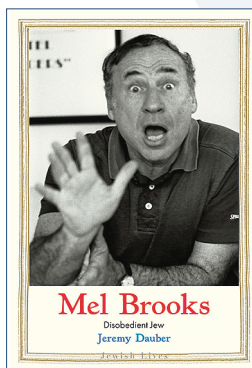


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## *Mel Brooks: Disobedient Jew*

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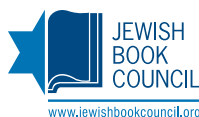


"The energy, the sass, the inexhaustible comic brio that define Mel Brooks seem too volcanic to fit between the covers of a book. But, ... Jeremy Dauber has made it happen, simultaneously entertaining and enlightening."  
—Kenneth Turan

"When someone has been as significant an influence on culture as Mel Brooks, it can be tough to tell their story in a fresh, cohesive way. But Jeremy Dauber has done it, giving us a limpid, inviting, and lively new look at Brooks."  
—Alissa Wilkinson, Senior Culture Writer, Vox

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m. PT**  
**Connect on Zoom:**  
**[tinyurl.com/Taubman-Dauber](https://tinyurl.com/Taubman-Dauber)**

Join us on **Sunday, May 19**, beginning at **3:00 pm** for the last Taubman Endowed Symposium of the 2023-24 season, featuring distinguished author **Jeremy Dauber**, Atran Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture at Columbia University, and director of its Institute of Israel and Jewish Studies. Dauber brings an unparalleled depth of insight to the realm of Jewish literature, comedy, and cultural studies, particularly in his work on the iconic figure **Mel Brooks**. Dauber's expertise spans Yiddish literature to the evolution of humor within Jewish communities. His new book, *Mel Brooks: Disobedient Jew* (Yale University Press, 2023) tellingly analyzes Brooks's comedic genius, penetrating the layers of satire, wit, and cultural commentary embedded in Brooks's films. Dauber's insightful reading of Brooks's career not only sheds light on his influential contributions to the world of entertainment but also offers a profound understanding of how humor intersects with identity, tradition, and societal change, establishing Dauber's reputation as a leading authority on the study of Jewish culture and comedy.



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