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Monday, December 16th

**RECEPTION AND GREETINGS 9:30-10:30**

Greetings:
- David Newman, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Uri Ehrlich, Chair, Department of Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Julie Chajes and Boaz Huss

**Introduction to Project and Workshop**

**FIRST SESSION 10:45-13:00**
*Monotheism, Orientalism, and Practical Occultism in the Early Theosophical Society*

Chair: Harvey (Chaim) Hames

John Patrick Deveney

*To Do or Merely to Read and Know? The Theosophical Society as Lesemysterium and Purveyor of Practical Occult Development*

Julie Chajes

*Madame Blavatsky and Monotheism*

Isaac Lubelsky

*Theosophy and Orientalism: The Case of H.P. Blavatsky and F. Max Müller*

**SECOND SESSION 14:30-16:00**

*Theosophical Interpretations of Hindu Traditions and Krishnamurti's "No Tradition"*

Chair: Olav Hammer

Tomer Persico

*A Pathless Land: Krishnamurti and the Tradition of 'No Tradition'*

Karl Baier

*The Integration of the Chakras into Theosophy*

**THIRD SESSION 16:30-18:00**

*Theosophy and Buddhism in Sri Lanka and Japan*

Greetings: Rivka Carmi, President, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Chair: Karl Baier

Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri

*Olcott Buddhism vs. True Buddhism*: A Review of the New Wave of Revival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka

Shin’ichi Yoshinaga

*Theosophy in Meiji Japan, its Meanings and Transformations*

**FOURTH SESSION 18:15-19:00**

*The Theosophical Society in Israel*

Chair: Boaz Huss

Avraham Oron, Chairman of the Israeli Theosophical Society

Tuesday, December 17th

**FIFTH SESSION 8:30-11:00**

*Anthroposophy in Israel: Past and Present*

The Session will be held in Kfar Rehavam, Remedial Community

Chair: Julie Chajes

Boaz Huss

*The Early History of Anthroposophy in Israel*

Shulamit and Zvi Dvir

*Anthroposophy in Israel Today*

Visit of Kfar Rehavam Village

**SIXTH SESSION 11:30-13:00**

*Kabbalah and Philosophia Perennis in Anthroposophy*

Chair: Yossef Schwartz

Andreas Kilcher

*Kabbalah and Anthroposophy: A Spiritual Alliance According to Ernst Müller*

Helmut Zander

*Transformations of Anthroposophy from the Death of Rudolf Steiner to the Present Day: Adaptations of a Philosophia Perennis*

**SEVENTH SESSION 14:30-16:45**

*Theosophy and Judaism: Connections and Interpretations*

Chair: Jonatan Meir

Shimon Lev

*The Theosophical Connection: Gandhi and his Jewish supporters*

Zohar Maor

*Modern Esotericism and the Break of Tradition in the Prague Circle*

Boaz Huss

"The Secret Doctrine of the Jews": Jewish Theosophists and their Appropriation of Kabbalah

**EIGHTH SESSION 17:15-18:45**

*Theosophical Appropriation and Identity Construction in Greece and Italy*

Chair: Massimo Introvigne

Victoria Ferentinou

*Light from Within or Light from Above? Theosophical Appropriations in Early Twentieth-Century Greek Culture*

Marco Pasi

*The Theosophical Movement and the Construction of Esoteric Ethnic Identities in Italy (1890-1915)*