

Ashkenaz at the Crossroads of Cultural Transfer II: Tradition and Identity

International Conference, November 28-30th 2016

Institute of Judaic Studies, Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main

Sessions take place in room 1001 of the Juridicum, Senckenberganlage 31

Program

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

09:15-10:00 a.m. **Saskia Dönitz, Elisabeth Hollender, Rebekka Voß** (Frankfurt):
Welcome and Introduction

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee

Session 1

10:30-11:10 a.m. **Elisheva Baumgarten** (Jerusalem): Biblical Models Transformed: A
Useful Key to Everyday Life in Medieval Ashkenaz

11:10-11:50 a.m. **Sarah Japhet** (Jerusalem): Biblical Exegesis as a Vehicle of Cultural
Adaptation and Integration: A Case Study

11:50-12:30 p.m. **Oren Roman** (Düsseldorf): Tanakh-Epos: Early Modern Ashkenazic
Retellings of Biblical Scenes

12:30-02:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Session 2

02:00-02:40 p.m. **Talya Fishman** (Philadelphia): Cultural Functions of Masorah in
Medieval Ashkenaz

02:40-03:20 p.m. **Hanna Liss** (Heidelberg): The Challenges of the Infiltration of
Oriental Textual Tradition into Ashkenazi Bible Text Tradition

03:20-03:50 p.m. Coffee

Session 3

03:50-04:30 p.m. **Ephraim Kanarfogel** (New York City): Moving from the Medieval to
the Early Modern in Rabbinic Scholarship and Method: Aryeh Leib
Heller's Use of Texts of the Rishonim in His Qezot ha-Hoshen

04:30-05:10 p.m. **Ted Fram** (Beer Sheva): What Divides Ashkenaz from Poland in the
Sixteenth Century?

05:30 p.m. Transfer to the Jewish Museum

Public Lecture in the Jewish Museum (Judengasse)

06:00-07:00 p.m. **Katrin Kogman-Appel** (Münster): The Visualization of Midrash in
Medieval Jewish Art

07:00 p.m. Reception

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

Session 4

- 09:00-09:40 a.m. **Rami Reiner** (Beer Sheva): The Yerushalmi on Rabbeinu Tam's Bookshelf
- 09:40-10:20 a.m. **Ronit Nikolsky** (Groningen): Tanhuma Reception in Ashkenaz
- 10:20-11:00 a.m. **Joshua Teplitsky** (Stony Brook, NY): Collecting, Nostalgia, and Constructing Medieval Ashkenaz in the Oppenheim Library
- 11:00-11:20 a.m. Coffee

Session 5

- 11:20-12:00 a.m. **David Shyovitz** (Chicago): "Man and Beast You Redeem, Oh Lord": Animal Eschatology in the Theology and Art of Medieval Ashkenaz
- 12:00-12:40 p.m. **Rebekka Voß** (Frankfurt): The Last King of Edom: The Jewish Last Emperor Prophecy from the Early Middle Ages through the Sixteenth Century
- 12:40-02:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Session 6

- 02:00-02:40 p.m. **Ephraim Shoham-Steiner** (Beer Sheva): The Development of the Term "Hasid"
- 02:40-03:20 p.m. **Avriel Bar Levav** (Ra'anana): Sefer Hasidim as Source of Early Modern Death Rituals
- 03:20-04:00 p.m. **Maoz Kahana** (Tel Aviv): The Stormy Afterlife of a Medieval Pious: Rabbi Yehuda He-Chassid's Will in the Early Modern Era
- 04:00-04:30 p.m. Coffee

Session 7

- 04:30-05:10 p.m. **Annelies Kuyt** (Frankfurt): Hekhalot! Or not? Eleazar of Worms and Hekhalot Literature
- 05:10-05:50 p.m. **Sharon Flatto** (New York City): Jewish Mysticism in Early Modern Central Europe (esp. Prague)
- 07:00 p.m. Dinner (by invitation)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Session 8

- 09:30-10:10 a.m. **Israel Yuval** (Jerusalem): Why the Jews Do Not Have an Oedipal Complex? The Case of Ashkenaz
- 10:10-10:50 a.m. **Saskia Dönitz** (Frankfurt): Ashkenazic Use of the Past: Rewriting Second Temple Literature
- 10:50-11:20 a.m. Coffee

Session 9

- 11:20-12:00 a.m. **Claudia Rosenzweig** (Ramat Gan): When the Prayer Needs a Story: Some Examples from Yiddish Literature (16-17th Century)
- 12:00-12:40 p.m. **Lucia Raspe** (Frankfurt/Berlin): Minhagim Books: From Hebrew to Yiddish
- 12:40-01:00 p.m. Concluding Discussion
- 01:00 p.m. End of Conference/ Lunch

For those interested

- 02:30 p.m. Guided tour at the Jewish Museum/Judengasse (duration: 1.5 hours)