

American Judaism: Past, Present and Future

A Three-Part Series

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Thursday, March 3 @ 8:30 PM ET

Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University,

“An Old faith in the New World: The History of American Judaism”

A lively presentation on American Judaism from 1654 to the present by the acclaimed scholar who wrote the bestselling book on the subject, *American Judaism: A History*. Beginning in the colonial era, Sarna recounts the dynamic story of people struggling to be Americans and Jews. He shows how each generation of American Jews has had to wrestle anew with the question of whether its own children and grandchildren will remain Jewish. Bringing the story down to the present, he illustrates how the past can both inform and inspire.



Thursday, March 31 @ 8:30 PM ET

Lila Corwin Berman, Temple University,

“American Jews & White Supremacy: The Present Dilemmas of an Unstable History”

Over the last five years, Americans have reckoned anew with the history of this country’s racism and what that history requires from the present. In this talk, Professor Lila Corwin Berman asks how American Jews fit—or do not fit—in these often painful and polarizing conversations. She argues that older debates about whether Jews were “white,” should be supplanted by newer efforts to ask how whiteness organizes power and when and how Jews have been included in or excluded from that racialized system of American power.



Sunday, May 22 @ 1:00 PM ET

Samuel Heilman, Emeritus

CUNY Graduate Center, Queens College,

“The American Jewish Present and What it Indicates About the Future: A Sociologist's View”

Professor Heilman will offer a perspective on American Jewry, its numbers, its politics, its family dynamics, its religiosity, and its attachments (or lack thereof) to Israel and speculate about where each of these is likely to go in the years ahead.



These programs are free for all!

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Participating Organizations: Adath Shalom, Parsippany, NJ; B'nai Shalom, West Orange, NJ; Columbia Jewish Congregation, Columbia, MD; Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, CT; Congregation Torat-El, Oakhurst, NJ; East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick, NJ; Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT; Ezra-Habonim - The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Skokie, IL; Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth, Highland Park, NJ; JCC of Paramus - Congregation Beth Tikvah, Paramus, NJ; Temple Beth-El, Poughkeepsie, NY; Temple Israel, Albany, NY