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# Palaestina on the Map of Late Antique Mobility and Migration

בימים ראשון עד שלישי י"ט-כ"א באדר תשפ"ג

Sunday-Tuesday, March 12-14, 2023

בבית האקדמיה, רחוב ז'בוטינסקי 43, ירושלים  
at the Academy, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem

## Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00 Gathering

9:30 Greetings

**Prof. David Harel**, President, Israel Academy

**Prof. Maren R. Niehoff**, Academy Member

### Roman Footprints in Palaestina

Chair: **Prof. Benjamin Isaac**, Academy Member,  
Tel Aviv University

**Dr. Avner Ecker**, Bar-Ilan University

"Somewhere Old Heroes Shuffle Safely Down the Street":  
Communities of Roman Army Veterans in Provincia Palaestina

**Prof. Moshe Benovitz**,

Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

Ritual and the Road: The Roman Mile as a Measure of Space  
and Time in Rabbinic Halakhah

11:45 **Pagan Perspectives on Mobility to Palaestina**

Chair: **Dr. Benedikt Eckhardt**, Edinburgh University

**Prof. Onno van Nijf**, Groningen University

Festival Mobility in Late Roman Palaestina

**Prof. Lieve Van Hoof**, Ghent University

Migration and Mobility to, from and through Palestine in the  
Letters of Libanius

14:30 **Permanently Settling in Palaestina:**

### Migrants from East and West

Chair: **Prof. Yitzhak Hen**,

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Prof. Maren R. Niehoff**, Academy Member,

the Hebrew University

Caesarea as a Magnet of Mobility and Migration among Jews,  
Christians and Pagans

**Mr. Oz Tamir**, the Hebrew University

The Effects of Migration to Late Antique Palaestina:

The Case of Jerome

**Prof. Geoffrey Herman**,

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

"The Land of Shinar Conceived and Bore Him; the Land of Desire

Nurtured her Delight": The Babylonian Talmud on Babylonian

Rabbinic Migrants in Palestine

17:45 **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: **Prof. Guy Stroumsa**, Academy Member,

the Hebrew University

**Prof. Mischa Meier**, University of Tübingen

Jerusalem under Heraclius (610-641): Christians, Jews, Muslims  
and the End of the World

## Monday, March 13, 2023

8:30 Gathering

9:00 **Pilgrimage: Pagan and Christian**

Chair: **Prof. Alexander Fantalkin**, Tel Aviv University

**Prof. Ian Rutherford**, Reading University

Panias and Pilgrimage, 1-1,000 AD

**Dr. Yana Tchekhanovets**,

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Byzantine Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: New Insights from  
Archaeological Excavations in Jerusalem and Surroundings

11:00 **Christian Visions of the Holy Land**

Chair: **Prof. Ora Limor**, The Open University of Israel

**Dr. Federico Montinaro**, University of Tübingen

Religious Conflict, Mobility and the Holy Land: Reframing Late  
Antique and Byzantine Pilgrimage

**Prof. Hartmut Leppin**, Goethe University Frankfurt

Miaphysites and Jerusalem

13:15 **Accommodating Pilgrims,**

### Travelers and Refugees

Chair: **Prof. Rina Talgam**,

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Prof. Guy Stiebel**, Tel Aviv University

"The Wandering Jew": The Archaeology of Refugees –  
A View from the Judean Desert

**Prof. Claudia Rapp**, University of Vienna

Hospices and Hospitality: Local Encounters with Mobile People

15:15 **Dr. Orit Peleg-Barkat**, the Hebrew University

Men in the Street: Movement toward the Temple in Roman Jerusalem

16:30 **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: **Prof. Margalit Finkelberg**, Vice President

**Prof. Simon Goldhill**, King's College, Cambridge

Migratory Texts and the Topography of Late Antique Religion  
in Palestine

## Tuesday, March 14, 2023

9:30 Gathering

10:00 **Pilgrimage and Migration to Palaestina  
under Islamic Rule**

Chair: **Dr. Uriel Simonsohn**, Haifa University

**Prof. Gideon Avni**, the Hebrew University and

Israel Antiquities Authority

Patterns of Mobility and Migration among Jewish and Muslim  
Populations in Palestine Following the Islamic Conquest –  
Some Archaeological Observations

**Dr. Milka Levi-Rubin**, The Schechter Institute of Jewish

Studies and The National Library of Israel

Migration to, from and within: The Reshuffling of the  
Settlement Pattern of Palaestina Following the Muslim  
Conquest

12:00 **Prof. Stephen Shoemaker**, University of Oregon

Early Islamic Imperialism and Colonialism:

Some Preliminary Thoughts with Particular  
Reference to Palestine

להרשמה  
Registration

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