

## [Pragmatism and Jewish Thought, Yale University](#)

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# Pragmatism and Jewish Thought

## Workshop at Yale University

April 7-8, 2019

Organized by Nadav Berman S. and Paul Franks

**Sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program, Yale University**

### Sunday, April 7

**10:30 Gathering**, light refreshments

**11:00 | Introduction - Paul Franks** (Yale)

**11:30 | Keynote - Yonatan Y. Brafman** (JTS) "Contingency and Critique: The Consequences of Neopragmatism for Modern Jewish Thought" | Chair: Kenneth Winkler (Yale)

13:00 - **Lunch**

**14:00 | Bar Guzi** (Brandeis), "Pragmatism, Naturalism, and Mysticism: Reflections on the Theology of Mordecai Kaplan" | Chair: Nancy Levene (Yale)

15:15 - Short break

**15:30 | Nechama Juni** (Brown), "Pragmatism and Halakhic Change: A

Case Study of ‘Watched’ Milk” | Chair: Eliyahu Stern (Yale)

16:45 – Short break

**17:00 | Elliot Ratzman** (Lawrence), “Re-Reading Jewish Thought with the Pragmatist Hegel: The Case of Moses Hess” | Chair: Mordechai Levy-Eichel (Yale)

18:15 – Light Dinner for Participants

## **Monday, April 8**

**8:45 Gathering**, light refreshments

**9:00 | Keynote - Hannah E. Hashkes** (Lindenbaum), “The Halakhic Decisor and Truth in a Community of Inquiry: Halakhic Authority as a Test Case” | Chair: Steven Fraade (Yale)

10:30 – Short break

**10:45 | Randy L. Friedman** (Binghamton), “Gods of Becoming” | Chair: John Pittard (Yale)

12:00 – **Lunch**

**13:00 | Irit Offer Stark** (NYU), “Fallibilism and the Principle of Pragmatism in Jewish Tradition: The Case of the Tension between Science and Halakhah” | Chair: Joseph David (Sapir)

14:15 – Short break

**14:30 | Nadav Berman Shifman** (Yale), “Anti-Gnosticism: Hans Jonas as a Jewish Pragmatist” | Chair: Paul Franks (Yale)

15:45 – Short break

**16:00 | Ari Ackerman** (Schechter), “Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Critique of Mordecai Kaplan and Deweyan Pragmatism” | Chair: Warren Zev Harvey (Hebrew University)

17:15 - Short concluding remarks

Light refreshments

**Workshop location: 451 College Street, New Haven, CT, Room B03**

Registration for the workshop is free of charge but mandatory.

Please RSVP by **April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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