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Impeachment and the Afterlife: Insights from Jewish Law on a Basic Constitutional Ambiguity

with

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The US Constitution (Article II, 4) establishes the grounds for impeachment as a violation of "High Crimes and Misdemeanors." Interpretations of this famously elusive standard range from political offenses, to criminal acts, to egregious crimes. In this lecture, I will explore a loose analog from Jewish law: The Bible stipulates a grave punishment of "excision" for a violation of a grievous sin committed "with a raised hand (Num 15:30)," which has also engendered multiple interpretations (the Rabbis even link this verse to the afterlife). This lecture will argue that the ambiguities, and alternate definitions, in both the Constitutional and Jewish legal contexts reveal much about the core values of these respective traditions.

The Lecture will be held from 5:30-6:30pm, followed by a reception. Dietary laws will be observed.

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