SEFER HASIDIM in CONTEXT
ספר חסידים: הקשרים

PROGRAM

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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Goethe Universität, Frankfurt
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
National Library

Date: March 19th – 22nd, 2017
Location:
National Library, Edmond J. Safra Campus, Givat Ram, Jerusalem
Beit Belgia, Edmond J. Safra Campus, Givat Ram, Jerusalem

Sunday, March 19th, National Library

18:00 Reception
19:00 Greetings

Elishева Baumgarten (on behalf of the Committee)

Public Lectures:
Elchanan Reiner (National Library)
Katrin Kogman-Appel (University of Münster)

על תשובת החסיד בענין הליכה לארץ ישראל: הצעה
לקראית החשש

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Monday, March 20th, Beit Belgia

9:00 Reception
9:15 Round table:
- Research on Sefer Hasidim, Present and Future Directions
Participants:
Elisheva Baumgarten (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Elisabeth Hollender (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
Ephraim Shoham-Steiner (Ben Gurion University)

10:15 Coffee Break
10:45 Session 1:
- Sefer Hasidim as a Compiled Text
  Chair: Ephraim Shoham-Steiner (Ben Gurion University)
  Participants:
  Ivan Marcus (Yale University)
  Saskia Dönitz (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
  David Shyovitz (Northwestern University)

12:15 Lunch
13:30 Session 2:
- Sefer Hasidim as a Halakhic Text
  Chair: David Shyovitz (Northwestern University)
  Participants:
  Avraham (Rami) Reiner (Ben Gurion University)
  Pinchas Roth (Bar Ilan University)

15:15 Coffee Break
15:45-17:15 Session 3:
- Sefer Hasidim as Narrative Text
  Chair: Lucia Raspe (Goethe Universität Frankfurt and Jewish Museum Berlin)
  Participants:
  Eli Yassif (Tel Aviv University)
  David Rotman (Achva Academic College and Tel Aviv University)
  Talya Fishman (University of Pennsylvania)
Tuesday, March 21st, Beit Belgia

9:00  Reception

9:10  Session 4: Sefer Hasidim and its Local Context
      Chair: Eva Haverkamp (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
      Participants:
      Ahuva Liberles Noiman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and The Centre for the Study of Conversion)
      Concepts of Localization in the Writings of Rabbi Judah heHasid
      Adam Cohen (University of Toronto)
      Imitator of the Old Law / Advocate of Revealed Grace: Visualizing Jews and Christians in Twelfth-Century Regensburg
      Ephraim Kanarfogel (Yeshiva University)
      R. Judah heHasid and the Tosafists of Northern France: Points of Similarity and Divergence

10:45  Coffee Break

11:15  Session 5: Hasidei Ashkenaz: Crossing Borders
      Chair: Joseph Isaac Lifshitz (The Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel-Aviv University, and Shalem College, Jerusalem)
      Participants:
      Simcha Emanuel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
      From Joshua b. Nun until R. Moses of Lucca: R. Judah heHasid’s Attempts to Reroute the Hasidic Legacy
      Rella Kushelevsky (Bar Ilan University)
      Piyyut Commentary as Ethical Literature among Hasidei Ashkenaz
      Yaakov Elbaum (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
      Traces of Sefer Hasidim within the Literature of Early Modern Polish and Ashkenazic Jews

12:45  Lunch

14:30  Session 6: Sefer Hasidim: Reception in Early Modern Judaism
      Chair: Debra Kaplan (Bar Ilan University)
      Participants:
      Moshe David Chechik (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
      From Regensburg to Cracow: Rabbi Michel Moravchik and the Legacy of Hasidei Ashkenaz
      Lucia Raspe (Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Jewish Museum, Berlin)
      Between ShUM and Regensburg: Space and Place in the Early Modern Narrative Traditions about R. Judah heHasid
      Rainer Josef Barzen (University of Münster)
      West and East in Ashkenaz in the Time of Judah heHasid

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00-17:30  Session 7: Sefer Hasidim: Reception in Halakha and Literature
      Chair: Chava Turniansky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
      Participants:
      Elisabeth Hollender (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
      Piyyut Commentary as Ethical Literature among Hasidei Ashkenaz
      Rella Kushelevsky (Bar Ilan University)
      Traces of Hasidut Ashkenaz in Medieval and Early Modern Collections of Tales
      Yaakov Elbaum (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
      Traces of Sefer Hasidim within the Literature of Early Modern Polish and Ashkenazic Jews

19:00  Dinner by invitation
### Session 8: Sefer Hasidim and Social History

- **Chair:** Micha Perry (Haifa University)
- **Participants:**
  - Eyal Levinson (Bar Ilan University/ERC Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
  - Susan Weissman (Touro College)
  - Judith Baskin (University of Oregon)

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### Session 9: Sefer Hasidim and Mysticism

- **Chair:** Elisabeth Hollender (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
- **Participants:**
  - Sara Offenberg (Ben Gurion University)
  - Daniel Abrams (Bar Ilan University)
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### Session 10: Roundtable, Conclusions

- **Chair:** Elisheva Baumgarten (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- **Participants:**
  - Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University)
  - Ephraim Shoham-Steiner (Ben Gurion University)
  - Micha Perry (Haifa University)