

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015**

**9:00 - 11:25 am**

**University of Nebraska Omaha  
College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Room 132D**

**9:00 – 9:15 am ▪ Introductions**

**9:15-11:25 am ▪ Session I**

9:15-9:55am ..... Dereck Daschke, Truman State University  
*'The End of the World and the World to Come': What Apocalyptic  
Literature Says about the Time After the Endtime*

10:00-10:40am .... Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*Dining In(to) The World to Come*

10:45-11:25am .... Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College  
*Emet: The Paradox of Death and Afterlife*

**11:30am-12pm ▪ Travel from UNO to JCC**

**12-5pm ▪ 7-8:30 pm**

**Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**12-1pm ▪ Lunch**

**1:05-2:30pm ▪ Session II**

1:05–1:45pm ..... Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute  
*Rabbi Akiva and Socrates: On Life, Death, and Life after Life*

1:50–2:30pm ..... Morris M. Faienstein, University of Maryland  
*Trapped Between This World and the Next World:  
The Mystical Origins of the Dibbuk and its Historical Significance*

**2:30 – 2:50 ▪ Break**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015, CONTINUED**

**2:50 - 5pm ▪ Session III**

2:50–3:30pm ..... Federico Dal Bo, ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry  
*Emmanuel Levinas' Ethical Religion: A Philosophical Treatment of the  
'This World'-'The World to Come' Dichotomy*

3:35-4:15pm ..... Dov Weiss, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
*The Moral Function of Olam Ha-ba in Rabbinic Literature*

4:20-5:00pm ..... Vadim Putzu, Missouri State University  
*Tasting Heaven: Wine and the World to Come from the Talmud to Safed*

**7-8:30pm ▪ Session IV**

**Introductions**

Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, S.J., President, Creighton University  
Alan Potash, CEO, Jewish Federation of Omaha  
Leonard J. Greenspoon, Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization

**Keynote Address**

**Christine Hayes, Yale University**

*Heaven on Earth:  
The World to Come and its (Dis)locations*

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

**8:30 am – 1:10 pm**

**Creighton University ▪ Skutt Center Ballroom, 2500 California Plaza**

**8:30-8:45 am ▪ Introductions**

**8:45-10:00 am ▪ Session V**

8:45-9:25am.....Katia Vehlow, University of South Carolina

*Mothers of the Messiah: Harbingers of Hope in the Last Days*

9:30-10:10am...David Shyovitz, Northwestern University

*TEVEL and Its Inhabitants: Maps, Monsters, and  
the Medieval Jewish Imagination*

**10:15-11:40 am ▪ Session VI**

10:15-10:55am.Elias Sacks, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality  
and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought*

11-11:40am.....Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College (MA)

*What's for Dinner in Olam Ha-ba? Why Do We Care in Olam Ha-zeh?*

**11:45 am – 12:30pm ▪ Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:10 pm ▪ Keynote**

**12:30-1:10 pm ▪ Session VII**

12:30-1:10pm...Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University

*Warriors, Wives, and Wisdom: olam ha-zeh v'olam ha-ba  
In the (so-called) Apocrypha*

**4:00 - 8:15 pm**

**University of Nebraska - Lincoln**

**4-5:15pm ▪ Session VIII**

Bailey Library, Andrews Hall

4:00-4:40pm.....Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

*Rabbi Akiva and Socrates: On life, Death, and Life after Life*

4:45-5:25pm.....Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College

*Torah for Christians*

**7-8:15pm ▪ Session IX**

Gaughan Multicultural Center, Unity Room 212

7:00-8:15pm.....Christine Hayes, Yale University

*What's Divine about Divine Law?*

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