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Now in its twenty-seventh year, the Center has created a learning community around itself which gathers for intellectual discussions of scholarly and contemporary issues. The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects. Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community recognition and has been financially supported by individuals, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

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**Free Admission for  
February 20th Colloquium  
&  
April 10th  
Screening & Discussion of:  
*The Breakdown***

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### THE SPRING 2008 OFFERINGS

#### I. The Lunch & Learn Series

##### *The Afterlife of Myths (Part 2)*

Four Thursdays / 12:00 noon — 1:30 p.m. In the MPR on the 1st floor, at UConn, Stamford

February 14, 28, March 20 & 27

*Registration Form and more information inside!*

#### II. Free Admission to the Following Programs:

1) Wednesday, February 20th, 2008 at 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the MPR

A Public Lecture by

**Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy**

#### The Bible's Role in Contemporary Israeli Literature and Culture

This lecture is part of the UConn, Stamford Faculty Colloquium Series, sponsored by Associate Vice Provost and Stamford Campus Director, Dr. Michael Ego. Dr. Aschkenasy will discuss a field of research that has been a lifelong interest for her: the reappearance of biblical motifs and paradigms in modern literature. She has published numerous works in this area, including an article on biblical images in James Joyce's works, and recently edited a volume on the Bible's role in Israeli literature and culture, with articles by the foremost scholars in the field, to which she also contributed an article and a methodological Introduction.

*Lunch served, but reservation required!*

2) Thursday, April 10th 2008 at 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

#### A Screening and Discussion of the Short Movie

##### *The Breakdown*

Written, Directed & Produced by resident filmmaker, Michael P. O'Toole

Transcribed from the Swiss dramatist

Friedrich Dürrenmatt's short story "Traps" (Die Panne)

Following the showing there will be discussion of the movie and the story.

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## THE SPRING 2008 LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

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### *The Afterlife of Myths (Part 2)*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

THE RUTH & SAUL KWARTIN LECTURE

#### *Lilith Returns:*

*Modern Incarnations of the Ancient Myth*  
(Amos Oz's "A Strange Fire" available in Center's office)



**Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy** is Professor of Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies at UConn and founding Director of the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford. She has published four books (among them the award-winning *Eve's Journey*) and numerous book chapters and articles in publications such as *Modern Language Studies*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Symposium*, and *Prooftexts*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THE HERBERT & SARAH M. GIBOR LECTURE

#### *"What the Devil?"* *Satan as a Literary Figure*



**The Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele** is currently Pastor of Union Memorial Church in Stamford, CT. He has a Ph.D. from the Department of Religion at Duke University. The Rev. Edele is Chair of the Interfaith Advisory Committee for the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford and frequently serves as an Adjunct Professor in courses in Bible and Religion and as speaker for the Center's outreach programs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

THE HYACINTHE HOFFMAN LECTURE

#### *Faulkner's Family Crucible:* *The King David Story & Absalom, Absalom!*



**Dr. Gary Storhoff** is Professor of English at UConn, Stamford. He has published *Understanding Charles Johnson* (2004), and is the co-editor of the forthcoming volumes *The Emergence of Buddhist American Literature* and *American Buddhism as a Way of Life* (SUNY Press). He is at work on a study of William Faulkner, women writers of color, and Bowen family systems theory.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

THE ISHIER JACOBSON ANNUAL LECTURE

#### *Rabbis Against the Myth:* *The Sons of God in the Minds of Men*



**Dr. David Kraemer** is Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbis at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Kraemer's interests are in the literary analysis of rabbinic literature, rabbinic ritual and the social and religious history of Jews in late antiquity. He is also the editor of a volume on the history of the Jewish family, titled *The Jewish Family: Metaphor and Memory*.

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### REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2008 LUNCH & LEARN

Please make your check of \$50 for the entire four-session series (including lunch)

payable to: **Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford**, and mail to: **Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, UConn, Stamford, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901-2315.**

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- I (We)'ll also attend the February 20th Colloquium 12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m.
- I (We)'ll also attend the April 10th screening of *The Breakdown* 12:00 noon — 1:30 p.m.

Dietary Laws Observed / Free for community educators and professionals

Please indicate your luncheon choice:  Tuna on Rye  Bagel with Cream Cheese & Lox

*Registration is for the entire series only! Please register by February 7, 2008.  
For information call 203-251-9525*