International Conference May 30 – June 1, 2018
on the Occasion of 40 years “Studium in Israel” (“Studying in Israel”)

**Rabbinic Literature –
Current Research and Relevance for Modern Jewish Thought and Christian Theology**

Conveners on behalf of Studium in Israel:
Prof. Dr. Bernd Schröder, Göttingen
Dr. Melanie Mordhorst-Mayer, Jerusalem
Dr. Joachim J. Krause, Tübingen

**Wednesday, May 30 – HUJI, Mount Scopus, Rabin Building (Dan Wassong Auditorium)**

05:30 p.m. **Gathering and coffee**

06:15 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
*Prof. Dr. Bernd Schröder, Studium in Israel, Chairman, Göttingen*

06:30 p.m. **Opening Lecture**
*The Role of Rabbinic Literature in Jewish-Christian Relations – Then and Now*  
*Prof. Dr. Israel Yuval, HUJI, Jerusalem*

07:30 p.m. **Reception on behalf of the Hebrew University**
*Greeting – Prof. Dr. Oron Shagrir, Vice President for International Affairs, HUJI, Jerusalem*  
*Greeting – Dr. Ronnie Goldstein, Academic Head of the M.A. Program in Jewish Studies*

**Thursday, May 31 – HUJI, Mount Scopus, Rabin Building (Dan Wassong Auditorium)**

09:00 a.m. **Plenary Session 1:**
*Rabbinic Literature – Major Trends and Current State of Research*  
*Prof. Dr. Marc Hirshman*

10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break (30’)**

11:00 a.m. **Plenary Session 2:**
*The Role of Rabbinic Literature in the Exegesis of the Hebrew Bible*  
*Prof. Dr. Marianne Grohmann, Vienna*  
*The Role of Rabbinic Literature in New Testament Studies*  
*PD Dr. Martin Vahrenhorst, Saarbrücken*

*Both lectures will be delivered in German and simultaneously translated into Hebrew.*

01:15 p.m. **Break (90’)**
02:45 p.m.  Plenary Session 3 (Rabin Building, Dan Wassong Auditorium)

Reception of Rabbinic Literature in Jewish Life and Thought – examples from...

... Orthodox Judaism – Dr. Tamar Kadari,
  Senior Lecturer at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem

... Reform Judaism – Prof. Dr. Ruchama Weiß,
  Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem

... Secular Judaism – Rabbi Sivan Maas,
  Jerusalem

04:00 p.m.  Coffee Break (15’)

04:15 p.m.  Workshops corresponding to the three Plenary Speeches in Session 3
(Rabin Building, Rooms 1001, 2001, 3001)

05:15 p.m.  Break until 07:00 p.m.

05:30 p.m.  Outing: The Mount Scopus-Campus – recent developments and unknown places.
A guided tour (60’)

07:00 p.m.  Evening Session honoring Michael Krupp’s Jerusalem Mishna Edition
(Rabin Building, Dan Wassong Auditorium)

Greeting – Dean Prof. Dr. Dror Wahrman,
  Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, HUJI, Jerusalem

Greeting – His Excellency Dr. Clemens von Goetze,
  Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Greeting – Dr. Melanie Mordhorst-Mayer, Director of Studies, Studium in Israel

Honoring the Oeuvre of Dr. Michael Krupp – Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter Schäfer, Berlin

Response – Dr. Michael Krupp, Jerusalem

Laudation of Dr. Michael Krupp – Wolfgang Kruse, Stuttgart

Reception on behalf of Studium in Israel

Friday, June 1 – HUJI, Givat Ram Campus, Beit Belgia (Conference Room)

09:00 a.m.  The Relevance of Talmudic Judaism to Modern Philosophy
  Prof. Dr. Menachem Fisch, Tel Aviv

10:15 a.m.  Coffee Break (30’)

10:45 a.m.  The Relevance of Rabbinic Literature for Christian Theology
  Prof. Dr. Alexander Deeg, Leipzig

12:00 p.m.  Rabbinic Literature, Christian-Jewish Dialogue and the study program “Studium in Israel” – looking back at the conference and looking ahead to future challenges
Panel Discussion with Dr. Michael Krupp, Andreas Wagner, PD Dr. Martin Vahrenhorst and Dr. Melanie Mordhorst-Mayer

This discussion will be held in German and simultaneously translated into Hebrew.

01:00 p.m.  Closing

Note: Should you wish to participate in the conference or in parts of the program, please send a short note to Sabine Rumpel (E: sabine.rumpel@studium-in-israel.de, T: +49 7071 29-78009).
Amicable program following the conference

Friday, June 1

~ 07:00 p.m.  Opportunity to participate at **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at various Jewish communities

Saturday, June 2

11:00 a.m.  **Open House at the study center** of “Studium in Israel” (10 Alkalai Street, Talbiye)
– 05:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.  **Guided tours**
– 05:00 p.m.

... to the previous study centers of “Studium in Israel”
... to the archaeological sites of the DEIAHL with **Prof. Dr. Dr. Dieter Vieweger (Wuppertal/Jerusalem) and his team**
... in the footsteps of the “Yekkes” in Jerusalem

Sunday, June 3

10:30 a.m.  **Church service at the Church of the Redeemer**
sermon: **Rev. Dr. Melanie Mordhorst-Mayer, Director of Studies, Study Program “Studium in Israel”**

~ 12:00 p.m.  **Reception** at the courtyard of the Church of the Redeemer
Greeting – **Provost Wolfgang Schmidt**
Greeting – **His Excellency Peter Beerwerth, Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ramallah**

~ 01:00 p.m.  **Conclusion** of the conference

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