



Barbarians and Jews

Jews and Judaism
in the Early Medieval West



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אוניברסיטת תל-אביב, 18-19 במאי 2009

האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 20 במאי 2009

Monday, 18 May, 2009

Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building, Drachlis Hall (496)

09:45-10:10 Get Together

10:15-12:30 First session

Greetings: **Simha Goldin**, Head of the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University, **Ehud Gazit**, Vice President for Research and Development, Tel Aviv University, **Ora Limor**, The Open University of Israel, **Johannes Heil**, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg

Opening Remarks: **Yitzhak Hen**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Walter Pohl, University of Vienna

Disputed Identifications: The Jews and the Use of Biblical Models in the Barbarian Kingdoms

Respondents:

Oded Irshai, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Paula Fredriksen, Boston University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

14:30-16:30 Second session

Chair: **Jeremy Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

Wolfram Drews, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin

Shifting Constellations of Religion and Identity: Visigoths, Jews and Romans in Early Medieval Spain

Respondent:

Alisa Ginio, Tel Aviv University

17:00-19:00 Third Session

Chair: **Nira Pancer**, Haifa University

Johannes Heil, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg

Friendly Barbarians? The Jews under Christian Rule in Northern Europe

Respondent:

Bat-Sheva Albert, Bar Ilan University

Wednesday, 20 May, 2009

The Open University Campus in Raanana

Constructing Identities in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

Research Workshop for Postgraduate Students with Prof. **Walter Pohl**, University of Vienna

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Tuesday, 19 May, 2009

Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building, Drachlis Hall (496)

09:00-11:00 Fourth session

Chair: **Benjamin Arbel**, Tel Aviv University

Giancarlo Lacerenza, University of Naples – L'Orientale

From Imperial Freedom to Ecclesiastic Emargination: How the Jews of Southern Italy Changed their Lives during the Middle Ages

Respondent:

Nadia Zeldes, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11:30-13:30 Fifth session

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

Amnon Linder, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"The Jews as well...": The 'Entry'-Ceremony as a Ritual Enactment of the Rightful Place of the Jews in a Christian Society

Respondent:

Yitzhak Hen, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

15:30-17:30 Sixth session

Chair: **Naomi Feuchtwanger-Sarig**, Tel Aviv University

Thomas F.X. Noble, University of Notre-Dame

Images and the Imaginary Jew: Exegesis, Politics, and Polemic, 600-800

Respondents:

Katrin Kogman-Appel, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Sarit Shalev-Eyni, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

17:30-19:00 Round Table and Concluding Remarks

Moderator: **Jonathan Elukin**, Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

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