



# Secularism and Its Discontents



## The View from Jewish Studies

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

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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

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## MONDAY, MAY 3

Class of '55 Room, 2nd floor  
Van Pelt Library  
3420 Walnut Street

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

**Ethan Katz**, University of  
Cincinnati/CAJS

*The North African Café in  
the Jewish Marais: Secular,  
Masculine, Religious, or  
National Space?*

**Eva Lezzi**, University of  
Potsdam/CAJS

*Inventing the Family as  
Religious  
Sphere: Orthodox Fiction  
by  
Rabbi Marcus Lehmann*

**Rachel Rojanski**, University of  
Haifa/CAJS

*The State, the Public  
Sphere, and  
the Secular: Israel, 1949-  
1952*

Respondent: **Beth Wenger**,  
University of Pennsylvania

3:30 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm **Performance and  
Transcendence:  
Jewish Culture in and  
beyond the Secular**

Chair: **Shira Wolosky**,  
Hebrew University

**Annette Aronowicz**, Franklin and  
Marshall College/CAJS

*A 1950 Yiddish Play on the  
Israeli Stage: The Secular  
and Its Travails*

**Michal Ben-Horin**,  
University of Florida/CAJS

*Jews and Violins:  
Secularism and  
its Dissonances in Modern  
Jewish Literature*

**Meir Buzaglo**,  
Hebrew University

*The Return of Piyut in  
Israel:  
Description and Meaning*

Respondent: **Wendy Zierler**,  
Hebrew Union College, NY

6:15 pm **Cocktails (by invitation)**

7:00 pm **Dinner (by invitation)**  
Rosenwald Gallery, 6th floor  
Van Pelt Library

## TUESDAY, MAY 4

Class of '55 Room, 2nd floor  
Van Pelt Library  
3420 Walnut Street

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