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CONTEXTUALIZING JEWISH TEMPLES Opportunities and Challenges

Sunday - Wednesday 6 - 9 May 2018

The Belda Lindenbaum Auditorium, Midrasha Building 405, Bar-Ilan University

The goal of each session below is to foster cross-historical and methodological dialogue about the conference topic. To this end, each session brings together presenters and a respondent on a particular aspect of research into temples. Wherever possible, the desire to juxtapose work on different historical periods or primary source materials governs the combination of presenters and respondents.

Conference Organizers: Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University, and Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University

Sunday, 6 May, 2018

- 16:00** **Keynote Conversation**
Jewish Temples in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature
Greetings: Elie Assis, Bar-Ilan University
- Chair:** Eliezer (Ed) Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University
- Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame:**
"...so that I may dwell among you" Literary Artistry and the
Concept of Divine Presence in the Mishkan
- Lawrence H Schiffman, New York University:** The Temple
Scroll and Mishnah Middot: A Literary Comparison
- Respondent:** Risa Levitt-Kohn, San Diego State University
- 17:45** **Dinner Reception**

Monday, 7 May, 2018

- 09:00** **Ritual and Temples**
Naphtali Meshel, Hebrew University: Jaimini in Jerusalem
- Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal:**
The Category of Ritual: A Methodology and Application to
the Mishnah's Temple
- Respondent:** Simeon Chavel, University of Chicago
- 10:30** **Between Text and Ritual**
Paul M. Joyce, King's College London: Towards an
Understanding of the Temple of Ezekiel 40-48
- Hillel Mali, Bar-Ilan University:** Instructions to Priests:
In the Aramaic Levi Document and Beyond
- Respondent:** Noam Mizrahi, Tel-Aviv University
- 12:15** **Regulating Sacred Time**
Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago:
The Regulation of Time and the Priestly Sanctuary:
Between Literature and Material Culture
- Caroline Waerzeggers, Leiden University:**
Rotas and the Administration of Time in Babylonian Temples
- Respondent:** Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University

- 13:30** Tel-Aviv
Lunch
- 15:00** **Liturgy and Myth**
Uri Gabbay, Hebrew University: "The Temple is Defiled!":
Liturgy in the Regular Temple Cult in Ancient Mesopotamia
- Nili Wazana, Hebrew University:** "He built an altar there":
Biblical Origin Stories of Sacred Places
- Respondent:** Shai Gordin, Tel-Aviv University
- 16:30** **Myths and Realities**
Israel Knohl, Hebrew University: The Prophetic 'Tent of Meeting':
Utopia or Historical Reality
- Oded Lipschits, Tel-Aviv University:** The Tent of Congregation
and the Jerusalem Temple in the Persian Period
- Respondent:** Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University
- 18:00** **Dinner**

Tuesday, 8 May, 2018

- 09:00** **Dr. Joe Uziel, Israel Antiquities Authority:**
Tour of New Archaeological Sites in the City of David
- 15:30** **Finding God's Place in the Temple (I)**
Raanan Eichler, Bar-Ilan University: Empty Space Iconography:
Divine Presence in Biblical Temples vs. the Ancient Near East
- Shawn Zelig Aster, Bar-Ilan University:** A Dialogue Between
Ezekiel and Isaiah 40 on the Nature of KeboD YHWH?
- Respondent:** Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University
- 17:30** **Finding God's Place in the Temple (II)**
Itamar Kislev, University of Haifa:
An Alternative to the Absent Ark in the Book of Chronicles
- Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University:** Why the Early Christians Cared
about the Temple: New Testament Perspectives Before and After 70 CE
- Respondent:** Yifat Monnickendam, Tel-Aviv University

Wednesday, 9 May, 2018

- 9:00** **Temple Personnel and Management**
Ronnie Goldstein, Hebrew University: Observations on
Economics, Temple Personnel, and Management in The Hebrew Bible
- Yuval Levavi, Bar-Ilan University:** The Sacred Bureaucracy of
Neo-Babylonian Temples
- Respondent:** Kathleen Abraham, KU Leuven
- 11:00** **Reconstructing Temple Life: Challenging Assumptions**
Avi Faust, Bar-Ilan University: Re-contextualizing Israelite Temples
- Joshua Schwartz, Bar-Ilan University:**
Discovering Second Temple Ritual and Sacrifice without the Rabbis
- Respondent:** Cana Werman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 12:30** **Temple Architecture**
Guy D. Stiebel, Tel-Aviv University: Carved in Stone:
The Transformation of a Sacred Design
- Steven Fine, Yeshiva University:** The Sacred Vessels of the Herodian
Temple as Roman Cult Objects
- Respondent:** Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa
- 13:45** **Lunch and Concluding Remarks**