

# RITUAL OBJECTS IN THE MEDIEVAL MIDDLE EAST BGU WORKSHOP

## MAY 24-27 2021



### MONDAY MAY 24

15:00-16:15

Panel 1

#### STONES AS DEVOTIONAL OBJECTS

CHAIR: **Avi Rubín**, Chair of the Dept. of Middle East Studies, BGU

**Avi Rubín & Daniella Talmon-Heller**, BGU, Greetings and opening remarks

**Brannon Wheeler**, United States Naval Academy: Kiss the Black Stone but Don't Touch your Penis: Toward a Typology of Ritualized Touch in Islamic Law and Muslim Practice

**Yamit Rachman-Shrire**, The Golda Meir Fellowship Trust: The Stone of the Unction in Jerusalem: An Image Becomes a Ritual Object

16:30-18:30

Panel 2

#### SCRIPTURES ON/AS DEVOTIONAL OBJECTS

CHAIR: **Effie Shoham**, Chair of CSOC, BGU

**Hannelies Koloska**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Encountering Ritual Objects and the Interpretation of the Qur'an

**Stefan Heidemann**, Hamburg University: Surat al-Ikhlās, al-Fatiha or Ayat al-Kursi - which One Has Precedence on Early Islamic Amulets, Coins, and Tombstones?

**Dotan Arad**, Bar-Ilan University: Real Scrolls, Imagined Scrolls: Sacred Manuscripts and the Veneration of Scribes among Jews under the Ayyubids and Mamluks

**Daniella Talmon-Heller**, BGU: The Production of Material Copies of The Word of God: Jewish and Muslim Prescriptions

### TUESDAY MAY 25

15:00-16:00

Panel 3

#### BLESSED GARBS

GREETINGS: **David Wettstein**, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, BGU

CHAIR: **Housni Shehade**, Levinski Seminar

**Daphna Ephrat**, The Open University of Israel: The Garment of the Shaykh: Embedment and Transference of Baraka in the World of Syrian Sufi Saints

**Sara Kuehn**, Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéenne, européenne et comparative (IDEMEC)-CNRS / Zentrum für Islamische Theologie (ZITh), Universität Tübingen: Binding Threads and Expanding Threads: The Interlaced Serpents on the Lining of the So-called Mantle of Roger II (528/1133-4)

16:30-18:30

Panel 4

#### ICONS AND RELICS

CHAIR: **Uri Shachar**, BGU

**Anne Lester**, Johns Hopkins University: Framing the Cross: Liturgy, Prayer and Object in Personal and Public Ritual after 1187

**Stephennie Mulder**, The University of Texas, Austin: Embodying the Light of God: Polyvalent Iconographies at Three Medieval Syrian Shrines

**Nicholas Paul**, Fordham University, NY: Ritual Objects and the Construction of Aristocracy in the Latin East

**William Purkis**, University of Birmingham: Holy Land Souvenirs among Latin Christian Pilgrims to Jerusalem

### WEDNESDAY MAY 26

15:00-16:30

Panel 5

#### MOSQUE ARTIFACTS AND SYMBOLS

CHAIR: **Tawfiq Da`adli**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Lorenz Korn**, University of Bamberg: A Tile Panel from Damascus and Its Iconography

**Ali Asgar Alibhai**, The University of Texas, Dallas: Sacred Sound to Sacred Light: Understanding the Evolution of Maghribi Bell-Lamps

**Ayala Lester**, Israel Antiquities Authority: Ritual Objects in the Ancient Mosque of Tiberias

17:00-18:30

Panel 6

#### VIRTUAL TOUR

**Yisca Harani**, independent scholar & **Fra Stephane**, Saint Saviour's Monastery: Treasures of the Franciscan Order in Jerusalem



### THURSDAY MAY 27

15:00-16:30

Panel 7

#### MAGICAL ARTIFACTS

CHAIR: **Nimrod Hurvitz**, BGU

**Gideon Bohak**, Tel Aviv University: A "Voodoo Doll" from Fustat and Related Magical Recipes

**Avigail Manekin-Bamberger**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Translating Demons: On the Demonic in Late Antique Jewish Magical Artifacts

**Itamar Taxel**, Israel Antiquities Authority, and **Uzi Avner**, Dead Sea-Arava Science Center: A Unique Assemblage of Late Islamic Magical Artifacts from Netafim Camp 2, a Site on the Darb al-Hajj, Southern Israel

17:00-18:30

Panel 8

#### VIRTUAL TOUR 2

**Ido Noy**, "Beyond the Elite: Jewish Daily Life in Medieval Europe" research group, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: In and Out, Between and Beyond: Jewish Daily Life in Medieval Europe, at The Max and Iris Stern Gallery on the Mount Scopus Campus

19:00-20:00

#### CONCLUDING SESSION

CHAIR: **Jonathan Brack**, BGU

**Yehoshua Frenkel**, University of Haifa: Objects as Sources for the Study of Religious Life in the Eastern Mediterranean (the Middle Islamic Period)

Open Discussion



FOR DETAILS AND ABSTRACTS:

[https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/csoc/Pages/Ritual\\_Objects\\_in\\_the\\_Medieval\\_Middle\\_East.aspx](https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/csoc/Pages/Ritual_Objects_in_the_Medieval_Middle_East.aspx)

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\*We will take a short break in the middle of 2-hours sessions.