

# Jewish and Christian Perspectives



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## Stories and Traditions in Transformation A neglected domain of interaction between religions

Sunday evening, May 31

18.00 welcome and buffet supper for participants and special guests

20.00 public lecture by Eli Yassif: *Storytelling and Meaning: Theory and Practice of Narrative Variants in Religious Texts*

Monday, June 1

Morning program 9.00-12.30: *Creation myths*

9.00-10.30 two lectures

- Welcome address by prof. dr. Mechteld Jansen, dean of the PThU
- Marjo Korpel (PThU Amsterdam/Groningen) – *The adamic myth of Ugarit*
- Alberdina Houtman (PThU Amsterdam) – *The development of the adamic myth in rabbinic literature*

Chair: Tamar Kadari (Schechter Institute Jerusalem)

10.30-11.00 coffee break

11.00-12.30 two lectures

- Albert de Jong (RUL Leiden) – *First man, first twins: the origins of humankind in Zoroastrian thought*
- Tomasso Tesei (Van Leer Institute Jerusalem) – *The Fall of Iblis*

Chair: Eli Yassif (Tel Aviv University)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

- Walk (or taxi) to Pardes
- 12.45-13.45 lunch in De Nieuwe Poort with music
- Walk (or taxi) back to PThU

Afternoon program 14.00-18.15: *Early Judaism and Christianity*

14.00-16.15 three lectures

- Annette Merz & Eric Ottenheim (PThU Groningen/ UU Utrecht) – *Rabbinic and New Testament parables*
- Eyal Regev (BIU Ramat Gan) – *Stories of Jewish piety in the Acts of the Apostles: their meaning and intention*
- Gerard Rouwhorst (TST Tilburg University) – *The prophet Elijah in early Christian, esp. Syriac tradition*

Chair: Paul Mandel (Schechter Institute Jerusalem)

16.15-16.45 tea break

16.45-18.15 two lectures

- Paul Mandel (Schechter Institute Jerusalem) – *Bethlehem and the Birth of the Messiah in the eyes of a Byzantine Jewish storyteller: rebuke or consolation?*
- Eveline van Staaldoune (VU Amsterdam) – *Applying the story of David and Goliath*

Chair: Gerard Rouwhorst (TST Tilburg University)

19.00 dinner in H'Baron

## Tuesday, June 2

Morning program 9.00-13.00 with coffee break: *Judaism, Christianity and Islam*

9.00-11.15 three lectures

- Marcel Poorthuis (FKT Tilburg) – *Jesus in Islam*
- Margaretha Folmer (VU Amsterdam / RUL Leiden) – *On Marrying and divorcing a demon: marriage and divorce themes in demon tales from the Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Pagan world*
- Meir Bar Ilan (BIU Ramat Gan) – *Quran Surat Yusuf (XII) and its Jewish sources*

Chair: Alberdina Houtman (PThU Amsterdam)

11.15-11.30 coffee break

11.30-13.00 two lectures

- Michael Ehrlich (BIU Ramat Gan) – *Stairways to heaven: Christian, Muslim and Jewish ascension traditions in Jerusalem*
- Tamar Kadari (Schechter Jerusalem) – *Aggadic Motifs in the Story of Jonah the Prophet: A Study of Interaction Between Religions*

Chair: Marcel Poorthuis (TST University of Tilburg)

13.00-14.00 lunch

Afternoon program 14.00-17.15 with tea break: *Middle Ages*

14.00-15.30 two lectures

- Wout van Bekkum (RUG Groningen) – *Bound in righteousness: piyyutic versions of the aqedah story*
- Meir Seidler (AU Ariel) – *Reading 'had gadya' through the kaleidoscope of time*

Chair: Margaretha Folmer (VU Amsterdam).

15.30-15.45 tea break

15.45-17.15 two lectures

- Vered Tohar (BIU Ramat Gan) – *The Hebrew Book Tzemach Tzadiq as a mediator between Jewish, Christian, Hellenistic and Roman narratives*
- Adiel Kadari (BGU Beer Sheva) – *Inter-religious perspectives in the story of the burial of Adam in Pirkei de-Rabbi Eliezer*  
Chair: Eric Ottenheim (UU Utrecht)

Leaving for center of town

18.00-19.00 guided cultural walk with Gert van Klinken

19.00 light supper in San Egidio

## **Wednesday morning, June 3**

9.15-10.45: *Biblical Traditions in Art*

- Gert van Klinken (PThU Amsterdam) – *Biblical Murals in Medieval Dutch Churches*
- Shula Laderman (Schechter Jerusalem) – *Pictures Featuring Stories and Traditions in Transformation*  
Chair: Vered Tohar (BIU Ramat Gan)

10.45-11.00 coffee break

11.00-12.30: *Modernity*

- Frank Bosman (FKT Tilburg) – *'We do not pray, we invent': the kabbalistic concepts of Da'at and Yichud in the videogame Wolfenstein. New Order*
- Gé Speelman (PThU Amsterdam) – *Power women: the retelling of sacred narratives in an interreligious context*  
Chair: Adiel Kadari (BGU Beer Sheva)

12.30-13.30: lunch and farewell

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