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Multidisciplinary Department of Jewish Studies

International Conference
Rabbi Dr. David Zvi Hoffmann (1843-1921): Scholar, Exegete, Halakhist, Leader

Monday, January 3rd 2022 – Rosh Hodesh Shevat, 5782

8:00 **Gathering and Light Refreshments**

8:30 **Opening Remarks**

Chair: Prof. Adam Ferziger, Rabbi S.R. Hirsch Chair
Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry

Prof. Shmuel Refael, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies

Prof. Emmanuel Friedheim, Chair
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Prof. Yigal Levin, Chair, Multidisciplinary Department of Jewish Studies

9:00 – 11:00 **Panel One**

Hoffmann as an Orthodox Leader and Thinker

Chair: Tova Ganzel

George Y. Kohler, Bar-Ilan University
Hoffmann's Debate with Gustav Dalman (E)

Moshe Baumel, Universität Basel
Hoffmann's Path between German Society and Modern Zionism (E)

Emmanuel Bloch, Berkeley Law School
Hoffmann's Relationship to Christians and Christianity (E)

Meir Hildesheimer, Bar-Ilan University
The Controversy around Hoffmann's Book, "Mar Shmuel" (H)

11:30 – 13:30 **Panel Two**

Hoffmann as a Scholar and Exegete

Chair: Ephraim Chamiel

Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, Ben Gurion University and Avi Shmidman, Bar-Ilan University
Hoffmann's Reconstruction of the Lost Mekhilta Deuteronomy (E)

Alexander Dubrau, Universität Tübingen
Hoffmann's Exegetical Approach and its Aftermath (E)

Jonathan Jacobs, Bar-Ilan University
Hoffmann's Attitude toward the Tension between Peshat and Derash (H)

Carla Sulzbach, Independent Scholar
Is the 1873 Hirsch-Hoffmann Controversy Still Relevant? (E)

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel Three**

Hoffmann as Halakhic Authority (*Posek*)

Chair: Devorah Evron

Tamás Biró, Eötvös Loránd University / JTS – University of Jewish Studies Hungary
Hoffmann, the Hero of Neolog Poskim in Hungary (E)

Elli Fischer, Tel Aviv University and Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University
New Perspectives on Hoffmann's Development as a Posek Halakhah (E)

Refael Kroizer, Tel Aviv University
Innovation in the Service of Conservatism in Hoffmann's Rulings about Gittin (H)

J. J. Kimche, Harvard University
Hoffmann on the Enfranchisement of Women in Post-Monarchic Germany (E)

16:45 **Greetings**

Prof. Amnon Albeck, Rector, Bar-Ilan University

17:00 – 19:00 **Panel Four**

Hoffmann's Legacy

Chair: Ronit Irshai

Shlomo Hoffman, Independent Scholar
Hoffmann's Attitude Toward Pilpul (H)

Lawrence Kaplan, McGill University
The Schools of R. Yishmael and R. Akiva: Revival and Expansion (E)

Ari Bergmann, Yeshiva University
Hoffmann and Halevy: Critical Scholarship and Halakhah (E)

Adam Ferziger, Bar-Ilan University
Rabbiner Doktor D.Z. Hoffmann as a Prototype for the Orthodox "Rabbi Dr." (H)

Location: Beck Hall, Building 410, (Rappaport Building - Faculty of Jewish Studies), Bar-Ilan University
Entrance on lower level, opposite coffee bar

Lectures will be delivered in Hebrew (H) or English (E)

Participation in accordance with Green Pass regulations

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