



WORKSHOP OF THE ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH | סדנת מחקר של הקרן הלאומית למדע

Indomitable Optimism: Isaiah 40-66 and the Return to Zion in their Ancient Near Eastern Context

"יהיה טוב, כן": שיבת ציון וישעיה מ-סו בראייה היסטורית

Bar-Ilan University, Faculty of Jewish Studies Rappaport Building 410, Room 312

Tuesday | July 9

8:30-9:00 Coffee and Welcome

9:00-11:45
Judahites in Babylon: Integration and Identity Preservation

Ariel Kopilovitz, Expectations for Restoration among the Judean Exiles in Babylonia in the First Generations Following the Destruction

Wayne Horowitz, Thoughts on Two Personal Names from Al-Yahudu

Yuval Levavi, On and Across the River

12:45-15:30
The Babylonian Background of Isaiah 40-66

Shalom E. Holtz, Deutero-Isaiah and the Cuneiform Judeans

Yisca Zimran, Isaiah 51:1-8 - Change of Identity and Geography

Tova Ganzel, Judean Reluctance to Return to Judah

Respondent: Benjamin Sommer

15:50-17:30
Babylonian Flood Imagery in Isaiah 54

Yigal Bloch, "The Waters of Noah" (Isa. 54:9) against the Background of Mesopotamian Perceptions of the Flood

Ron Hendel, The Flood as Metaphor in Isaiah 54.

Wednesday | July 10

8:15-8:45 Coffee and Welcome

8:45
Greetings

Amnon Albeck, Rector of Bar-Ilan University

8:45-12:00
Exiles and Temples in Mesopotamia and Jerusalem

Aren Maeir, Comparing the Judahite and Philistine Exiles in Mesopotamia

Gad Barnea, Second Isaiah and Achaemenid-Zoroastrianism: context, content and confluence

Jan Safford, Judeans in Babylonian Sources: Cultural Preservation and Integration

Oded Lipschits, Jerusalem in Second Isaiah

12:45-15:30
The development of Isaiah 40-66: Arguments for Later and Earlier Composition

Christopher B. Hays, "The Poor" in Isaiah: A Diachronic Reassessment

Diana Edelman, Recontextualizing Babylonian-Era Prophecies in Isaiah 40-66

Alejandro Botta, Re-reading and actualization in Deutero-Isaiah. A Rhetorical Analysis.

Thursday | July 11

8:30-9:00 Coffee and Welcome

9:00-12:15
Achaemenid Policies and Archaeological Realities

Avraham Faust, Persian Period Settlement Patterns, Achaemenid Imperial Economy, and the Return to Zion

Gunnar Lehmann, Aspects of Settlement and Achaemenid Administration in Judah and the Negev,

Dvir Raviv, The borders of Yehud/Judea in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods

Ido Koch, The Persian period in the Yarkon-Ayalon Basin and its Surroundings

13:00-16:15
"Before you Walks God" and "The Wilderness Will Rejoice"

David Vanderhooft, Divinatory Guidance through Wilderness Terrain in the Second Isaiah

Shawn Zelig Aster and Neriah Klein, Nabonidus and the Way in the Wilderness in Isaiah 41: 17-20

Ronnie Goldstein, New Insights in Isaiah 35

James Kraskevich, Isaiah's Insubordinate Grammar: Isaiah 45:18; 51:4; 52:12

16:30-18:30
The Return of Isaiah 40-66: Reception and Theologies of Return

Reinhard Kratz, The Return of YHWH to Zion in Second Isaiah

Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, The Concept of a World-wide Return in Post-monarchic Prophetic Texts

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