The Department of Jewish Studies
The Department of Oral Torah in honor of Nafshi-Berkovitz

International Conference of the Department of Oral Torah at the Bar-Ilan University
“Memory: "Reflections on the Oral TorahTransmission from the Days of the Bible Until Today"
March 13–14, 2018
Second Day - March 14, 2018
9:45 Opening Session and Awards Presentation: Prof. Liav Moskovitz, Dean of the Department of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Prof. Yehuda Galinsky, Head of the Department of Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Prof. Ehud Aharoni, Dean of the School of Sciences, Bar-Ilan University.
10:15 Opening Session and Presentation of Awards: Dr. Aharon Umi, Dean of the Department, Bar-Ilan University.
12:30–10:30 Presentations: Oral Torah in the Bible:

- Prof. Susan Langer Stone,
  Professor of Jewish Studies, Barnard College, The Columbia University, Chair: Prof. Dafna Arieh, Tel-Aviv University.
- Prof. Abraham Aboua, University of Strasbourg, Chair: Prof. Liav Moskovitz, Bar-Ilan University.
- "Between the Lines of the Jerusalem Talmud in the 12th Century: From the Margins to the Center."

13:30–11:30 Presentations:

- Prof. Steffen Fein,
  Professor of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Chair: Prof. Atia Zilber, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- Prof. Elyezer Lifschitz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Chair: Prof. Liav Moskovitz, Bar-Ilan University.
- "Laws of the Purim Festival and the Megillah: Reflections on the Bible and Megillah.
- Dr. Reuven M. Yedida, Tel-Aviv University, Chair: Prof. Liav Moskovitz, Bar-Ilan University.
- "Beyond the Written: The Printed Hebrew Book as a Reflection of Scholarly Education.

15:30–13:30 Presentations:

- "Long Journey: From Oral Sources to Narrative in the Oral Tradition of the Bible."
- "How to Learn Greek? - From the First Error to Rabbinic Law."

16:30–14:00 Presentations:

- "The Printed Book and its Historical Development.
- "Institutional Recitation and the Printed Hebrew Book."

18:30–16:00 Closing Session: All Events in the Philip Fuld Hall (Building 201)


The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 13-14, 2018
Department of Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University
Tuesday, 13 March 2018
9:45 Welcome and Light Refreshments
10:15 Opening Remarks and Presentation of Scholarships
Dr. Aaron Amit, Chair, Naftal-Yaffe Department of Talmud, Bar-Ilan University
10:30 – 12:30 Session I
Transitions in Post-Talmudic Literature
Chair: Prof. Suzanne Last Stone, Yeshiva University, New York
Dr. Roni Sheeka, University of Haifa
Rav Ahamam Gaon and the Introduction of Literary Culture into the Geonic Academics
Prof. Avraham (Rami) Reiner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Talmud Yerushalmi in France in the Twelfth Century: Between the Margins and the Center
Dr. Pinchas Roth, Bar-Ilan University
*“For the Geonim Have Already Ruled on all Possible Issues”: The Works of Rabbi Jacob ben Moses of Ragnat*
Dr. Ayete Segal, Bar-Ilan University
Inter-Communal Transitions and Influences Due to the Expansion from Spains: Premarital Agreements as a Case Study
Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:30 Session II
Transitions in Scrolls, Traditions and Calendars
Chair: Prof. Steven Fine, Yeshiva University, New York
Prof. Moshe Benovitz, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies
From Purim Epistle to Scroll of Esther: Transitions in the Reading of the Megillah
Yedidah Koren, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University
From Genealogical Scrolls to Word of Mouth
Dr. Aaron Amit, Bar-Ilan University
From “Concern for the sake of Appearance” to Suspicion and Back Again: Transitions in the Explanation for Rulings Concerning Peah and Hanukkah
Prof. Sacha Stern, University College London
The Calendar: Transition from Moon Sighting to Calculation of the Molad
Coffee Break
16:00 – 18:30 Session III
Transitions in Second Temple Literature
In Memory of Professor Aharon Shemesh
Chair: Prof. Leib Moscovitz, Bar-Ilan University
Opening Remarks: Prof. Miriam Faust, Rector, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Elie Assis, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Moshe Halbertal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Tradition, Innovation and Interpretation: Between the Dead Sea Scrolls and Rabbinic Literature
Prof. Cara Werman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Transitions: From Written Torah to Oral Tradition
Dr. Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Residual Midrash in Mishnah Nezikin: Following in the Footsteps of Professor Aharon Shemesh
Hillel Mail, Bar-Ilan University
Hidden Biblical Interpretation in the Mishnah: The Paschal Sacrifice and the Methodology of Professor Aharon Shemesh
Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00 Session V
Transitions in Aggadic Literature
Chair: Prof. Chaim Milikowsky, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Dina Stein, University of Haifa
A Long, Long Way: From Rabbinic Sources to the Israel Folklore Archives Named after Dav Noy
Dr. Amram Trupper, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
“What is the Law Regarding the Study of Greek Wisdom?” The Origin of the Story of Ben Dama and Rabbi Ishmael
Dr. Arnon Atzaman, Ben-Ilan University
From Midrashic Traditions to Literary Structures: The Cases of Pesiqta and Midrash Tehillin
Prof. Jeffrey Rubenstein, New York University
The Story Cycle in the Bavli: Between Tradition and Composition
Coffee Break
14:00 – 16:00 Session VI
Transitions in the Creation and Printing of Books
Chair: Prof. Shlomo Zalman Havin, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Jacob Elbaum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Developing and Expanding Work: Editions of Serekh Moshe by Moses of Gewith and its Publication for Study in Monthly Installments
Prof. Edward Fram, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Printed Talmud in a Reflection of Changing Ways of Study
Dr. Judah Galinsky, Bar-Ilan University
On the Failure of a Glossed Book: A Tale of Two Manuscripts and the Creation of Sefer Midrash Qatan
Dr. Debra Kaplan, Bar-Ilan University
Shifting Cultures of Record Keeping: Pragmatics and the Age of Print
Closing Remarks: Dr. Aaron Amit