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Situating Israelites and Jews in Normative Discourses

FALL COLLOQUIUM: DECEMBER 15–16, 2021



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:15–11:30 am EST

WELCOME

Natalie Dohrmann, Katz Center Associate Director
Opening Remarks: Hanan Mazeh ♦
Ben Gurion University of the Negev

11:30 am–1:00 pm EST

PANEL 1: IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

Chair & Moderator: Guy Darshan ♦
Tel Aviv University

The Pregnancy Test: Reading between the Lines of Deut 21:15-17
Sara Milstein, University of British Columbia

From Prophetic Social Criticism to Divine Law: The Reception of Amos and Hosea in the Covenant Code
Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich

What Can We Learn from the Use of Source Material in Deuteronomistic Legal Composition?
Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago

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PANEL 2: IN PALESTINE

Chair & Moderator: Yael Wilfand ♦
Bar-Ilan University

Defining a Price: Pretium in Roman Emptio Venditio and the Jewish Acquisition of Movables
Merav Haklai, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

The Rabbinic Courtroom Oath in Its Roman Context
Tzvi Novick, University of Notre Dame

Hazakah: Rabbinic Indications for the Transition from Hellenistic to Roman Law
Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 am–1:00 pm EST

PANEL 3: IN THE SASANIAN EMPIRE

Chair & Moderator: Simcha Gross ♦
University of Pennsylvania

The Talmud and the Dēn: Comparing Rabbinic and Zoroastrian Textual Production
Shai Secunda, Bard College

Rabbis, Demons, and the Efficacy of Ancient Jewish Law
Avigail Manekin-Bamberger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Reading Manichaean and Rabbinic Literatures Together
Jae Han, Brown University

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PANEL 4: IN THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE

Chair & Moderator: Hamza Zafer ♦
University of Washington

Contextualization, Interplay, and Comparison
Lena Salaymeh, Oxford University

The Case for Codes in the Qur'an
Joseph E. Lowry, University of Pennsylvania

Qur'anic Law in its Jewish, Christian, and Pagan Context
Holger M. Zellentin, University of Tübingen

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