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# The Future of Jewish Philosophy

conference on the *Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*  
an international research conference at Arizona State University

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The *Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers* (Brill) showcases outstanding Jewish thinkers who have made lasting contributions to Jewish philosophy in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Each of the 20 volumes is devoted to an individual thinker, in order to show that thinker's relationship to the Jewish philosophical past and to contemporary Jewish existence. This conference highlights the diversity and vitality of contemporary Jewish philosophy, and focuses discussion on Jewish philosophical response to contemporary challenges, and will chart new paths for Jewish philosophy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## conference program

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### SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

noon - 1 p.m.

**lunch**

1 - 3 p.m.

#### **Session I: Jewish Philosophy in Contemporary Jewish Culture**

**presenter:** Hava Tirosh-Samuelson | *Arizona State University*

**respondents:** Elias Sacks | *University of Colorado Boulder*  
Yonatan Brafman | *The Jewish Theological Seminary of America*  
Steven Kepnes | *Colgate University*

3 - 3:30 p.m.

**break**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Session II: Open Forum with Featured Philosophers**

**moderator:** David Blumenthal | *Emory University*  
Elliot Dorff | *American Jewish University*  
Lenn Goodman | *Vanderbilt University*  
Menachem Kellner | *Shalem College, Jerusalem*  
Michael L. Morgan | *University of Toronto*  
David Novak | *University of Toronto*  
Tamar Ross | *Bar Ilan University, Emerita*  
Norbert Samuelson | *Arizona State University, Emeritus*  
David Shatz | *Yeshiva University*

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

#### **Session III: Pedagogy and Community Outreach**

**presenters:** David Blumenthal | *Emory University*  
Menachem Kellner | *Shalem College, Israel*

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

**dinner break**

7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### **Keynote Address: The Versatility of Contemporary Jewish Philosophy**

Zev Harvey | *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Emeritus*

### MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Session IV: Jewish Philosophy in the Academy**

**presenter:** Aaron W. Hughes | *University of Rochester*

**respondents:** Claire Katz | *Texas A&M University*  
Cass Fisher | *University of South Florida*  
Heidi Ravven | *Hamilton College*

10:30 - 11 a.m.

**break**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **Session V: Jewish Philosophy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**moderator:** Martin Kavka | *Florida State University*

**panelists:** Randi Rashkover | *George Mason University*  
Paul Nahme | *Brown University*  
Sam Brody | *University of Kansas*

1 - 2 p.m.

**lunch break**

2 p.m.

**departure**

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