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# Invite you to an International Conference

## Mainstream and Margins: Jewish Biblical Interpretation in the Middle Ages

### A Conference in Memory of Aharon Mondschein

Wednesday and Thursday, June 16-17, 2021

The conference will take place by Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81110706760>

#### Wednesday June 16, 2021

##### 14:45 Greetings (In Hebrew)

Professor Amnon Albeck, Rector  
Professor Yaron Harel, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies  
Professor Jonathan Grossman, Chair, Department of Hebrew Bible

##### 15:00–16:00 First Session (In Hebrew)

#### Hidden Dimensions in Nahmanides' Commentary on the Torah

Chair: Nava Cohen (Bar-Ilan University)  
Miriam Sklarz (Orot Israel College; Hemdat College):  
"A Faithful Man" – Joseph in Nahmanides' Exegesis  
Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):  
Deleted and Concealed Kabbalistic Interpretations in Nahmanides' Commentary on the Torah

##### 16:10–17:10 Second Session (In Hebrew)

#### Hermeneutic Dimensions in Karaite Exegesis

Chair: Yisca Zimran (Bar-Ilan University)  
Daniel Frank (The Ohio State University):  
Narrative Sequence in Early Karaite Exegesis  
Daniel J. Lasker (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):  
The Exegetical Rules of the Karaite Scholar Judah Hadassi

##### 17:20–18:20 Third Session (In English)

#### Sephardic Commentary Beyond the Torah: Prophets and Writings

Chair: Raanan Eichler (Bar-Ilan University)  
Esperanza Alfonso (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid):  
The Commentary on Proverbs by Joseph ben Joseph Naḥmias (Castile, 14<sup>th</sup> Century): Some Thoughts on Chapter 31  
Mariano Gómez Aranda (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid):  
The Prophet Obadiah in Medieval Jewish Exegesis

#### Thursday June 17, 2021

##### 15:00–16:00 Fourth Session (In Hebrew)

#### Judeo-Arabic Exegesis in the Middle Ages

Chair: Nahem Ilan (Hemdat College)  
Meira Polliack (Tel Aviv University):  
David's Relationships in the Commentaries of Yefet ben Eli and Don Isaac Abarbanel – Formative Periods in Exegesis  
Eliezer Schlossberg (Bar-Ilan University):  
The Yemenite Midrash "Sefer Yeshu'at Ha-Tov'im"  
– Preliminary Report

##### 16:10–17:10 Fifth Session (In Hebrew)

#### Between East and West: Rationalist Exegesis in the Later Middle Ages

Chair: Yehuda Halper (Bar-Ilan University)  
Haim (Howard) Kreisel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):  
The Wandering Jew in Search of Wisdom: R. Judah Moskoni and His Supercommentary on the Torah Commentary of Abraham ibn Ezra  
Eric Lawee (Bar-Ilan University):  
Hyperbole and Ruse: Eleazar Ashkenazi ben Nathan Ha-Bavli on Mosaic Genealogies in Genesis

##### 17:20–18:00 Sixth Session (In Hebrew)

#### In Memory of Aaron Mondschein

Chair: Yosef Ofer (Bar-Ilan University)  
Rabbi Pinchas Mondschein (son of Aaron Mondschein)  
David Hillel Viner (student of Aaron Mondschein)  
Reminiscences of Aaron Mondschein by Friends and Acquaintances (film)  
Taped Selections from Lectures of Aaron Mondschein

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