

The Joseph Carlebach Institute, Ramat Gan
Das Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg
The Department for Jewish Thought, Bar Ilan University

invite to

The 11. International Carlebach Conference

Wissenschaft des Judentums:

Judaism and the *Science of Judaism* –

200 Years of Academic Thought on Religion

At Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

Sunday, March 19th 2017, afternoon

15.00 Greetings

Miriam Gillis-Carlebach – Words of Welcome

16.00 – 17.30 First Session: The 19th Century

Chair: Thomas Meyer

1. Itta Shedletzky (Jerusalem): Ludwig Philippson, Abraham Geiger. Sara Hirsch: Jewish Fiction Literature in 19th Century Germany between Religion and Wissenschaft
2. Andreas Brämer (Hamburg): 'The Religious Dialectics of Jewish Scholarship – How God Temporarily Took a Back Seat in Early Wissenschaft des Judentums'
3. George Y. Kohler (Bar Ilan): Theology as a WdJ Discipline between 1849 and 1910 – An Overview

18.00 Keynote Lecture:

Michael A. Meyer (Cincinnati) – JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP AND RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT - Their Relative Roles in the Writings of Rabbi Leo Baeck

Festive Reception

Monday, March 20, 2017 (full day)

9.30 – 11.00 Morning Session A:

Figures: Munk, Lazarus, Brann

Chair: Andreas Brämer

1. Chiara Adorisio (Rome) : Salomon Munk - Religion and the Ideal of *Wissenschaft*
2. Hanoch Ben Pazi (Bar Ilan): The Religious Ethics of Moritz Lazarus
3. Noa Sophie Kohler (Bar Ilan): Marcus Brann on Religious Identity and *Wissenschaft*: Can non-Jews be WdJ Scholars?

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Morning Session B:

Cohen and Diaspora

Chair: George Kohler

1. Daniel Weiss (Cambridge): Max Kadushin, Hermann Cohen, and the scholarly investigation of classical rabbinic literature's non-scientific rationality
2. Michael Moxter (Hamburg): Learning from Hermann Cohen. Barth's understanding of theology as a science
3. Andreas Kilcher (Zurich): *Wissenschaft des Judentums* and Diaspora Theory

15.00 -16.30 Afternoon Session A: Beyond Germany

Chair: Hanoch Ben Pazi

1. Asher Salah (Jerusalem): Christian Orientalists and WdJ in Italy
2. Björn Siegel (Hamburg): Jewish Modernity on Both Sides of the Atlantic: Fritz Pinkuss and Heinrich Lemle

Conference Dinner for invited guests

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 (full day)

9.30 – 11.00 Morning Session A: *Leo Strauss*

Chair: Alfred Bodenheimer

1. Yehuda Halper (Bar Ilan) – God, Δαιμόνιον, and “The Absent Philosopher”:
Constructing a Socratic Dialogue between Halevi and his Readers according to Leo Strauss’
2. Thomas Meyer (Munich): Julius Guttman, Leo Strauss, and the Problem of 'Political Theology' in the 'Wissenschaft des Judentums (1925-1938)
3. Cedric Cohen Skalli (Haifa): Between Yitzhak Baer and Leo Strauss: The Rediscovery of Isaac Abravanel's Political Thought in the late 1930s

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Morning Session B: *Weimar and beyond*

Chair: Doerte Bischoff

4. Meir Seidler (Ariel University) Rabbi Joseph Carlebach and Biblical Criticism
5. Martin Tremml (London) – Between Wissenschaft des Judentums and the Warburg Circle:
The Case of Hans Liebeschütz
6. Beate Meyer (Hamburg): Studying in Times of Persecution - Student's Experiences at the
Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums (1940-1942)

15.00 – 16.30 Afternoon Session: The Bible

Chair: Michael A. Meyer

7. Alexandra Zirkle (Chicago): Biblical Hermeneutics: Between Wissenschaft and Religion
8. Chanan Gafni (Beer Sheva): The Jewish Discovery of the Apocrypha: A Case of Cultural Assimilation or Jewish Patriotism?

17.00 Closing Session with Final lecture

Alfred Bodenheimer (Basel): Jewish Studies as Successor of WdJ? What can be achieved in the 21st Century?

The Conference takes place at Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan – Chemistry Building Lecture Hall

(Building 211, Room 112)

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