How Judaism Became a Religion

Presented by Dr. Leora Batnitzky
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Leora F. Batnitzky is the Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies, and is Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion at Princeton University. Dr. Batnitzky’s teaching and research interests include philosophy of religion, modern Jewish thought, hermeneutics, and contemporary legal and political theory. In 2002 she received Princeton’s President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching. She is the author of Idolatry and Representation: The Philosophy of Franz Rosenzweig Reconsidered (Princeton, 2000), Leo Strauss and Emmanuel Levinas: Philosophy and the Politics of Revelation (Cambridge, 2006), and How Judaism Became a Religion: An Introduction to Modern Jewish Thought (Princeton, 2011). Her current book project, tentatively titled "Conversion Before the Law: How Religion and Law Shape Each Other in the Modern World," focuses on a number of contemporary legal cases concerning religious conversion in the U.S., Great Britain, Israel, and India. She is also currently completing an edited volume for the Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought on modern Judaism and legal theory. She is co-editor, with Peter Schäfer, of Jewish Studies Quarterly. Dr. Batnitzky is the Director of Princeton’s Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, and she currently serves as Chair of the Department of Religion.

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