

MAIMONIDES LECTURE ON SCEPTICISM

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The Rambam Connection; or, How Maimonides Brought Al-Fārābī to the Talmud

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In this lecture, I will argue that the distinctive linguistic philosophy that underlines talmudic interpretation in the fifteenth through seventeenth centuries, first in Sepharad and then in Ashkenaz, developed under the influence of Maimonides's treatise *The Words of Logic*. I will further claim that this Maimonidean work is entirely a product of Maimonides's encounter with Al-Fārābī's philosophy of language. Farabian thought is thus seen to be the father of talmudic interpretation in early modern Jewry, with Maimonides as the conduit.

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