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The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Seminar on Josephus between the Bible and the Mishnah: An Interdisciplinary Seminar

Josephus between the Bible and the Mishnah

April 7-11, 2019, Hotel Neve Ilan

Sunday, April 7

- 15:00 Check-in
15:30 - 16:15 Meet and Greet
16:20 Opening
16:30 Keynote Lecture
▶ **Daniel Schwartz**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, *Hellenism, Judaism, and Apologetics: Josephus's Antiquities according to an Unpublished Commentary by Abraham Schalit*

Monday, April 8

- 9:30-11:00 Chair: Maren Niehoff
▶ **Paul Mandel**, Schechter Inst., *'Sefer Moshe' and 'Torat Moshe' in Second Temple period literature and Josephus: The Relation between Text and Law*
▶ **Michael Segal**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, *The Book of Daniel and Its Character in Josephus*
11:00 Coffee Break
11:30 Chair: **James Kugel**, Bar-Ilan University
▶ **Cornelis de Vos**, Munster, *Josephus and the Decalogue*
▶ **René Bloch**, Universität Bern, *Josephus' Moses: How Greek, how Jewish?*
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Chair: **Jan Willem van Henten**
▶ **Paul Spilsbury**, Regent College, *Josephus and Esther*
▶ **Étienne Nodet**, École Biblique et Archéologique, *Josephus' Hebrew Bible*
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Chair: **Vered Noam**
▶ **Silvia Castelli**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, *Better than the LXX: Josephus's Terminology of the Book of Exodus as an Improved Alternative to the Septuagint*
▶ **Michael Avioz**, Bar Ilan University, *Legal Exegesis in Josephus' Writings*

Special event: Gidi Dar's movie on the story of the Temple's destruction

Tuesday, April 9

- 9:30 Chair: **Esti Eshel**
▶ **Daphne Baratz**, Tel-Aviv University, *The Pestilence and the Plague of the Firstborn: Josephus' interpretation against its Background in Second Temple Literature and Rabbinic Literature*
▶ **Vered Noam**, Tel Aviv University, *Rethinking Josephus and the Pharisees*
11:00 Coffee Break

- 11:30 Chair: **Paul Mandel**
▶ **Hanna Tervanotko**, McMaster University, *Gender in the DSS and Josephus*
▶ **Adiel Schremer**, Bar-Ilan University, *The Law of Ritual Immersion for Menstrual Impurity according to Josephus*
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Chair: **Joshua Schwartz**
▶ **Kenneth Atkinson**, University of Northern Iowa, *Josephus's Use of Scripture to Describe Hasmonean Territorial Expansion*
▶ **Eyal Ben-Eliyahu**, Haifa University, *The Land of Canaan According to Josephus: Maximalism or Minimalism?*
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Chair: **Eyal Ben-Eliyahu**
▶ **Joshua Schwartz**, Bar Ilan University, *Flavius Josephus as Geographer and Archaeologist of the Land of Israel*

Wednesday, April 10

- 9:30 Chair: **Tal Ilan**
▶ **Jan Willem van Henten**, University of Amsterdam, *Herod's Law against Theft in its Literary, Legal and Historical Contexts*
▶ **David Flatto**, Hebrew University, *Jewish Political Thought: Jewish Law Monarchy in Josephus*
11:00 Coffee Break
11:30 Chair: **Michael Avioz**
▶ **Meir Ben Shahaar**, Sha'anani College, *When was the First Temple Destroyed? Chronology, Exegeses and Ideology in Josephus, Biblical and Rabbinic Literature*
▶ **Jonathan Klawans**, Boston University, *Heresy, Forgery, and Novelty: Condemning and Denying Innovation in Josephus*
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Chair: **Meir Ben Shahaar**
▶ **Ishay Rosen Zvi**, Tel Aviv University, *Between Ethnos and Ethos: Gentiles in Josephus*
▶ **Tessa Rajak**, University of Reading, *The Bible(s) behind Josephus's Antiquities*
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Concluding Remarks

Thursday, April 11

Guided Tour to Yodfat with Moti Aviam