

## News for Fall 2015

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

We are now 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>.

KU JS is now 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 the [video](#)!

Our proposal for a Jewish Studies **major** was passed by the Board of Regents on September 16. See our website on the [JS Major](#).

And now that the major is approved, JS will be fully on its own, an independent unit. We love cooperating with other units at the university but we also look forward to being fully "fledged."

This October we are hosting the 27th annual conference of the [Midwestern Jewish Studies Association](#), October 18 and 19, 2015 at the Eldridge Hotel in downtown Lawrence. We are proud to have been invited to host this major event.

In the meantime, we are hosting and sponsoring numerous events this year; check out our [calendar](#)!

We're getting better all the time!

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