A conference was held at Bar-Ilan University’s Department of Jewish Studies under the auspices of the Talmud and Oral Torah Department named after Nafthal-Yaffe.

The conference is about "Reflections on Oral Torah Transmission from the Days of the Bible to Today." It took place from March 13th to March 14th, 2018, on the 26th and 27th of Adar in the year 5778.

The conference was held in Room Feldman (Building 2018) on March 13th, Tuesday, the 26th of Adar in 2018.

The conference began with an opening ceremony and a coffee break at 9:45. The opening speech was given by Professor Aharon Amit, Head of the Department.

From 10:15 to 10:30, there was aศาומ铝合金 for the Talmud, Bar-Ilan University. The session was chaired by Professor Shoshan LeStaffe Stone, Dean of Haifa University and "The Rabbi Avraham Gaon and the culture of the Gaon's writings." The session was chaired by Professor Eran Rabin, Professor of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

From 12:30 to 13:30, there was a seminar on "Western Hebrew Translations and Their Influence on Oral Torah in the Mid-Talmudic Period." The seminar was chaired by Professor Liuba Moscovitz, Head of the Department.

The opening speech was given by Professor Aharon Shemesh, Head of the Department, and Dean of the University of Jerusalem. The seminar was chaired by Professor Leyla Musa, Head of the Department.

From 13:30 to 14:00, there was a seminar on "Reflections on Oral Torah Transmission in the Mid-Talmudic Period." The seminar was chaired by Professor Hillel Feigen, Head of the Department.

From 14:00 to 15:30, there was a seminar on "Reflections on Oral Torah Transmission in the Mid-Talmudic Period." The seminar was chaired by Professor Hillel Feigen, Head of the Department.

The conference concluded with a closing ceremony and coffee break at 16:30.
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 Amram Gaon and the Introduction of Literary Culture into the Geonic Academies
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 Ragulas
Dr. Ayelot Segal, Bar-Ilan University
Inter-Communal Transitions and Influences Due to the Expulsion from Spain: Premature 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, Schreiber 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 Genizah 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

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

10:00 Light Refreshments
10:30 – 12:30 Session IV
Transitions in the Babylonian Talmud
Chair: Prof. Hananel Mack, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Alyssa Gray, Hebrew Union College, New York
Literary and Conceptual Transition in Tzedakah in BT Bava Batra 8a-11a
Dr. Barak Cohen, Bar-Ilan University
*“Thus Says So-and-So”: The Transition from Traditions to Sources in Talmudic Babylonia
Dr. Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
How Did Traditions Travel in Late Antiquity? Christian Traditions in the Babylonian Talmud
Prof. Alyssa Gray, Hebrew Union College, New York
Residual Midrash in Mishnah Neziqin: Following in the Footsteps of Professor Aharon Shemesh
Hillel Mall, Bar-Ilan University
Hidden Biblical Interpretation in the Mishnah: The Paschal Sacrifice and the Methodology of Professor Aharon Shemesh

16:00 – 18:30 Session II
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. Eli 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 Instruction
Dr. Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Residual Midrash in Mishnah Nedarim: Following in the Footsteps of Professor Aharon Shemesh
Hillel Mall, Bar-Ilan University
Hidden Biblical Interpretation in the Mishnah: The Paschal Sacrifice and the Methodology of Professor Aharon Shemesh

14:00 – 16:00 Session V
Transitions in Agadic Literature
Chair: Prof. Chaim Milikowsky, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Dina Stein, University of Haifa
A Long, Long Way: From Midrashic Sources to the Israel Folktale Archives
Named after Dav Noy
Dr. Amram Tropper, 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, Bar-Ilan University
From Midrashic Traditions to Literary Structures: The Cases of Pesiqta and Midrash Tannaim
Prof. Jeffrey Rubenstein, New York University
The Story Cycle in the Bavli: Between Tradition and Composition
Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:45 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 Derekh Moshe by Moshe of Geivitch and its Publication for Study in Monthly Installments
Prof. Edward Frum, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Printed Talmud as a Reflection of Changing Ways of Study
Dr. Judah Galkinsky, Bar-Ilan University
On the Failure of a Glossed Book: A Tale of Two Manuscripts and the Creation of Sefer Mitzvot Qatan
Dr. Debra Kaplan, Bar-Ilan University
Shifting Cultures of Record Keeping: Piqqugim and the Age of Print
Closing Remarks: Dr. Aaron Amit

Closing Light Refreshments