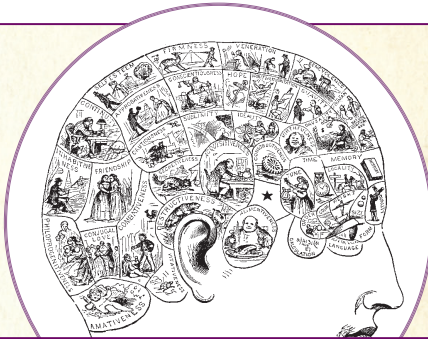


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EXPLORING EMOTION, THE UNCONSCIOUS, AND OTHER DIMENSIONS OF JEWS' INNER LIVES



THE MIND, as the Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria recognized two thousand years ago, does not operate by reason alone, but is also guided by powerful appetites and passions.

In every age, from biblical prophecy to Yiddish literature to Freud, Jews have acknowledged this essentially human irrationality in a myriad of ways. This year's research fellows at Penn's Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies are focused on those aspects of internal life that lie beyond reason: emotions and feelings, the unconscious, sensation, imagination, mental illness, magic, and the intellect itself.

The Katz Center presents this first installment of a year-long series of public programs celebrating all things beyond reason. Through partnerships with local host institutions, the center's fellows and colleagues connect with non-academic audiences in a spirit of shared exploration.

The "Wandering Jew" in the Jewish and Christian Imagination

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Tuesday, December 1 | 7:00 PM

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Lapsley Room, Haub Executive Suite, McShain Hall
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The "wandering Jew"—doomed, according to legend, to roam the world until the end of days—was a powerful creation of the medieval imagination. As a derogatory image, it meant that God had cursed the Jews for their unbelief. Despite its anti-Jewish connotation, the wanderer could also be found, albeit differently, in Jewish folklore, art, and literature. Galit Hasan-Rokem unravels this multidimensional tradition that evolved over centuries of creative contact between Jews and Christians.

Galit Hasan-Rokem is a distinguished professor of folklore and Hebrew literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Author of many scholarly works including *Web of Life: Folklore and Midrash in Rabbinic Literature* and *Tales of the Neighborhood: Jewish Narrative Dialogues in Late Antiquity*, she is also a translator and poet in her own right, with several collections published in Hebrew.



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