

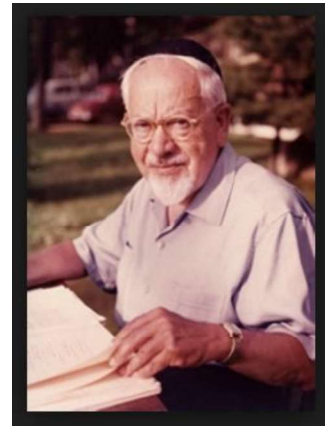
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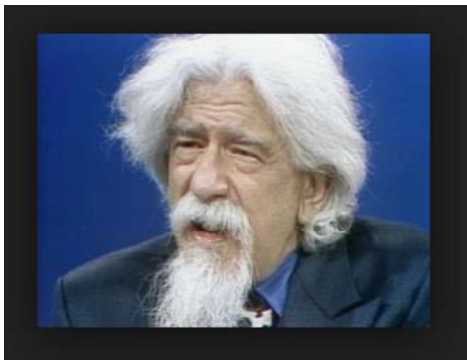
Join us viewing 30 minute video lectures by *Dr. David B. Ruderman*. He is the *Joseph Meyerhoff* Professor of Modern Jewish History at the University of Pennsylvania. Each video is followed by a lively discussion and Q & A.

MORDECAI KAPLAN AND AMERICAN JUDAISM ~ JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

Mordecai Kaplan (1881-1983) was perhaps the most original of American Jewish thinkers who "reconstructed" Judaism to meet the needs of second-generation American Jews. Anthropology offered Kaplan a rationale for Jewish group cohesiveness in place of the traditional doctrine of chosen-ness.



ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, MYSTIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST ~ MARCH 12, 2018 AT 7:30 PM



Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-72), although the product of the Hasidic world of Eastern Europe, wrote for American Jews. He attempted to describe the concept of divine revelation: the process by which God reaches out to human beings.

CURRENT TRENDS IN JEWISH THOUGHT ~ MAY 14, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

It is difficult to summarize and appraise the most recent theological thinking. Arnold Eisen has argued recently that the ruminations of Jewish thinkers are irrelevant to most Jews. Ultimately, are the questions of God, Torah, and Israel only of interest to intellectuals?

