



Friday, August 2nd, 2019

**Dinner Board Room, GTU Library
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley**

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The Department of History
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David Biale's students reflect on his scholarly work and his teaching:

Morning Sessions

Peter Gordon & Naomi Seidman: Welcome

SESSION 1: SCHOLEM & HIS LEGACY 9:00-10:45

Benjamin Lazier: Scholem on Zionism: The Demonic in History

Abe Socher: The Fountain That Always Gushes Forth and the Absolutely Concrete: Scholem's Revelation & Tradition

Peter E. Gordon: Counter-History or Dialectical History? Reflections on the Encounter between Gershom Scholem and Theodor W. Adorno

Coffee Break: 10:45 – 11:00

SESSION 2: POWER AND POWERLESSNESS 11:00-12:30

Charlotte Fonrobert: Courtyard Community: Talmudic Diaspora between Political Theology and Social Theory

David Shneer: Power and Powerlessness: A Bialean Approach to Jewish History, or, Why Jewish Power Does Not Equal Jewish Sovereignty

Ariel Evan Drescher Mayse: Hasidism: A Modern Movement?

Lunch 12:30 – 1:15

Afternoon Sessions

SESSION 3: JUDAISM TODAY: EDUCATION AND POLITICS 1:15 – 2:30

Yoel Kahn: Narratives of Arrival: Entering the Synagogue

Peg Sandel: Day School Education: the Ethics of Technology and AI and Israel Education and Engagement.

Azzan Yadin-Israel: Augustine's Jews and the Undeserving Poor

Coffee Break: 2:30- 2:45

SESSION 4: CULTURES OF THE JEWS 2:45 – 4:00

Samuel Moyn: Beyond Cultures (of the Jews)

Matthew Hoffman: An Irreverent Approach to the Cultural History of the Jews

Naomi Seidman: Was Beis Yakov a Women's Hasidism and Does It Belong in *Hasidism: A New History*?

CONCLUDING REMARKS 4:00 – 4:30

Ron Feldman: Learning with David Biale, or, On the Jewish Question—from Marx to Arendt

David Biale: Reflections

Free and open to the public. **RSVP REQUIRED by 7/25/19** to: rachelbilae@gmail.com