1990 – 1996: Jewish Women’s Studies Project (JWSP)

1989
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) students meet in Sukkah – explore need to include women’s voices and experiences in the curriculum
- Alice Stein prize founded and endowed
- Scholars Judith Baskin and Ross Kreimer supplement curricula
- Courses in women's studies and feminist theology introduced
- Magnus Lectures initiated
- First Rosh Hodesh groups for girls run by rabbinical students at Philadelphia-area synagogues

1992/93
- David Teutsch becomes President of RRC and talks about building centers for the Jewish community at RRC
- Women's juried national art competition – “And the Women Danced: Images of Jewish Women’s Spiritual leadership”

1996
- Dr. Lori Lefkovitz hired – Kolot conversations begin

1996 – 1997: Kolot Center established

Administration
- Lori Lefkovitz, Juliet Spitzer, Margot Stein, Barbara Dobkin, and Sally Gottesman decide to fund the chair and do public programming
- Jan Goldman joins the Board

Scholarship and Training
Academics
- Faculty seminar – feminist critical theory
- Kolot Courses:
  - Rebecca Alpert teaches "Like Bread on the Seder Plate"
  - Lori Lefkovitz inaugurates regular Kolot courses into RRC curriculum: Feminist Midrash, Feminist Approaches to Bible

1 Through the generosity of the Joseph F. Stein Foundation, the Alice Stein Prize is awarded annually to a student who writes an essay that contributes to the field of Jewish Women’s Studies. The essay must consist of original research written during the previous year, focusing on any historical period, which includes a clearly stated application to the reconstruction of contemporary Jewish life.

2 The Shulamit Magnus Lecture in Jewish Women’s Studies was an annual education and fundraising event that honored a Delaware Valley area Jewish woman whose work had significant impact on the community, and featured a lecture in an area of Jewish studies related to the honoree’s work.
• Kolot Book Parties

Kolot College Times
• Rachel Gartner Student Chair of Kolot:³
• Ruth Abrams – Jewish Women & Suffrage in the 1920s
• Holocaust memorial program

Pastoral Training for RRC students:
• First domestic violence education workshop presented by Linda Dyer
• Dance-a-thon to fund education materials on domestic violence for rabbinical students

Magnus Lecture:
• Honors Betsy Platkin Teutsch
• Speaker Deborah Hertz – 17th Century Berlin Jewish Women
• Raises $12,000

Publications:
• Lori Lefkovitz publishes Textual Bodies

Jewish Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Program inaugurated with Temple University

Co-Sponsorship of public events:
• National Museum of American Jewish History – Women's Leadership Roles with Marlene Post, Shoshana Cardin, Miriam Schneirov, and Lori Lefkovitz
• Philadelphia Jewish Book Festival – with Aviva Cantor

Lori Lefkovitz speaks for:
• Business and Professional Women, Columbus Jewish Federation; Villanova University and Kenyon College; Hadassah ED. Day; American Jewish Congress, Phila.; JCC and Tifereth Israel, Columbus, Ohio; Malibu Jewish Center, LA; Jewish Funders Network, Boca Raton; Elderhostel, Wilmington, DE; Beaver College; National Jewish Museum

³ Kolot College Times are organized by the College Program Committee, comprised of students and faculty, to educate and inspire the RRC community to incorporate gender perspectives in understanding text and the practice of Judaism.