

## Wednesday, May 20, 2015

8:00-18:00 Excursion:

"The Negev: A Site of Multiple Conversions"

**Moshe Yagur** - *Tour Guide*

18:00-20:00 Conference Dinner

## Thursday, May 21, 2015

9:00-11:00 Session 8

Married with Children: Conversion, Marriage, and Inheritance in Medieval England

Text Presenter:

**Joshua Curk**, *Wolfson College, Oxford*

Respondents:

**Yaniv Fox**, *Research Fellow, CSOC, The Open University of Israel*

**Rainer Barzen**, *Research Fellow, CSOC, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Session 9

The Institutionalization of Conversion in the Iberian Realms

Text Presenter:

**Ana Echevarria**, *National University of Distance Education, Madrid*

Respondents:

**Harvey Hames**, *CSOC Director, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*

**Uri Zvi Shachar**, *CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:30-17:30 Session 10

Maimonides' Response to Obadiah the Convert

Text Presenter:

**Alan Verskin**, *University of Rhode Island*

Respondents:

**Miriam Frenkel**, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

**Moshe Yagur**, *Research Fellow, CSOC, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

17:30-18:00 Concluding Remarks

**Ora Limor**, *CSOC, The Open University of Israel*

**Ephraim Shoham-Steiner**, *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC Board Member*

**Ram Ben-Shalom**, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and CSOC Board Member*

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## Monday, May 18, 2015

9:30- 10:00 Registration & Light Refreshments

10:00- 10:30 Greetings:

**Harvey Hames**, CSOC Director, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Rivka Carmi**, President, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**David Newman**, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:30-12:30 Session 1

The Rabbi and the Friar: A Marginal Gloss on Genesis 2:3 in the 15<sup>th</sup>-Century Bible of Moshe Arragel

Text Presenter:

**Luis M. Giron Negron**, Harvard University

Respondents:

**Yossi Israeli**, Research Fellow, CSOC, Bar-Ilan University

**Claude B. Stuczynski**, Bar-Ilan University and CSOC Board Member

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session 2

On the Spiritual Predicament of Spanish Jewry c. 1391 and the Factors of Conversion: Revisiting the Exchange between Joshua Halorki and Solomon Halevi

Text Presenter:

**Maurice Kriegel**, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris

Respondents:

**Daniel J. Lasker**, CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Alexander van der Haven**, Research Fellow, CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:30 Session 3

"And the Evil Hour Passed Away": Folk-Legends of Conversion in Ashkenaz of the 13th Century

Text Presenter:

**Eli Yassif**, Tel-Aviv University

Respondents:

**Dudu Rotman**, Tel-Aviv University

**Peter Sh. Lehnardt**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

19:00 Dinner

## Tuesday, May 19, 2015

9:00-11:00 Session 4

Polemic, Conversion, or Scholastic Disputation?

Text Presenter:

**Thomas E. Burman**, University of Tennessee

Respondents:

**Judah Galinsky**, Bar-Ilan University

**Joseph Ziegler**, University of Haifa

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Session 5

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Text Presenter:

**Sara Lipton**, State University of New York at Stony Brook

Respondents:

**Ora Limor**, CSOC, The Open University of Israel

**Katrin Kogman-Appel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 Session 6

*Pro evitanda infamia et sedandis scandalis huiusmodi*: The New Christians of Apulia Obtain a Papal Bull to Fend Off Accusations of Judaizing (2/26/1446)

Text Presenter:

**Benjamin Scheller**, Universität Duisburg-Essen

Respondents:

**Nadia Zeldes**, Senior Research Fellow, CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**David Sorotzkin**, Research Fellow, CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:30 Session 7

Conversions in Provence in the 15th Century

Text Presenter:

**Danièle Iancu-Agou**, CNRS, Montpellier

Respondents:

**Ram Ben-Shalom**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and CSOC Board Member

**Amir Ashur**, Senior Research Fellow, CSOC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

20:00 Dinner