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Mainstream and Margins: Jewish Biblical Interpretation in the Middle Ages

An International conference in Memory of Aharon Mondschein

Wednesday and Thursday, June 16-17, 2021

The conference will take place by Zoom: <http://bit.ly/BiblicalBIU>

Wednesday June 16, 2021

14:45 Greetings (In Hebrew)

Professor Amnon Albeck, Rector
Professor Yaron Harel, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies
Professor Jonathan Grossman, Chair, Department of Hebrew Bible

15:00–16:00 First Session (In Hebrew)

Hidden Dimensions in Nahmanides' Commentary on the Torah

Chair: Nava Cohen (Bar-Ilan University)
Miriam Sklarz (Orot Israel College; Hemdat College):
"A Faithful Man" – Joseph in Nahmanides' Exegesis
Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):
Deleted and Concealed Kabbalistic Interpretations in Nahmanides' Commentary on the Torah

16:10–17:10 Second Session (In Hebrew)

Hermeneutic Dimensions in Karaite Exegesis

Chair: Yisca Zimran (Bar-Ilan University)
Daniel Frank (The Ohio State University):
Narrative Sequence in Early Karaite Exegesis
Daniel J. Lasker (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):
The Exegetical Rules of the Karaite Scholar Judah Hadassi

17:20–18:20 Third Session (In English)

Sephardic Commentary Beyond the Torah: Prophets and Writings

Chair: Raanan Eichler (Bar-Ilan University)
Esperanza Alfonso (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid):
The Commentary on Proverbs by Joseph ben Joseph Nahmias (Castile, 14th Century): Some Thoughts on Chapter 31
Mariano Gómez Aranda (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid):
The Prophet Obadiah in Medieval Jewish Exegesis

Thursday June 17, 2021

15:00–16:00 Fourth Session (In Hebrew)

Judeo-Arabic Exegesis in the Middle Ages

Chair: Nahem Ilan (Hemdat College)
Meira Polliack (Tel Aviv University):
David's Relationships in the Commentaries of Yefet ben Eli and Don Isaac Abarbanel – Formative Periods in Exegesis
Eliezer Schlossberg (Bar-Ilan University):
The Yemenite Midrash "Sefer Yeshu'at Ha-Tov'im" – Preliminary Report

16:10–17:10 Fifth Session (In Hebrew)

Between East and West: Rationalist Exegesis in the Later Middle Ages

Chair: Yehuda Halper (Bar-Ilan University)
Haim (Howard) Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):
The Wandering Jew in Search of Wisdom: R. Judah Mosconi and His Supercommentary on the Torah Commentary of Abraham ibn Ezra
Eric Lawee (Bar-Ilan University):
Hyperbole and Ruse: Eleazar Ashkenazi ben Nathan Ha-Bavli on Mosaic Genealogies in Genesis

17:20–18:00 Sixth Session (In Hebrew)

In Memory of Aaron Mondschein

Chair: Yosef Ofer (Bar-Ilan University)
Rabbi Pinchas Mondschein (son of Aaron Mondschein)
David Hillel Viner (student of Aaron Mondschein)
Reminiscences of Aaron Mondschein by Friends and Acquaintances (film)
Taped Selections from Lectures of Aaron Mondschein

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