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A SPECIAL "AT-HOME" EVENT WITH



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"With Fame I Become More and More Stupid:
Albert Einstein on Celebrity, Relationships,
and Nationhood"

Abstract: This lecture will present Albert Einstein's views on three inter-related topics: celebrity, relationships and nationhood. The talk will focus specifically on the period 1919-1920 which was a period of momentous changes in Einstein's life – both in the public and the personal spheres. It was during this period that Einstein achieved fame overnight and became a household name on a world-wide scale. His personal life was also in turbulence during this period: amongst other events, he divorced his first wife, married his cousin, and lost his mother. And this was the period in which he became interested in Jewish nationalism and the Zionist movement and had mixed hopes for the new German republic. By focusing on a specific period of time, the real historical figure of Albert Einstein can hopefully emerge from behind the mythical figure we are all familiar with.

Biography: Mr. Rosenkranz holds two Master's degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (M.A. in History and M.L.S. in Archival Science). Areas of specialization: modern German-Jewish history, modern German history, archival science, biographical and political aspects of Einstein's life and work. Formerly the Bern Dibner Curator of the Albert Einstein Archives at the Hebrew University (1989-2003), Mr. Rosenkranz has been the Historical editor at the Einstein papers Project at Caltech since 2002.

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2006
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
PLACE: Einstein House
363 So. Hill Street, Pasadena, CA 91125

Reservations: A contribution of \$15.00 per person, please.

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