

The Melton Coalition Conference in Jerusalem

A Joint Project of the Three Melton Centers

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ohio State University

CONFERENCE

“The Oral and the Textual in Jewish Tradition and Jewish Education”

December 28-30, 2014

Maiersdorf Faculty Club, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem ,Mount Scopus, Jerusalem

PROGRAM

Sunday, December 28				
17:00 – 17:30 Room 503	Reception			
17.30 – 18:00 Room 501	Greetings			
18:00 – 20:00 Session 1 Room 501	Culture Transmission in the Time of the Sages			
Chair: Matt Goldish	Marc Hirshman The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Song, Speech and Silence in Religious Education in Late Antiquity	Avram Shannon Ohio State University Strange Ritual: Tannaitic Encoding of Non-Jewish Rituals	Michael Swartz Ohio State University Memory and Magic in Ancient Judaism	Jonathan Milgram The Jewish Theological Seminary Teaching Talmud: The Oral and the Written Through the Ages and in Today’s Classroom
Monday, December 29				
8:30 – 9:00 Room 403	Breakfast			
9:00 – 10:30 Session 2 Room 405	Rabbinic Texts as a Resource for Moral and Educational Interpretation			
Chair: Jonathan Cohen	Joshua Guttoff Gratz College Speaking to Texts; Reading People	Michael Gillis The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Some Implications of Orality for Midrash in Education	Ari Ackerman Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Hartman on the Jewish People as an Interpretive Community: Implications for Jewish Education	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break			

11:00 – 12:30 Session 3 Room 405	Folktales and Exegesis in the Middle Ages and Beyond		
Chair: Barry Holtz	Amy Shuman Ohio State University How Collections of Jewish Folktales Negotiate and Legitimate the Oral and the Written	Robbie Harris The Jewish Theological Seminary The Transition from the Oral to the Textual: Biblical Exegesis in Rashi's Circle and his Christian Counterparts	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 – 15:00 Session 4 Room 405	The Oral and the Written in Kabbala and Hasidut		
Chair: Howard Deitcher	Matt Goldish Ohio State University The Oral, the Acted and the Written in the Luria Circle in Safed	Eitan Fishbane The Jewish Theological Seminary Representations of Orality and the Varieties of Literary Form in the Zohar	Elie Holzer Bar-Ilan University Between the Oral and the Textual in the "Sefat Emet Homilies"
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break		
15:15 – 16:30 Session 5 Room 405	Orality and Textuality in Jewish Thought and Practice		
Chair: Menahem Hirshman	Yael Sela-Teichler The Open University of Israel Revelation, Interpretation and Sensation: Orality in Moses Mendelssohn's Bible Commentary	Dudu Rotman Tel-Aviv University "This is the way I was created": Gender Issues in the Stories of Rabbi Joseph Haim	
16:30 on	Free Evening (Option of Dinner in a Jerusalem Restaurant)		

Tuesday, December 30			
8:30 – 9:00 Room 403	Breakfast		
9:00 – 10:30 Session 6 Room 501	Orality and Textuality in Modern Jewish Thought and Education		
Chair: Michael Gillis	Shmuel Vygoda Herzog College Levinas' Approach to Aggada Applied to Halachic Texts	Jonathan Cohen The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Disclosing the Oral in the Textual: Buber and Rosenzweig on the Orality of the Biblical Text	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 12:30 Room 501	Concluding Conversation and Educational Implications Led by Barry Holtz and Jonathan Cohen		
12:30 – 13:30 Room 403	Lunch and Le'Hitraot		

הזמנה זו מהווה אישור כניסה לבית מאירסדורף, קמפוס הר הצופים.
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