Secularism and Its Discontents

The View from Jewish Studies

Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies
University of Pennsylvania

16th Annual Gruss Colloquium
May 3-4, 2010
Van Pelt Library, Class of 1955 Room
3420 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Session titles:
- Jewish Genealogies of Secularism
- Religious/Secular, Public/Private: Rethinking Boundaries in Modern Society
- Performance and Transcendence: Jewish Culture in and beyond the Secular
- Beyond Secularism? The Present and Future of Innovative Tradition

MONDAY, MAY 3

Class of ’55 Room, 2nd floor
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9:15 am  Coffee and Light Breakfast

9:45 am  Greetings
  David Ruderman, Ella Darivoff
  Director, Katz Center
  Rebecca Bushnell, Dean,
  School of Arts and Sciences

10:00 am  Jewish Genealogies of Secularism

Chair: Maurice Kriegel, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

Ari Joskowicz, Vanderbilt University/CAJS
Imagining New Jerusalem and Old Rome: Joseph Salvador, Heinrich Graetz, and Moses Hess

Rachel Manekin, University of Maryland/CAJS
Religion and Citizenship in an Enlightened State: Mendelssohn’s Views in the Context of the Habsburg Empire

Daniel Schwartz, George Washington University/CAJS
Spinoza’s Marrano Lineage: Toward a Genealogy of a Genealogy of the Secular

Respondent: Christoph Schulte, University of Potsdam/CAJS

12:00 pm  Lunch Break

1:30 pm  Religious/Secular, Public/Private:
  Rethinking Boundaries in Modern Society

Chair: Arthur Kiron, University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

TUESDAY, MAY 4

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9:00 am  Beyond Secularism?
  The Present and Future of Innovative Tradition

Chair: Jonathan Gribetz,
  Columbia University/CAJS

Lawrence A. Hoffmann,
  Hebrew Union College, NY

Spirituality in the Third Sector:
  The Coming Secular-Religious Divide for American Jews

Yaacov Yadgar, Bar-Ilan University
Traditionism and the Critique of Jewish-Israeli Secularism

Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers University/CAJS
Reimagining Exile in the Homeland: Tradition, Cultural Revivals, and the Search for Historical Continuity in Israel

Respondent: Galili Shahar,
  University of Florida/CAJS

11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:15 am  Concluding Session

David N. Myers, UCLA/CAJS
Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ben-Gurion University/CAJS
Andrea Schatz, King’s College London/CAJS

Chair: David Ruderman,
  University of Pennsylvania/CAJS

1:00 pm  Concluding Luncheon
  Class of 49 Auditorium,
  Houston Hall
  3417 Spruce Street