The First Post-Doctoral Workshop of the CSC

Books of Threats and Threatening Books:
Perceptions of Threat in Late Antique Book Culture

May 26-27, 2014
Mt. Scopus Campus, Rabin Building, Room 2001

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Monday, May 26

9:30 Coffee and Registration
9:45 **Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony** (Greetings)
**Flavia Ruani and Joseph E. Sanzo** (Introduction)

*Chairperson: Shaul Shaked*

10:00 **Keynote Lecture, Gideon Bohak** (Tel-Aviv University)
Dangerous Books: Magic in the *Toledoth Yeshu*

11:00 Coffee break

*Chairperson: Nicole Belayche*

11:30 **Naama Vilozny** (Hebrew University)
Does it Look Threatening as Well? On the Relations between Drawings and Texts in the Babylonian Incantation Bowls

12:15 **Daniele Tripaldi** (University of Bologna)
Secret Books and Corporate Oaths: Coping with the Danger of Transmitting "Sacred" Texts in Early Christian Literature (2nd-4th Century)

13:00 Lunch

*Chairperson: Serge Ruzer*

14:30 **Joseph E. Sanzo** (CSC, Hebrew University)
Late Antique Church Fathers and the Threats of Amulets

15:15 **Theodore de Bruyn** (University of Ottawa)
How Threatening were “Books of the Magic Art” in Late Antiquity?

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 **Chrysi Kotsifou** (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
The Use of Threats in Late Antique Manuscript Colophons

Tuesday, May 27

*Chairperson: Guy G. Stroumsa*

9:30 **Shai Secunda** (Martin Buber Society of Fellows)
“Their Wisdom in Books”: The Politics and Polemics of Religious Text Production in Eastern Late Antiquity

10:15 **Eduard Iricinschi** (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
“They fabricate books in Ialdabaoth’s name” (*Panarion* 25,3,5): Books as Ambiguous Religious Artifacts in Epiphanius’ Heresiology

11:00 Coffee break

*Chairperson: Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony*

11:15 **Flavia Ruani** (CSC, Hebrew University)
Books of Protection, Books of Perdition: Book Imagery in Syriac Heresiology

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Emiliano Bronislaw Fiori** (Humboldt University of Berlin)
Victim of Threat, Threatening Weapon: Neoplatonism in the Justinianic Era between Dionysius the Areopagite and the *Book of Hierotheus*

14:45 **Gregory Kessel** (University of Marburg)
Domesticating the Other across Ecclesiastical Borders: The Case of East Syriac Monastic Texts in Syrian Orthodox and Melkite Contexts

15:30 Coffee break

*Chairperson: Paula Fredriksen*

15:45 **Yonatan Moss** (Martin Buber Society of Fellows)
Severing Severus: Just How Threatening were Severus of Antioch’s Books to the Byzantine Church?

16:30 **David Frankfurter** (Boston University)
Concluding Remarks