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SARASOTA--A leading scholar at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati will give the 1968 Ben G. Rudolph Lecture on the New College campus Thursday at 8 p.m.

Dr. Ellis Rivkin, who holds an endowed professorship in Jewish history at the Hebrew Union College and Jewish Institute of Religion, will talk on "Jews, Judaism, and the Meaning of History." The talk will be held in Hamilton Center on the college's East Campus and is open without charge to the public.

Through New College, Rudolph established a series of lectures by distinguished scholars in the area of Judaism. Such scholars visit the area for several days, scheduling a public lecture at the college, several informal meetings with students, and another talk to the Jewish community at Sabbath Eve services at Temple Emanu-El.

Dr. Rivkin has been a member of the faculty of Hebrew Union for 19 years where he now holds a chair in the history department endowed by newspaperman Adolph S. Ochs. He also has been a member of the faculty of Gratz College and of Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning.

Graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University in 1941, Dr. Rivkin returned to take his doctorate there and also received a

degree from Baltimore Hebrew College.

A prolific writer, Dr. Pivkin has published one book with another in preparation, and he has written numerous articles on Jewish history. He is the author of a number of sections of encyclopaedias dealing with various phases of Jewish history.

As an historian, he is a member of the American Historical Society, Historical Society of Israel, Economic History Association and the Medieval Academy of America. He also is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.