

# Lehrhaus Judentum

The Lehrhaus Judentum, established in Berlin in 1920 by Franz Rosenzweig, was a center for adult continuing Jewish education. The goal, in the words of historian Louis Jacobs, was to help Jews "in the quest for a Judaism that spoke to their condition and would be authentic for them."

In that same spirit, the Center for Jewish Studies and Jewish Federation of Volusia County are proud to recreate the Lehrhaus by sponsoring a series of free lectures during the 2004-5 academic year. Thanks to a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, you will have the chance to hear three distinguished scholars from UF explore important dimensions of Jewish culture and history.

Established in 1973, the Center for Jewish Studies at UF is now the largest and most comprehensive program of its kind in the South. Made up of 30 faculty experts on Jewish history, literature, philosophy, religious thought, politics and society, the program offers a bachelor's degree; an undergraduate minor, and is developing a graduate program.

In addition to its academic programs, the Center also coordinates study abroad programs, sponsors the Summer Holocaust Institute for Teachers, provides support for graduate research, and sponsors exhibitions of art and photography. The Center also enhances the University's library resources through the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica which currently contains more than 70,000 volumes on Jewish life.

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Presented by the Center for Jewish Studies, University of Florida,  
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# The Ghosts on the Wall

**Sunday, December 5, 2004**

**Kenneth D. Wald** is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida. A member of the State of Florida Task Force on Holocaust Education, he founded UF's Summer Holocaust Institute for Teachers.

The lecture recounts the daily lives of Wald's grandparents from Kristallnacht late in 1938 until they were deported to a concentration camp in March, 1943. Based upon a trove of letters they wrote from Germany, Wald will discuss how they coped with quiet courage as their world collapsed around them.



# A Dignified and Well-Ordered Ritual: Reform Judaism in its German Context

**Sunday, February 6, 2005**

**Mitchell Hart** is the Alexander Grass Eminent Scholar of Jewish Studies and an associate professor in the Department of History at UF. A student of German history, his book, *Social Science and the Politics of Modern Jewish Identity*, won the Salo Baron Prize for Best First Book in Jewish Studies, and was also a finalist for the Koret Book Prize in Jewish History.

In the lecture, Hart will explore the German origins of the largest denomination in American Judaism.



# Another Kind of Judaism: The Dead Sea Scrolls

**Sunday, April 10, 2005**

**James Mueller** is Associate Professor of Religion and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida. He specializes in Biblical Studies and Early Judaism.

From the time of their discovery to the present, the Scrolls have been identified with various groups of early Jews and Christians. Mueller will examine the kinds of ideas represented in the Scrolls and emphasize the many variations of Judaism of the Greco-Roman period.

