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**An International Workshop on the Jews of Iran:
Society, Culture and Politics through the Ages
June 10-12, 2018
Special Collections Wiener-Gruss Building, 3rd Floor
Entrance through parking lot behind Central Library, Tel Aviv University**

Sunday June 10, 2017

0900: Greetings: Meir Litvak

David Yeroushalmi, Alliance Center
The Study of the Jews in Iran: Continuity and Change

0930: Judeo-Persian Culture in the Sassanid Era I
Chair: **Judith Goldstein**

Parvaneh Pourshariati, CUNY
Judeo-Parthica in Late Antiquity: New Prisms and Postulates

Domenico Agostini, Tel Aviv University
Luhrāsp and the Destruction of Jerusalem: A Note on Jewish-Iranian Syncretism

James Russell, Harvard University
The Hekhalot literature as viewed from the standpoint of Sasanian Zoroastrianism

1100: Break

1130: Judeo-Persian Culture in the Sassanid Era II
Chair: **David Yeroushalmi**

Shai Secunda, Bard College
A Sea of Text: The Formation of the Talmud and the Sasanian Zoroastrian Dēn

Thamar E. Gindin, Shalem College and Haifa University
Who wrote the Bible? Jews and Judaism in pre-Islamic and early-Islamic Iranian mythology

1230: Break

1400: Jews and Muslims: Conversions and Acculturation
Chair: **Parvaneh Pourshariati**

Dennis Halft, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Muhammad Reza Jādīd al-Islām (d. 1266/1849) and His Anti-Jewish Polemical Work.

Jonathan Brack, Hebrew University
Jews and Shi'is in medieval Baghdad and the Ilkhanid court: between conversion and Confessionalization

1500: Jewish-Iranian Culture in the Early-Modern and Modern Period
Chair: **Hilda Nissimi**

Rachel Milstein, Hebrew University
Illustrations for Judeo-Persian manuscripts in their artistic Iranian context

Judith Goldstein, Vassar College
Object Lessons: Jews and Iranian Material Culture

Orit Carmeli, Alliance Center
A newly discovered illuminated Judeo-Persian Khostrow and Shirin Manuscript

1600: Break

1630: The Periphery of Iranian Jewry
Chair: **Shai Secunda**

Ofir Haim, Hebrew University
The Jews of the Bāmiyān Valley: Social and Economic Aspects

Dan Shapira, Bar Ilan University
Persian-speaking Jews in the Golden Horde

Monday June 11th

0930: Jewish-Iranian Culture in the Early Islamic Period
Chair: **Nahid Pirnazar**

Julia Rubanovich, Hebrew University
Patterns of Cultural Accommodation in the Judeo-Persian Tale of Yūsuf and Zulaykhā by Shāhīn

Liora Tamir, Hebrew University
The Story of Yūsuf and Zulaykhā in Judeo-Persian by Shāhīn-i Shirāzī: A Perso-Islamic Rendering of the Biblical Story

1030: Break

1100: Religion and Culture during the Qajar Period
Chair: **David Yeroushalmi**

Daniel Tsadik, Yeshiva University
Rabbi Yosef Hayim David Azulay and the Jews of Iran

Esther Shkalim, Tel Aviv University
Why Didn't Iranian Jews light Menorahs in Hanukkah?

Elham Gheyntanchi, SMC
Modern Jewish Schools in Iran

1230: Break

1400: Jewish Society in Qajar Iran
Chair: **Rachel Milstein**

Soli Shahvar, Haifa University,
Jewish Conversion to Bahaism in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Haideh Sahim, Independent Scholar
Britain, Iran and the Jews During the Qajar Period

1500: Jewish Culture in the Qajar Period
Chair: **Liora Hendelman-Baavur**

Vera Moreen, Independent Scholar
Judeo-Persian Laments on the Death of Nāsir al-Dīn Shāh (r. 1848-1896)

Hilda Nissimi, Bar Ilan University
The Poem of the Mystic and the Lamentation of the Exiled Mother: Zion before Zionism in a Mashhadi Family (1905-1915)

1600: Break

1630: The Jewish Community from the Pahlavis to the Islamic Republic
Chair: **Meir Litvak**

David Menashri, Alliance Center
The Jewish Community in Transition: from Mohammad Reza Shah to Khomeini

Roya Hakakian, Author
Not Yet Extinct: Why and how the Iranian Jewish community survives

Tuesday June 12th

Will be held in Gilman building room 133

0900: Iranian Jews between Zionism and Iranian Politics
Chair: **David Menashri**

Nahid Pirnazar, UCLA
Minutes of Zionist Association of Iran

Miriam Nissimov, Alliance Center
Dilemmas of Identity: Musa Tuab and Suleiman Hayyim between Iranian Nationalism and Zionism

Doron Itzhakov, Alliance Center
The 'Aliyya Camp in Tehra: Intersecting Interests and Geopolitical Changes

Lior Sternfeld, Ben Gurion University
Jews and Political Activism in Iran the 1940s and 50s

1100: Break

1130: Modern Shiism and the Jews
Chair: **Vera Moreen**

Samuel Thorpe, National Library of Israel
Jews are Good for Thinking With: Jews, Judaism, and the Jewish State in the Writings of Jalal Al-e Ahmad, Hussein Derakhshan, and Payam Feili

Orly Rahimiyan, Ben Gurion University
The Image of Israel and its Impact on Iranian Attitudes Towards the Jews in the Pahlavi Period

Meir Litvak, Alliance center
New Trends in Modern Shii-Iranian anti-Judaism

1300: Break

1430: Concluding Discussion
Continuities and Change in Jewish Iranian Histor

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