

## Michael A. Meyer: Four Decades at HUC-JIR

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same trip I would visit a concentration camp. In that way I was able to make clear to myself that I was going to a conference in a country that must come to terms with its past.”

At the same time, Meyer does not hold the younger scholars he meets responsible for their nation's history. “What is quite remarkable is how many young Germans are going into German-Jewish scholarship,” he notes. “In Germany, itself, the great irony is that whereas when there was a large German-Jewish community there were virtually no Jewish studies at German universities, now the major German universities almost all have Jewish studies.” The Leo Baeck Institute's scholarly working group in Germany holds doctoral colloquia for graduate students in German-Jewish history. Over the last decade, at least 150 graduate students have done doctoral work in this area. Nearly all of them are non-Jewish Germans, an increasing number of whom are now able to read Hebrew. Furthermore, the Leo Baeck Institute is helping with the publication of guidelines for the teaching of German-Jewish history in German schools.

Meyer chairs the Publications Committee of the Hebrew Union College Press, is a fellow and member of the American Academy for Jewish Research, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Center for Jewish History in New York. He loves teaching and has advised about forty rabbinical theses during his years at HUC-JIR.

As he looks ahead, Meyer offers the Reform Movement a charge for the future: “The Reform Movement is moving in the direction of greater depth in religion and Jewish education than in the past, but it needs to recapture the awareness of broader Jewish destiny. It needs to cope with new challenges, including the large number of mixed couples in Reform congregations who require a sense of Jewish peoplehood. It also has to strengthen its relationship to Israel, which regrettably has weakened since the 1970s. It is up to us on the faculty at HUC-JIR to create a readiness to meet these challenges among our students.”

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