

# “Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real”

Rabin 2001, 14-17 June 2015

## Sunday Evening (14.6)

17.30 Light Refreshments

18.00 Greetings

Prof. Oded Irshai (Head of the Mandel Institute for Jewish Studies)

Prof. Maren R. Niehoff (Dept. of Jewish Thought)

## 18.15-19.15 Opening Lecture

**Ewen Bowie** (Corpus Christie College, Oxford), Eastern Mediterranean Travel: The View from Aphrodisias and Hadrianoutherae

## Monday (15.6)

Imagined and Real Geography (chair: Deborah Gera)

09.00 **Benjamin Isaac** (Tel Aviv University), Virtual Journeys in the Roman Near East: Maps and Geographical Texts

09.45 **Janet Downie** (University of North Carolina), The Visible and Invisible City in Aelius Aristides' Smyrnaean Orations

10.30 Coffee

10.45 **Nicola Zwingmann** (Universität Tübingen), The Account of a Journey in the Erotas of Pseudo-Lucian

11.30 **Amit Gvaryahu** (The Hebrew University), There and Back Again: A Journey to Ashkelon and its Intertexts

Destination Rome (chair: Guy Stroumsa)

14.00 **Daniel Schwartz** (The Hebrew University), “Going up to Rome” in Josephus' Antiquities

14.45 **Yonatan Moss** (The Hebrew University), To Rome for Death and Everlasting Life: Ignatius of Antioch's Travelogue

15.45 **Ranon Katzoff** (Bar-Ilan University), Porta Capena, or: The Jew at the Gate of Rome

## Tuesday (16.6)

Travelling as a Key Experience (chair: Paula Frederikson)

09.00 **Reinhard Feldmeier** (Georg August Universität Göttingen), The Wandering Jesus: Luke's “Travel Narrative”

09.45 **Laura Nasrallah** (Harvard University), Imposing Travelers: An Inscription from Galatia and the Journeys of the Earliest Christians

10.30 Coffee

10.45 **Knut Backhaus** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), From Disaster to Disclosure: The Shipwreck in the Book of Acts in Light of Greco-Roman Ideology

11.30 **Sarit Kattan Gribetz** (Fordham University), The Wayfarer's Prayer: Rabbinic Rituals of Travel in the Roman World

Experimenting with Boundaries

(chair: Margalit Finkelberg)

13.15 **Froma Zeitlin** (Princeton University), Apodēmia: the Adventure of Travel in the Ancient Greek Novel

14.00 **Kendra Eshleman** (Boston College), Eastern Travel in Apollonius and the Apocryphal Acts of Thomas

14.45 **Emily Kneebone** (University of Cambridge), Epic journeys at the fringes of the Empire

## Wednesday (17.6)

Overcoming Obstacles (chair: Marc Hirshman)

09.00 **Joshua Levenson** (The Hebrew University), Looking Homeward: Tales of Captivity and Return in Rabbinic Literature

09.45 **Catherine Hezser** (London University), Strangers on the Road: Otherness, Identification and Disguise in Rabbinic Travel Tales of Late Roman Palestine

10.30 Coffee

10.45 **Yifat Monnickendam** (The Hebrew University), What if He Won't Come Back? Marriage and Travel in Late Antiquity

11.30 **Richard Kalmin** (The Jewish Theological Seminary), The Harrowing of Hell: A Tradition that travels from the Roman East to Rabbinic Babylonia

Pilgrimage (chair: David Satran)

13.30 **Ian Rutherford** (Reading University), Jewish Pilgrimage in the First Century CE

14.15 **Georgia Frank** (Colgate University), Touching and Feeling in Late Antique Pilgrims' Narratives

15.00 Coffee

Reconstructing Intellectual Encounters in Distant Places (chair: Marc Hirshman)

15.15 **Maren R. Niehoff** (The Hebrew University), “Beyond the Sea”: Josephus, Justin Martyr and Lucian Reflect on Journeys for Philosophical Instruction

16.00 **Jonathan Price** (Tel Aviv University), Lucian's *True Story*

16.45-17.00 **Concluding Discussion**



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