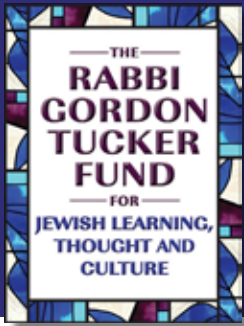


Scientific Insights on Reducing Hatred

Thursday, June 11, 2020

7:00–8:00 pm



While we may want to think that “no one is taught to hate,” we all have the potential within us for both exacerbating and reducing hatred. **Professor Larisa Heiphetz** of the Columbia University Department of Psychology will share her findings about how and why adults and children develop biases, the links between bias and hatred, and what we can do to reduce both. The conversation will be moderated by **Rabbi Geoff Mitelman**, Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses, and TIC Member.

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83782296316>
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Professor Larisa Heiphetz

runs the Columbia Social and Moral Cognition Lab, where she and her students investigate how children and adults think about right and wrong. While some projects investigate basic moral processes, others examine

connections between morality and (a) religion and (b) the legal system. For this work, Professor Heiphetz received the 2019 Early Career Research Contribution Award from the Society for Research in Child Development and the 2018 Early Career Award from the International Social Cognition Network, among other honors. Professor Heiphetz received her PhD in Psychology from Harvard University in 2013 and served as a post-doctoral fellow at Boston College for three years prior to joining Columbia University in 2016.



Rabbi Geoff Mitelman is the Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses, an organization that bridges the scientific and religious worlds, and is being incubated at Clal–The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. His writings

about the intersection of religion and science have been published in the books *Seven Days, Many Voices* and *A Life of Meaning*, as well as on *The Huffington Post*, *Nautilus*, *Orbiter*, *Science and Religion Today*, *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, and *My Jewish Learning*. He has been an adjunct professor at both the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion and the Academy for Jewish Religion, and is an internationally sought-out teacher, presenter, and scholar-in-residence. From 2007 to 2014, he served as Assistant and then Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, and he is currently on the board of Temple Israel Center of White Plains.

This will be the final session of this year’s Rabbi Gordon Tucker Fund Beit Midrash symposium on hate.