TITLE OF PROJECT: Holy Waters: Gender Segregation and the Political Rise of Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel (Undergraduate Project)

PROJECT INFORMATION
Shayna Weiss, Associate Director at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, is in the midst of revisions of her manuscript: Holy Waters: Gender Segregation and the political rise of Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel. The book examines the demand to reorder space to prevent mixing between men and women, an increasingly common and controversial practice in Israel, as part of the political training of Haredi Jews, a battle whose successes and failures taught its leaders how to function in the new state of Israel. In a historical analysis of segregation in bodies of water, she examines the first battles for gender segregation to understand the spatial imposition of Orthodox Jewish norms in non-religious spaces.

Dr. Weiss is looking for an intern to assist in familiarizing her with the secondary literature related to the topics involved, especially books and articles published in approximately the last five years, and also comparative contexts (i.e. in the Muslim world) (40%). She also needs assistance collecting news items related to gender segregation in the public sphere with a focus on Israel but also in other locales, including Europe and America (10%). The intern will compile the information in an annotated bibliography (40%) and a Zotero database (10%).

Note: For three weeks of the internship, the selected intern for this project will only interact with Dr. Weiss through Skype, phone and email as she will be travelling.

PROFILE OF APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE
- Coursework and interest in Israeli history, politics, Orthodox Judaism, and gender
- Hebrew language preferred
- Strong online and library research skills, including making and annotating a bibliography
- Clear, concise, writing skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently
- Demonstrated initiative.