## January 29 at 3:30 pm AT THE ELIE WIESEL CENTER LIBRARY 147 BAY STATE ROAD ROOM 202

## Anti-Semitism and Zionism: Ideologies or Emotions?

Juxtaposing two eminent early political Zionist approaches to anti-Semitism — Theodor Herzl treated it as an ideology, while Chaim Weizmann, dealing with responses to the Balfour declaration, treated it as an emotion — Prof. Penslar raises the question of the "emotional state" of Zionism.

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