

# THE MOMENT OF CRISIS AND JEWISH THOUGHT: INTERPRETATION, HERESY, AND MESSIANISM



University of Haifa | The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society  
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## WEDNESDAY | June 1, 2022

- 9:00-9:30** **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Efraim Lev**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities  
**Cedric Cohen-Skalli**, Director of The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society  
**Ghilad H. Shenhav** and **Gilad Sharvit**
- 9:30-11:00** Morning Session I  
**Moderator:** **Vered Lev Kenaan** (University of Haifa)  
**Presentations:** **Shaul Magid** (Dartmouth College)  
"The Theologico-Political Predicament and the Crisis of Heresy: Leo Strauss and Yoel Teitelbaum of Satmar"  
**Ghilad H. Shenhav** (University of Potsdam)  
"The 'Messianic Today' and the Moment of Crisis: Between the Talmud and Derrida"
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-13:00** Morning Session II  
**Moderator:** **Eyal Bassan** (University of Haifa)  
**Presentations:** **Hagi Kenaan** (Tel Aviv University)  
"The Crisis of the Book: Levinas and Derrida on the Future of Language"  
**Annabel Herzog** (University of Haifa)  
"Messianic Hospitality in Levinas and Derrida"
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00-16:00** Afternoon Session III  
**Moderator:** **Tal Yehezkel** (Tel Aviv University)  
**Presentations:** **Galili Shahar** (Tel Aviv University)  
"משבר/Crisis and Delivery"  
**Ronny Miron** (Bar Ilan University)  
"Religion, Change and Continuity in History - The Case Study of Modern Jewish History"  
**Hanoch Ben Pazi** (Bar Ilan University)  
"The Missed Opportunity: A Proposition for a New Alliance of Humanity in the Face of the Great Crisis?"
- 16:00-16:15** **Coffee Break**
- 16:15-17:45** Afternoon Session IV  
**Moderator:** **Niklaus Largier** (UC Berkeley)  
**Presentations:** **Vivian Liska** (University of Antwerp and Hebrew University)  
"Crisis, Decision and Deferral: German-Jewish Thinkers vs. Carl Schmitt"  
**Cedric Cohen-Skalli** (University of Haifa)  
"The Crisis of 1930s and the Dialogical Rediscovery of Jewish political Thought"
- 18:30** **Dinner for Conference Participants**

## THURSDAY | June 2, 2022

- 9:00-9:15** **Coffee and Pastries**
- 9:15-10:45** Morning Session I  
**Moderator:** **Marc Volovici** (Birkbeck, University of London)  
**Presentations:** **Zachary J. Braiterman** (Syracuse University)  
"Who Cleans Up the Mess? The Messianic Avant-Garde or Feminist Maintenance Art"  
**Ilit Ferber** (Tel Aviv University)  
"Améry and Jankélévitch on the Crisis of Jewish Identity"
- 10:45-11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-13:00** Morning Session II  
**Moderator:** **Amit Levy** (Hebrew University)  
**Presentations:** **Karen Feldman** (UC Berkeley)  
"On the Crisis of Jewish Law: Auerbach, Luther and Realism"  
**Daniel H. Weiss** (University of Cambridge)  
"Talking with Heretics and De-Catastrophizing the Moment of Crisis: Tracing a Theme in Classical Rabbinic Literature and Moses Mendelssohn's *Jerusalem*"  
**Omer Michaelis** (Tel Aviv University)  
"Crisis and the Structure of Tradition in Medieval Jewish philosophy"
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00-16:00** Afternoon Session III  
**Moderator:** **Yotam Hotam** (University of Haifa)  
**Presentations:** **Agata Bialik Robson** (University of Nottingham and the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw)  
"Between Betrayal and Innovation: Scholem on the Marrano Crisis of Tradition"  
**Gilad Sharvit** (Towson University, Maryland)  
"Arendt on the Modern Individual: The Pariah, the Parvenu, and the Crisis of Jewish Assimilation"  
**Ori Rotlevy** (Tel Aviv University)  
"The Crisis of Democracy and the Medium of Tradition: Habermas and Benjamin"
- 16:00-16:15** **Coffee Break**
- 16:15-17:45** Afternoon Session IV  
**Moderator:** **Julija Levin** (Tel Aviv University)  
**Presentations:** **Yotam Yzraely** (Tel Aviv University)  
"Prophetic Politics: From Phenomenology to Theology"  
**Orr Scharf** (University of Haifa)  
"Catastrophe or Salvation? Zionist Intellectuals' Responses to 1948"