



The Jeselson Epigraphic Center for Jewish History at Bar Ilan University together with Vienna University's Institute of Jewish Studies will conduct an international conference on

Jewish Religion in Light of New Inscriptions and Papyri

The conference will be held on May 19th 2013, at the Beck Auditorium, The Rappaport Faculty of Jewish Studies (building 410); Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

Program

9:00-9:20 Opening greetings

Prof. Haim Taitelbaum, Rector, Bar Ilan University
H.E. Mr. Franz Josef Kuglitsch, Austrian Ambassador
Dr. David Jeselson, Founder of the Jeselson Center

Sites and Texts from before the Babylonian Exile Chair: Esther Eshel

9:20-9:50 **Shmuel Ahituv:** Kuntillet 'Ajrud:
A Summary and Conclusions

9:50-10:20 **Michael Langlois:** Jewish Religion in
Light of Unpublished Inscriptions
from the Jeselson Collection

Sites and Texts from the Neo-Babylonian and Persian Periods

10:20-11:00 **Kathleen Abraham:** The Judean
Marriage Contract from Al-Yahudu: A
New Look at its Cultural Background

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Chair: Elie Assis

11:30-12:00 **Esther Eshel:** New Divination Ostraca
from Maresha

12:00-12:30 **Yigal Levin:** The Development of
Religious Identity in Idumaea

12:30-13:00 **Nili Samet:** Qohelet and the Ancient
Near Eastern "Literature of Vanity":
A Reassessment

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

Sites and Texts from Hellenistic Times Chair: Amos Kloner

14:00-14:30 **Avner Ecker:** The Greek Ostraca from
Maresha and the Impact of Seleucid Rule

14:30-15:00 **Dov Gera:** The Olympiodoros Stele from
Maresha and Hellenization in
the Jerusalem Temple

15:00-15:30 **Bernhard Palme:** The Heracleopolis Archive

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

Sites and Texts from Roman Times Chair: Eyal Regev

16:15-16:45 **Ranon Katzoff:** Sabbath Observance in
Judaeian Desert Documents, Once Again

16:45-17:15 **Armin Lange:** Jewish Religion in
the Danubian Diaspora: The Inscriptions
from Carnuntum

Responses and Concluding Discussion Chair: Armin Lange

17:15-18:00 **Konrad Schmid:** Jewish Religion in
Light of New
Texts from Pre-Exilic and Persian Times

Daniel R. Schwartz: Jewish Religion
in Light of New Texts from Hellenistic
and Roman Times

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