

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The Challenges of Modernity: Defining Jewish Identity in the 19th and 20th Centuries

February 18, 2020, 6 pm

Bildungshaus St. Ursula, Trommsdorffstraße 29, 99084 Erfurt

From the 19th century onwards, questions of self-definition have continuously occupied Jews around the world. While modernity tore apart the traditional structure of society, the alternative remained unclear: introversion, assimilation, reformation, multiculturalism and nationalism were only some of the options intellectuals and politicians tried to promote. The Round Table discussion will present four views of this issue using four major historical figures and will seek to assess their influence on the public discourse today:

Judith Frishman (Leiden University):

Samuel Hirsch

Chad Alan Goldberg (University of Wisconsin-Madison):

Horace Kallen

Annette Vowinckel (ZZF Potsdam):

Hannah Arendt

Adi Sherzer Druckman (Ben Gurion University of the Negev):

David Ben-Gurion

Chair: Jörg Rüpke (Universität Erfurt)



Photo by Dr Avishai Teicher Pikiwiki Israel, a statue at the Israeli Caricature and Comics Museum based on a caricature by Joseph Bass

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