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The 2004 Eugene Ribakoff Fellows in Jewish Communal Service

Jennie Gates '06 and Miriam Kleyman '05, the inaugural recipients of the Eugene Ribakoff Fellowship in Jewish Communal Service, brought different talents and goals to Brandeis as they enrolled in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, but each viewed the program as the next logical step in helping them fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in the Jewish community. Jennie grew up in the Midwest, and was active with her synagogue as a youth group leader and as a religious school teacher. She majored in Studio Art at the University of Nebraska, continued to work with Jewish youth during college, and applied to the Hornstein Program during her senior year. Miriam graduated from Skidmore College with a degree in Theatre Arts. After working for five years in New York City in the entertainment industry, and getting increasingly involved in the Jewish community, she realized that a professional career in the Jewish community was vital to her identity. Jennie and Miriam are most grateful to be studying at Brandeis and to have received the Ribakoff Fellowship.



Eugene Ribakoff, a trustee and long-term supporter of the University, created the Eugene Ribakoff Fellowship in 2003. “The Hornstein Program is vital for preparing motivated people for Jewish communal service work. It is so important to provide training for talented people so they are prepared to assume leadership positions in the community,” Ribakoff said. His Fellowship will provide crucial funds on an annual basis to support Hornstein students’ tuition and award them a stipend. Both Jennie and Miriam have expressed their sincere delight and appreciation for being selected Ribakoff Fellows. In Jennie’s words, “Without this fellowship, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for me to undertake graduate studies at this time.” Miriam echoes this sentiment, and adds, “This fellowship award shows faith in me as a student and as a professional.”

The Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, the oldest such program of its kind, was established in 1969. Students’ courses cover Classical and Contemporary Jewish Studies and Professional Leadership Perspectives. Complementary internships during each of the two years of the program allow students to put into practice what they are learning in the classroom and also to work closely with mentors in the field.

Hornstein Students can choose to complete a joint degree with the Heller School for Social Policy and Management or with the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies department.

Thanks to the generous commitment of Eugene Ribakoff, the Ribakoff Fellowship in Jewish Communal Service will ensure that Hornstein students can take full advantage of a Brandeis education and go on to make a lasting impact in the Jewish community.