

The Solomon Schonfeld Lecture

Week 7

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Torah im Derekh Eretz in Britain: Bringing Chief Rabbis Jakobovits & Sacks into Conversation

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Abstract: As chief rabbi, Immanuel Jakobovits sought to champion the *Torah im Derekh Eretz* theology associated with Solomon Schonfeld's Adath. This paper will assess how Jonathan Sacks' later promulgation of a theology he characterised as *Torah* and *Chokhmah* can be related to *Torah im Derekh Eretz*. When thinking about the complexities of implementing in practice the Jewish way of life associated with a theology of *Torah im Derekh Eretz* this talk will consider how British Jewry and the office of Chief Rabbi pose a particular set of challenges

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5-6pm (UK time)

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow). No need to register if attending in person.

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