New Perspectives on Aramean and Israelite Epigraphy, Inscriptions and Related Issues

Joint Annual Conference of the *Minerva Center for the Relations between Israel and Aram in Biblical Times* and the *Jeselsohn Epigraphic Center for Jewish History*

Schedule

Held at Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan) and the Israel Institute of Advanced Studies (Jerusalem)

Wednesday-Friday, March 1-3, 2017

Day 1: Weisfeld Lecture Hall, Feldman Building (301), Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan

8:30-9:00 – Arrival and coffee

9:00-9:15 – Greetings and Introductions (Chair – A. Maeir)

Amnon Albeck, Vice Rector, Bar-Ilan University

Aren Maeir, Co-Director of the Minerva Center for the Relations between Israel and Aram in Biblical Times

Esther Eshel, Director of the Jeselsohn Epigraphic Center for Jewish History

9:15-10:45 – 1st Session: New Perspectives on Papyrus Amherst 63 (Chair – L. Gonnermann)

9:15-10:00: Bezalel Porten – Papyrus Amherst 63: Ruminations

10:00-10:45: Tawny Holm – Nanaya Among the Arameans: New Light from Papyrus Amherst 63

10:45-11:45 – Workshop 1:

Felix Hagemeyer – Sargon at the Gates of Ashdod. New Insights into the Assyrian Conquest of Ashdod in 712/711 BCE and the Renewed Excavations at Ashdod-Yam

11:45-12:15 – Coffee Break

12:15-13:45 – 2nd Session: Aramaic Names in Babylon (Chair – J. Hackl)

12:15-12:45: Ran Zadok – Some Issues in the History of the Arameans in Mesopotamia

12:45-13:15: Yuval Levavi – Between Names and Titles in Neo-Babylonian Administrative Letters

13:15-13:45: Michael Jursa – West Semitic Names in the 'Yahudu Archive': Orthographic Variation and its Implications

13:45-14:45 – Lunch

14:45-15:45 – Workshop 2:

Juliane Stein – The Archaeology of Arpad

15:45-16:00 – Coffee Break

16:00-18:45 – 3rd Session: The History and Archaeology of Biblical Israel: 25 years to the Tel Dan Inscription (Chair – Y. Levin)

16:00-16:25: Amihai Mazar – The Northern Kingdom of Israel: What is Agreed and What Remains Debated?

16:25-16:50: Israel Finkelstein – The Northern Kingdom: "Nothing Endures but Change"

16:50-17:15: Amit Dagan and Assaf Kleiman - Hazael's Campaign to the South: The Archaeological Evidence since the Tel Dan Inscription

17:15-17:30 – Coffee Break

17:30-17:55: Nili Wazana – Hazael at Gath

17:55-18:20: Aaron Demsky – An Historian's Perspective on the Northern Israelite Kingdom

18:20-18:45: Discussion

19:00 – Supper (for invited guests; near BIU)

Day 2: Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Givat Ram Campus, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

8:30-9:00 – Arrival and coffee

9:00-12:30 – 1st Session: Aramaic in the Dead Sea Scrolls (Chair – E. Eshel)

9:00-9:45: Loren Stuckenbruck – Remaining Issues in the Textual Study of 1Enoch

9:45-10:30: Daniel Machiela – The Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls as Evidence of a Second-Temple Period Literary Movement

10:30-11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00-11:45: Hillel Mali – ולאלפא יתי דין כהונתא: The Aramaic Levi Document and the Mishnaic Sources

11:45-12:30: Jonathan Ben-Dov – Multiple Literary Editions of the Astronomical Book of Enoch

12:30-13:30 – Lunch

<u>13:30-15:30 – 2nd Session: Small Aramaic Narratives (Chair – M. Frenschkowski)</u>

13:30-14:15: Lecture (TBA)

14:15-15:00: James Nathan Ford – Some Contributions of the Incantation Bowls to the Jewish Babylonian Aramaic Lexicon

15:00-15:45: Marco Frenschkowski – Jesus as an Aramaic Story Teller

15:45-16:00 – Coffee Break

<u>16:00-19:00 – 3rd Session: Hebrew and Aramaic Epigraphy (Chair – A. Berlejung)</u>

16:00-16:45: Shmuel Ahituv – The Jerusalem Papyrus

16:45-17:30: Christopher Rollston – The Jerusalem Papyrus: Another Perspective

17:30-18:45: Esther Eshel – Aramaic Ostraca from Maresha

18:45-19:00: TBA – Aramaic epigraphy from Assyria: New Data and Old Issues

19:00 – Supper (for invited guests; in Jerusalem)

Day 3: Half Day Field Trip (to sites in the Shephelah; for invited guests)

7:00 – Pickup from Bar-Ilan area; pickup from Jerusalem

For those planning to leave Israel on Friday, the trip should be finished around 13:00 and the bus will drop off people at the airport, if needed.