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*In Our Age*

# Vatican II and the Jews

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A Colloquium  
Oct. 27-28, 1985



The Siena College Institute  
for Jewish-Christian Studies

## A Fresh Look at Nostra Aetate (In Our Age)

The landmark declaration, *Nostra Aetate*, by the Roman Catholic bishops at the Second Vatican Council in Rome 20 years ago condemned anti-Semitism. It said, "Jesus' death cannot be blamed upon all the Jews then living, without distinction, nor upon the Jews of today."

Has that statement made a difference? The consensus is that Vatican II fundamentally altered the way Catholics and Jews view each other. While tensions remain, dialogue exists, as in the Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies here at Siena College.

Among the reforms already initiated by Roman Catholics in America to honor this statement are the purging of textbooks of anti-Jewish material, the removal of anti-Semitic prayers from liturgies, the changing of teaching at seminaries about Jews and Judaism.

Continuing this spirit of mutual knowledge, appreciation and respect at Siena, three theologians — Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant — will provide a fresh look at Jewish-Christian relationships in this colloquium 20 years after Vatican II.

The colloquium will provide scholarly insights, philosophical musings and gentle dissent as the three theologians wrestle with each other's thoughts and discuss the current situation with their audiences.

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# Program

Sunday, Oct. 27 - Monday, Oct. 28, 1985

## Session One

Sunday, Oct. 27, Roger Bacon Hall

3:30 p.m.

### Registration

4:00 p.m.

Introductions, Rabbi Hayyim H. Kieval,  
Director, Institute for Jewish-Christian  
Studies, Siena College

### Welcome

The Rev. Hugh F. Hines, O.F.M.,  
President, Siena College

### Lecture

20 Years After — A Jewish Perspective  
Professor David Novak, Baruch College,  
City University of New York

### Responses

Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp

University of Notre Dame

Professor Robert L. Wilken

University of Virginia

### Discussion

## Session Two

Monday, Oct. 28, Roger Bacon Hall

10 a.m.

### Lecture

20 Years After — A Catholic Perspective  
Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp  
University of Notre Dame

### Responses

Professor Robert L. Wilken

Professor David Novak

### Discussion

12:30 p.m.

### Luncheon Serra Hall

Prepared and served according to  
Jewish dietary rules

### Remarks

The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard  
Bishop of the Albany Roman Catholic  
Diocese

## Session Three

Monday, Oct. 28, Roger Bacon Hall

2 p.m.

### Lecture

20 Years After—A Protestant Perspective  
Professor Robert L. Wilken  
University of Virginia

### Responses

Professor David Novak

Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp

### Discussion

4 p.m.

### Summation

Rabbi Hayyim H. Kieval

## Speakers



David Novak



Joseph Blenkinsopp



Robert L. Wilken

**David Novak**, Rabbi at Congregation Darchay Noam in Far Rockaway, N.Y., has written widely on such topics as human rights, law and ethics, nuclear war and Jewish studies. He gave a major paper at the April 1985 Colloquium on Nostra Aetate in Rome. He is currently adjunct professor of philosophy at Baruch College, CUNY, and the New School for Social Research. Rabbi Novak received his Ph.D. at Georgetown University and his rabbinical ordination at Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His most recent book is *Halakhah in a Theological Dimension: Essays on the Interrelationship of Law and Theology in Judaism*.

**Joseph Blenkinsopp**, the John A. O'Brien Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Notre Dame, has published and lectured widely on Jewish-Christian relations. Professor Blenkinsopp has been at Notre Dame since 1970. Born in England, he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Oxford. His recent publications include *Prophecy and Canon: A Contribution to the Study of Jewish Origins; Wisdom and Law in the Old Testament; and A History of Prophecy in Israel*. He has served as Rector of the Ecumenical Institute, Tantur, Israel.

**Robert L. Wilken**, Commonwealth Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia, has taught at the University of Notre Dame, Fordham University and the Lutheran School of Theology. Professor Wilken, a Lutheran, is an expert on early church history. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has written extensively on Christian-Jewish topics. His books include *The Christians as the Romans Saw Them; John Chrysostom and the Jews; Jews and Christians at Antioch and Judaism and the Early Christian Mind*. Professor Wilken is associate editor of *The Religious Studies Review*.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

I shall participate in the Colloquium

\_\_\_\_\_ Opening Session, Oct. 27, 4-6 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Morning Session, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-noon

\_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon Session, Oct. 28, 2-4:30 p.m.

I shall participate in the Monday luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ plates at \$5 per plate.  
(Jewish dietary rules observed)

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