A German-Jewish Hermeneutics

Monday, October 29th &
Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

John Evans Alumni Center,
1800 Sheridan Road,
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Monday, Oct 29th:

9-9:30 Welcome by Claire Sufrin and Nitzan Lebovic

Panel One: 9:30-11:30


Samuel Brody: “On the Reception of Buber as Liberal”


Respondent: Jan Behrs

Lunch from 11:45-12:45

Panel Two: 1-3

Larisa Reznik: “Rosenzweig’s Christian Sources in ‘Making the German Strange’”

Daniel Weidner: “Charismatic Reading: Weimar Criticism and the Prophetic Gesture”

Nitzan Lebovic: “German-Jewish Biopolitics: Hermeneutics and Politics for our Time”

Respondent: Anna Parkinson

Break from 3-5

5:45-6:45 Keynote Lecture

Paul Mendes-Flohr: “Between Jesus and Paul: From Apologetics to Jewish Theological Affirmations”

Dinner from 7-8:30

Tuesday, Oct 30th

Panel One: 9-11

James Redfield: “Alien, Red Man, Lover: Berdyczewski’s Christianities”

Sam Shonkoff: “Standing in the Doorway: Hermeneutics and Resistance in Buber’s Hasidic Tales”

Karen Underhill: “Exegetical Poetics between East and West: Benjamin’s Denkbild, Zeitlin’s Yidishe Kabbaladik and Schulz’s Picture Riddle”

Respondent: Peter Fenves

Snack from 11:15-11:45

Panel Two: 11:45-1:15

Abigail Gillman: “You only need to change your direction: The Mashal as Subversive Hermeneutic in Modernism”

William Plevan: “Buber on Hebrew Humanism and the Crisis of Modernity”

Claire Sufrin: “Buber’s Changing Notions of Revelation”

Respondent: Na’ama Rokem

Lunch and Closing Discussion 1:15-2