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The Study and Appropriation of Kabbalah in the Modern Period

Monday, February 11th 2013
The Marcus Family Campus, Beer-Sheva
Building 72, Conference Room 538

09:15: Greetings:

- David Newman, Dean - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Haim Kreisel, Head - The Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought

09:30-11:00: First session

Chair: Christian Wiese, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main

- Boaz Huss, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **The Genealogies of Jewish Mysticism**
- George Y. Kohler, Bar Ilan University: **“The Jewel of our Science” – Wissenschaft des Judentums and Kabbalah Research in Nineteenth-Century Germany**

Coffee Break

11:30-13:00: Second session

Chair: Yossi Chajes, University of Haifa

- Jonatan Meir, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **Esotericism and Enlightenment in Galicia**
- Daniel Abrams, Bar Ilan University: **Nineteenth-Century Precedents of Textual Scholarship of Kabbalistic Literature: Elyaqim Milzahagi's Zoharei Raviah, Ms. Jerusalem NLI 4° 121**

Lunch

14:30-16:00: Third session

Chair: Daniel Abrams, Bar Ilan University

- Julie Chajes, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **Madame Blavatsky and Kabbalah**
- Moshe Idel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: **Mircea Eliade and Kabbalah**

Coffee Break

16:30-18:00: Fourth session

Chair: Boaz Huss, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Amir Engel, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main: **The vision of Mystical Anarchic Society: Gustav Landauer and Martin Buber**
- Christian Wiese, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main: **Gnosticism, Critique of Nihilism and the Reception of Jewish Mysticism in Hans Jonas's Post-Holocaust Thought and Ethics**