

## Speaking of Lacan Psychoanalytic Group

### Book Presentation

Betty Fuks

### Freud and the Invention of Jewishness

To: All members

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#### **Author: Dr. Betty Fuks (Rio de Janeiro)**

Betty Fuks is a psychoanalyst practicing in Rio de Janeiro. She teaches in the School of Communications at the Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (ECO/UFRJ). The author of numerous articles on psychoanalysis, her books include *Freud et a Cultura* and *Freud e a Judeidade*, recently published in English as *Freud and the Invention of Jewishness*.

#### **Discussant: Dr. Dan Merkur (Toronto)**

Dan is a practicing psychoanalyst and author of several published works, including his latest book *Maimonides' Cure of Soul: Medieval Precursor of Psychoanalysis* which he co-authored with David Weiss and the late David Bakan.

#### **Book Title: Freud and the Invention of Jewishness**

In this highly original study, Betty Fuks dismantles the claims that Freud's Judaism served as a pretext for a naïve pseudo-analysis of his character or that psychoanalysis is a form of secular Judaism. Instead, with close attention to the text, she offers an account of how Freud invented a unique relation to his own Judaism. This invention provides a foundation for the understanding of psychoanalysis as an experience of subjective exile and and a clinic of textual reading.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Women's Art Association  
23 Prince Arthur Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5R 1B2  
**Fee:** \$20.00 (students: \$10.00)

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