



CENTENNIAL

*The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of
Columbia University*

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*Center for Israel and Jewish Studies
Columbia University*



*Perspectives on
Jewish Messianism*

Monday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 14, 1981

The Rotunda Low Memorial Library
Columbia University West 116th Street and Broadway

Monday, April 13, 1981

MORNING SESSION

10:00 a.m.

Welcome:

GEORGE K. FRAENKEL

Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

Introduction:

YOSEF HAYIM YERUSHALMI

Salo Wittmayer Baron Professor of Jewish History, Culture, and Society, Columbia University

The Messianic Idea in Jewish History:
Myth and Reality

GERSON COHEN

Chancellor and Professor of Jewish History, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Introduction:

Marvin Herzog, Atran Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture, Columbia University

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

Of Midrash and the Messianic Theme

JUDAH GOLDIN

Professor of Oriental Studies and Postbiblical Hebrew Literature, University of Pennsylvania

Introduction:

Morton Smith, Professor of History, Columbia University

Messiah Son of Joseph, Rabbinic Calculations, and
the Figure of Armilus

DAVID BERGER

Professor of History, Brooklyn College and Graduate Center, CUNY

Introduction:

Hillel Fradkin, Assistant Professor of Religion, Barnard College

EVENING SESSION

8:00 p.m.

Jewish Messianism in Comparative Perspective

R. J. ZWI WERBLOWSKY

Professor of Comparative Religion, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Introduction:

Arnold Eisen, Assistant Professor of Religion, Columbia University

Tuesday, April 14, 1981

MORNING SESSION

10:00 a.m.

The Messianic Teachings of Maimonides

ISADORE TWERSKY

Nathan Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy, Harvard University

Introduction:

Michael Stanislawski, Assistant Professor of East European Jewish History, Columbia University

Hope Against Hope: Jewish and Christian Messianic
Expectations in the Late Middle Ages

DAVID RUDERMAN

Louis Kaplan Professor of Jewish History, University of Maryland

Introduction:

Alan Segal, Associate Professor of Religion, Barnard College

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

Frankism as Worldly Messianism

HILLEL LEVINE

Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Sociology, Yale University

Introduction:

Paula Hyman, Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University

Christian Eschatology after the Holocaust

ARTHUR COHEN

Theologian and novelist

Introduction:

Arthur Hertzberg, Adjunct Professor of History, Columbia University

EVENING SESSION

8:00 p.m.

The Messianic Component in Modern Jewish Nationalism

JACOB KATZ

*Professor Emeritus of Jewish Social and Educational History and
former Rector, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Introduction:

Isaac Barzilay, Professor of Hebrew Language and Culture, Columbia University

Summation:

SALO WITTMAYER BARON

Professor Emeritus of Jewish History, Literature, and Institutions, Columbia University

Introduction:

Fritz Stern, Provost and Seth Low Professor of History, Columbia University



*The Messiah and Elijah the Prophet Approaching Jerusalem
(Haggadah, Mantua, Italy, 1560)*