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## A Literary Creation: Literary Approaches to the Book of Genesis

International Conference in Honor of Dr. h.c. Joseph Fröhlich-West

June 10-11, 2014, Beck Auditorium

### Tuesday, June 10, 17:00 - 19:00

- 17:00-17:30 Reception
- 17:30-17:45 Greetings
- Prof. Haim Teitelbaum**, Rector
- Prof. Elie Assis**, Dean of Jewish Studies Faculty
- Mrs. Vera Muravitz**, Chairwoman, Friends of Bar-Ilan University

#### 17:45 -19:00 **Session I: Genesis in Perspective**

Chair: **Prof. Gershon Galil**, Haifa University

- 17:45-18:30 **Prof. Meir Sternberg**, Tel-Aviv University  
*How to Drive Home a Revolutionary Ideopoeitics: First Impressions in Genesis*
- 18:30-19:00 **Prof. Susan Niditch**, Amherst College  
*Gayle Rubin Meets the Women of Genesis: Gender, Authority, and Cultural Identity*

### Wednesday, June 11, 9:00-17:30

- 9:00-9:30 Reception
- 9:30-9:45 Greetings
- Prof. Miriam Faust**, Vice Rector
- Prof. Yosef Ofer**, Chairman of the Bible Department

#### 9:45-10:45 **Session II: In the Beginning**

Chair: **Prof. Shalom Paul**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- 9:45-10:15 **Prof. Jean-Pierre Sonnet**, Pontifical Gregorian University  
*God in Human Consequentiality: The Flood Narrative (Gen 6-9) as a Compass for the Biblical Reader*
- 10:15-10:45 **Dr. Karolien Vermeulen**, University of Antwerp  
*Creative Speech: A Literary Motif in Genesis 1-11*
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

#### 11:00-12:30 **Session III: These Are the Descendants of Abraham and Isaac**

Chair: **Dr. Yael Shemesh**, Bar-Ilan University

- 11:00-11:30 **Prof. George Savran**, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies  
*On the Structure of the Abraham Narratives*
- 11:30-12:00 **Prof. Frank Polak**, Tel-Aviv University  
*Narrative Flow, Thematics and Oral-Epic Substratum in Patriarchal Narrative (Gen 12-50)*
- 12:00-12:30 **Sarah Schwartz**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Genesis 26: Deep Structure and Meaning*

12:30-14:15 Lunch Break

#### 14:15-15:45 **Session IV: These Are the Descendants of Jacob**

Chair: **Prof. Mayer Gruber**, Ben-Gurion University

- 14:15-14:45 **Prof. Ed Greenstein**, Bar-Ilan University  
*"A Fugitive Aramean Was My Father": The Stories of Jacob-Israel and the Fugitive Hero Pattern*
- 14:45-15:15 **Prof. Yair Zakovitch**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, IDC Herzliya  
*To Tell or Not To Tell: The Case of Jacob in Shechem*
- 15:15-15:45 **Dr. Joshua Berman**, Bar-Ilan University  
*A Common Base for Jacob's Four Masebot*

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

#### 16:00-17:30 **Session V: Literary Methodology in the Book of Genesis**

Chair: **Prof. Isaac Gottlieb**, Bar-Ilan University

- 16:00-16:30 **Prof. Ronald Hendel**, University of California at Berkeley  
*Toward a Plural Poetics of Genesis*
- 16:30-17:00 **Prof. Ilana Pardes**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*"Call Me Ishmael": Melville's Genesis*
- 17:00-17:30 **Prof. Gary A. Rendsburg**, Rutgers University  
*The Two Building Blocks: Alliteration and Repetition with Variation*

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