

The place of interfaith dialogue in Orthodox Judaism

Research colloquium

December 14th 2021, 17:00–18:00

online via zoom

The place of interfaith dialogue in Orthodox Judaism has been the subject of extensive discussion. This lecture will offer a reading of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's and Rabbi Irving Greenberg's stances on interfaith dialogue that situates them in a Jewish philosophical context. Some scholars have argued that Soloveitchik's refusal to engage in Jewish-Christian theological dialogue must be understood historically; others have argued that his opposition to such dialogue must be understood halakhically. This lecture will posit that in order for Soloveitchik's stance on interfaith dialogue to be fully understood, it should be studied bearing in mind the influence of Hermann Cohen upon Soloveitchik's religious philosophy. It will further argue that in order for Greenberg's stance on interfaith dialogue — as well as his interfaith theology — to be completely grasped, his positions upon these theological matters must be studied with the awareness of Franz Rosenzweig's influence upon his thought.

Keynote address: Rabbi Dr. Daniel Ross Goodman

Response: Father Dr. Christian Rutishauser SJ



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