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Thomas Price teaches “The History of Anti-Semitism” and contributes regularly to the local radio show “Too Jewish.” In addition, he has become a frequent “Faculty Host” on many UA Alumni Association trips and over the past several years and has hosted trips to Morocco, Central Europe, Istanbul, the Black Sea region, and the Ukraine. He teaches regularly in the Humanities Seminars Program, and most recently taught a highly popular course on a History of the Turks. He has won numerous awards for superior teaching.

Dr. Howard Schwartz is a Visiting Scholar and an Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. He serves on the review panel for papers submitted to the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*. Dr. Schwartz gave the invocation at the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona’s annual Yom Ha’Shoah Community Commemoration in April. He has been a frequent speaker for *Sekhel v’Lev*, Mind & Heart, where he taught a three week course on “Jewish Ethics.” He continues to offer classes in the community on medical issues and Jewish law.

Prof. J. Edward Wright received the W. F. Albright Service Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research and was elected “Honorary Lifetime Trustee” by the Albright Institute in Israel. He continues as Director of the Center and in April was awarded the J. Edward Wright Endowed Professorship in Judaic Studies. Prof. Wright created and taught a new JUS course entitled “The History of Heaven” which he plans to offer on-line in the spring. He is currently writing a commentary on the apocryphal Book of Baruch.

THE J. EDWARD WRIGHT ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN JUDAIC STUDIES When longtime supporters of the Center Paul and Alice Baker and Donald and Joan Diamond agreed to fund an endowed professorship in the Center, they had only one condition: The endowment would be named after and given to the director of the Center, J. Edward Wright.

“I am so grateful to the Bakers and the Diamonds for their support over the years,” said Wright. “They have really had a transformative impact, not just on Judaic Studies but across campus and even in the city with their philanthropy.” In addition, contributions from the Bakers, Diamonds and David and Andrea Stein of Houston, have enabled the Center to add a permanent faculty position in Modern Israel Studies. Read more at sbsmagazine.arizona.edu/