

“If we are to be the best Emory that we can be going forward, we need to benefit from the lessons of all of our history. Not just those parts of our history that we like to remember, but those that we deeply regret.”

—PRESIDENT JAMES WAGNER,

*From Silence to Recognition: Confronting
Discrimination in Emory’s Dental School History*



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Honor and Memory

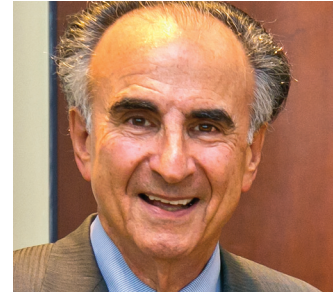
THE BRICKMAN/LEVIN FUND

Between 1948 and 1961, 65 percent of Jewish students at Emory University’s now-closed dental school were targets of

discrimination. Despite sound academic achievements and excellent skills, they were given failing grades, made to repeat a year, even told to leave the school. A half century later, S. Perry Brickman—one of those former dental students—brought this injustice to light by organizing the production of a documentary film, *From Silence to Recognition: Confronting Discrimination in Emory’s Dental School History*, which premiered at Emory in October 2012.

Brickman’s research—and the moving film that resulted—led to Emory’s formal apology for the actions of the school’s dean and faculty. It opened the door to healing for the former students, and it noted the efforts of Arthur Levin, the Anti-Defamation League southeastern regional director who documented the pattern of discrimination and took his findings to Emory President Walter Martin more than 50 years ago.

Emory’s Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and the James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies are honoring those who suffered and fought against this discrimination with a new endowment to fuel the work of graduate students in Jewish studies. With gifts from private donors, the Brickman/Levin Fund will increase the amount of financial support these scholars receive for their work toward a PhD at Emory. By making the study of Jewish life and culture a permanent part of Emory’s graduate curriculum and providing support that will allow the university to train the next generation of Jewish scholars, the Brickman/Levin Fund will serve as a powerful repudiation of the discrimination that occurred a half-century ago.



S. PERRY BRICKMAN

began his studies at Emory College in 1949 and gained early admission to the Emory School of Dentistry in 1951. When he was asked to leave after his first year, he enrolled in the University of Tennessee Dental School, graduating with high honors in 1956. Brickman became a founding member and then president of the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, served on the Georgia Board of Dental Examiners, and was president of the Atlanta Jewish Federation.



ARTHUR LEVIN

began his career as a parasitologist with the U.S. military and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Considered an unsung hero of the civil rights movement, he used his position at the ADL to combat anti-Semitism, racial discrimination, and segregation in the South. He passed away in April 2013 at age 95.

סֹר מֵרָע, וְעָשִׂה טוֹב; בִּקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם וְרָדְפֵהוּ.

Depart from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

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EMORY'S TAM INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

(TIJS) is among the nation's premier institutions devoted to teaching and research in Jewish history, thought, and culture. Under the leadership of Eric L. Goldstein, the Judith London Evans Director, TIJS brings together fellows and faculty from different Emory departments and programs to engage in an interdisciplinary exploration of Jewish life. Nearly two dozen distinguished core faculty members offer courses and conduct scholarly research in Jewish religion and thought, history, archaeology, anthropology, language, literature, politics, and philosophy. Collectively they have one of the strongest research profiles of any academic unit at Emory.

Emory is in an elite group of institutions that regularly train PhD students in Jewish history. In the Graduate Division of Religion, students researching Jewish faith traditions contribute to Emory's national leadership in religious studies. TIJS coordinates a graduate certificate program for doctoral students focusing on Jewish studies in any doctoral program of the Laney Graduate School. The Brickman/Levin Fund will support the work of students in all of these areas, leading to new scholarship in history, religion, culture, ethics, and other areas of Jewish studies.

THE LANEY GRADUATE SCHOOL is a vibrant academic community of discovery and creativity, providing graduate fellows and doctoral students with expertise, creativity to cross disciplinary lines, and courage to take on the world's most complex questions. Laney Graduate School students raise the standard for university scholarship. An essential part of Emory's mission, they strengthen faculty research, contribute new knowledge through their own scholarship, and offer undergraduates an invaluable link to the world of graduate studies.



ERIC L. GOLDSTEIN, the Tam Institute's Judith London Evans Director, is an Emory alumnus and associate professor specializing in Jewish history and culture. In 2006 he curated *Jews at Emory: Faces of a Changing University*, an exhibit at Emory's Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library that inspired Perry Brickman's documentary, *From Silence to Recognition*.



SUPPORT THE FUND

Gifts of any amount will help build the Brickman/Levin Fund to its endowment goal. Once fully endowed, the fund will generate income to support the work of graduate students collaborating with scholars in the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and the Laney Graduate School. The graduate school will match these student awards, doubling their reach. These additional fellowship funds will strengthen Jewish studies at Emory, enabling the Laney Graduate School to better compete for the world's best young scholars.

To make your gift to the Brickman/Levin Fund or to learn more, please contact:

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