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A Reading and Discussion

**Project Esther and the Epstein Conspiracy:**

**How They May Not Be Good for American Jews**

**by Naomi Zack**



Free speech about contemporary antisemitism should consider results of some projects that do not appear to be at all antisemitic. *Project Esther* grew out of *Project 2025* in the Heritage Foundation - and its target of Hamas Support Network throughout the Left captures many American Jews

The Epstein Conspiracy is close to antisemitic *blood libel* in its charges and casts Epstein as an Israeli agent with *kompromat* on his clients. Both the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism definitions of antisemitism help understand these implications.

Project Esther and the Epstein Conspiracy may have ominous implications for American Jews. Naomi Zack discusses leading definitions of antisemitism as applied to these two current initiatives.

**Naomi Zack** is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Lehman College and affiliated member of CUNY Graduate Center’s Philosophy Department. College Senate Committee on Academic Freedom Chair David Manier will moderate.

Naomi Zack

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