

Join Us For A Beki Zoom Schmooze Wednesday, November 10 at 7:30pm

Christian Kabbalists of 17th Century Europe a Conversation With BEKI Member Max Duboff



In the 17th Century some European Christians became interested in Kabbalah to address puzzles about the nature of God and creation. Their connections with Jewish thought are under explored although some of them have begun to receive increased interest among scholars of early modern European philosophy. In his talk, Max will identify and discuss Kabbalistic views the 17th Century Christian thinkers adapted for their own purposes. Through this discussion Max will teach us about Kabbalistic metaphysics and will explore some of the ways in which it has influenced Jews and non-Jews throughout the ages.

Max joined the Yale Philosophy department as part of the combined Classics and Philosophy program in 2019, after completing a BA in Philosophy and Classics at Rutgers University. His interests in ancient philosophy include Aristotelian moral reasoning and the intellectual virtues, ancient rhetoric and protreptic, and Hellenistic value theory. In his spare time, Max enjoys board games and singing.

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