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Einstein's Jewish Science: Physics at the Intersection of Politics and Religion

A free lecture sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania Forum for Religion and Science and the Center for Public Humanities

Featured speaker: Dr. Steven Gimbel, Edwin T. and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Chair for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities at Gettysburg College



Nazi sympathizers in the period between the World Wars referred to Einstein's theory of relativity as "Jewish science" in order to undermine its growing acceptance. Although their reasoning is flawed, we can ask whether there is any sense in which we could think of relativity as "Jewish." In typical Jewish style, the answer is both yes and no.



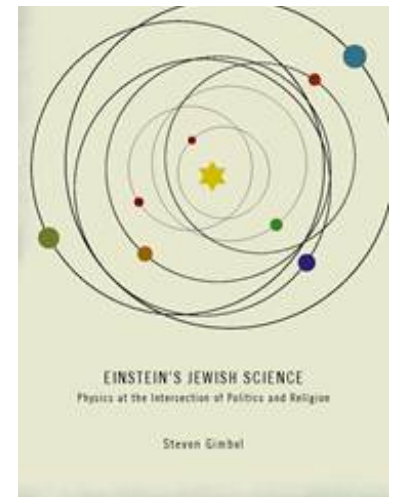
Thursday, 1 November 2012, at 7:00 pm. Book signing to follow.

Location: Frey Hall 110, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. Directions and a campus map are at <http://www.messiah.edu/visitors/direction.html>.

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research focuses on scientific methodology and the philosophical ramifications of relativity theory. His publications include *Defending Einstein: Hans Reichenbach's Early Writings on Space, Time, and Motion*, *Exploring the Scientific Method: Cases and Questions*, and *Einstein's Jewish Science: Physics at the Intersection of Politics and Religion*.

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