

WOMEN'S NEWS

How and Why Hadassah Began Youth Aliyah

By Bunny Bramson, President, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

In 1933, Recha Freier, a Rabbi's wife, fearful of what was

happening in Germany, and what it appeared to signal for the future, began Jugend Aliyah Hano'ar – Youth Aliyah with German youth

leaders in order to resettle Jewish children in Palestine. Children, in large part, who would never see their parents again. The project was desperately urgent, as Hitler's agenda, as the newly elected Chancellor, was rolling out in all of its horrifying decadence.

Henrietta Szold, concerned at first, at the separation of children from their parents and the effects that might have, became persuaded that the greater need was to protect these young people from almost certain destruction. Ms. Szold became the first director of Youth Aliyah and met the first 43 "kinder" at the dock in Haifa. She would continue this practice. These children

became hers, in every sense of the word.

Indeed, her concerns about their separation from parents, family, friends, home, school, country spurred multiple and critical studies by renowned psychologists, physicians, and teachers on the effects of this great humanitarian movement on the children's futures.



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Once again, we note that multi-dimensional mind of Henrietta Szold, her pragmatism and her foresight and her vast ability sustained by great physical stamina.

Her works, her ideas, her innate humanity are lessons which inspire and urge us forward, no matter the seeming obstacles.

And, we are grateful. ✧

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Jewish Studies Program Established at University of South Carolina

A Jewish-studies initiative that began in 2007 at the University of South Carolina has officially been made an academic program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Jewish Studies Program is an interdepartmental and interdisciplinary program under the direction of Dr. Stanley Dubinsky, a professor of linguistics in the English department.

"Jewish studies will enrich academic and cultural experiences for all of our students and will offer programming that will benefit communities in Columbia and throughout South Carolina, a state whose Jewish history extends back to the end of the 17th century," Dubinsky said. "It is gratifying to have now received official recognition for the program, which has prospered from the hard work of so many."

Committed to expanding an academic profile in the area of Jewish studies, the university recruited and hired, in 2007, Jewish-studies faculty members in the English, history and religious studies departments of the College of Arts and Sciences. Since then, the developing program has added more than a dozen affiliate faculty from numerous disciplines, co-sponsored a variety of events on campus, begun offering courses in several academic fields, enhanced Jewish student life at the university and created a Web site that serves the campus community, as well as the Jewish community at large.

For more information about the University of South Carolina's Jewish Studies Program, visit the Web site www.cas.sc.edu/jstp/ or contact Dubinsky at 803-777-2208 or dubinsky@sc.edu. ✧

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