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Household, Halakhah, Haggadah. Family Life and Religious Authority at the Passover Seder

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The Passover Seder is a heavily choreographed evening that is presided over by multiple forms of religious authority. Through a study of the Passover Seder and its textual companion, the Haggadah, this lecture will explore the interplay between household norms and formal Jewish practice. Ultimately, Dr. Aranoff will propose a more precise genealogy of Jewish culture that allows for the interplay between the habits of everyday life and the development of halakhah (rabbinic law).

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