

THE **NEWMAN HOUSE** IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:

THERE'S A PLACE FOR US: Jews, Catholics and the American Experience.

RABBI LANCE SUSSMAN

November 12 at 7 pm at the Newman House

All are invited

Refreshments will be provided after the talk

Both Judaism and Catholicism in America have a long, complex and intertwined history. In the British colonies, prior to the Revolution both groups were relatively small, minority traditions. Subsequently, both played a major role in defining and broadening the American concept of freedom of religion. With massive immigration in the 19th century, discrimination against both Jews and Catholics rose while at the same time, the two groups also increasingly collided with one another. In recent years, official Jewish-Catholic relations have improved significantly while at the same time the rate of mixed marriage between the two has also increased. Please join us for Rabbi Sussman's intriguing, comparative discussion of Judaism and Catholicism in the United States.



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