

**“The Renaissance Campaign to Destroy Jewish Books”  
Feld Memorial Lecture with Professor David H. Price:  
January 25 at Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Library Pavilion**

**THE FELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY LECTURE**

“The Renaissance Campaign to Destroy Jewish Books” Presented as an Orientation for the  
Klau Library's exhibition

*Miracle within a Miracle:*

*Johannes Reuchlin and the Jewish Book Controversy*

Professor David H. Price

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 3 pm**

**Mezzanine Conference Room of the**

**Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Library Pavilion**

The exhibition marks the 500th anniversary of the publication of Johannes Reuchlin's *Augenspiegel* or *Eye Glasses*, a recommendation written in response to an imperial mandate to destroy all Jewish books. Reuchlin's impassioned and ultimately successful defense of Jewish writings and legal rights represents a stunning intervention by a Christian scholar later acknowledged by a Jewish leader as a “miracle within a miracle.”

Through rare imprints from the pamphlet wars surrounding the Jewish Book Controversy, the exhibit explores anti-Semitism in the age of printing, early Christian Hebrew studies, the sixteenth century campaign to destroy Jewish books, and Reuchlin's defense of Jewish books, traditions, and civil rights.

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