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**The Concordia University Department of Religions & Cultures and
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**Scholar-in-Residence
Prof. David Stern
Harvard University**

PUBLIC LECTURE

THROUGH THE PAGES OF THE PAST: THE JEWISH BOOK IN HISTORY

**Thursday, March 15,
7:15 p.m.**

Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation,
6800 Mackle, Cote St. Luc

The Jews are known as “the people of the book,” and Jewish culture is invariably associated with bookishness and textuality. In this lecture, Prof. Stern will show how the book, as we know it, is not native to Jewish culture but, in the course of history, it becomes an indelible mark of Jewish identity. Far from distinguishing Jewish uniqueness, however, the material shape of the book always mirrors the external host cultures in which Jews have lived and produced their books. The lecture will focus on the history of that most “Jewish” of all Jewish books, the Talmud, and on its unusual typographic layout.

David Stern is Harry Starr Professor of Classical and Modern Jewish and Hebrew Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University. He is a world-renowned expert in the history of the book, ancient Jewish interpretation, and Jewish literature.

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