

TUESDAY, November 16

9:30-11:00 Session 7

Reimund Leicht, Hebrew University
Hekhalot Literature and the Development of Medieval Jewish Cosmologies
 Discussion

Andrei Orlov, Marquette University
The Leviathan's Tradition in the Apocalypse of Abraham
 Discussion

11:00-12:30 Session 8

Gideon Bohak, Tel Aviv University
Observations on the Transmission of Hekhalot Literature in the World of the Cairo Genizah
 Discussion

Ophir Münz-Manor, The Open University
The Reception and Transmission of Hekhalot Traditions in European Piyyut
 Discussion

12:30 -2:30 Lunch

Participants:

Gideon Bohak, *Tel Aviv University*
 Ra'anan Boustan, *University of California, Los Angeles*
 Martha Himmelfarb, *Princeton University*
 Rachel Elior, *Hebrew University*
 Reimund Leicht, *Hebrew University*
 Rebecca Lesses, *Ithaca College*
 Ophir Münz-Manor, *The Open University*
 Michael Meerson, *Princeton University*
 Andrei Orlov, *Marquette University*
 Annette Reed, *University of Pennsylvania*
 Peter Schäfer, *Princeton University*
 Shaul Shaked, *Hebrew University*
 Alexei Sivertsev, *DePaul University*
 Michael Swartz, *Ohio State University*
 Moulie Vidas, *University of California, Davis*
 Steven Wasserstrom, *Reed College*



Hekhalot Literature in Context: From Byzantium to Babylonia

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SUNDAY, November 14

203 Scheide Caldwell House

12:30-1:50 Lunch

1:50-3:30 Session 1

Welcome - Peter Schäfer

Shaul Shaked, Hebrew University

Magic Bowls and Hekhalot: The Significance of this Combination
Discussion

Michael Meerson, Princeton University

Rites of Passage in Magic and Mysticism
Discussion

3:30-4:00 Coffee break

4:00-5:30 Session 2

Rachel Elijor, Hebrew University

*Priestly Traditions in Hekhalot Literature and in the Targum as a
Reflection of the Tension between Beit Hakneset and Beit Hamidrash*
Discussion

Michael Swartz, Ohio State University

*From Byzantium to Babylonia and Back: New Sources, Palestinian
Judaism and the History of Hekhalot Literature*
Discussion

6:00 Dinner

MONDAY, November 15

9:30-11:00 Session 3

Ra'anan Boustán, University of California, Los Angeles

The Two Thrones: Ezekiel, Solomon, and Byzantine Court Ceremonial
Discussion

Alexei Sivertsev, DePaul University

King's Many Bodies: The Demise of Emperor Lupinus Revisited
Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-1:00 Session 4

Peter Schäfer, Princeton University

Metatron in Babylonia
Discussion

Moulie Vidas, University of California, Davis

Sar Ha-Torah, Hekhalot and the Babylonian Academies
Discussion

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:00 Session 5

Annette Reed, University of Pennsylvania

Rethinking (Jewish-)Christian Evidence for Jewish Mysticism
Discussion

Steven Wasserstrom, Reed College

Hekhalot Literature in the Early Islamic World
Discussion

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30-6:00 Session 6

Martha Himmelfarb, Princeton University

Hekhalot Pseudepigraphy in Late Antique Context
Discussion

Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College

Gender and Women in the Hekhalot Literature
Discussion

6:30 Dinner