



Belonging Without Believing

Engaging Secular Jewish Culture

Sunday
February 6
2011

Jewish
Community
Center of
San Francisco

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m.

Host of KQED's "Forum"

Michael Krasny

Author of *Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest*



- Professor of English at San Francisco State University
- Author of three books: newly published *Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest*, *Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio* and *Literary Life and Sound Ideas* (with Maggie Sokolik)

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- Featured in the 16-lecture set "Short Story Masterpieces" – CDs and DVDs produced by The Teaching Company
- The S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal for Intellectual Distinction from the Hebrew University and the Eugene Block Award for Human Rights Journalism

Professor

David Biale

Author of *Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought*



- Emanuel Ringelblum Professor of Jewish History and Chair of the History Department at UC Davis
- Author of six books, including newly published *Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought*; *Gershom Scholem: Kabbalah and Counter-History*; *Power and Powerlessness in Jewish History*; *Eros and the Jews: From Biblical Israel to Contemporary America*; *Blood and Belief: The Circulation of a Symbol Between Jews and Christians*
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9:30 a.m.
Doors Open

10:30 a.m.
Keynote Conversation

12:00 p.m.
Book Sales and Signing*
Lunch
Bring your own bag lunch or order a box lunch and beverage for \$10 when you pre-register.

12:30 p.m.
Workshops on the history, thought and practice of Jewish secular culture. See the back side for a list of presenters and workshop titles.

2:00 p.m.
Closing Performance

* Book sales of a variety of titles by event presenters – courtesy of Dayenu, the bookstore at JCCSF

For more information and to register, visit www.lehrhaus.org or call (510) 845-6420.

\$15 in advance (no lunch)
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CLOSING PERFORMANCE 2 p.m.

Josh Kornbluth:

"You Go Yahweh, I'll Go Mine"

More on Josh Kornbluth on the back.

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WORKSHOPS 12:30 p.m.

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Lehrhaus Judaica

*Spinoza's Road to Inner Freedom:
The Challenge to Religious Authority*

Prof. Naomi Seidman

Graduate Theological Union

*How Secular Literature Taught
Eastern European Jews about
Romance*

Prof. Moulie Vidas

UC Davis

*Is There a Secular Worldview
in the Talmud?*

Prof. Chana Kronfeld

UC Berkeley

*Secularizing the Sacred: The Poetry
of Yehuda Amichai*

Secular Rabbi Judith Seid

Tri-Valley Secular Jews

*A Practical Guide to Living a Secular,
Yet Spiritual, Jewish Life*

Janis Plotkin

Mill Valley Film Festival

*From the Marx Brothers to the
Coen Brothers: American Cinema
as Code for the Secular Jew*

Prof. Steve Zipperstein

Stanford

*Why Russian Jews – Among the
World's Most Religious – Produced
The Most Intriguing of All Secular
Jewish Ideologies*

This event is presented
in conjunction with the
Posen Foundation's event
in New York:

Saturday, March 12, 2011
At The New School, Manhattan

**Conversation on Jewish
Secularism** with Rebecca Goldstein
and other speakers (7 p.m.)

**University for a Day on Jewish
Secularism** (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Opening Keynote: David Biale on
his book, *Not in the Heavens*, and
his course *Secular Jewish Thinkers*

Full day of mini-courses,
including Naomi Seidman on
Secularization and Sexuality; and
others on *Seinfeld – A Secular
Jewish Icon*; *Freud, Psychoanalysis
and the Secular Subject*, and more

For more information:
www.posenfoundation.com/events.html

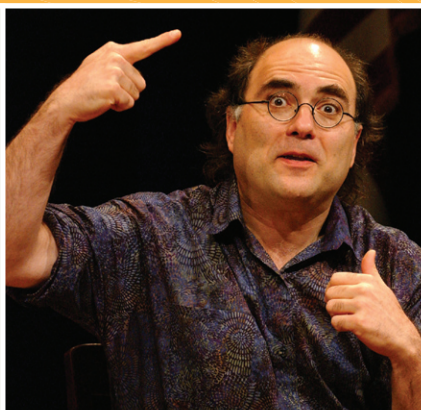
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2-2:30 p.m.*

Josh Kornbluth: "You Go Yahweh, I'll Go Mine"

Josh Kornbluth is a monologist, filmmaker and sometimes television host who lives in Berkeley with his wife, son and corn snake, Snakey. His latest solo show is *Andy Warhol: Good for the Jews?* Learn more about Kornbluth at www.joshkornbluth.com.

*So you can make it home for the Super Bowl kickoff at 3 p.m.



**Pre-registration is
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as this event may sell out.**

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Anti-Semitism: Historical Perspectives, Fresh Insights

Sunday, May 15 • 12:30 – 6 p.m.

at the Osher Marin JCC, 200 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael



Keynote Speaker

Leon Wieseltier is
the literary editor of
The New Republic
and author of several

books, including *Kaddish*, (a National
Book Award finalist in 2000) and
Against Identity, a collection of essays
on the modern notion of identity.

Workshops

A variety of topics in two sessions
taught by leading scholars and
experts, including both historical
and contemporary perspectives.

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Panel

Anti-Semitism Today and Jewish
Community Responses