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JEWISH SCEPTICISM

**THE SCEPTICAL ATELIER** IS A PRE-READ EVENT DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE FORTHCOMING BILINGUAL (ITALIAN/ ENGLISH) EDITION OF SIMONE LUZZATTO'S *SOCRATE OVERO DELL'HUMANO SAPERE* (1651) PREPARED BY GIUSEPPE VELTRI AND MICHELA TORBIDONI. IT IS AN IMPORTANT BUT OVERLOOKED WORK, WHICH PROVIDES A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE PLACE OF JEWISH SCEPTICISM WITHIN THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.

**SIMONE LUZZATTO** (CA. 1583–1663) WAS THE CHIEF RABBI OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF VENICE AS WELL AS A HIGHLY TALENTED CLASSICIST AND A PASSIONATE READER OF MEDIEVAL ITALIAN LITERATURE.

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SOCRAT  
O V E R O  
DELL'HVMANO SAPER  
ESERCITIO SERIOGIOCOSO  
DI SIMONE LVZZATT  
HEBREO VENETIANO.  
OPERA NELLA QVALE SI DIMOSTI  
quanto sia imbecile l'humano intendimento, mentr  
non è diretto dalla diuina riuelatione.  
Al SERENISSIMO PRENCIPE di VENETIA  
FRANCESCO MOLINO  
ET ECCELL. COLLEGIO.



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# SIMONE LUZZATTO'S "SOCRATES"

## READING THE FORTHCOMING FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION

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The event is open to the public, with advance registration via e-mail. Required reading will be made available by the end of April 2017. The discussion will be led both in Italian and English.



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