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Jan Christian Gertz (Heidelberg University)

Bernard M. Levinson (University of Minnesota)

Dalit Rom-Shiloni (Tel Aviv University)

Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich)

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The Edmond J. Safra Campus of The Hebrew University, Givat Ram)

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PROGRAM

Sunday, May 25, 2014

9:00-9:10

Welcome: **Michal Linial**, Director, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies

9:10-10:00

Introduction to the Conference

Jan Gertz, Bernard M. Levinson, Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Konrad Schmid

10:30-12:30

The Significance of the Reworked Pentateuch Texts for Pentateuchal Theory (with a Focus on 4Q158)

Chair: Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota

Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

“The History of 4Q158: How (not) to Edit a Qumran Manuscript”

Molly M. Zahn, University of Kansas

“Methodological Questions for Studying Scribal Revision: 4Q158 Fragments 1–2.”

Michael Segal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“What Happened at Mount Sinai? Scribal Hermeneutics from MT to SP to 4Q158”

Reinhard Kratz, Georg-August-Universität–Göttingen

“Do the Reworked Pentateuch Texts Have Implications for Pentateuchal Theory?”

14:00-16:30

Narrative Continuity in Ancient Literature and the Pentateuch in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago

Jean Louis Ska, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome

“What Do We Intend by ‘Narrative Continuity’?”

Yairah Amit, Tel Aviv University

“The Place of ‘Travel Narrative’ in the Book of Genesis”

Frank Polak, Tel Aviv University

“From Ewald to Ilima/ilku: Thematic Continuity and Plot Structure in Ugaritic Epic and Pentateuchal Narrative”

Joel Baden, Yale University

“Continuity between the Gaps: The Pentateuch and the Kirta Epic”

17:00-19:30

The Integration of Pre-Existing Literary Material in the Pentateuch and the Impact upon Its Final Shape

Chair: Joel Baden, Yale University

Rainer Albertz, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
“Uncontinuous Literary Sources Taken up in the Book of Exodus”

David Wright, Brandeis University, Waltham
“New Light on the ‘Covenant Code Narrative’ and Implications for Pentateuchal Study”

Karin Finsterbusch, Universität Koblenz-Landau
“Integrating the "Song of Moses" into Deuteronomy and Reshaping the Narrative: Different Solutions in MT-Deut 31:1-32:47 and LXX-Deut 31:1-32:47”

Itamar Kislev, University of Haifa
“The Story of the Gadites and the Reubenites (Numbers 32): A Case Study for an Approach to the Pentateuchal Text”

Monday, May 26, 2014

9:00-10:30

Linguistic Dating of Pentateuchal Texts I

Chair: Shimon Gesundheit, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jan Joosten, Université de Strasbourg
“The Use of Linguistic Arguments in Dating the Pentateuch. A Case Study: Genesis 15”

Respondent:

Erhard Blum, University of Tübingen

11:00-12:30

Linguistic Dating of Pentateuchal Texts II

Chair: Avi Hurvitz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

William Schniedewind, University of California, Los Angeles
“Linguistic Dating, Writing Systems, and the Pentateuchal Sources”

Respondent:

Noam Mizrahi, Tel Aviv University

Afternoon Excursion

**Archeological Excursion to Keteph Hinnom and the City of David
Conducted by Gabriel Barkay (speakers only)**

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

9:00-10:30

Torah and Prophets I. Beyond DtrJ: The Book of Jeremiah and the Torah

Chair: Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University

Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

“The Sermon on the Sabbath in Jer 17:19-27 and the Torah”

Georg Fischer, University of Innsbruck

“ותפשי התורה לא ידעוני” (Jer 2:8):

The Relationship of the Book of Jeremiah with the Torah”

Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University

“□The Prophet of Deuteronomy□? Usage of Deuteronomic and Priestly Legal Traditions in Jeremiah: Opportunities and Challenges”

11:00-12:30

**Torah and Prophets II. Visionaries or Interpreters?
Pentateuchal References in the Book of the Twelve**

Chair: Erhard Blum, University of Tübingen

Jakob Wöhrle, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

“Jacob, Moses, Levi: Pentateuchal Figures in the Book of the Twelve”

John Kessler, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto

“Patterns of Curse Formulae within the Hebrew Bible and ANE: The Case of Amos 4:6-12 and its Relationship to Deut 28 and Lev 26”

14:00-16:00

Workshop - Torah and Prophets III: Case Study: Leviticus 26 and the Prophets

Chair: Jan Gertz, Heidelberg University

Christophe Nihan, University of Lausanne

“Branching Mosaic and Prophetic Discourses on the Exile: Leviticus 26 and Ezekiel”

Ariel Kopilovitz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“Which Kind of Priestly Torah Did Ezekiel Know? The Case of Leviticus 26”

Respondents:

Tova Ganzel, Bar Ilan University

“Did Ezekiel Use Leviticus 26:40–46?”

Michael Lyons, Simpson University

“Methodological Differences in Studies of Ezekiel and the Holiness Code”

Risa Levitt Kohn, San Diego State University

“The Ethos of Exile in Leviticus 26 and the Book of Ezekiel”

16:30-18:30

**The Law and the Prophets (or vice versa):
Diachronic or Synchronic Models? A Roundtable Discussion**

Chair: Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University

Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology
“The Prophets and the Reconceptualization of the Pentateuchal Strata:
Implications for Reading E, D, J, and P”

Konrad Schmid, University of Zürich
“The Prophets After the Law or the Law After the Prophets: Terminological, Biblical and
Historical Perspectives”

Christophe Nihan, University of Lausanne
“Moses and the Prophets: Continuities and Discontinuities, and How We Assess Them”

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

9:00-10:30

Historical Geography of the Pentateuch and Archaeological Perspectives I

Chair: Jan Gertz, Heidelberg University

Christopher Rollston, George Washington University
“Balaam, Son of Beor: From Tell Deir Alla to Numbers 22–24”

Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University
“North Israelite □Memories□ in the Book of Numbers?”

Jan Gertz, Heidelberg University
“Mose, Hezekiah, and the Nehushtan”

11:00-12:30

Historical Geography of the Pentateuch and Archaeological Perspectives II

Chair: Jan Gertz, Heidelberg University

Angela Roskop Erisman, Hebrew Union College Cincinnati
“For the Border of the Ammonites Was... Where?: Historical Geography and Biblical
Interpretation in Numbers 21”

Thomas B. Dozeman, United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio
“The Historical Geography of the Pentateuch within the Discipline of Geography and
Religion”

Oded Lipschits, Tel Aviv University
“Some Thoughts on the Time, Place and Worldview of the Redactor/Editor of Numbers”

Afternoon Excursion

The Temple Scroll and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum

Conducted by Adolfo Roitman, Director, with special opportunity to enter its vaults and learn about current preservation techniques for the Temple Scroll (speakers only)

Thursday, May 29, 2014

9:00-10:30

Do the Pentateuchal Sources Extend into the Former Prophets?

Chair: Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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“The Pentateuchal Sources and the Former Prophets: A Documentarian’s Perspective”

Cynthia Edenburg, Open University of Israel

“Joshua 1 and the Relation of the Former Prophets to the Pentateuch”

Thomas Römer, Collège de France, Paris

“The Problem of the Hexateuch and the Difficulty of Finding Pentateuchal ‘Sources’ in the Former Prophets”

11:00-12:30

The Significance of Ezra-Nehemiah and Chronicles for Understanding the Formation of the Pentateuch

Chair: Sara Japhet, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Richard Bauckham, St. Edward’s University, Austin Texas

“Holy Seed: Ezra’s Rhetoric and the Formation of the Pentateuch”

Sara Japhet, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“What May be Learned from Ezra-Nehemiah about the Composition of the Pentateuch”

Respondent: David Carr, Union Theological Seminary, New York

“Intertextuality, Antitextuality, Priestification and Reading the Gaps in Ezra-Nehemiah and Chronicles: A Response and Further Discussion”

14:00-16:30

**Reading for Unity, Reading for Multiplicity:
Theological Implications of the Study of the Pentateuch's Composition**

Chair: Benjamin Sommer, Jewish Theological Seminary of New York

Israel Knohl, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“Mt. Sinai vs. Mt. Nebo and the Origins of Israelite Monolatry”

Benjamin Sommer, Jewish Theological Seminary of New York
“Reading for Unity, Reading for Disunity: Theological Implications of Contemporary Models of Pentateuchal Composition”

Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
“The Dynamic of Closure in the Pentateuch”

James Watts, Syracuse University
“Pentateuchal Genres and the Torah as a Scripture”

Markus Witte, Humboldt University of Berlin
“Outline of a Theology of the Pentateuch”

17:00-18:30

Concluding Roundtable: The Future of Pentateuchal Studies

Chair: Konrad Schmid, University of Zürich

Joel Baden, Yale University

David Carr, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Reinhard Kratz, Georg August University, Göttingen

Christoph Levin, Ludwig Maximilians University, München

Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota

Alexander Rofé, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago