

MAPPING THE JEWISH DIASPORA OF LATE ANTIQUITY



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

University of Haifa, Aviva and Sammy Ofer Observation Galley, 30th Floor, Eshkol Tower

8:45 WELCOME AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

9:00-10:00 OPENING SESSION

Chair: Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa

Greetings: Gur Alroey, Head of the School of History, University of Haifa
Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, University of Haifa

Keynote Lecture: Isaiah Gafni, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Jewish Diaspora and Post-Temple Realities: Continuity and Change

10:00-11:30 ASIA MINOR AND THE BALKAN

Chair: Hillel Newman, University of Haifa

Yunus Demirci, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mapping the Jewish Diaspora in Roman and Late Roman Asia Minor in Light of Archaeological and Literary Evidence: Continuity and Change

Alexander Panayotov, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Jewish Everyday Life in the Early Byzantine Balkans

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-13:30 BEYOND BABYLONIA

Chair: Isaiah Gafni, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Geoffrey Herman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Beyond Babylonia: Traces of Jewish Life Throughout the Sasanian Diaspora

Sergey Minov, University of Oxford
Syriac Christian Literature as a Source for the History and Culture of Jewish Communities of Northern Mesopotamia

13:30-15:00 Break

15:00-16:30 ARABIA

Chair: Michael Lecker, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Christian Julien Robin, CNRS
Hujr Ākil al-Murār (c. 440): A King of Arabia Converted to Judaism?

Oded Irshai, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Profile of the Jews of Provincia Arabia: Normative or Not?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Tel Aviv University, Drachlis Hall, Gilman Building, Room 496

9:00-11:00 NORTH AFRICA AND EGYPT

Chair: Yuval Shahar, Tel Aviv University

Noah Hacham, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Egyptian Jewry after Trajan: The Papyrological Evidence

Hillel Newman, University of Haifa
The Jews of Egypt and North Africa in the Orbit of the Land of Israel

Karen Stern, Brooklyn College
Jews of Roman North Africa in Light of New Archaeological Evidence

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:30 ROME AND WEST EUROPE

Chair: Youval Rotman, Tel Aviv University

Leonard Rutgers, Utrecht University
The Jews of Ancient Rome: How Diasporic Were They Really?

Hagith Sivan, University of Kansas
Island Jews: Diaspora Tales from Crete to Minorca

Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, University of Haifa
The Geography of the Oikoumene and the Geography of the Jewish Diaspora According to the Rabbinic Literature

13:30-15:00 Break

15:00-17:00 NETWORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE ANCIENT JEWISH DIASPORA

Chair: Lee Israel Levine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Doron Mendels, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Paul's Epistles and Luke's Acts as Evidence of the Split Jewish Diaspora

Arye Edrei, Tel Aviv University
The "Split Diaspora" Revisited: Additional Material and Thoughts

Yair Furstenberg, Ben-Gurion University
The Patriarch Diaspora Network: Imperial and Rabbinic Perspectives

17:00-17:20 Break

17:20-18:00 CONCLUDING LECTURE

Chair: Tessa Rajak, University of Oxford

Ross Kraemer, Brown University
What Remains: Perils and Prospects of Mediterranean Diaspora Inscriptions

18:00-19:00 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

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