



Temple Beth El's Scholar in Residence Program set for President's Day Weekend February 2010

David B. Ruderman, the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and the Ella Darivoff Director of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania will discuss "The Jewish Encounter with Medicine".

Make sure you set aside President's Day Weekend in February for Temple Beth El's Scholar in Residence Program. We will be joined by David B. Ruderman, the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and the Ella Darivoff Director of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania." His topic for the weekend is "The Jewish Encounter with Medicine and Science", and he will give three different talks relating to that topic.

Plan to attend the TBE Scholar-In-Residence weekend Feb. 12th and 13th, with Professor David Ruderman of the University of Pennsylvania Center for Judaic Studies. Dr. Ruderman's topic is "The Jewish Encounter with Medicine and Science." He will deliver three talks:

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| Friday, February 12th at Services | "The Rabbis, Kabbalist, Magicians & Physicians" |
| Saturday, February 13th 12:30-2:00 P.M. | "The Jewish Doctors of Early Modern Europe and Their Vital Contribution to Jewish Culture" |
| Saturday, February 13th 7:30 P.M. | "Kabbalah, Science and Loving One's Neighbor"
Havdalah and desert included |

Professor Ruderman was educated at the City College of New York, the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Columbia University. He received his rabbinical degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and his Ph.D. in Jewish History from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Before he began work at the University of Pennsylvania, he held the Frederick P. Rose Chair of Jewish History at Yale University and the Louis L. Kaplan Chair of Jewish Historical Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he was instrumental in establishing both institutions' Judaic studies programs. At the University of Maryland he also won the Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award.

Professor Ruderman is the author of numerous books, articles and reviews. He has served on the board and as vice-president of the Association of Jewish Studies, and on the boards of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Journal of Reform Judaism, the Renaissance Society of

America, and the World Union of Jewish Studies. He chaired the Publications Committee of the Yale Judaic Series, and served for five years as director of the Victor Rothschild Memorial Symposium in Jewish studies, a seminar for doctoral and post-doctoral students held each summer by the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, in Jerusalem. Presently, he serves as a member of the academic advisory board of the Mandel Center for Advanced Judaic Studies of the Hebrew University. He was also the president of the American Academy for Jewish Research, and is the editor of the Center's series in Judaic studies called "Jewish culture and contexts." Some of his other teaching experiences include the Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the Institute for Advanced Study at the Hebrew University. Ruderman was born in New York in 1944 and is married with two children. In June, 2001, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture honored him with its lifetime achievement award for his work in Jewish history. For more information on Dr. Ruderman including a list of his books you can go to <http://www.history.upenn.edu/faculty/ruderman.shtml>.