

# MORE TRAILBLAZERS OF JEWISH THOUGHT

## THEIR IMPACT ON JUDAISM

The 2024 series titled 'Jewish trailblazers in the modern era' was obviously not exhaustive. There are at least fifteen others who have made major contributions to Judaism! In this series, we continue our exploration of those who have contributed to Jewish thought either as philosophical, religious or political intellectuals.

Many have provided ongoing leadership in their fields, but others, while less influential in the 21st century, have not been forgotten. They might not all be household names, but their legacies are remarkable.

Of course, these people did not exist in isolation. Context is important. For example, Arendt will be presented in the setting of totalitarianism, the shadow of the Holocaust with the Eichmann trial, and the roles of her colleagues such as Martin Heidegger, Walter Benjamin and Gershom Sholem.

We will explore the lives and thoughts of an additional group of profound trailblazers in modern Jewish thought. As previously, a summary 'dictionary' of the principal people, movements and technical terms will accompany the series, as will the opportunity to discuss many of the unresolved arguments that these trailblazers provided.

### LECTURES

#### 1. Jewish thinkers of Eastern European origin

- 1) Shneur Zalman of Liadi
- 2) Israel Salanter
- 3) Chofetz Chaim

#### 2. Jewish thinkers of German origin

- 4) Leo Baeck
- 5) Hannah Arendt

#### 3. Jewish religious leaders of the 20th century

- 1) Joseph Soloveitchik
- 2) Judith Plaskow
- 3) Jonathan Sacks

#### 4. Jewish philosophers of the 20th century

- 9) Eliezer Berkovits
- 10) Emil Fackenheim
- 11) Emanuel Levinas

#### 5. Jewish thinkers from Israel

- 12) Yeshayahu Leibowitz
- 13) Nehama Leibowitz
- 14) David Hartman
- 15) Micah Goodman

### DATES

5 lectures on 19, 26 March, 2, 9 and 23 April, 2025. (Note no lecture on 16th April as it falls during the Passover.) Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### SPEAKER

A/Prof Peter Schattner

### FORMAT

Lectures, audience discussion and readings

### LOCATION

U3A Stonnington and on Zoom (a 'hybrid' presentation)

### ENROLMENT & ENQUIRIES

More information, including registration, available on website (<http://u3astonnington.org.au>) from mid-January 2025