

The Herman P. and Sophia Taubman Chair in Jewish Studies  
THE 2018 TAUBMAN LECTURES

# FORGETTING



## The Jewish Past between Rupture and Renewal

Never forget! Within and beyond Jewish tradition, forgetting is typically equated with the danger of memory's loss and failure. Recent neurobiological studies, however, have revealed another facet of forgetting—that is, as a productive force in its own right, pruning, shaping, and honing the meanings made by the past in an evolving present. These lectures experiment with a parallel move for Jewish cultural history, recovering the creative power of forgetting for reshaping the ancient Jewish (and Christian) past within shifting landscapes of late antique, medieval, and modern Jewish memory.

**Lecture 1: Monday, March 12, 7 pm**  
**What Was Lost with the Dead Sea Scrolls**

**Lecture 2: Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm**  
**How the Jewishness of Christianity was Forgotten**

**Lecture 3: Thursday, March 15, 5:30 pm**  
**Forgetting and Remembering Second Temple Judaism**

Lecture followed by reception with unforgettable delectables.



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