CFA: Dr. Elka Klein Memorial Travel Grant

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Hi all!

I know things are looking iffy right now, but we're hoping the situation will stabilize and that grad students will be able to travel this coming academic year and that we'll be able to support one of them with the Dr. Elka Klein Memorial Travel Grant. If you are or know a grad student in History, Gender Studies, Sephardi Studies, etc. - please apply/encourage applications. Questions? E-mail me! Please also feel free to pass this along to any relevant networks you are part of!

Dr. Elka Klein

Memorial Travel Grant

We invite applicants for a cash grant of $1500 to be awarded in memory of Dr. Elka Klein to a doctoral candidate preparing to spend a month or more abroad during the 2022-23 academic year, conducting historical and/or archival research as part of a dissertation project.

The grant recipient will be selected by a panel of scholars based on the relevance and potential contribution of the proposed work to the fields and concerns important to Dr. Klein, such as Sephardic culture, medieval history, gender studies, and Jewish studies.

Applicants for the grant are asked to submit the following information by e-mail to the address below:

• A c.v.

• A copy of the applicant’s dissertation proposal

• A description of the specific research to be undertaken abroad

• A working budget, including what other funds have already been secured

• A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s dissertation supervisor, addressing the applicant’s qualifications and the significance of the research the applicant will be undertaking. Letters of recommendation should be printed on official stationary and scanned.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

To submit an application, or for more information, please contact Dr. Gail Labovitz, glabovitz@aju.edu

The selected recipient will be expected to acknowledge the grant in the dissertation and in any subsequent publications that result from the research subsidized by the grant. We thank the
Association for Jewish Studies for their help in fund-raising and administration to make this grant possible.

Under current circumstances, please be aware that we may suspend the grant or alter the terms of the grant if it becomes clear that travel will not be feasible during the 2022-23 academic year.

Dr. Elka Klein (1965-2005) was passionate about her vocation as a historian and a teacher. Her untimely death in the spring of 2005 was a great loss to all who knew her, whether personally or professionally. In her memory, her friends and academic colleagues in the fields of History and Jewish Studies have created this memorial to honor her dedication to and her achievements in her academic life.

Works by Dr. Elka Klein:


“Protecting the widow and the orphan: a case study from 13th century Barcelona,” *Mosaic* 14 (1993), 65-81

If you would like to contribute to the Dr. Elka Klein Memorial Travel Grant, so that we can continue to offer grants in future years, please send your donation to:

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Checks should be made out to the Association for Jewish Studies, with the words “Elka Klein memorial” in the memo line (if you do not put this somewhere on the check, it will not go to the right account!)
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