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Monday, January 2

Mandel Building, Barbara Mandel Auditorium

Opening Session

- 18:30 - 19:00 Gathering and Reception
- 19:00 - 19:30 Opening Remarks: **Noah Hacham** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Greetings: **Daniel R. Schwartz**, Academic Head, Mandel Scholion Center
- Musical Interlude
- 19:30 - 20:30 Chair: **Noah Hacham** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Keynote Lecture: **Gregory E. Sterling** (Yale University)
Monotheism as an Identity Dimension: Philo of Alexandria on Community Identity

Tuesday, January 3

Mandel Building, Room 530

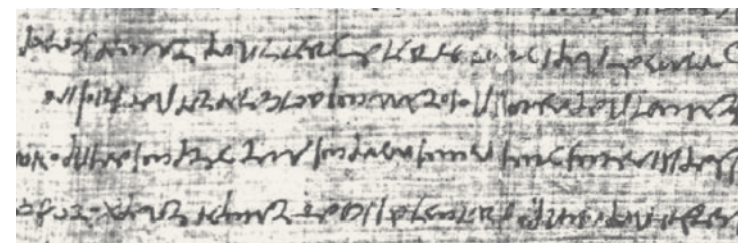
- 9:00 - 11:00 **Material Culture and Group Identity in the Land of Israel during the Hellenistic Period**
Chair: **Joseph Patrigh** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Oren Tal (Tel Aviv University)
Cult and Identity in Hellenistic-Period Palestine
Adi Erlich (University of Haifa)
Between Koine and Local Traditions: Identity in Idumea in the 4th-2nd Centuries BCE
Andrea Berlin (Boston University)
Tyrians and Hasmoneans in Galilee: The Pull of Territory and the Authority of Narrative
Uzi Leibner (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Material Culture and Ethnic Identity in Hellenistic-Period Galilee

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

Urbanism and Identities

- Chair: **Ze'ev Weiss** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Benjamin Arubas (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Hellenization or Romanization of the Urban Space of the Decapolis?
Moshe Fischer (Tel Aviv University)
Ethno-Religious Changes in the South-Eastern Mediterranean Coast in Transition: the Material Evidence from Yavneh-Yam
Thomas M. Weber-Karyotakis (German Jordanian University)
Ptolemaic Gadara - the Home of Menippus: New Evidence for the Location of the Ptolemaic Fortress
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 - 16:30 **The Letter of Aristeas and Jewish Identity in Ptolemaic Egypt**
Chair: **Gregory E. Sterling** (Yale University)

- Meron Piotrkowski** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Priests in Exile: On the Identity of the Oniad Jewish Community of Heliopolis
Sylvie Honigman (Tel Aviv University)
Beyond the Homeric Paradigm: Greek Literary Genres and Identity in the Letter of Aristeas
Sarah J. Pearce (University of Southampton)
Monarchs and Jews: The Portrait of Ptolemy Philadelphus in the Letter of Aristeas and Comparative Sources
Noah Hacham and Lilach Sagiv (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Social Identity in the Letter of Aristeas



Wednesday, January 4

Mandel Building, Room 530

9:00 - 11:00 ***Redefinitions of Christian Identity in the Early Modern Period***

Chair: **Israel Yuval** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Benjamin Kaplan (University College London)

The Context of Conversions in Early Modern Europe: Personal Agency and Choice in the Construction of Religious Identities

Magdalena Luszczynska (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

So What is Really in a Name? Theology of Etymology in Sixteenth-Century Arian Thought

Moshe Sluhovsky (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Loyola's Spiritual Exercises and the Constitution of Catholic Post-Tridentine Subjectivity

Miriam Eliav-Feldon (Tel Aviv University)

Forced Conversions and the Return to the Fold

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:30 ***Identity Dynamics among the Jews of Babylonia***

Chair: **Isaiah Gafni**

(The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Shalem College)

Daniel Boyarin (University of California, Berkeley)

Apocalypse and the Identity of the Bavli

Geoffrey Herman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Jewish Identity in Babylonia in the Period of the Incantation Bowls

Yakir Paz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

"Elam is Dying": Constructing Jewish Identity between Babylonia and Huzistan

Reuven Kiperwasser (Free University, Berlin)

Going West: Migrating Babylonians and the Question of Identity

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 - 16:30 ***Between Segregation and Assimilation - Jews and Other Ethnic Minority Groups in the Persian Achaemenid Empire (Part One)***

Chair: **Geoffrey Herman** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Laurie Pearce (University of California, Berkeley)

How Many Miles to Babylon? How Close Are We to Understanding Judean Identity in Babylonia?

Yigal Bloch (University of Haifa)

Judean Identity in the Babylonian Exile: Concluding Deals on a Sabbath in the Chaldean and the Achaemenid Empires

Shai Gordin (Ariel University)

Integration of Foreigners and Urban Social Dynamics in Achaemenid Period Babylonia

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:00 ***Between Segregation and Assimilation - Jews and Other Ethnic Minority Groups in the Persian Achaemenid Empire (Part Two)***

Chair: **Laurie Pearce** (University of California, Berkeley)

Peter Zilberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

In His Majesty's Service: Foreigners in the Achaemenid Administration at Persepolis

Ran Zadok (Tel Aviv University)

Issues in the Geographical History and Ethno-Linguistic Character of the Zagros and Adjacent Regions



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Thursday, January 5

Mandel Building, Room 530

9:00 - 10:30 **Local Jewish Identities in the Ottoman Space**

Chair: **Eli Lederhendler** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Gershon Shafir (University of California, San Diego)

It's All Hebrew to Me: The Propagation of the Hebrew Language in Late Ottoman Palestine

Eyal Ginio (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Military Service, Citizenship and Identity in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Jewish Perspective

Abigail Jacobson (The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

Practices of Loyalty to the Empire: The Ottomanization Movement in Late Ottoman Palestine as a Case Study

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00 **Zionism and Local Identities in Mandatory Palestine**

Chair: **Dimitry Shumsky** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hillel Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Sephardi-Arab Joint Resistance to European-Zionism: A Few Marginal Cases, 1908-1948

Dikla Rivlin-Katz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

"Palestinian Airways" and the Struggle for a Middle Eastern Israeli / Palestinian Space

Malka Katz (David Yellin College of Education)

Religiosity, Ethnicity and Nationalism: The Confluence between Sephardim and Oriental Jews and the Religious National Movements in Pre-State Days

Israel Bartal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ottomans? Arabs? Jews? Sephardim? Early Jewish Nationalism in Pre-1917 Palestine

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 - 16:00 **Concluding Session**

Chair: **Daniel R. Schwartz**, Academic Head, Mandel Scholion Center

Lilach Sagiv (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Identity in a Multi-Cultural World: Insights from Social Psychology

Concluding Remarks

