



MEMORANDUM

TO: John Jay College Community

FROM: Raj Singh
AVP for Administration

DATE: July 9, 2020

RE: Passing of Dr. Eli Faber, Professor Emeritus of History

We regret to announce the passing of Dr. Eli Faber, Professor Emeritus of History at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York after a long battle with cancer. During several decades of teaching at John Jay, Dr. Faber also served for a number of semesters as chairperson of the College's Department of History.

Professor Faber studied with Professor Richard B. Morris at Columbia, and wrote a dissertation on crime in colonial Massachusetts. He then worked on the John Jay Papers. Prof. Faber moved into the study of Jews in early America when he wrote *A TIME FOR PLANTING: THE FIRST MIGRATION* (1992), part of a five-volume history of the Jewish People in America, edited by Henry Feingold. Six years later, he published the much-discussed *JEWS, SLAVES AND THE SLAVE TRADE: SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT*, a volume that provided factual data on slaveholding by Jews in the New World. Prof. Faber also served a semester as editor of *AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY*.

His passing is painful and has deeply affected our community. We have lost an outstanding individual who contributed so much to John Jay, to his students, to his colleagues. During this difficult time, we send our thoughts and heartfelt condolences to Dr. Faber's family and friends on their loss.