

WHO SEZ?
Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Session
Main Sanctuary
3:30 PM until 5 PM
(immediately followed by Ne'ilah Service)

For almost 150 years, the indigenous Jewish movements in the United States (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist) have issued statements on various contemporary issues. Included were pronouncements on the ordination of women as rabbis and cantors, LGBT rights, medical technology, abortion, assisted suicide and end-of-life matters, among others. None of these issues has been dealt with in traditional Jewish literature. The Bible, the Talmud and later rabbinic commentaries knew nothing about these matters.

What makes these statements legitimately Jewish? Or are these opinions merely a Jewish version of liberal, American popular opinion?

Rabbi Schoolman will lead a discussion of these issues, seeking to bring some understanding of how these opinions on contemporary issues were formed.

All are welcome to attend.