

# FROM FUSTAT TO HAIFA:

AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP OF THE ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF GENIZAH RESEARCH

## CIRCG – The Center for the Interdisciplinary Research of the Cairo Genizah

May 15th-18th 2017, University of Haifa | Aviva & Sammy Ofer Observatory, Eshkol Tower, 30th floor

### Day 1: Monday May 15th

14:00 – REGISTRATION AND LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS

14:30 – GREETINGS

Gur Alroey, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

#### 15:00 – 1ST SESSION – MAIMONIDES

Chair: Gil Gambash (University of Haifa, Maritime Civilizations Department)

Mark R. Cohen (Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies), "Maimonides

and the Merchants: Jewish Law and Society in the Medieval Islamic World"

Amir Ashur (CSOC & CIRCG), "Maimonidean and Maimonidean-related

Documents from the Genizah - New Discoveries and Future Plans"

Mordechai Akiva Friedman (Tel Aviv University, Jewish Philosophy and

Talmud), "Newly-Discovered Autographs of Maimonides"

16:30 – Break

#### 17:00 – 2ND SESSION – BIBLE EXEGESIS AND LINGUISTICS

Chair: Tamar Zewi (University of Haifa, Hebrew Language)

Meira Poliack (Tel Aviv University, Biblical Studies), "Code-Switching in

Judaeo-Arabic Texts from the Cairo Genizah"

Ronny Vollandt (LMU-München, Institute of Near and Middle Eastern

Studies), "The Lost Context of Saadia Gaon's Commentary on Genesis"

David Sklare (Ben-Zvi Institute), "Defining Early Medieval Jewish Culture:

The Role of Tenth-Century Judaeo-Arabic Biblical Exegesis"

18:30 – Break

#### 19:00 – THE HAIFA LECTURES IN HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY IN MEMORY OF MYRIAM YARDENI WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

Marina Rustow (Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies), "From Arabic

to Hebrew Script: Fustat's Serial Recyclers"

#### 19:45 – Dinner

Greetings: Ron Rubin, President of the University of Haifa

Keynote lecture – Menachem Ben-Sasson (President of the Hebrew

University, Jewish History), "The Study of the Cairo Genizah as an Exemplary

Interdisciplinary Research - a Retrospective"

### Day 2: Tuesday, May 16th

8:30 – CONVENING

9:00 – 3RD SESSION – SOCIAL AND MATERIAL  
HISTORY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Session sponsored by the Haifa Center for Mediterranean History

Chair: Zur Shalev (University of Haifa, General History)

Miriam Frenkel (Hebrew University, Jewish History), "Domestic Material

Culture as Reflected in the Cairo Genizah Documents: A Gendered

Perspective"

Phillip I. Ackerman-Lieberman (Vanderbilt University, Jewish Studies

and Law), "Augmenting Genizah Studies with Archaeological Research"

Oded Zinger (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies), "Toward a Social

History of Responsa in Medieval Egypt"

10:30 – Break

#### 11:00 – 4TH SESSION – RABBINIC LITERATURE

Chair: Jonathan Ben-Dov (University of Haifa, Biblical Studies)

Chaim Milikowsky (Bar-Ilan University, Talmud Department), "Genizah

Fragments of Rabbinic Texts: 'Not Just Another Manuscript'"

Zvi Stampfer (Hebrew University, Talmud and Halakha Department), "From

Scotland to Fustat and Back: On Economic Theories in the Cairo Genizah"

Roni Shweka (University of Haifa, CIRCG), "Books in Search of an Author:

Composition and Redaction in the Halakhic Literature of the Geonic Period"

Eliezer Schlossberg (Bar-Ilan University, Department of Arabic), "Yemenite

Midrashim – Development and Change"

13:00 – Lunch

#### 14:30 – 5TH SESSION – INTER-RELIGIOUS CONTACTS

Chair: Joseph Ziegler (University of Haifa, General History)

Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala (University of Córdoba, Roman Languages and

Semitics), "Jewish and Christian Bible Encounters in Arabic. A fragment

of Gn. 27:31-34 from the Cairo Genizah in Hebrew and Judaeo-Arabic

(T-S AS 70.101)"

Miriam Goldstein (Hebrew University, Arabic Language and Literature),

"The Contribution of the Cairo Genizahs to the Study of Toledot Yeshu"

Moshe Yagur (Hebrew University, Jewish History), "Conversion and Social

Boundaries: Outlining the borders of 'Genizah Society'"

16:00 – Break

#### 16:30 – 6TH SESSION – PRAYER AND POLEMICS

Chair: Micha Perry (University of Haifa, Jewish History)

Joseph Yahalom (Hebrew University, Hebrew Literature), "Sefer ha-Galuy

by Rav Sa'adia Gaon"

Stefan C. Reif (Cambridge University, St. John's College, Chairman of

board CIRCG), "The Place of Genizah Research within the Manuscript

Study of Jewish Liturgy since 1859"

Yoram Erder (Tel Aviv University, Jewish History), "The Biblical Story in

the Service of Halakha and Mu'tazilite Values in Early Karaite Commentary

to the Bible"

18:00 – Break

18:30 – Dinner

### Day 3: Wednesday, May 17th

8:30 – CONVENING

9:00 – 7TH SESSION – POETRY AND LITURGY

Chair: Dina Stein (University of Haifa, Hebrew and Comparative Literature)

Yosef Tobi (University of Haifa, Hebrew and Comparative Literature),

"Remnants of Arabic Poetry from the Cairo Genizah in Hebrew Transliteration"

Ophir Münz-Manor (Open University, History, Philosophy and Judaic

Studies), "Piyut Studies: The Next Generation"

10:00 – Break

#### 10:30 – 8TH SESSION – FRIEDBERG GENIZAH PROJECT AND BEYOND: COMPUTERIZATION OF THE GENIZAH

Chair: Hassan Khalilieh (University of Haifa, Multidisciplinary Studies)

Jessica Goldberg (UCLA, Department of History), "Extending from Princeton:

Creating the Digital Documentary Genizah as a Resource for Scholars

and Students"

Moshe Lavee (University of Haifa, Jewish History and Thought), "Applying

Citizen Science and Crowd Sourcing in Genizah Studies"

Menachem Katz (Open University & Friedberg Jewish Manuscript Society),

"The Friedberg Genizah Project: What We Have Achieved So Far, and

Future Objectives"

12:30 – Lunch

#### 14:00 – 9TH SESSION – NEW DIRECTIONS IN GENIZAH STUDIES

Chair and concluding reflections: Stefan C. Reif (Cambridge University,

St. John's College, chairman of board CIRCG)

Nahem Ilan (Ono Academic College, Jewish Studies), "Genizah Studies

on the Verge of a New Era"

Dotan Arad (Bar-Ilan University, Jewish History), "'Late' Genizah? Toward

a New Conceptualization of the Genizah Collections"

15:30 – Break

#### 16:00 – 10TH SESSION – NEW HORIZONS AND CO-OPERATIONS

Chair: Uriel Simonsohn (University of Haifa, History of the Middle East)

Efraim Lev (University of Haifa, Israel Studies), "The contribution of the

Genizah to the Study of Medieval Arabic Medicine and Pharmacology"

Tamar Zewi (University of Haifa, Hebrew Language), "Early Genizah

Fragments of Saadya Gaon's Translation of the Pentateuch"

Micha Perry (University of Haifa, Jewish History), "A Transnational History

of Jewish Deeds (Shetarot): Languages and Identity"

Uriel Simonsohn (University of Haifa, Middle Eastern History), "Muslim

Converts and the Formation of Islamic Civilization – a Prosopography,

Cartography, and Historiography of Cultural Brokerage"

Hillel Newman (University of Haifa, Jewish History), "Jewish Apocalypses

of Late Antiquity in the Cairo Genizah"

17:30 – Break

18:30 – Dinner

### Day 4: Thursday, May 18th –

Excursion - Acre

8:30 – Departure

17:00 – Return