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Bar-Ilan University cordially invites you to

CONTEXTUALIZING JEWISH TEMPLES
Opportunities and Challenges

Sunday - Wednesday 6 - 9 May 2018

The Belda Lindenbaum Auditorium, Midrasha Building 405, Bar-Ilan University

The goal of each session below is to foster cross-historical and methodological dialogue about the conference topic. To this end, each session brings together presenters and a respondent on a particular aspect of research into temples. Wherever possible, the desire to juxtapose work on different historical periods or primary source materials governs the combination of presenters and respondents.

Conference Organizers: Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University, and Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University

Sunday, 6 May, 2018

16:00 **Keynote Conversation**
Jewish Temples in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature
Greetings: Elie Assis, Bar-Ilan University

Chair: Eliezer (Ed) Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University:
In Memory of Victor (Avigdor) Hurowitz, z"l

Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame:
"...so that I may dwell among you" Literary Artistry and the Concept of Divine Presence in the Mishkan

Lawrence H Schiffman, New York University: The Temple Scroll and Mishnah Middot: A Literary Comparison

Respondent: Risa Levitt-Kohn, San Diego State University

17:45 **Dinner Reception**

Monday, 7 May, 2018

09:00 **Ritual and Temples**
Naphtali Meshel, Hebrew University: Jaimini in Jerusalem

Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal:
The Category of Ritual: A Methodology and Application to the Mishnah's Temple

Respondent: Simeon Chavel, University of Chicago

10:30 **Between Text and Ritual**
Paul M. Joyce, King's College London: Towards an Understanding of the Temple of Ezekiel 40–48

Hillel Mali, Bar-Ilan University: Instructions to Priests: In the Aramaic Levi Document and Beyond

Respondent: Noam Mizrahi, Tel-Aviv University

12:15 **Regulating Sacred Time**
Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago:
The Regulation of Time and the Priestly Sanctuary: Between Literature and Material Culture

Caroline Waerzeggers, Leiden University:
Rotas and the Administration of Time in Babylonian Temples

Respondent: Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University



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15:00 **Liturgy and Myth**
Uri Gabbay, Hebrew University: "The Temple is Defiled!": Liturgy in the Regular Temple Cult in Ancient Mesopotamia

Nili Wazana, Hebrew University: "He built an altar there": Biblical Origin Stories of Sacred Places

Respondent: Shai Gordin, Ariel University/ Tel-Aviv University

16:30 **Myths and Realities**
Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University:
The Biblical Pesah: A Home or Temple Ritual?

Oded Lipschits, Tel-Aviv University: The Tent of Congregation and the Jerusalem Temple in the Persian Period

Tuesday, 8 May, 2018

09:00 **Dr. Joe Uziel, Israel Antiquities Authority:**
Tour of New Archaeological Sites in the City of David (for invited guests)

15:30 **Finding God's Place in the Temple (I)**
Raanan Eichler, Bar-Ilan University: Empty Space Iconography: Divine Presence in Biblical Temples vs. the Ancient Near East

Shawn Zelig Aster, Bar-Ilan University: A Dialogue Between Ezekiel and Isaiah 40 on the Nature of Kebod YHWH?

Respondent: Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University

17:30 **Finding God's Place in the Temple (II)**
Itamar Kislev, University of Haifa:
An Alternative to the Absent Ark in the Book of Chronicles

Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University: Why the Early Christians Cared about the Temple: New Testament Perspectives Before and After 70 CE

Respondent: Yifat Monnickendam, Tel-Aviv University

Wednesday, 9 May, 2018

9:00 **Temple Personnel and Management**
Ronnie Goldstein, Hebrew University: Observations on Economics, Temple Personnel, and Management in The Hebrew Bible

Yuval Levavi, Bar-Ilan University: The Sacred Bureaucracy of Neo-Babylonian Temples

Respondent: Kathleen Abraham, KU Leuven

11:00 **Reconstructing Temple Life: Challenging Assumptions**
Avi Faust, Bar-Ilan University: Re-contextualizing Israelite Temples

Joshua Schwartz, Bar-Ilan University:
Discovering Second Temple Ritual and Sacrifice without the Rabbis

Respondent: Cana Werman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

12:30 **Temple Architecture**
Guy D. Stiebel, Tel-Aviv University: Carved in Stone:
The Transformation of a Sacred Design

Steven Fine, Yeshiva University: The Sacred Vessels of the Herodian Temple as Roman Cult Objects

Respondent: Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa

13:45 **Lunch and Concluding Remarks**