



The Reception of Biblical Women and Gender in Rabbinic Literature

Monday, 4th December 2017
- Tuesday, 5th December 2017

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Program

Monday, December 4th

- 09:00 - 09:40 **Irmtraud Fischer:** "The Bible and Women: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the History of Bible Reception in Four Languages"
- 09:40 - 10:00 Coffee Break

The Reception of Biblical Gendered Law in Rabbinic Literature

- 10:00 - 10:40 **Hannah Tzuberi:** Biblical Ritual (Im)purity and the Making of a Rabbinic Female Self
- 10:40 - 11:20 **Dvora E. Weisberg:** Remaking or Unmaking? Levirate in the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic Literature
- 11:20 - 12:00 **Olga Ruiz Morel:** Divorce, with her Consent or without it

12:00 - 13:30 **Lunch**

Women between Mishnah and Tosefta

- 13:30 - 14:10 **Judith v. Bresinsky:** "You prostituted yourself with many fellows and would return to me?" (Jer 3:1): A Midrash Halakhah of Rabbi Aqiva in *Tosefta Qiddushin*
- 14:10 - 14:50 **Cecilia Haendler:** Biblical Women in Mishnah and Tosefta
- 14:50 - 15:30 Coffee Break

Case Studies of Biblical Women

- 15:30 - 16:10 **Gail Labovitz:** The Hagar(s) of Rabbinic Imagining: At the Intersections of Gender, Class, and Ethnicity in Genesis Rabbah
- 16:10 - 16:50 **Dvorah Steinmetz:** Switched Before Birth: Dina and the Patriarchal Covenant
- 17:00 - 18:00 Buffet (*Room 2.2058, Holzlaube; Fabeckstr. 23-25*)

18:30

Tal Ilan (public lecture): Women Citing Scripture in Rabbinic Literature (*Room 2.2058*)

Tuesday, December 5th

Rabbinic Midrashim to Specific Biblical Books

09:00 - 09:40

Lorena Miralles-Maciá: Women from Israel, Women from the Nations: *Leviticus Rabbah* on Biblical Characters

09:40 - 10:30

Susanne Plietzsch: Sarah in *Genesis Rabbah*

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee break

Case Studies in Later Midrash

11:00 - 11:40

Ronit Nikolsky: Sarah as *eshet hayil* in *Tanhuma*

11:40 - 12:30

Natalie Polzer: The Many Faces of Eve in *Avot de'Rabbi Nathan*

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:40

Katharina Keim: Biblical Women in *Pirquei de-Rabbi Eliezer*

14:40 - 15:30

Dagmar Börner-Klein: Esther in *Yalkut Shimoni*

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee Break

Suugyot in the Bavli

16:00 - 16:40

Yuval Blankovsky: Seduction for the Sake of God: The Talmudic Sugya of *Aveirah Lishma*

16:40 - 17:20

Alexander Dubrau: Hannah, Female Fertility and the Case of *Sotah*: Legal Methodology and Gender in *Bavli Berakhot 31b*

17:20 - 18:00

Judith Baskin: Female Prophets in *Bavli Megillah*

19:00

Going-out for Dinner

Participants

Judith Baskin
(Philip H. Knight Professor Emerita in Humanities,
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(Berkowitz Fellow at New York University, Law School)

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