

International Conference Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh (1823—1900) Exegete, Kabbalist and Philosopher



Tuesday-Wednesday, December 13-14, 2022



**Location: The opening event
on Tuesday will be at The
Midrasha (building 405)**



**On Wednesday the event will
be at the Beck Hall (building
410), Bar-Ilan university**



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

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Tuesday, December 13th, 2022

🎯 **18.00 Gathering and Light Refreshments**

🎯 **18.30 Opening Remarks**

Prof. Amnon Albeck, Rector, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Shmuel Rafael, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies

Prof. Boaz Huss, Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Chair

Chair: Yaron Harel

Moshe Idel: Beginnings (H)

Clémence Boulouque: Poetics and Politics of Coexistence in the Thought of Elijah Benamozegh (E)

Alessandro Guetta: Elijah Benamozegh as a Scholar and as a Philosopher: an Introduction (H)

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

🎯 **8.30-10.00 First Session: 'Kabbalah in Benamozegh's Writings':**

Chair: Tova Ganzel

Yoav Wechsler: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh, Defense of the Kabbalah Tradition as Part of the Debate in the 19th Century (H)

Donato Grosser: Rabbi Benamozegh, Defender of the Kabbalah and of the Oral Torah (E)

Oded Yisraeli: The Universal Kabbalah of R. Elijah Benamozegh (H)

🎯 **10.00-11.00 Second Session: 'Benamozegh and Historical contexts':**

Chair: Miriam Feldmann Kaye

Joseph Levi: Particularism and Universalism in Modern Jewish Thought: ShaDaL, Benamozegh and Rabbi Kook on Universal Ethics and Particular Revelation

Boaz Huss: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh and Western Esotericism

🎯 **11.30-13.30 Third Session: 'Benamozegh and his Criticism of Christianity':**

Chair: Tsivia Frank Wygoda

Gitit Holzman: Science and Religion, Faith and Ethics - According to Benamozegh (H)

Marco Cassuto Morselli: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh on Shaul/Paul of Tarsus (E)

Nadav S. Berman: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh's Affirmative Critique of Agape (E)

Haim Cherki: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh as a Sephardic Rabbi (H)

🎯 **14.30-16.30 Fourth Session: 'Philosophy and Law':**

Chair: Claudia Rosenzweig

Aviad Hacohen: The Thought of Benamozegh and its Potential Contribution to Jewish Law (H)

Asher Salah: Benamozegh and Reform (E)

David Banon: Benamozegh and the Ecole de Paris (H)

Adiel Cohen: Maimonides and Elijah Benamozegh between the Written and Oral Traditions (H)

🎯 **17.00-19.00 Fifth Session: 'Benamozegh and his Philosophy – Biographical Aspects':**

Chair: Oded Yisraeli

Yossef Charvit: Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh (1823-1900), forerunner of the Paris school of Israeli wisdom (1946-1980) (H)

Ariel Viterbo: The Oratory of Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh (H)

Lilac Torgeman: Public Rabbinic Opposition to the Burning of Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh's Books (H)

Moshe Ovadia: The Amozeg-Ben Amozeg Amozig Ben-Amozig Families and Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Amozeg in the Light of Aharon Amozeg's Genealogical Research. (H)

🎯 **19.30 Closing Session:**

Chair: Hanoch Ben-Pazi

Eliyahu Zini: On the Discernment of Rabbi Benamozegh: Scholar, Philosopher, Halakhic man or cabbalist (H)

