

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

9:00—11:35 am

University of Nebraska at Omaha

College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Room 132D

9:00 – 9:15 am • Introductions

9:15 – 11:35 am • Session I

9:15 – 9:55 am Mordechai Zalkin, Ben-Gurion University
“The Terrible Animal; Known as the Masses’: The Status and Authority of the Community Rabbi at the End of the Nineteenth Century Europe”

10:00 - 10:40 am Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University
“Not So Silent: Jewish Religious Life in Kiev, 1945 - 1970s”

10:45 - 11:35 am Eitan Abramovitch, Institution for the Advancement of Rav Shagar’s Writings
“Dispute for the Sake of Heaven’: Dissent and Multiplicity in Rav Shagar’s Thought”

11:35 am – 12:00 pm • Travel from UNO to JCC

12:00 – 5:00 pm and 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd Street

12:00 - 1:00 pm • Lunch

1:05 - 2:30 pm • Session II

1:05 – 1:45 pm Joan S. Friedman, College of Wooster
“When Authority Is a Form of Dissent: Postwar Guides to Reform Ritual Observance”

1:50 – 2:30 pm Menahem Mor, University of Haifa

“The Jews and the Pax Romana”

2:30 – 2:50 pm • Break

2:50 - 5:00 pm • Session III

2:50 – 3:30 pm Shlomo Abramovitz, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

“Limiting the Authority of the Country: Disobedience in the IDF”

3:35 - 4:15 pm Ori Z. Soltes, Georgetown University
“From Spinoza to Arendt and Laurence to Aylon: Verbiage and Visual Art as Instruments of Dissent in Modern Jewish Thought”

4:20 - 5:00 pm Mark Trencher, Nishma Research
“Leaving the Fold: Dissent from Communal Authority in the Orthodox World?”

7:30 – 9:00 pm • Session IV

Introductions and keynote

Gil Graff, Builders of Jewish Education

“Jewish Law and the Law of the State: The Impact of Modernity and Its Echoes in the United States”

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Creighton University • Skutt Center Ballroom
2500 California Plaza**

8:30 – 8:45 am • Introductions

8:45–10:10 am • Session V

8:45 – 9:25 am Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University

“When the Memory of David Is Not Enough to Authenticate the Temple in Jerusalem”

9:30 - 10:10 am Mary Julia Jett, St. Francis College, Brooklyn,
New York

“The Trial of Joshua: Reestablishment and Reconstruction of Authority (Zechariah 3)”

10:15 - 11:40 am • Session VI

10:15 - 10:55am Chen Marx, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

“Figurative Language of Authority and Rebellion in the Story of the Death of Rabbi Yehuda Ben-Baba”

11:00 – 11:40 am Lindsey Jackson, Concordia University

“Ritual Rebellion, Non-Circumcision Jews, and the Creation of Non-Cutting Covenantal Ceremonies”

11:45 am – 12:15 pm • Lunch

12:20 – 2:30 pm • Session VII

12:20 – 1:00 pm Zachary B. Smith, Creighton University

“Authority, Dissent, and Social Formation in Late Antiquity”

1:05 – 1:45 pm Theodore Albrecht, Kent State University

“Thumbing Mendelssohn’s Nose at the Nazis: Hans Pfitzner’s Symphony in C, Op. 46 (1940)”

1:50 – 2:30 pm Azzan Yadin-Israel, Rutgers University

“Midrash, Oral Law, and the Question of Rabbinic Authority”

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