarr, Assistant Professor of Ethics and Society

### Religion, War, and Reconciliation

The twentieth century was one of the most violent on record and new forms of terrorism and warfare continue to define the beginning of the twenty-first century. This series will explore the role of religion (specifically Christianity and Islam) in contemporary warfare and peacemaking. We will ask when/if war is religiously justifiable? In what ways does religion contribute to terrorism? What are the practices and possibilities of religiously attuned peacemaking and post-conflict reconciliation?

Location  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3201 Hillsboro Road  
Nashville, TN 37215

Information and Online Registration  
[www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel\\_religion.php](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.php)  
(615) 936-8453

Cost  
\$10 per person  
CEUs available

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
PROGRAM IN JEWISH STUDIES  
2009-10 LECTURE SERIES: MUSLIMS AND JEWS

4:00 pm Wednesday, March 24, 2010  
The Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

“Muslims and Jews: A Faculty Roundtable Discussion”

Leor Halevi will moderate and Richard McGregor, David Wasserstein, Lenn Goodman, Julia Cohen and Phil Lieberman are participating.

### JOB POSTINGS

STUDENT PASTORATE OPENING - The Trenton/Bell's Chapel charge (Bowling Green District/Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church) is located an hour northwest of Nashville on the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Trenton UMC (membership 76, avg worship 35-40) is a small village church; Bell's Chapel UMC (membership 41, avg worship 20) is in a beautiful rural setting. Base salary: \$26,000. A parsonage (near the Trenton church) and all utilities also are offered. A May, 2010 Vanderbilt Divinity School graduate has served this charge for the past 9 years. Students interested in an on-site interview and/or more information should contact DS Mike Powers (information listed below).

Please send information to be included in the weekly E-Communicator to [sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu) by Thursday afternoon of each week.

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