

Monday, October 29, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All events take place at the Creighton Skutt Student Center Ballroom
Visitor parking is available at the Lied Center - 24th and Cass Street

The 25th Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium

“Who Is A Jew?”

8:30 – 9:55 **Session IV**

8:30 – 9:10 Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University
“**Creating a Community: Who Can Belong?**”

9:15 – 9:55 Wesley K. Sutton, Lehman College/CUNY
“**The Fallacy of Biological Judaism**”

9:55 – 10:05 **Break**

10:05 – 11:30 **Session V**

10:05 – 10:45 Katarzyna Person, Center for Jewish History, New York City
“**We didn’t even know they were Jewish’: Assimilated, Acculturated, and Baptized Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, 1940-1943**”

10:50 – 11:30 Misha Klein, University of Oklahoma
“**Kosher Feijoada, or Blending Contradictions into Identities**”

11:30-12:15 **Lunch**

12:15-1:45 **Session VI**

12:15 – 12:20 Dean Robert Lueger
College of Arts and Sciences, Creighton University

12:20 – 1:00 Steven Leonard Jacobs, University of Alabama
“**German-Jewish Identity: Problematic Then; Problematic Now**”

1:05-1:45 Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
“**Traces of Race: Defining Jewishness in America**”



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All events are free and open to the public

Sunday, October 28, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All events take place at the Omaha Jewish Community Center
333 South 132nd Street

9:15 – 11:25

Session I

9:15 – 9:55 Aaron Hahn Tapper, University of San Francisco
**“Will the ‘Real’ Jew Please Stand Up?
Karaites, Israelites, Kabbalists, Messianists, and the
Politics of Identity**

10:00-10:40 Leonard Levin, Jewish Theological Seminary
“It’s All in the Memes”

10:45-11:25 Naomi Leite, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
**“Ancestral Souls and Jewish Genes: Alternative Models of
Jewishness from Portugal’s Urban Marranos”**

11:30-12:15

Lunch

Lunch will be in honor of Menachem Mor

12:20 – 2:30

Session II

12:20-1:00 Menachem Mor, University of Haifa, Israel
“Who Is a Samaritan”

1:05-1:45 Matthew Boxer, Brandeis University
**“The Birthright Israel Generation: Being a Jewish Young
Adult in Contemporary America”**

1:50-2:30 Mark Goldfeder, Emory University School of Law
**“Timeless Principles and Timely Applications: Re-
examining the Definition of A Jew in the Modern World”**

2:35-2:50

Break

2:50 – 5:00

Session III

2:50-3:30 Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
**“Conversion in Transition: Conceptual and Halakhic
Changes in Israel”**

3:35-4:15 Joseph R. Hodes, Binghamton University (SUNY)
**“The Bene Israel and the ‘Who is a Jew?’ Controversy in
Israel”**

4:20-5:00 Netanel Fisher, University of Michigan
**“Who is a Jew in Israel? Did Israel Succeed in Untying the
Knot?”**

Sunday, October 28, 2012 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Omaha Jewish Community Center Theatre
333 South 132nd Street

7:30 – 8:45

Keynote Presentation

Shaye J.D. Cohen

*Nathan Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy
Harvard University*

**“Who is a Jew? Who Decides?
Who Cares?”**



*Please join us on the Creighton University campus in the Skutt ballroom as we continue
the symposium on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 8:30 am.*