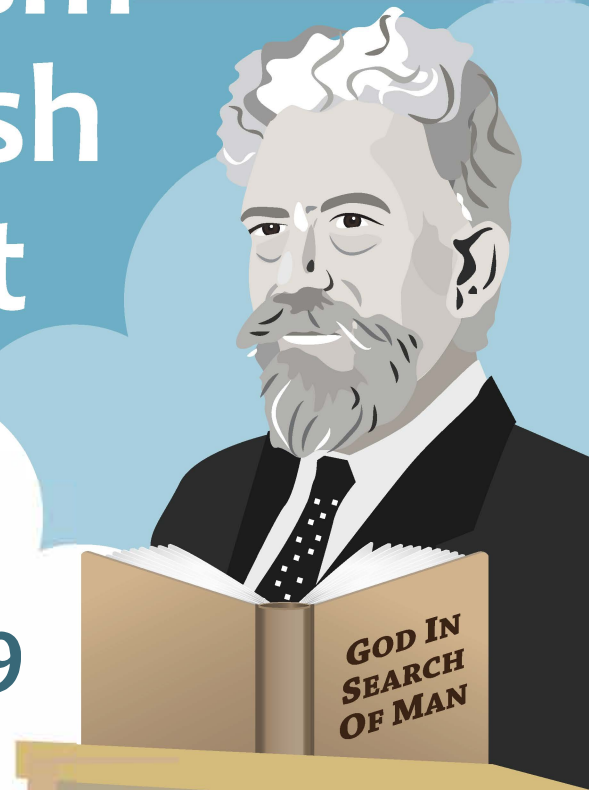
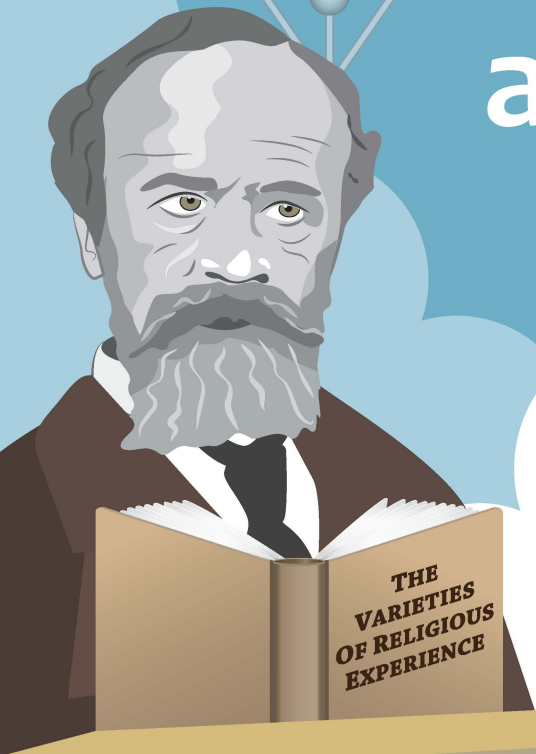




# Pragmatism and Jewish Thought

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.

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