

Judaism and Heresy

International Conference

Tel Aviv University
Gilman Building, Room 496
May 27-28 2019



May 27

16:30-17:30 Keynote

Chair: Yosef Schwartz, TAU

Yosef Schwartz and Gilad Sharvit, TAU
Welcome Remarks

Niklaus Largier
University of California, Berkeley
**The 'Free Spirits' and the
Phantasm of Libertinage**

14:00-15:30 Heresy and Jewish Otherness

Chair: Barbara Meyer, TAU

Menachem Lorberbaum, TAU
Beyond Heresy and Tradition

Karma Ben-Johanan
Polonsky Academy, Van Leer Institute
**The Venom of Heresy: Christianity
and Modernity in R. Kook's thought**

May 28

09:30-11:00 Modernity & Antisemitism

Chair: Galili Shahar, TAU

Vivian Liska
Hebrew University, Univ. of Antwerp
**Ordinary Heresies in German
Jewish Modernism**

Noam Gil, TAU
**Isaac Bashevis Singer and the
Poetics of Negativity**

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Kabbalah and Psychoanalysis

Chair: Omer Michaelis, TAU

Ruth Kara-Ivanov Kaniel, Haifa University
**The Feminine David: Gender, Redemption
and Heresy from the Zohar and Lurianic
Kabbalah to Sabbatianism**

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Philosophy and Mysticism

Chair: Ilit Ferber, TAU

Willi Goetschel, University of Toronto
Spinoza, a History of Heresy

Yosef Schwartz, TAU
**Judaism, Heresy and the Making of
Modernity: Historiographic
(Re)Considerations**

Gilad Sharvit, TAU
**The Dialectics of Heresy:
Trauma and Jewish History**

17:30-18:00 Reception

18:00-19:30 Keynote

Chair: Menachem Fisch, TAU

Moshe Idel, Hebrew University
**Abraham Abulafia: the Apotheosis of
a Banned Kabbalist in Meah Shearim**

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break