Participants: Aryeh Cohen (American Jewish University), Michael Cohen (Tulane), Hasia Diner (NYU), Zev Eleff (Brandeis), David Ellenson (NYU), Michah Gottlieb (NYU), Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth), Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis), Jon Levisohn (Brandeis), Shaul Magid (Indiana U.), Tony Michels (U. Wisconsin), Yehudah Mirsky (Brandeis), Samuel Moyn (Harvard), Jesse Olson (Yeshiva Univ.), Jonathan Sarna (Brandeis), Eugene Sheppard (Brandeis), Naomi Seidman (GTU), David Starr (Gann Academy), Stephen Whitfield (Brandeis)

Monday, March 23, 2015

Noon: Lunch buffet

Session One: Debating Slavery 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Chair: Eugene Sheppard, Brandeis University

Texts:
“The Bible View of Slavery” by M.J. Raphall, 1861
David Einhorn’s Response to “A Bible View of Slavery,” 1861

Interpretive introductions:
Michah Gottlieb, New York University
David Ellenson, New York University
Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University

Session Two: A.J. Heschel and Civil Rights 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Chair: Shaul Magid, Indiana University

Texts:
“No Religion is An Island,” 1966
“Religion and Race,” from The Insecurity of Freedom

Interpretive introductions:
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
Samuel Moyn, Harvard University

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Session Three: “Orthodoxy” 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Chair: David Starr, Gann Academy

Texts:
Samuel Belkin, “The Jewish Community in a Non-Jewish World,” Essays in Traditional Jewish Thought, 1956
Shimon Schwab, “Torah im Derekh Eretz – A Second View,” 1990

Interpretive introductions:
Yehudah Mirsky, Brandeis University
Naomi Seidman, Graduate Theological Union

Lunch

Session Four: From Marxism to Judaism 12:30 pm -3:30 pm
Chair: Michah Gottlieb, New York University

Text:
Will Herberg, “From Marxism to Judaism,” Commentary 1947

Interpretive introductions:
Tony Michels, University of Wisconsin
Hasia Diner, New York University
Shaul Magid, Indiana University

Dinner