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speaking on:
On Which Days Are Both Jews and Gentiles Happy? Roman and Rabbinic Timescapes from the Mishnah to the Talmud

Rabbinic literature from the Mishnah to the Palestinian Talmud to Genesis Rabbah was composed in Roman Palestine from the 2nd - 5th centuries CE. What do these texts teach us about the Roman calendar in this eastern part of the Roman Empire and about rabbinic attitudes towards Roman time? This talk surveys the fascinating rabbinic engagement with Roman calendrical knowledge and demonstrates the depth and sophistication with which the ancient rabbis approached Roman historical and calendrical time. Along the way, we will meet Adam and Esau, Solomon and Elijah, Aeneas, Remus, Romulus, Numa and Augustus.

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