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Guest Speaker

Rabbi Dovid Katz

**Purim in History and
Meta-History:
The Talmudic Tension between
the Queen and the Sages**

Rabbi Dovid Katz is the Rav of Cong. Beth Abraham of Baltimore. He is also a Visiting Professor (History) at The Johns Hopkins University (Dept. of Near-Eastern Studies). A native of Baltimore, Rabbi Katz is a musmach of Yeshivas Ner Israel, ordained by the late Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak Ruderman, zt"l, and he learned for many years in the Ner Israel Kollel. Rabbi Katz also has a BA and an MS from The Johns Hopkins University, and a PhD (History) from the University of Maryland College Park.

Rabbi Katz was a Contributing Editor of the ArtScroll Schottenstein Edition of the Babylonian Talmud, and he has published articles in the Journal of Halachah & Contemporary Society.

He lectures widely on Jewish History and Rabbinic Literature. His annual winter lectures in Baltimore on Saturday nights on the History of the State of Israel draw over 400 people each week.