

Special Issue

Jewish Women Thinkers in the Face of Shoah and Its Aftermath

Message from the Guest Editor

While studies on contemporary Jewish thought and gender studies have both expanded markedly in recent decades, the intersection between these domains, together with a renewed engagement with the Shoah, the post-Auschwitz condition, still calls for a more integrated and multilayered analysis.

This Special Issue seeks, therefore, to fill that gap by engaging the subject from a double or even triple vantage point: How are questions of gender and Judaism articulated in relation to one another? In what ways does this articulation open up new insights into the Shoah, revealing what remains unthought in current ethical and political debates? Conversely, how do such perspectives contribute to a renewed understanding of the relationship between notions of identity and difference, and the philosophical implications that follow?

We will examine the philosophical and existential trajectories of some 20th- and 21st-century women thinkers, exploring how their shared Jewish roots have shaped their reflections on these concepts and, in turn, opened up novel avenues for thinking about violence and suffering, as well as about antisemitism and/or anti-Zionism and related concerns.

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