

*The University of Pittsburgh presents:*

# Jay Michaelson

February 6-7, 2017



## Monday, February 6 at 12:00 noon (602 Cathedral of Learning)

Jewish Studies Brown-Bag Colloquium Lecture:

**“I Do Not Look to Heaven: The Antinomianism of Jacob Frank, Between Philosophical Critique and Esoteric Myth”**

*Open to all: Coffee and Dessert Provided.*

## Monday February 6 at 5:00 p.m. (501 Cathedral of Learning)

Queering Religion Series Lecture:

**“Queer Theology and Social Transformation: Points of Contact, Points of Conflict”**

*Open to all: Reception to Follow.*

## Tuesday February 7 at 12:30 p.m. (Law School, Room 111)

Law School Lunch Talk:

**“Religious Exemptions: Civil Rights and the Parameters of Liberty”**

With response by Ira Karoll (University of Pittsburgh School of Law)

*Open to all. Sponsored by Christian Legal Society and OUTlaw.*

**Rabbi Dr. Jay Michaelson** holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from Hebrew University, and nondenominational rabbinic ordination. He is an affiliated assistant professor at Chicago Theological Seminary, and has held teaching positions at Harvard Divinity School and Boston University Law School. Dr. Michaelson is a columnist at The Daily Beast, focusing on law, religion, and LGBTQ equality, and was a professional religious LGBTQ activist for seven years. Academic publications include “Queering Kabbalistic Gender Dimorphism,” “Hating Law for Christian Reasons: The Religious Roots of American Anti-Lawyerism,” and “Chaos, Law, and God: The Religious Meanings of Homosexuality.” Books include *Everything is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism* and *God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality*, as well as the landmark 2013 report on the “religious exemptions” movement, “Redefining Religious Liberty: The Covert Campaign Against Civil Rights.”



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