14th Annual Louis Jacobs Memorial Lecture to mark the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Jacobs’s 100th Birthday

THEME: Approaching the Torah with Honesty: Torah Min Hashamayim from Hertz to TheTorah.com

Sunday 21st June - Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm UK time - Via Zoom
Admission Early Bird £10.00 rising to £12.00

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As the notion of Mosaic authorship of the Torah as dogma remains central even within much of the Modern Orthodox world, this year's memorial lecture brings together two outstanding scholars to survey some of the important history behind Jewish critical biblical studies and what it signals for the future of our tradition.

How should we understand Rabbi Dr Louis Jacobs in the British tradition of biblical scholarship?

Does an academic approach shake our faith or enrich and deepen our engagement?

Can an holistic approach to Torah study be integrated within all sections of the community?

Was Rabbi Dr Louis Jacobs a man before his time?

“The Hertz Pentateuch as Background for the Jacobs Affair”
Professor Edward Breuer

“Jewish Critical Biblical Studies: Past, Present, and Future”
Professor Marc Zvi Brettler

Simon Eder, Project Director, will host an extended discussion engaging in the themes from the lectures and what they mean for our Jewish future.

Professor Edward Breuer is a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry. His research focuses on eighteenth and nineteenth century Jewish intellectual History in Central and Western Europe. This includes work on the German-Jewish Enlightenment, and most especially on the writings of Moses Mendelssohn; on the rise of Wissenschaft des Judentums and the Reform movement; and on the study of the Bible, particularly Biblical Criticism, in the modern era.

Professor Marc Zvi Brettler is Bernice & Morton Lerner Professor of Judaic Studies at Duke University, and Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies (Emeritus) at Brandeis University. He is author, most recently, of How to Read the Jewish Bible, co-editor of The Jewish Study Bible and The Jewish Annotated New Testament, and co-author of The Bible and the Believer. Brettler is cofounder of Project TABS (Torah and Biblical Scholarship) - TheTorah.com, which now has an audience of 100,000 readers a month.