



# Evolving Textuality

## Sacred Writing Through the Ages

### Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Barbara Mandel Auditorium, Mandel Building  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus

#### 9:00–9:15: Coffee and Refreshments

#### 9:15–9:20: Welcome

**Israel Yuval, Hebrew University; Head of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities**

#### 9:20–11:20: Wisdom and Scripture—Ancient Teachings, Modern Techniques

**Ann-Kristin Wigand, Humboldt University**

The *Achiqar* Narrative: Some Considerations on its Development

**Lital Belinko-Sabah, Hebrew University**

The Writings of *Onchsheshonqy*: A Structural Analysis

**Rebekka Luther, Humboldt University**

Canonical Appropriation: Tendentious Terminology in Qumran Studies

**Respondent: Marc Brettler, Duke University**

#### 11:40–13:00: Topos and Logos

**Iyas Nassir, Hebrew University**

Why Do We Find Poets in Abandoned Campsites?

**Ya'akov Dolgopolsky-Geva, Hebrew University**

Space in Biblical Historiography: A Critical, Yet Practical, Approach

**Respondent: Shani Tzoref, Geiger College and University of Potsdam**

#### 14:00–15:50: Between Performance and Text

**Sarah Griffis, Harvard University**

“The Power of the Tragic Language”: The Imagination of Greek Tragedy in Early Christian Texts

**Maayan Nidbach, Hebrew University**

A Stage in a Temple and a Temple in a Stage: Art and Ritual in *Kūṭiyāṭṭam* (I)

**Elena Mucciarelli, University of Tübingen**

A Stage in a Temple and a Temple in a Stage: Art and Ritual in *Kūṭiyāṭṭam* (II)

**Respondent: Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University**

#### 16:00–18:00: Textual Corpora and Corporeal Texts

**Maria Metzler, Harvard University**

Evil Texts to Ward off Evil: The Holy Logic of the Ark Narrative and the Poem of Erra and Ishum

**Shai Alleson-Gerberg, Hebrew University**

Placing the Torah in the Latrine: Jacob Frank’s Approach to Scripture and Torah Study

**Miriam-Simma Walfish, Harvard University**

A Torah of the Flesh

**Respondent: Bernd Schipper, Humboldt University**

#### 18:00–18:20: Reception

#### 18:20–19:15: Keynote Lecture

**Michael Segal, Hebrew University; Head of the School of Philosophy and Religions**

Greetings and Introduction

**Virginia Burrus, Syracuse University**

Biblical Media and the Writing Subject in a Late Ancient Christian Letter: Erotics and Performativity

### Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Room 520, Mandel Building  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus

#### 9:00–9:15: Coffee and Refreshments

#### 9:15–10:45: Workshop 1

**Moshe Blidstein, Hebrew University**

Swearing by the Book: Oaths and the Rise of Scripture in the Roman Empire

#### 11:00–12:30: Workshop 2

**Shai Secunda, Hebrew University**

“Zarathustra brought the Word”: Zoroastrian Texts on Orality and Scripture

### Thursday, June 16, 2016

Rooms 530 and 520, Mandel Building  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus

#### 9:00–9:15: Coffee and Refreshments

#### 9:15–11:15: Workshop 1—Between Performance and Text

**Chair: Jay Harris, Harvard University**

**Yitz Landes, Hebrew University**

Performing Torah and Substituting Sacrifice: Again on the Transformation of Ritual in Late Antique Judaism

**Elena Mucciarelli, University of Tübingen & Maayan Nidbach, Hebrew University**

Mutual Influences of Theater and Ritual: The Case of *Mantrāṅkam*

#### 11:30–13:30: Workshop 2—Writing about Love: Sacred and Profane

**Chair: David Shulman, Hebrew University**

**Sivan Goren, Hebrew University**

The Mysterious Case of Lord *Śiva* and the Dancer *Unṇiyāṭi*: Language, Genre and Narrative in Two Love Poems from Kerala

**Hadar Feldman Samet, Hebrew University**

Sabbatean Liturgical Love Poetry: Between Jewish Mysticism and Ottoman Sufism

#### 14:30–16:30: Workshop 3—The Power of the Word: Creation vs. Destruction

**Chair: Michael Segal, Hebrew University**

**William Friedman, Harvard University**

The Uses of Holiness: Destroying Scripture for the Sake of a Greater Good

**Shira Telushkin, Harvard University**

Fire and Holiness in Early Monastic Sources: The Desert Fathers on Fire

#### 16:45–17:45: Concluding Remarks

**Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University**