Hasidism has contributed to modern Judaism in unpredictable ways; more specifically, in exhibiting certain similarities between Judaism and Christianity that were erased through the rationalization of Judaism in the modern era. This talk will focus specifically on two periods of Jewish thinking about Christianity in the twentieth century to show that, as Jews have become less invested in making a case for Judaism contra Christianity, they often illustrate similarities between the two religions. Emerging as a powerful force in postwar Judaism, Hasidism serves as a traditional example of the closeness of Judaism to Christianity when Judaism develops outside the gaze of Christian critique.

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