A surprising feature of the Jewish mystical tradition known as Kabbalah is the degree to which it came to influence 19th century religious thinkers in Europe and North America. This talk will describe one important example of this phenomenon - the impact of Kabbalah on Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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