

NEVE SHALOM, Metuchen, NJ
**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY**
SPEAKER SERIES



**Sunday, April 11
10 am**

Shuly Rubin Schwartz

**Conservative Judaism
of the Past**

Shuly Rubin Schwartz is the Irving Lehrman Research Associate Professor of American Jewish History and Dean of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies of The Jewish Theological Seminary.

List College, JTS's undergraduate school, is flourishing under Dean Schwartz's leadership, doubling in enrollment during her sixteen-year tenure. Dr. Schwartz has spearheaded several new initiatives, including Links to Leadership, which prepares List students to become the educated lay leaders of the future; the Fellowship in Jewish Social Entrepreneurship, which prepares select List College students to serve as Jewish social entrepreneurs who are equipped to tackle major social issues and offer new ideas for wide-scale change; and the List College Advisory Board, which serves as an invaluable resource for the College.

Dr. Schwartz's latest book, *The Rabbi's Wife: The Rebbetzin in American Jewish Life*, won the 2006 National Jewish Book Award in the area of modern Jewish thought. It tells the fascinating and poignant story of rabbis' wives who worked in partnership with their husbands to strengthen Jewish life in America. Counseling, teaching, speaking, writing, and entertaining, these women had a profound impact on their communities and served as role models of female religious leadership for American Jews.

Dr. Schwartz is also the author of *The Emergence of Jewish Scholarship in America: The Publication of the "Jewish Encyclopedia"* (Hebrew Union College Press, 1991) and numerous articles on modern Jewish life, including groundbreaking research into the founding of the Ramah camping movement. She serves on the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and the academic advisory boards of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, the Hadassah Research Institute on Jewish Women, and the Jewish Women's Archive.

Dr. Schwartz lectures widely on American Jewish life, the Jewish family, and Jewish women's studies. Sample lecture topics include: "Goodbye, Columbus, Hello Christopher: The Evolution of American Jewry"; "Beyond Fiddler: How Jews Became Part of Mainstream America"; "Baskin-Robbins Has 31 Flavors—How About American Judaism?"; "*All in the Family*—Our Jewishness Past, Present and Future"; "Hero Israel: American Jewish Women of Valor"; "They Married What They Wanted to Be: Rebbetzins in American Jewish Life"; and "We've Come a Long Way, Baby: Feminism and American Judaism." A third-generation JTS graduate, Dr. Schwartz received her BA from Barnard College and her MA and PhD from JTS.

Free and open to the public Coffee will be served at 9:40am

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