

Missionaries, Meshumadim and Maskilim: The Revival of the Jewish-Christian Debate in Nineteenth- Century Europe

David B. Ruderman speaks about a remarkable chapter in the revival of the Jewish-Christian debate in the 19th century when the evangelical missionary Alexander McCaul journeyed to Warsaw to missionize. Prof. Ruderman will talk about him, those who converted under his direction (Meshumadim), and representatives of the Jewish Enlightenment (Maskilim) who responded to McCaul and his work.

David B. Ruderman is Professor of Modern Jewish History the University of Pennsylvania. He has won multiple awards and is a lively speaker. Some his books are *The World of a Renaissance Jew* (1981); *Kabbalah, Magic, and Science: The Cultural Universe of a Sixteenth-Century Jewish Physician* (1988); *Jewish Thought and Scientific Discovery in Early Modern Europe* (1995); *Connecting the Covenants: Judaism and the Search for Christian Identity in Eighteenth-Century England* (2007) and *Early Modern Jewry: A New Cultural History* (2010). His latest book is *A Best-Selling Hebrew Book of the Modern Era: The Book of the Covenant of Pinhas Hurwitz and its Remarkable Legacy* (2014).