



The Inner and the Outer: Jewish Lives in the Early Modern Period

The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
May 3–4 2026

SUNDAY

Session 1: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

- **Matt Goldish** (The Ohio State University), *The Inner and Outer Safed*
- **Josh Teplitsky** (University of Pennsylvania), *Trans/Migration of Souls and Marriage Mates in Joseph Karo's Maggid Mesharim*

Session 2: 1:45pm – 3:15pm

- **Andrea Gondos** (University of Michigan), *The Womb, the Birth Chamber, and the Synagogue: Connecting the Inner and the Outer through Amuletic Texts and Images*
- **Michela Andreatta** (University of Rochester), *Private Introspection for Public Display: Letter-Writing from Early Modern Jewish Italy*

Session 3: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

- **Evelyne Oliel-Grausz** (Université Paris Cité / CRFJ), *Gentile Courts, Din Israel, and Din Torah: Rabbi Avraham Haim Rodriguez and the Judicial Mores of Livorno Jews*
- **Eugene D. Matanky** (Hebrew University / Harvard University), *An Outsider Looking In: Joseph Ergas, Sabbateanism, and Italian Kabbalists*

Session 4: 5:15pm – 6:45pm

- **Hannah Marcus** (Harvard University), *Growing Old in the Venetian Ghetto*
- **Abigail Hayton** (University of Notre Dame), *Turning Judaism Inside-Out: The Christian Discovery of Moses Maimonides in Early Modernity*



MONDAY

Session 5: 9:00am – 11:15pm

- **Avinoam Stillman** (Harvard University), *Becoming a Kabbalist: On Writing a Biography of Meir Poppers*
- **Ilaria Briata** (University of Hamburg), *Soul, Spirit, Self, Psyche: Dynamics of Internalization and Externalization in an Exorcism Saga from 17th-Century Izmir*
- **Noam Lefler** (Queen Mary University of London), *Visions of a Young Kabbalist: Abraham Yakhini's Dreams Collection*

Session 6: 11:30am – 1:00pm

- **Ronnie Perelis** (Yeshiva University), *"Setting down his life. . .": the Limits of Interiority in the Religious Writings of Luis de Carvajal, the younger, alias Joseph Lumbroso (New Spain 1590s)*
- **Stanley Mirvis** (Arizona State University), *David Aboab's Emet ve-Yatziv: Inner Rabbinic Authority and Outer Communal Power in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*

Session 7: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

- **Elly Moseson** (Harvard University), *Between Solipsism and Communication: Dual Intentionality in Hasidism*
- **David Sclar** (Princeton University / Frisch School), *Pursuing Unity: Moses Hayim Luzzatto's Negation of Evil*