

Sixth Annual Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Lecture

A MEDIEVAL ACCUSATION MADE MODERN: REASSESSING 'RITUAL MURDER' IN JEWISH HISTORY



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Speakers:

Jonathan Frankel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Hillel J. Kieval, Washington University in St. Louis

Moderator:

Benjamin Nathans, University of Pennsylvania

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College Hall, Room 209, University of Pennsylvania

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Hillel J. Kieval is the Gloria M. Goldstein Professor of Jewish History and Thought at Washington University in St. Louis. His main interests lie in the social and cultural history of the Jews in East Central Europe since the Enlightenment and in Jewish-Gentile interaction and conflict. Kieval is the author of *The Making of Czech Jewry: National Conflict and Jewish Society in Bohemia, 1870-1918* (1988); *Languages of Community: The Jewish Experience in the Czech Lands* (2000); and the forthcoming *Blood Inscriptions: The "Ritual Murder" Trial in Modern Europe*. Currently he is the Primo Levi Fellow at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies.

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