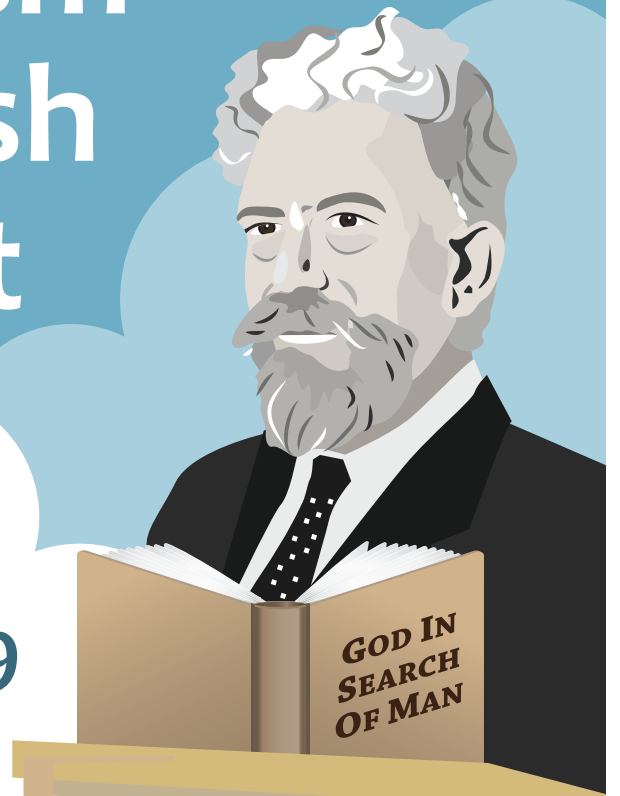
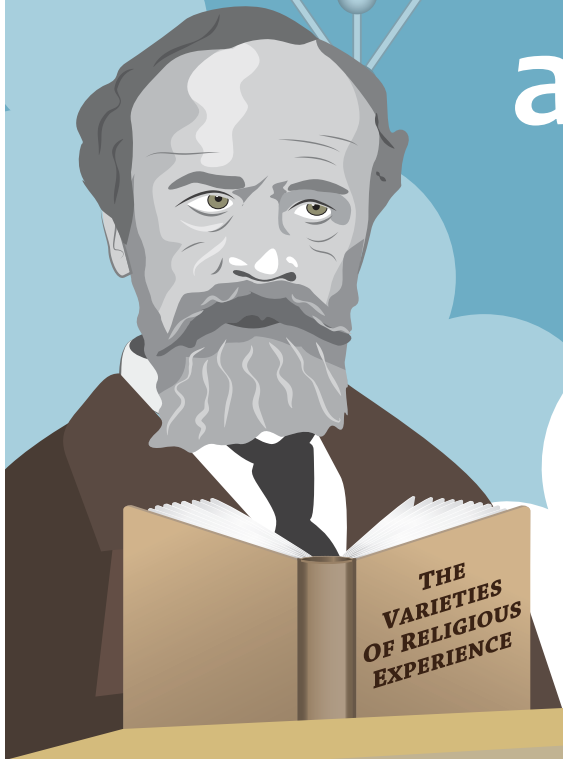


Pragmatism and Jewish Thought

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 I Introduction – Paul Franks (Yale)

11:30 I 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 I Bar Guzi (Brandeis)
“Pragmatism, Naturalism, and Mysticism:
Reflections on the Theology
of Mordecai Kaplan”
Chair: Nancy Levene (Yale)

15:15 – Short break

15:30 I Nechama Juni (Brown)
“Pragmatism and Halakhic Change:
A Case Study of ‘Watched’ Milk”
Chair: Eliyahu Stern (Yale)

16:45 – Short break

17:00 I 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 I 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 I Randy L. Friedman (Binghamton)
“Gods of Becoming”
Chair: John Pittard (Yale)

12:00 – Lunch

13:00 I 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 I Nadav Berman Shifman (Yale)
“Anti-Gnosticism: Hans Jonas as a Jewish Pragmatist”
Chair: Paul Franks (Yale)

15:45 – Short break

16:00 I 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 BO3

Registration for the workshop is free of charge but mandatory.

Please RSVP at nadav.berman@yale.edu