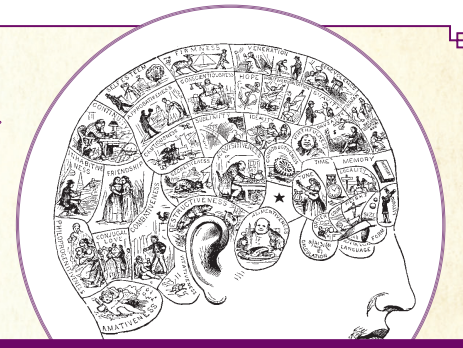


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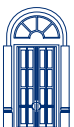
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After Ferguson and Charleston, after the same-sex marriage ruling, after the Iran deal, it seems as if American public discourse is more heated than ever. As passionate calls for truth and justice compete with pleas for calm and stability, Martin Kavka looks to Jewish thought—from the Talmud to the Koztker Rebbe to Hannah Arendt—for insight into the balance between reason and diplomacy in conflict resolution.

Martin Kavka is an award winning author and professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at Florida State University. An active public speaker and blogger, Kavka brings big ideas from both the Jewish and western traditions down to earth, asking how they articulate Jewish difference and commonality with the wider culture, and how they can be applied to current affairs.



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