The Association for Jewish Studies is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Berman Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in Support of Research in the Social Scientific Study of the Contemporary American Jewish Community. The application deadline is April 7, 2011. The Berman Fellowships – two awards of $16,000 for the 2011-12 academic year – aim to support the development and expansion of the field of the social scientific study of Jewish Americans and the contemporary Jewish-American experience; enhance funding opportunities for up-and-coming scholars in the midst of institutional cutbacks in higher education; and encourage graduate students in sociology, social psychology, social anthropology, demography, contemporary history, social work, political science, geography and education to expand their research to include the study of North American Jewry. Fellowships will be awarded for one academic year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year. Preference will be given to applicants seeking support for doctoral research, but requests for funding to support the writing phase of the dissertation will also be considered. Support for this project is generously provided by the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Foundation.

Further information, including application instructions, can be found on the AJS website. Please contact Karen Terry, AJS Program and Membership Coordinator, at ajs@ajs.cjh.org or 917.606.8249 if you have any questions regarding the application process or fellowship program. Thank you.

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