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Bangor seminary and Beth Israel to mark anniversaries with lecture

"How Jews Do Theology: Metaphors for God in Biblical and Post-Biblical Texts" will be the topic of a lecture by Rabbi Neil Gillman of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City. Gillman's lecture is a joint anniversary event marking the 175th anniversary of Bangor Theological Seminary and the 100th anniversary of Congregational Beth Israel.

The anniversary lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at Wellman Commons, Bangor Theological Seminary.

Gillman is the Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon H. Rifkin Associate Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He served as dean of the seminary's Rabbinical School from 1972 to 1981 and as associate provost responsible for the seminary's outreach program from 1981 to 1986.

A native of Quebec City, Gillman graduated in 1954 from McGill University in Montreal, with honors in French and philosophy. He was ordained in 1960 at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and completed a doctorate in philosophy in 1975 at Columbia University.

Gillman teaches in the adult education program at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City. He is now completing a book on Jewish philosophy for use in undergraduate and adult education courses, to be published in the near future.



Rabbi Neil Gillman

He has published a number of articles in the field of modern Jewish philosophy. His current research centers on the ideology of Conservative Judaism and on modern approaches to Jewish ritual.

The jointly sponsored anniversary lecture of Bangor Theological Seminary and Congregational Beth Israel is free of charge and open to the public. Free child care will be provided. Kosher refreshments will be served after the lecture.