



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE **ABULAFIA AND THE EARLY MAIMONIDEANS: TRENDS, APPROACHES, AND SCEPTICAL STRATEGIES**

The conference focuses on the different trends and sceptical attitudes Maimonideanism took in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries by examining various approaches to major religious topics such as the nature of the Torah, the commandments, the Hebrew language, the people of Israel, and the land of Israel. This comparative approach points to distinctive philosophical trends—as represented by Samuel ibn Tibbon, Shem Tov ibn Falquera, Joseph ibn Caspi, Levi ben Abraham, Isaac Albalag, Moshe Narboni, Zerahyah Hen, and Hillel of Verona—focusing on major Jewish religious topics. Among these trends, the place of Abraham Abulafia and the early writings of R. Joseph Gikatilla, who wrote some forms of commentaries on Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed stands out. The questions to be asked are whether it is possible to draw a map of radical versus conservative Maimonideanism and whether the two Kabbalists are as radical as the philosophers when dealing with the same topics.



The event is open to the public, with advance registration via e-mail.

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

LIFE IN NAPLES

- 10:30 NAPLES AS MEDITERRANEAN CROSSROADS**
David Abulafia
(University of Cambridge/UK)
- 11:30 ABULAFIA'S COMMENTARIES ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED**
Moshe Idel
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 COMMENTARIES ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED II**
Gitit Holtzman
(Levinsky College Tel Aviv/Israel)
- 15:00 ABULAFIA AND HILLEL OF VERONA ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED**
Yossi Schwartz
(Tel Aviv University/Israel)
- 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**
- 16:30 INNER SPEECH (ENDOPHASIA) IN THE THOUGHT OF MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA**
Arje Krawczyk
(Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw/Poland)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

TORAH, TABLETS OF STONE, AND MOUNT SINAI'S REVELATION

- 10:00 THE LAW OF MOSES IN MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA AND MAIMONIDEANS**
Steven Harvey
(Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel)
- 11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 TABLETS OF STONE—BETWEEN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA

Daniel Davies and Racheli Haliva
(Universität Hamburg/Germany)

13:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 KABBALISTIC READING OF MAIMONIDES' CONCEPT OF REVELATION

Adam Afterman
(Tel Aviv University/Israel)

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 TRANSLATIONS AND COMMENTARIES OF ABULAFIA

Fabrizio Lelli
(Università del Salento/Italy)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

BETWEEN PROPHECY AND PHILOSOPHY

10:00 MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA ON PROPHECY

Haim Kreisel
(Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva/Israel)

11:30 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 THE STATUS OF THE TEXT AND THE USE OF LANGUAGE IN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA

Elke Morlok
(Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Germany)

13:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 THE ACCOUNT OF THE CHARIOT IN MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND PROVENÇAL THINKERS

Ofer Elior
(Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva and Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

- 10:00 THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA'S THOUGHT**
Josef Stern
(University of Chicago/USA)
- 11:30 COFFEE BREAK**
- 12:00 MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND JOSEPH IBN KASPI ON THE HEBREW LANGUAGE**
Hanna Kasher
(Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel)
- 13:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:30 MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND SPINOZA**
Zev Harvey
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)
- 15:15 RESPONSE**
José María Sánchez de León Serrano
(Universität Hamburg/Germany)
- 15:45 CONCLUSION**