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## Strands of Jewish Thought

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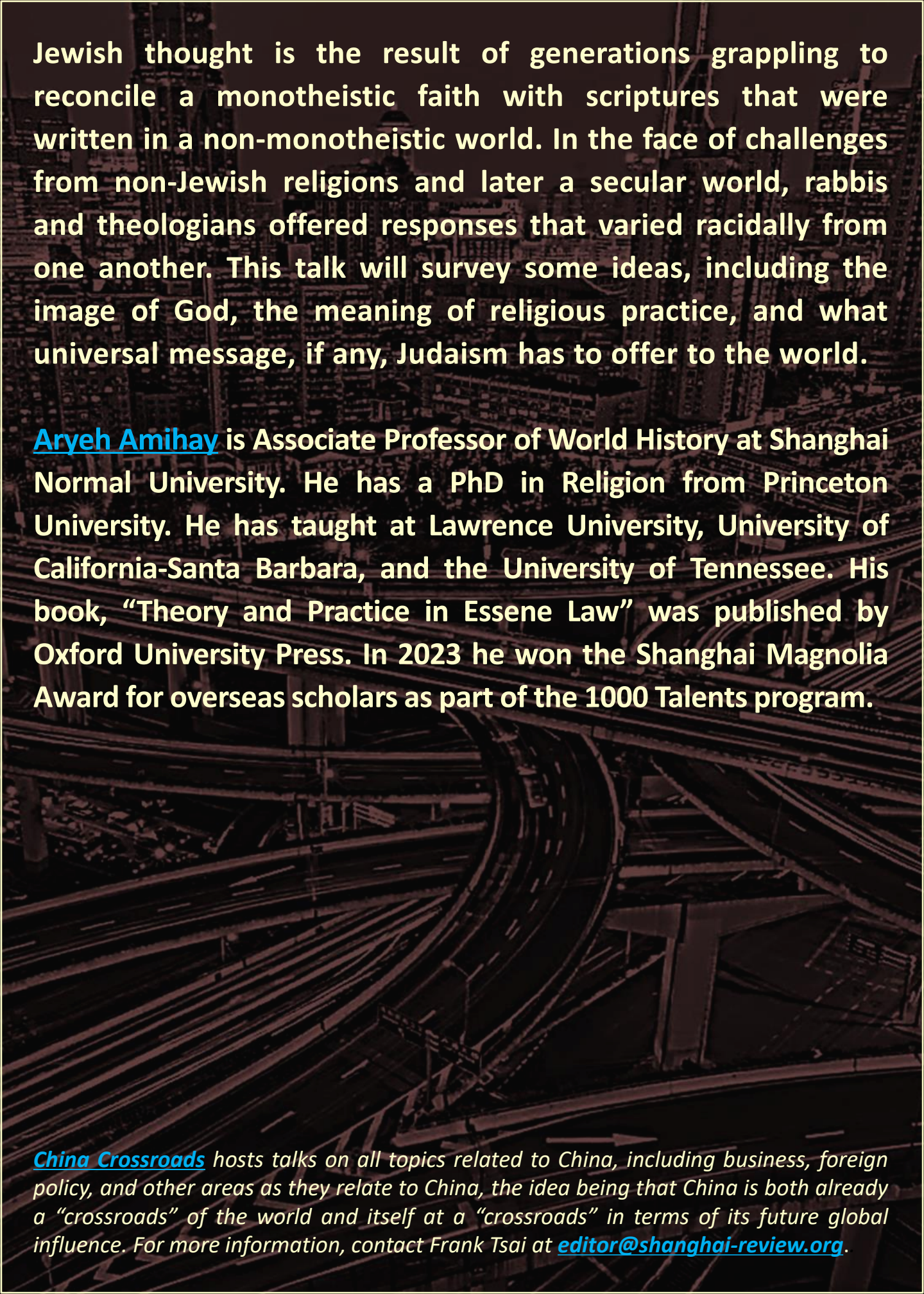
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An aerial, high-angle photograph of a complex multi-level highway interchange in a city at night. The roads are illuminated by streetlights, creating a grid of light and shadow. The background shows a dense urban landscape with buildings and more roads. The overall tone is dark, with the lights providing contrast.

**Jewish thought is the result of generations grappling to reconcile a monotheistic faith with scriptures that were written in a non-monotheistic world. In the face of challenges from non-Jewish religions and later a secular world, rabbis and theologians offered responses that varied radically from one another. This talk will survey some ideas, including the image of God, the meaning of religious practice, and what universal message, if any, Judaism has to offer to the world.**

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