

MAIMONIDES LECTURE ON SCEPTICISM

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18:00

Scepticism, Postmodernism, and Modern Jewish Historiography

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This lecture offers a recounting of modern intellectual and personal history in order to address the claim that postmodernism introduced a debilitating scepticism about the capacity of history to grasp the past. Drawing on the critique of Carlo Ginzburg, it will confront the argument that postmodernism blurs the boundary between fact and fiction and thereby renders the noble craft of history an incoherent jumble of relativism. It will recall a memorable debate in Germany that laid out the stakes of the debate over postmodernism's effects and will conclude with reflections on where we stand today in our post-postmodern era.

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