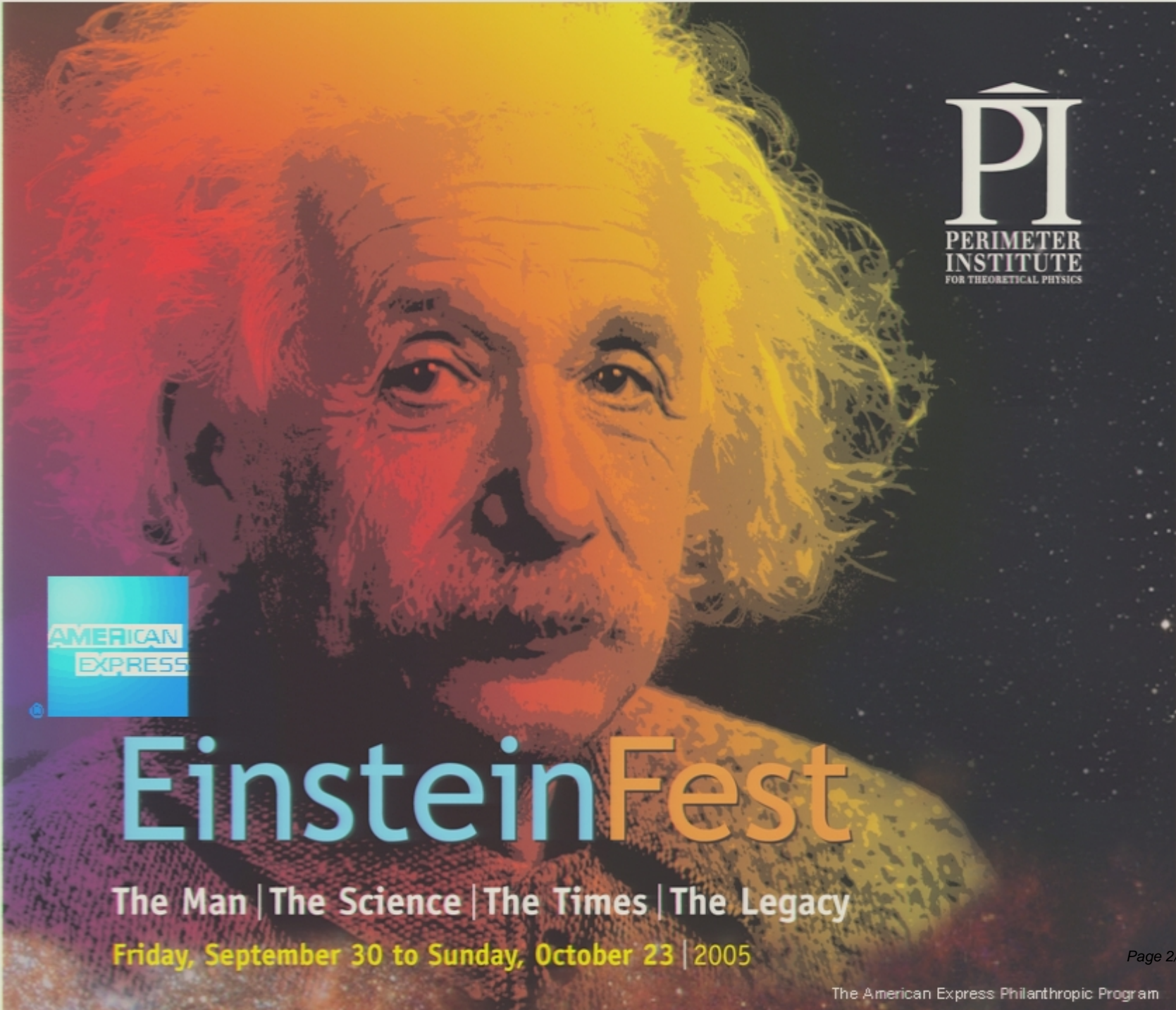


Title: Einstein Recovers Judaism and Discovers Politics

Date: Oct 16, 2005 10:00 AM

URL: <http://pirsa.org/05100027>

Abstract: Before 1919 Einstein's political and social interests lay fallow, their moral roots unarticulated. This talk argues that it was his search for Jewish identity as a forty-year old in the years after World War I, as well as his growing commitment to Zionism, that laid the foundation for his active political engagement. We will examine the trajectory of Einstein's ambiguous relationship with Judaism and Jewish settlement in Palestine from 1919 until the founding of the state of Israel in 1948. Einstein's views over this 30-year period will be set in the context of the tragic interweaving of Hitler's absolute rule in Germany and the destruction of European Jews. <kw>Einstein, Robert Schulmann, Zionism, politics, history, biography, Judaism, Jewish, Germany </kw>



PI
PERIMETER
INSTITUTE
FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS



EinsteinFest

The Man | The Science | The Times | The Legacy

Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 23 | 2005

Einstein Recovers Judaism and Discovers Politics

Robert Schulmann

EinsteinFest

16 October 2005

Einstein at the peak of his powers



Einstein at the peak of his powers



Members of the Olympia Academy, 1902: Conrad Habicht, Maurice Solovine, and Einstein



The Face that Launched a Thousand Myths, December 1919

14. Dezember
1919
Nr. 50
22. Jahrgang

Berliner

Einzelpreis
des Heftes
25 Pfg.

Illustrierte Zeitung

Verlag Wolff & Co., Berlin SO 10



Eine neue Größe der Weltgeschichte: Albert Einstein.
Seine Zeichnung einer neuen Weltanschauung und seine Naturwissenschaftler
sind im Gegensatz zu den bisherigen, Natur und Mensch ungetrennt.

Titelblatt der Berliner Illustrierten Zeitung vom 14. Dezember 1919

Kommentar auf der nächsten Seite in der BIZ:

Eine neue Größe der Weltgeschichte

Mit dem Jahre 1543 beginnt in der Denk- und Anschauungsweise, ja in der ganzen Entwicklung der Menschheit, ein neuer Abschnitt. Den Anlaß dazu hat

Einstein at the Bern Patent Office



Kaiser Franz Josef, the bane of atheists



Mileva Einstein



Jewish quarter of Berlin



“Judaism is
Organized
Criminality”

“It cannot be the task of the Jews to obtain ‘immunity’ from the anti-Semites by accusing any part of their own people. This attitude reveals a severe misconception of both the law and of the significance of anti-Semitism, whose presumption of sitting in judgment on the Jewish people we will never accept.”

“It cannot be the task of the Jews to obtain ‘immunity’ from the anti-Semites by accusing any part of their own people. This attitude reveals a severe misconception of both the law and of the significance of anti-Semitism, whose presumption of sitting in judgment on the Jewish people we will never accept.”

“I am against nationalism, but I am in favor of the Zionist cause. The reason for this has become apparent to me If a man has both arms and incessantly boasts of the strength of his right arm, then he is a chauvinist. If a man be missing his right arm, however, he must do all in his power to compensate for the missing limb. For this reason I am, in my personal attitude, an opponent of nationalism. As a Jew, however, I support the Jewish-national efforts of the Zionists.”

“Judaism is
Organized
Criminality”

**Judentum
ist organisiertes
Verbrechertum**

Es schrieb Julius Streicher im Jahre 1923 im Stürmer.

Das Verbrechertum ist organisiert im
**Stürmer-Sondernummer
Das Volk der Verbrecher**

Ich ist das im Verbrechertum, im Verbrechertum und im Verbrechertum. Ich ist das im Verbrechertum, im Verbrechertum und im Verbrechertum. Ich ist das im Verbrechertum, im Verbrechertum und im Verbrechertum.

unwiderlegliche Beweis

Der Jude ist der Gründer und Leiter aller Verbrechertumorganisationen in Deutschland.

Der Jude ist der Gründer und Leiter der Verbrechertumorganisationen in Amerika.

Der Jude ist der Gründer, der Organisator und Leiter des größten Verbrechertumorganisationen und der Unterwelt überhaupt.

Der Jude ist der internationale Führer der internationalen Verbrechertum, Zuhälter, Schächter und Diebstahl.

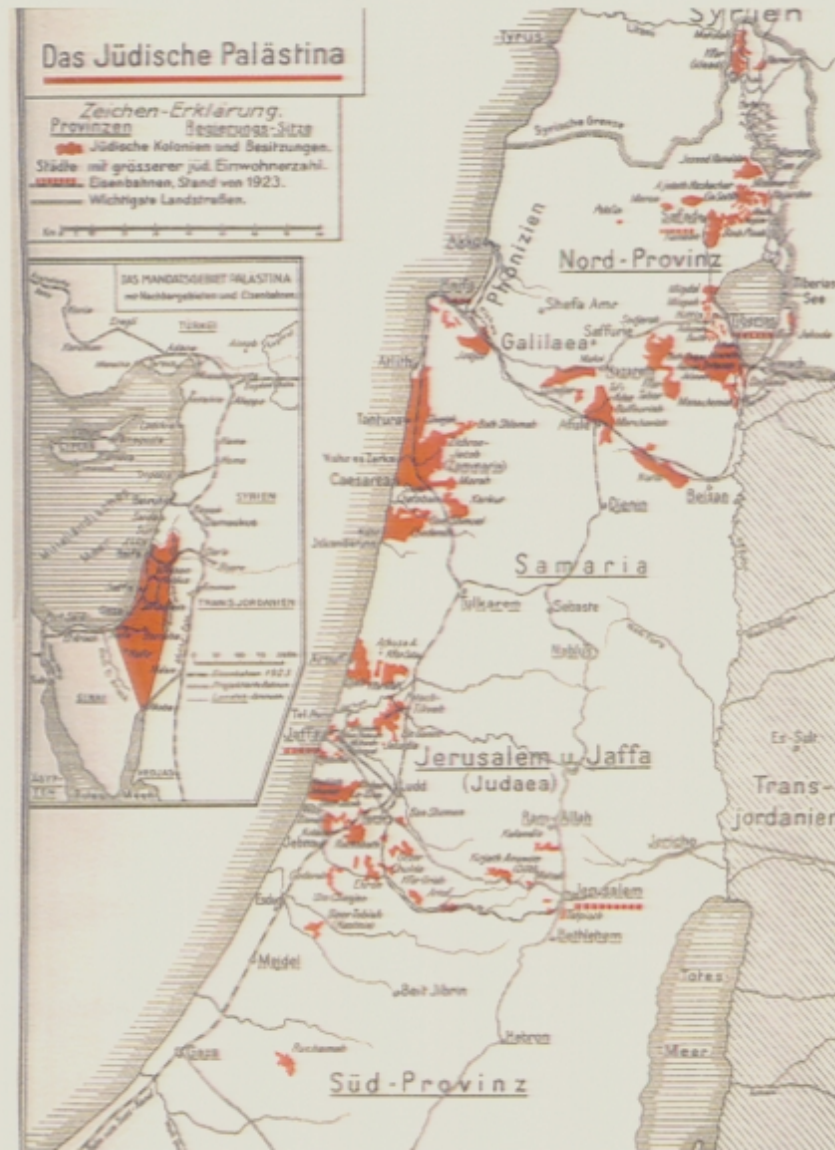
Der Jude ist der politische Mörder, der Mordmörder, der bolschewistische Verbrechertum.

Gorgt für Aufklärung!

“It cannot be the task of the Jews to obtain ‘immunity’ from the anti-Semites by accusing any part of their own people. This attitude reveals a severe misconception of both the law and of the significance of anti-Semitism, whose presumption of sitting in judgment on the Jewish people we will never accept.”

“I am against nationalism, but I am in favor of the Zionist cause. The reason for this has become apparent to me If a man has both arms and incessantly boasts of the strength of his right arm, then he is a chauvinist. If a man be missing his right arm, however, he must do all in his power to compensate for the missing limb. For this reason I am, in my personal attitude, an opponent of nationalism. As a Jew, however, I support the Jewish-national efforts of the Zionists.”

Map of Jewish settlement in Palestine, 1923



Visiting Tel Aviv and Haifa, February 1923



With wife Elsa in Tel-Aviv, 1923



At a Jewish student conference, 1924



Promoting Zionism with Chaim Weizmann in the US, April 1921



“Fraternal Opposites”: Fritz Haber and Einstein



Lord Arthur James Balfour



“Zionism is in the process of creating in Palestine a center of Jewish intellectual life and thus we will always have to be thankful to its leaders. The existence of this moral homeland will, I hope, succeed in imparting more vitality to a people that does not deserve to die. I have been able to observe the first manifestations of this spiritual resurgence. For this reason I believe that I am able to assert that Zionism, which appears to be a nationalistic movement, has, when it comes down to it, a significant role to play for all mankind.”

Einstein and secretary Helen Dukas uncharacteristically attending synagogue



“We Jews must show above all that our own history of suffering has given us sufficient understanding and psychological insight to know how to cope with this problem of psychology: the more so as no irreconcilable differences stand in the way of peace between Jews and Arabs in Palestine. Let us therefore above all be on our guard against blind chauvinism of any kind, and let us not imagine that reason and common-sense can be replaced by British bayonets.”



Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, January 1946

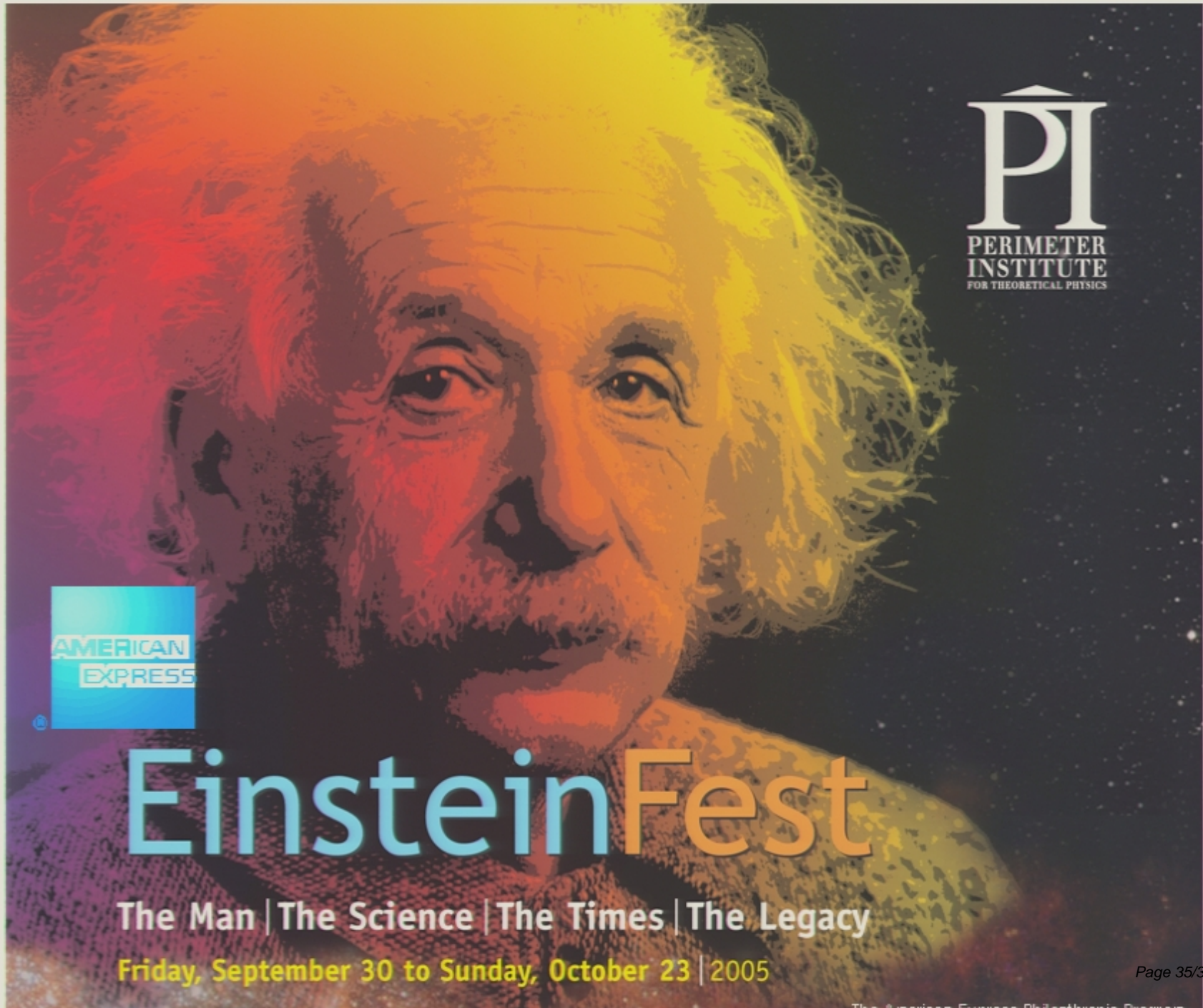


With David Ben-Gurion



“The bond that has united the Jews for thousand of years and that unites them today is, above all, the democratic ideal of social justice, coupled with the ideal of mutual aid and tolerance among all men. Even the most ancient religious scriptures of the Jews are steeped in these social ideals, which have powerfully affected Christianity and Mohammedanism and have had a benign influence upon the social structure of a great part of mankind . . .”

End of slide show, click to exit.



PI
PERIMETER
INSTITUTE
FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS



EinsteinFest

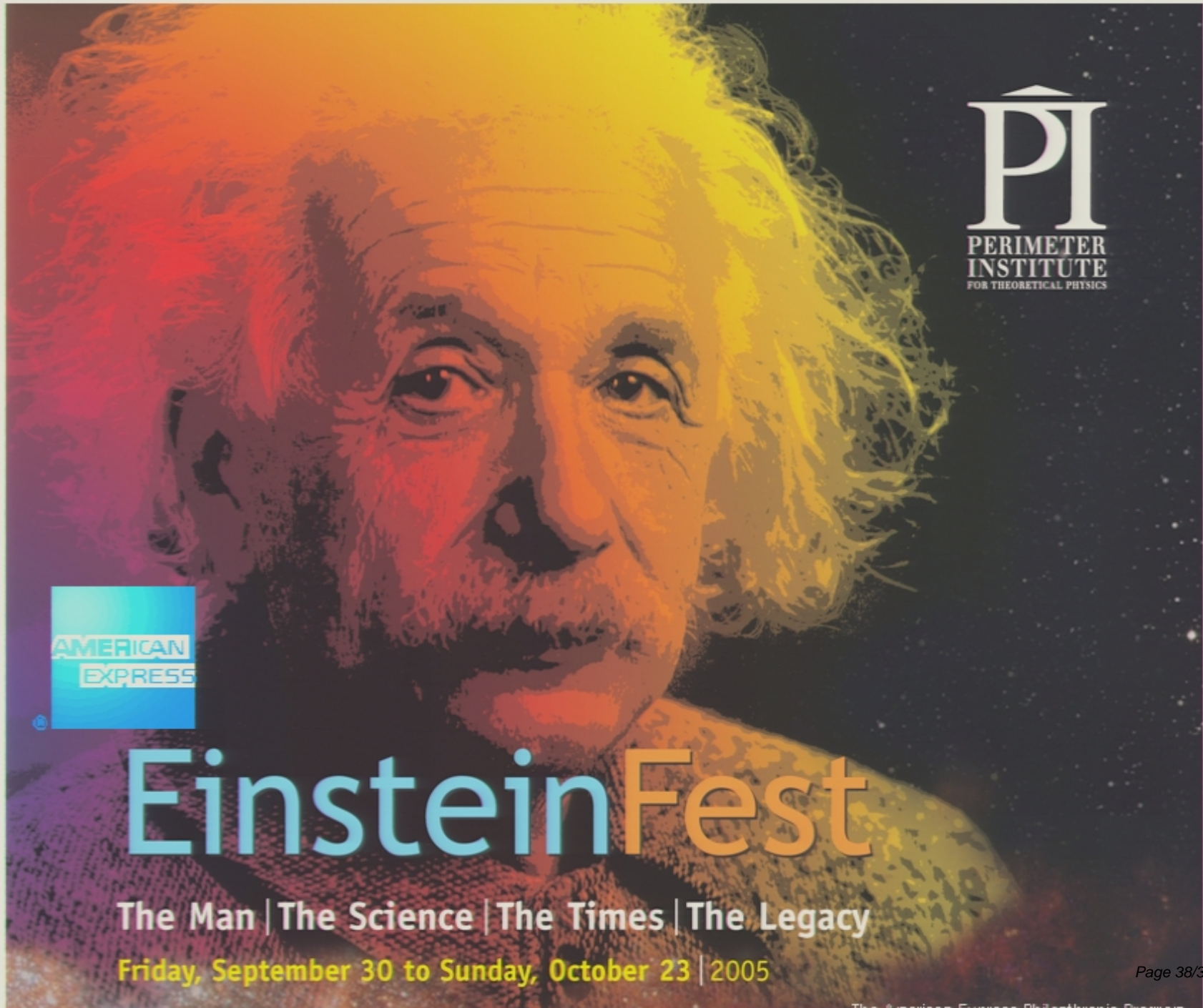
The Man | The Science | The Times | The Legacy

Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 23 | 2005

Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, January 1946



End of slide show, click to exit.



PI
PERIMETER
INSTITUTE
FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS



EinsteinFest

The Man | The Science | The Times | The Legacy

Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 23 | 2005