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## A Thousand Years of Infamy: The History of Blood Libel



**Thursday, November 14**

**8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

(Lunch Included)

**Friday, November 15**

**9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Jacob Burns Moot Court Room  
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
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This conference will look at the tragic history of the “Blood Libel,” in which Jews were accused across the millennia of killing Christian children to use their blood in the Passover ritual. Originating in England early in the second millennium, the libel spread eastward to Russia, and it was not unknown in the United States and Canada.

One of the most infamous of these libels was the Mendel Beilis case, which occurred in the waning days of Tsarist Russia. The 100th anniversary of the near-miraculous acquittal of Beilis is the cause for this conference. The scholarly centerpiece of discussions will focus on Hannah R. Johnson’s influential recent book *Blood Libel*, a complex history of the phenomenon, as well as Bernhard Malamud’s *The Fixer*, a fictional rendering of the Beilis case.

Panelists include Beilis’ grandson and attorney Jeremy Garber; Professor Vivian Curran, University of Pittsburgh Law School; Professor David Fraser, University of Nottingham; Professor Hannah R. Johnson, University of Pittsburgh, Department of English; Professor Jeffrey Mehlman, Boston University; Professor Stanford Levinson, University of Texas Law School; and Professor Richard Weisberg, Cardozo School of Law.

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