

March 2020 SESSION



## “Was Yosef on the Spectrum?”

### Samuel J. Levine

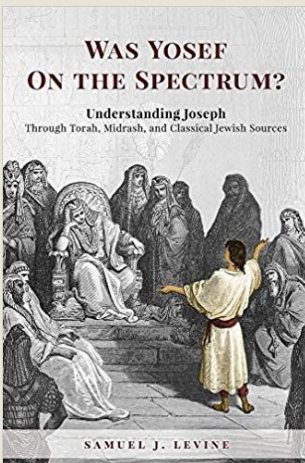
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*Stephen Rosenbaum, Berkeley Law Lecturer and Disability Studies Scholar and Advocate will serve as discussant.*

Yosef's behaviors, interpersonal relationships, and personal development are often difficult to understand, and at times seem to defy explanation. Professor Samuel J. Levine's book, *Was Yosef on the Spectrum?* (Urim Publications, 2019), offers a coherent and cohesive reading of the well-known Hebrew Bible story, presenting a portrait of Yosef as an individual on the autism spectrum. Viewed through this lens, Yosef emerges as a more familiar and less enigmatic individual, exhibiting both strengths and weaknesses commonly associated with autism spectrum disorder.

This talk is sponsored by the [Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law & Israel Studies](#), the [Center for the Study of Law & Society](#), the [Othering and Belonging Institute Disability Studies Cluster](#), and the [Disability Studies Minor](#).

Professor Samuel J. Levine joined the Touro Law Center faculty in 2010 as Professor of Law and Director of the Jewish Law Institute. He previously served as Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law, and he has served as the Beznos Distinguished Professor at Michigan State University College of Law. He has published two books and more than fifty law review articles and book chapters, and he has lectured throughout the United States on the subjects of legal ethics, Jewish law, criminal law, law and religion, and constitutional law. Professor Levine received a J.D. from Fordham Law School, graduating cum laude and Order of the Coif, an LL.M. from Columbia Law School, graduating with Highest Honors as a James Kent Scholar, and Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University.



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Goldberg Room, Simon Hall  
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A kosher lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Rebecca Golbert:  
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