

Celebrating the 1000th Anniversary of Solomon Ibn Gabirol
at The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University

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The 1000th Anniversary of Solomon Ibn Gabirol 

The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Conference

On the Borderlines: Poetry, Philosophy and Mysticism in the Age of Ibn Gabirol

In-person
conference

Tel Aviv University, 9-11.5.22 | LOCATION: Gilman Building, Room 496

Monday, 9.5.22

17:00 Reception

17:30 **Opening session** ♦ Chair: Ariel Zinder (Tel Aviv)

Greetings:

Prof. Youval Rotman, Chair of the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies and Archeology, TAU
Prof. Galili Shahar, Chair of the School of Cultural Studies TAU

Keynote address

Sarah Stroumsa (Hebrew University):
The Kaleidoscope of *Convivencia*: Philosophical and Poetic Coexistence in al-Andalus

19:00 Musical Concert

Ibn Gabirol's Keter Malkhut; Yagel and Uriah Haroush

* Limited seats are available for conference participants and members of Tel Aviv University, upon early registration

Tuesday, 10.5.22

9:30 – 11:00 **Panel I** ♦ Chair: Avishai Bar-Asher (Hebrew University)

Camilla Adang (Tel Aviv): Ibn Gabirol's Andalus. A historical survey

Omer Michaelis (Tel Aviv): Neoplatonism as Rabbanism

Paul Fenton (Paris-Sorbonne): Ibn Gabirol's Fons Vitae and the Longer Version of the Theology of Aristotle: New Perspectives

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel II** ♦ Chair: Tova Beeri (Tel Aviv)
Ross Brann (Cornell): Ibn Gabirol's Original Literary Persona: a Fresh Intertextual Examination of "Ateh hod we -'adeh u-lvash ge'onim"

Jonathan Decter (Brandeis): "Those Who Worship Other Than You:" Ontology and the Plurality of Religions in Keter Malkhut

Ariel Zinder (Tel Aviv): Abu-Ayyüb: Ibn Gabirol's Job

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Panel III** ♦ Chair: Orna Harari (Tel Aviv)
José Bellver (Louvain): The Formation of Wahdat al-wujūd Sufi Metaphysics in al-Andalus: Tracing the Origin of the Term wujūd muṭlaq

Ehud Krinis (Ben Gurion): Can Ibn Gabirol's *Improvement of the Moral Qualities* Serve as a Replacement and Summary of Bahya ibn Paquda's *Duties of the Heart*, Gates 2-10? Revisiting Judah ibn Tibbon's Letter to Asher Ben Meshullam of Lunel.

Lucas Oro Hershtein (York): Ibn Gabirol's Metaphysics of Relations

16:00 – 17:00 ♦ Ibn Gabirol in Translation

Peter Cole and Ross Brann: "Now Show Me How You'll Raise Them': On Translating a Poetry Born in Translation," A Conversation and a Reading (English)

19:00 **Dinner for participants**

Wednesday, 11.5.22

9:30 – 11:00 **Panel IV** ♦ Chair: Michael Ebstein (Tel Aviv)
Yehonatan Vardi and Iyas Nasser (Hebrew University): Cold poetry, Hot-tempered Poet: Ibn Gabirol's Satire and its Context

José Martínez Delgado (Granada): Ibn Gabirol's Prosody: A Proposed Scansion

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel V** ♦ Chair: Omer Michaelis (Tel Aviv)
Tanja Werthmann (Hebrew University): Was Ibn Gabirol a Pseudo-Empedoclean Philosopher?

Eliezer Davidovich (Ben Gurion): "For He Creates Ex nihilo:" The Meaning of Creation Ex nihilo in the Teachings of Isaac Israeli and Solomon ibn Gabirol
Adam Afterman (Tel Aviv): The Holy Spirit in Judah Ben Barzillai's Commentary to Sefer Yetzirah

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Poetry Reading

"Friends hearken to your voice": Contemporary Israeli Poetry and the Voices of Al-Andalus (Hebrew)

15:30 – 17:30 **Panel VI** ♦ Chair: Tova Rosen (Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion)

Galili Shahar (Tel Aviv): The Cupbearer: Dialectic of Desire, Divine Wisdom (Reading Ibn Gabirol with Hāfiz)

Menachem Lorberbaum (Tel Aviv): Ha-sod ve-haysod: Nahmanides' Poetics of Sefirotic Theosophy

Uriah Kfir (Ben Gurion): Solomon ibn Gabirol as a Literary Hero: 1000 Years of Representation

Omer Michaelis (Tel Aviv): Closing remarks and Open Questions

Members of the academic committee (in alphabetical order):
Michael Ebstein (Hebrew University), Haviva Ishay (Ben Gurion), Omer Michaelis (Tel Aviv), Sarah Stroumsa (Hebrew University), Ariel Zinder (Tel Aviv).

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