The mid-1960s witnessed a turning point in Jewish-African American relationships in New York City, but the extent of the challenges that both communities faced were largely dependent on class and neighborhood factors. Professor Jeffrey Gurock will examine the key elements in inter-racial relations of that era which set patterns that would continue for generations to come.

Jeffrey S. Gurock is Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University. He served as associate editor of American Jewish History, and was twice chair of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society. He is the author or editor of 15 books, and his most recent study, Jews in Gotham: New York Jews in a Changing City, 1920-2010 received the 2012 Everett Family Foundation Award for best non-fiction Jewish book from the Jewish Book Council.