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The Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Jewish Studies, established in 1984, develops, administers, and coordinates a comprehensive program in Jewish studies at Lehigh University. The center is directed by Hartley Lachter, Philip and Muriel Berman Chair of Jewish Studies.

Several faculty members, including two Philip and Muriel Berman professors, teach Jewish studies classes at Lehigh. In 2007, the Helene and Allen Apter Chair of Holocaust Studies and Ethical Values was created with the generous support of Helene and Allen Apter '61 and Lehigh's College of Arts & Sciences.

Other activities of the center include designing and implementing new courses and seminars, an annual lecture series, scholarly colloquia held overseas, and academic conferences. The Berman Center also co-sponsors events with other departments and programs at Lehigh and at institutions across the Lehigh Valley. The Center also provides funding to students to help them pursue study abroad experiences or other enhancements to their academic work in the field of Jewish Studies.