

THE GIFT OF THE LAND AND THE FATE OF THE CANAANITES IN JEWISH THOUGHT FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE MODERN PERIOD

Jerusalem, 8-10 December 2009

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2009

AT THE FRENCH RESEARCH CENTER
3 SHIMSHON ST., BAKA, JERUSALEM

14:00-14:30

WELCOME REMARKS:

Sophie Kessler-Mesguich, Director, CRFJ

GENERAL INTRODUCTION:

Katell Berthelot

14:30-16:00

BIBLICAL TEXTS AND JEWISH LITERATURE FROM THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD

Chair: **James Kugel**

- **Nili Wazana**: 'Everything was fulfilled' versus 'the Land that still remains': Contrasting Conceptions of the Fulfillment of the Promise in the Book of Joshua
- **Katell Berthelot**: Where May Canaanites Be Found? Canaanites, Phoenicians and Others in Jewish Texts from the Hellenistic and Roman Period

16:30-19:00

BIBLICAL TEXTS AND JEWISH LITERATURE FROM THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD (CONT.)

Chair: **James Kugel**

- **Michael Avioz**: Land Theology in Josephus: A Reappraisal
- **Menahem Kister**: The Emergence of the Polemic Concerning the Fate of the Canaanites: Motives and Motifs

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2009

AT THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM INSTITUTE
43 JABOTINSKY ST., JERUSALEM

9:15-9:30

OPENING REMARKS:

Gabriel Motzkin, Director, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

9:30-11:00

RABBINIC LITERATURE

Chair: **Marc Hirshman**

- **Ishay Rosen-Zvi**: Idolatry and the Biblical Concept of *Herem* in Tannaitic Midrash
- **Eyal Ben Eliyahu**: The Rabbinic Perception of the Presence of the Canaanites in the Land of Israel

11:30-12:30

BIBLICAL TEXTS, JEWISH LITERATURE FROM THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD AND RABBINIC LITERATURE (CONT.)

Marc Hirshman: Discussion of the preceding papers, and general discussion

14:00-15:30

MEDIEVAL JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair: **Israel Yuval**

- **Menachem Kellner**: *Milhemet Mitzvah* (Obligatory War) and the Seven Canaanite Nations
- **Evyatar Marienberg**: *The Canaanite was then in the Land*: 'Canaanites' in Jewish European Medieval Households

16:00-18:00

MEDIEVAL JEWISH THOUGHT (CONT.)

Chair: **Joseph David**

- **Haggai Ben Shammai**: Theological Consideration of the Radical Treatment of the 'Seven Nations' in Medieval Judaeo-Arabic Exegesis
 - **Paul Fenton**: Canaan and the Fate of the Canaanites according to Muslim Writers
- General discussion

21:30-19:15

מושב הערב ביום רביעי, יתקיים ביד יצחק בן-צבי
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היחס לכנעני בתורה ובהגות הציונית הדתית

יו"ר: פרופ' דניאל שוורץ

הרצאות: פרופ' ישראל קנוהל, הוויכוח בין מקורות התורה
בשאלת היחס לעמי כנען
פרופ' דב שוורץ, כיבוש הארץ והיחס לאומות
היושבות עליה בהגות הציונית הדתית

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2009

AT THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM INSTITUTE
43 JABOTINSKY ST., JERUSALEM

9:30-11:00

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THOUGHT

Chair: **Edward Breuer**

- **Matthias Morgenstern**: The Biblical Conquest of Canaan in the Eyes of German-Jewish Orthodoxy
- **Yoram Jacobson**: The Relation between the Land of Canaan and the Land of Israel according to the Hasidic School of Gur

11:30-13:00

Chair: **Avinoam Rosenak**

- **Joseph David**: Between the Canaanites and the Israelites – A Land of Crimes and Laws of its Own
- **Baruch Alster**: R. Moshe Feinstein on *Milchemet Mitsvah*: Halakhah, Morality, and Exegesis

14:30-16:00

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THOUGHT (CONT.)

Chair: **Jonathan Cohen**

- **Steven Kepnes**: Herman Cohen on Canaanites and *gerim*
- **Annabel Herzog**: Emmanuel Levinas on Canaanites and Zionism

16:30-18:00

- **Zeev Harvey**: Rabbi Reines on the Conquest of Canaan and Zionism
- General discussion and conclusion