# SPINOZA Stories

## Pantheists, Spinozists, Jews, and the Formation of German Idealism

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### NOVEMBER 6TH

SUNDAY

9:30-12:30: READING GROUP (LEO BAECK INSTITUTE JERUSALEM)

12:30-17:00: BREAK

17:00-17:30: Gathering (Mandel Building, Room 530)

17:30-17:45: Greetings: Ruth HaCohen (Academic Director of the MBSF, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Shmuel Feiner (Bar-Ilan University/Chairman of the Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem)

17:45-18:00: OPENING REMARKS: JOSÉ MARÍA SÁNCHEZ DE LEÓN (MBSF, THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM)

18:00-19:00: Keynote Speaker Yitzhak I. Melamed (Johns Hopkins University), "Hegel and Spinoza's Theological Political Treatise"

19:00: RECEPTION



### NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY** 

9:30-11:30: SESSION 1: CONTROVERSY (MANDEL BUILDING, ROOM 520)

- Benjamin Pollock (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Truth that Exceeds all Expression? Salomon Maimon and the God of Judaism"
- Dustin N. Atlas (University of Dayton), "The Boundary of the Incomprehensible: Mendelssohn and Jacobi's irreconcilable Methods"
  - Pini Ifergan (Bar-Ilan University/The Spinoza Center), "Goethe's Role in the Pantheism Polemic"

CHAIR: LEONI PAWLITA (MBSF, THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM)

11:30-12:30: COFFEE BREAK

#### 12:00-13:30: SESSION 2: CONCEPTS (MANDEL BUILDING, ROOM 520)

- Noa Shein (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), "Reassessing the Demand of a Derivation of the Finite from the Infinite"
  - KAROLINA HÜBNER (UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO), "PANTHEISM AND THOUGHT"

CHAIR: NOA NAAMAN-ZAUDERER (TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY)

#### 15:00-17:00: SESSION 3: IDEALISM AND ENEMIES (MANDEL BUILDING, ROOM 520)

- LI-CHIH LIN (UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN), "TOWARDS A TELEOLOGICAL PANTHEISM: SCHELLING'S RECEPTION OF SPINOZA IN THE FREEDOM ESSAY"
- MOR SEGEV (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA), "SCHOPENHAUER'S CONFLUENCE OF SPINOZISM AND JUDAISM"
- José María Sánchez de León (MBSF, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Spinoza and the Charge of Dogmatism"

CHAIR: ANTONIOS KALATZIS (MBSF, THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM)

19:00: Joint Dinner



# NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### 9:00-11:00: SESSION 4: POST-IDEALISM AND TIES WITH THE PRESENT (MANDEL BUILDING, ROOM 530)

- WILLI GOETSCHEL (UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO), "SPINOZA'S CRITICAL TURN: HEINE, HESS, AND MARX"
- Tracie Matysik (University of Texas at Austin), "Spinoza as 'Positive' Dialectician'? Pantheist Legacies from Moses Hess to Pierre Macherey"
  - Grit Schorch (Tel Aviv University), "The Limitations of Philosophy: Mendelssohn, Jacobi, and Strauss"

CHAIR: IRENE AUE-BEN-DAVID (DIRECTOR OF THE LEO BAECK INSTITUTE JERUSALEM)

#### 11:00-11:30: COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30: Keynote Speaker Warren Zev Harvey (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Spinoza in Moses Hess' Rome and Jerusalem" (Mandel Building, Room 530)

12:30-13:30: General Discussion (Mandel Building, Room 530)



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