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JEWISH HERITAGE FOUNDATION WELCOMES SUMMER INTERN

KANSAS CITY, MO: The Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City is pleased to welcome Laura Gilman as its summer intern. Laura is presently a student at Goucher College working towards her Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Sociology and Anthropology and a minor in Judaic Studies. She recently concluded one semester at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Laura is a participant in the Learning for Life Summer Internship, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, generously funded by the Helen & Sam Kaplan Memorial Foundation.

Ms. Gilman has been an active participant at Goucher College Hillel, serving on the Executive Board as Freshman Representative, Tzedek Vice President in her Sophomore year, and President in 2005.

In addition to her Hillel activities, she has served as Student Coordinator for the BLEND program, a Baltimore Federation program that provides role models for Jewish children who have not yet been placed with Big Brothers or Big Sisters; served as a Jewish Renaissance Fellow, a selective Fellowship involved in program planning and Jewish learning; and attended Birthright Israel in 2003.

Laura is a recipient of Hillel of Greater Baltimore's *Ruach Award*, given to students who exemplify the Jewish value of "hachnasat orchim," welcoming the stranger; and their Tzedek Award for exemplary community service engagement and participation.

During her semester in Israel, Laura volunteered at an Absorption Center for Ethiopian immigrants to Israel. Her past work experience has included Senior Camp Counselor at Camp JRF, a Jewish Reconstructionist camp, and Pre-School Teacher at the Jewish Community Center.

Laura is the daughter of Richard Gilman and Lynn Murray of Leawood, Kansas and members of Congregation Beth Torah. She graduated from the Hyman Brand Hebrew in 2003.

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