

Claire Bergeron (AJC 2003) graduated from the University of Southern California with an M.A. in Teaching and a Multiple Subject teaching credential. She recently began a new job as a full-time Teaching Artist with an organization called P.S. ARTS in Los Angeles, whose mission is to restore arts education to the public schools. She remains a passionate advocate of Yiddish culture and intercultural dialogue and had the great pleasure of running into fellow Scholar Kate Craddy last year in Berkeley at a conference on the resurgence of Jewish culture in contemporary Poland. Her summer in Poland remains one of the accomplishments she is most proud of and dreams (literally!) of returning to visit before too long.

Liat Blum (AJC 2007) is currently working as an assistant language teacher in Fukuoka, Japan, as a part of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program. Even though Liat is far away from New York and its Jewish community, she was able to share apples and honey during the High Holidays with members of the Jewish community in Kobe, Japan. Liat cannot get away from Holocaust study even in Japan – the Rabbi let her borrow a book about the Beit-Yacov girls’ school during the Holocaust.

Myrrh Domingo (AJC 2006) remarks that a day does not go by when she does not remember what she learned from her time in Poland. She feels that her interactions with family, friends, colleagues, and students have become more meaningful, as she has learned to be more tolerant and compassionate towards others. The trip to Poland transformed her outlook on life and added a sense of responsibility to her daily activities. She recently married in Vatican City. She currently lives in New Jersey and is pursuing a Ph.D. in English Education.

Nathan Edgerton (AJC 2007) is teaching English at Can Tho University in Vietnam and tutoring on the side. In his spare time, he is taking bike trips around the city and the rural countryside, playing tennis, and performing Justin Timberlake dance medleys with the other English teachers in front of hundreds of people.

Daniel Feldman (AJC 2001) has received his M.A. and M.Phil. in Comparative Literature from Yale and hopes to receive his Ph.D. next May. His dissertation explores how art and remembrance merge in the art of atrocity, especially Jewish, German, and Polish postwar fiction. At Yale, he joined professors and librarians in founding the Artemis Project for Truth Commission Documentation, an archival project that aims to preserve testimony and other materials generated by truth commissions. Daniel currently lives in Israel.

Professor David Frey (AJC Scholar-in-residence, 2007), when not leaping tall buildings in a single bound, is teaching classes on modern Central and Eastern Europe, Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the 20th century, and Western Civilizations. He runs the Holocaust and Genocide programs at West Point, and in addition to trying to create a program of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, he works on organizing foreign study to South Africa for cadets.

Michelle I. Gawerc (AJC 2001) is a Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology at Boston College with a focus on peace, war, and social conflict, and society and mental health. She is in Jerusalem for the year conducting the research for her dissertation titled: "Peace-building through People-to-People Initiatives: Israel and Palestine."

Chanah Greenstein (AJC 2006) graduated this past June with academic honors with her MSed. in School Psychology. She currently works as a psychologist for the Sewanhaka Central High School District in Floral Park, New York.

Chad Priest (AJC 2007) who wrote "*A Tale of Two Countries: Poland and Turkey*" for this issue of the newsletter is teaching English speaking skills to students at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey while trying to figure out what he's going to do with the rest of his life-- law school, foreign service, journalism? When he's not in the classroom, he enjoys traveling far and wide in his search for the perfect "doner kebab," getting to know all the friendly people in Turkey, and updating his travel blog (<http://chadepriest.googlepages.com/home>).

Irene Ann Resenly (AJC 2007) currently works at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust as the Assistant Museum Educator for Internships. When not at her desk, Irene is earning her master's degree in Holocaust Education at New York University.

Alanna Rosenberg (AJC 2006) is studying for a Masters degree in Public Administration at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, with a concentration in international development. She is a graduate assistant in the Office of Community Engagement and Integrative Learning, which focuses on making social justice work a critical part of students' experiences at the university. After graduating this June, she plans to become a government bureaucrat or nonprofit superstar.

Rachel Rothstein (AJC 2006) is currently working on her Ph.D. in Modern Central European Jewish History at the University of Florida where she earned a FLAS (Foreign Language Area Studies) Fellowship for Polish.

Barry Stiefel (AJC 2002) is a doctoral student in Historic Preservation at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as the Senior Architectural Historian at ASM Affiliates Inc. in Pasadena, California. His doctoral thesis is on the history and preservation of the synagogues associated with the Atlantic World (1636-1822). He is interested in how local preservation efforts affect regional, national, and multi-national policies within the field of cultural resource management and heritage conservation. These interests grew out of his experience at the Auschwitz Jewish Center during the summer of 2002 when he worked on one of the early drafts of the historic house museum proposal for the Klieger House. Barry is interested in maintaining contact with the Auschwitz Jewish Center and previous Fellows/Scholars and can be reached at bstiefel@yahoo.com.