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The modern age in European and American life and culture brought with it revolutionary changes in every facet of civilization. The American and French Revolutions set in motion the era of Emancipation for millions. The Enlightenment changed the way we think about the world and ourselves. The rise of scientism challenged religious beliefs as never before since the Renaissance. Nationalism became a byword for Europeans and spawned new nations as well as the Zionist movement. The *Haskalah*, Jewish enlightenment, changed much of Jewish thinking. Religious reforms were in the air. All of these factors—and others—impacted Judaism in numerous and traumatic ways. This course will delve into these various themes and attempt to fathom how they all affect our lives, beliefs and value systems, as well as our future.



Rabbi Gilbert S. Rosenthal directs the National Council of Synagogues, a partnership of the Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist movements in Judaism dealing with interfaith matters on a national level. From 1990-2000 he served as the executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis. His books include: *Four Paths to One God*, *The Many Faces of Judaism*, *Contemporary Judaism*, *Maimonides: His Wisdom for Our Time*, *The American Rabbi*, and *The Jewish Family in a Changing World*. His latest volume is, *What Can a Modern Jew Believe?* published by Wipf and Stock in 2007. Dr. Rosenthal has taught senior homiletics at the Jewish Theological Seminary for several years. He also taught at the Hebrew College of Boston and at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. He hosted the television show, POINT OF VIEW, for eleven years on WWOR-TV and Telecare and nationally on the Odyssey cable network.

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Founded over twenty years ago, the LIJS is the fruit of a longstanding collaboration between the Adult Education committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish text and Judaic culture and is open to the entire community regardless of affiliation.

Registration Form for Rabbi Gilbert S. Rosenthal's course: The Era of Modernity and Judaism
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Name 1 _____ email _____

Name 2 _____ phone _____

Fee: \$75 each Total enclosed: _____

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