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Scripted Forms of Magic Knowledge: Grimoires in the Matrix of Western Cultures

June 8-11, 2014

Organizer: Yuval Harari (Ben-Gurion University)

All lectures will take place at the Feldman Building,
on the Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram Campus

Sunday, June 8

16:00-16:45 Reception

16:45-17:00 Greetings and opening remarks

17:00-18:30 **Session 1, Chair: Gideon Bohak**

Shaul Shaked

Magic in Zoroastrianism: Formulae and Action

Richard Gordon

*High Invocatory Competence in the Graeco-Egyptian Magical Papyri
(PGrMag): Epithets, Schemata, Onomata Barbarika*

18:30 Dinner

Monday, June 9

9:00-10:30

Session 2, Chair: Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony

Joseph E. Sanzo

"Scriptural Magic" and the Reception History of the Bible: Biblical and Parabiblical Traditions in a Portfolio of Spells from Coptic Egypt

Andrea Barbara Schmidt

Syriac Christian Amulets: New Findings in the Caucasus

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session 3, Chair: Richard Gordon

Michael Swartz

How to Make an Ark: Introductions to Jewish Grimoires and the "Healing Event"

Alessia Bellusci

The Role of Sefer Ha-Razim in the Transmission of Divinatory and Oneiric Techniques within Jewish Culture

12:30-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Session 4, Chair: Matthew Morgenstern

Ewa Balicka-Witakowska

Ethiopian Books of Magic

Dan Levene

The Lefafa Sedeq, also known as The Bandlet of Righteousness

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Session 5, Chair: Jonathan Garb

Claire Fanger

Solicited Dreams, Monastic Prayer, and the Gift of Prophecy

Yuval Harari

Sleep Tied: On Dream Magic in Jewish Grimoires

Tuesday, June 10

- 9:00-10:30 **Session 6, Chair: Shaul Shaked**
- Reimund Leicht**
The Fragmentary Hebrew Translation of the Picatrix and its Sources
- Matthew Morgenstern**
Mandaean Grimoires and the Islamization of Iraqi Magic
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 **Session 7, Chair: Richard Kieckhefer**
- Ronald Hutton**
Is there a Continuous Tradition of Magical Knowledge in Western Cultures?
- Benedek Láng**
Encrypted Forms of Magic Knowledge: The Rhetoric of Secrecy
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:30 **Session 8, Chair: Benedek Láng**
- Frank Klaasen**
The Classic Grimoire and the Birth of Modern Magic
- Peter Forshaw**
From Sapientia Aeterna to Veritas Aeterna: The Magician in Search of Truth
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:30 **Session 9, Chair: Reimund Leicht**
- Eliezer Papo**
"A Threefold Cord is not Quickly Broken": The Trichotomy of Sephardic Traditional Magic Incantations
- Gideon Bohak**
The Magical Recipe Books and Treatment Diaries of R. Yizhak Kaduri
- 20:00 Dinner (by invitation)

Wednesday, June 11

9:00-10:30

Session 10, Chair: Yosef Schwartz

Moshe Idel

Sefer Raziel [The Book of the Angel Raziel] and its Sources

Yossi Chajes

Practically Kabbalah: Ilanot Diagrams and their Deployments

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session 11, Chair: Rachel Werczberger

Helen Berger

But, What Are They Reading?: The Role of Books and Internet Sites in the International Contemporary Pagan Movement

Adam Klin-Oron

Pathways into Divinity: Channeling Manuals and Spontaneous Visions

12:30-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-14:30

Session 12, Chair: Claire Fanger

Richard Kieckhefer

Concluding Remarks