

The Sixteenth International Orion Symposium:

in conjunction with

The University of Vienna, New York University,
The Israel Antiquities Authority and The Israel Museum

The Dead Sea Scrolls at Seventy: "Clear a Path in the Wilderness"

April 29–May 2, 2018

Sunday, April 29 (Beit Maierdorf, Room 405, Mount Scopus):

9:15–10:00 *Registration (4th Floor Lobby)*

10:00 Session I. Chair: Michael E. Stone, Hebrew University

- Armin Lange, University of Vienna
“A Wilderness of Texts? The Textual Plurality of the Torah and Quotations of the Wilderness Narrative in the Dead Sea Scrolls”
- Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University
“*Vox clamantis in deserto*: The History of the Interpretation and Misinterpretation of Isaiah 40:3”

11:30–11:50 Coffee Break

- John Kampen, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
“Does the Use of Isaiah 40:3 Necessarily Point to the Wilderness?”
- Paul Mandel, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies
“Comings and Goings in the Wilderness: On the Power of Biblical Metaphors in Qumran Literature”
- Ursula Schattner-Rieser, University of Cologne
“Echoes from the Exile and the Aramean Past: Wilderness Themes in the Aramaic Qumran Texts, from Aḥiqar to Tobit”

13:30 Lunch Break

15:00 Session II. Chair: Betsy Halpern-Amaru, Emerita Vassar College

- Loren T. Stuckenbruck, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
“Wilderness Traditions and Ethiopic *Enoch*”
- Søren Holst, University of Copenhagen
“Flying over the Great Desert: Wilderness in the Cosmology of the Book of Giants and Related Texts”
- Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa and Israel Institute for Advanced Studies
“Populated Land, Seas, Deserts: The Division of the World in *1 Enoch 77* and Medieval Sources”

16:50 Coffee Break

18:00 Session III. Festive Opening Session

Chair: Paula Fredriksen, Hebrew University

- **Greetings:**
Dror Wahrman, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University
His Excellency Martin Weiss, Austrian Ambassador to Israel
Armin Lange, University of Vienna
Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University
Esther G. Chazon, Director, Orion Center, Hebrew University
 - **Lecture:**
John J. Collins, Yale University
"The Significance of the Desert for the *Yahad*"
 - **Reception**
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Monday, April 30 (Rabin Building, Room 2001, Mount Scopus)

9:15 Session IV. Chair: Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University

- Sarianna Metso, University of Toronto
"Atonement in the Wilderness: Leviticus 16 and Its Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls"
- Zachary Levine, New York University
"The Covenant of the First-Ones and Their Chastisement: Leviticus 26:44–45 at Qumran"
- Gideon R Kotzé, North-West University
"The Wilderness and the 'World Turned Upside Down' Imagery in 4Q179"

10:45 Coffee Break

11:10 Session V. Chair: David A. Lambert, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, EURIAS Fellow

- Devorah Dimant, University of Haifa
"Moses at Qumran"
- Hindy Najman, Oxford University
"Redemptive Rereading: Encountering Desert after Loss in the *Apostrophe to Zion* and Other Texts"

12:30 Lunch Break

14:30 Session VI. Chair: Menahem Kister, Hebrew University

- Noam Mizrahi, Tel-Aviv University
"Dialects in the Wilderness: Reconsidering the Notion of Qumran Hebrew"
- Daniel L. Smith, Saint Louis University
"Wilderness Space, Wilderness Time, Wilderness People"
- Corrado Martone, University of Turin
"This Must Be the Place: The Zadokite Exodus in the Dead Sea Scrolls"

16:10 Coffee Break

16:30 Session VII. Chair: Daniel R. Schwartz, Hebrew University

- Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University
"The Wilderness, Damascus and the Land: The Notion of Place in Sectarian Community Building"
 - Arjen Bakker, Oxford University
"Prepare in the Wilderness': Cultivation of the Self in the Judean Desert"
 - Alison Schofield, University of Denver
"The Concept of Wilderness and the *Rule of the Congregation*"
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Tuesday, May 1 (Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, Dorot Auditorium)

9:00 Session VIII. Chair: Ofer Sion, Israel Antiquities Authority

- Greetings:
Ido Bruno, Director, The Israel Museum
Israel Hasson, Director, Israel Antiquities Authority
- Reinhard G. Kratz, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen
"QWB and SQE: Two Digital Projects on Lexicography and Edition of the Scrolls"
- Amos Frumkin, Hebrew University
"The Geology and Environment of the Qumran Caves"
- Eitan Klein and Amir Ganor, Israel Antiquities Authority
"Explorations and Discoveries in the Judean Desert Caves: The Antiquities Looting Prevention Unit's Activity in the Last Few Years"
- Uri Davidovich and Roi Porat, Hebrew University
"New Excavations in the Large Cave Complex of Naḥal Tse'elim: A Refuge Complex of the Bar-Kokhba Revolt"

11:15 Coffee Break

11:45 Session IX. Chair: Haim Gitler, The Israel Museum

- Oren Gutfeld, Hebrew University
"Old Cave–New Project: The Renewed Excavation in Cave 53"
- Guy Stiebel, Tel Aviv University
"*Post mortem*: The Rebels' Community at Masada and the Qumran Connection"
- Marcello Fidanzio, Facoltà di Teologia di Lugano
"Qumran Cave 11Q Final Report: Archaeology and New Scroll Fragments"

13:15 Afternoon Break

19:00 Session X. Public Program in Hebrew (Israel Museum, Springer Auditorium; tickets may be purchased at the Museum box office)

Chair: Esther G. Chazon, Hebrew University

- Adolfo Roitman, The Israel Museum
"באנוס, יוחנן המטביל וכת קומראן: המשמעות הדתית של המדבר ביהדות העתיקה"
(*"Bannus, John the Baptist, and the Qumran Community: The Religious Meaning of Wilderness in Ancient Judaism"*)

- Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University
"המשכן והמקדש במגילת המקדש"
(“The Desert Tabernacle and the Temple of the Temple Scroll”)
 - Pnina Shor, Israel Antiquities Authority
"מהמדבר לקדמת המדע: תיעוד, שמור והנגשת מגילות מדבר יהודה"
(“From the Wilderness to Multispectral Imaging: The Documentation, Preservation and Digitization of the Dead Sea Scrolls”)
 - (2008–2018) גישות הינוכיות למגילות: עשר שנים אחרי
(“Getting the Word Out: Educational Approaches to the Scrolls, Ten Years Later”)
Rotem Arieli, The Israel Museum
Noam Mizrahi, Tel-Aviv University
Moderator: Adolfo Roitman, The Israel Museum
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Wednesday, May 2 (Rabin Building, Room 2001, Mount Scopus)

9:00 Session XI. Chair: David Satran, Hebrew University

- Steven D. Fraade, Yale University
“Revelation and Prophecy in the Wilderness”
- Liora Goldman, University of Haifa and Oranim Academic College of Education
“From Mount Sinai to the Well: Where and to Whom will the Torah be Revealed?”
- Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University
“Who (or What) is a מחוקק?”

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 Session XII. Chair: Esther Eshel, Bar-Ilan University

- Alex Jassen, New York University
“Feeling Persecuted in the Wilderness: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Narrative of Victimhood”
- Jesper Høgenhaven, University of Copenhagen
“The Wilderness in the *Copper Scroll* (3Q15)”
- Atar Livneh, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
“Reciting History on Sinai: A Study of *Jewish Antiquities* 3.83–88 in Comparative Perspective”

12:45 Lunch Break

14:30 Session XIII. Chair: Adela Yarbro Collins, Yale University

- George J. Brooke, University of Manchester / University of Chester (England)
“Locating the Wilderness in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament: A Study in Mutual Illumination”
- Hermann Lichtenberger, University of Tübingen
“The Woman in the Desert and the Wings of the Eagle in Rev 12:13–14”
- Michael R. Jost, University of Bern
“Between Wilderness Experiences and Heavenly Glory: The Place of the People of God in Hebrews and in Comparison with *IQSerekh ha-Yahad*”

16:10 Coffee Break

16:30 Session XIV. Chair: Lutz Doering, University of Münster

- Jeffrey P. García, Nyack College
“Where in the Wilderness is John the Baptist? Making a Way for Repentance, Charity, and Justice”
- Ian Werrett, Saint Martin’s University
“Out of the Wilderness: Qumran, Jesus, and Ritual Purity”
- Daniel K. Falk, Pennsylvania State University
“Seeking God in Dry Places: Prayer and the Wilderness in Early Judaism and Christianity”

18:00 Concluding Discussion

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