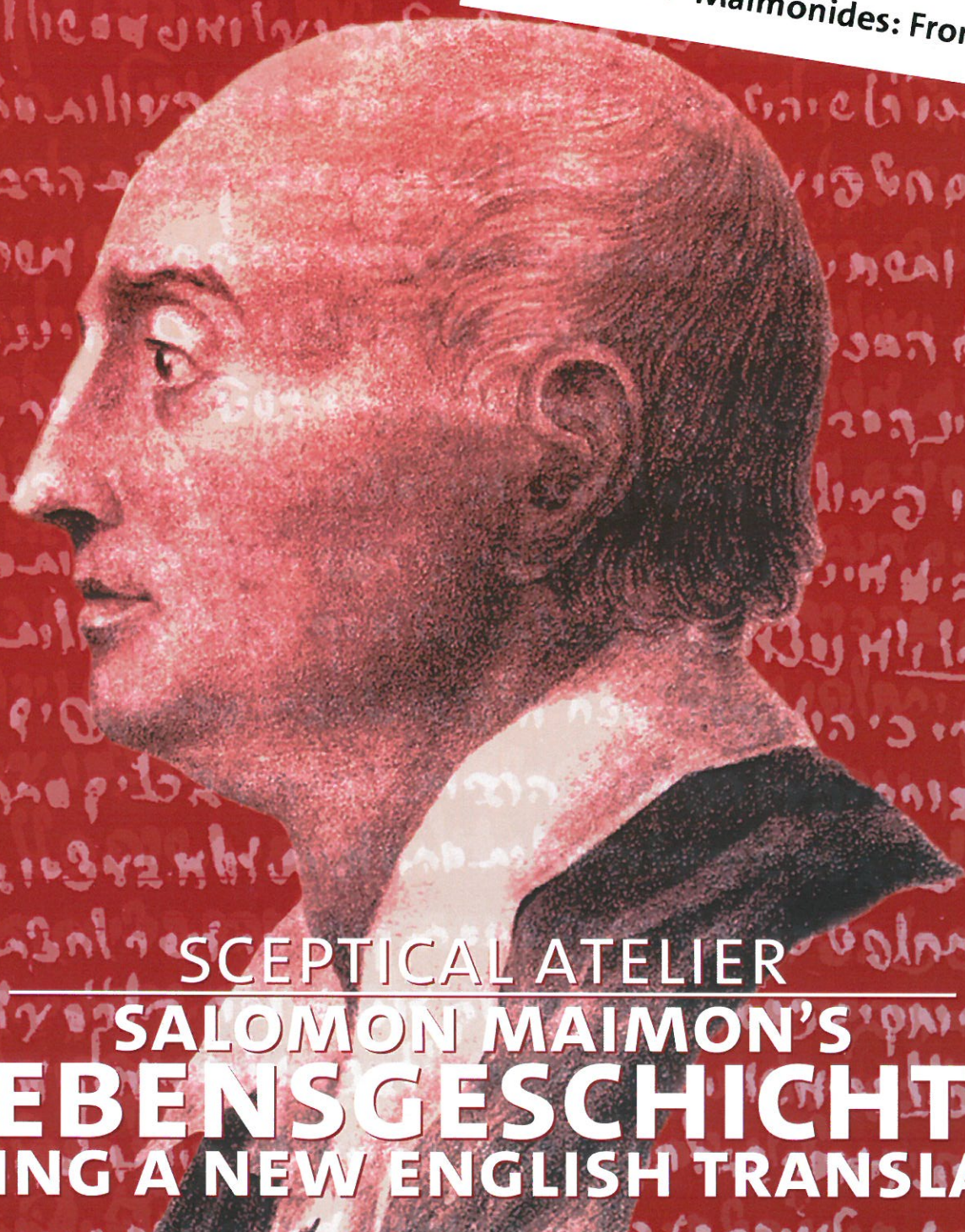


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SCEPTICAL ATELIER
SALOMON MAIMON'S
»LEBENSGESCHICHTE«
READING A NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION

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THE ATELIER IS A PRÉ-READ EVENT DEVOTED TO A CHAPTER BY CHAPTER DISCUSSION OF THE NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF MAIMON'S *LEBENS-GESCHICHTE* (DEVOTING ROUGHLY ONE HOUR TO EACH CHAPTER). REQUIRED READINGS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY JANUARY 15, 2017.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WITH ADVANCE REGISTRATION VIA E-MAIL.

SALOMON MAIMON'S *LEBENSGESCHICHTE* HAS FASCINATED READERS EVER SINCE ITS FIRST PUBLICATION IN 1792/3. IN LIGHT OF MAIMON'S EXCEPTIONALLY VIVID DESCRIPTION OF HIS LIFE AS A TALMUDIC PRODIGY FROM — AS HE PUTS IT — 'THE WOODS OF LITHUANIA,' A PREADOLESCENT HUSBAND, AN ASPIRING KABBALIST-MAGICIAN, AN EARNEST YOUNG PHILOSOPHER, A BEDRAGGLED BEGGAR, AN URBANE BERLIN PLEASURE-SEEKER, A HAMBURG GYMNASIAST, AND, EVENTUALLY, THE PHILOSOPHER OF WHOM IMMANUEL KANT WOULD SPEAK IN HIGHEST TERMS, THE WIDELY SHARED FASCINATION WITH AND ADMIRATION OF HIS *LEBENSGESCHICHTE* SHOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE.

THE SCEPTICAL ATELIER ON MAIMON'S *LEBENSGESCHICHTE* WILL CONSIST OF AN INTENSE CLOSE-READING WORKSHOP IN WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS A NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THIS TEXT PREPARED BY PAUL REITTER (THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY/USA) AND EDITED BY YITZHAK Y. MELAMED (JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY/USA) AND ABRAHAM P. SOCHER (OBERLIN COLLEGE/USA), WHICH IS THE FIRST MODERN EDITION OF MAIMON'S *LEBENSGESCHICHTE* TO PRESERVE ITS ORIGINAL ORDER. THE COLLABORATIVE STUDY OF THIS TEXT PROMISES TO FOSTER A DEEPER AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING NOT ONLY OF MAIMON'S INTELLECTUAL BIOGRAPHY, BUT ALSO OF HIS PHILOSOPHICAL THINKING IN GENERAL.

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