



International Conference

HEBREW LITERATURE,
THE BIBLE AND THE
ANDALUSI TRADITION
IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY

Organizers: Arturo Prats and Jonathan Decter

5th and 6th October, 2009

Conference Venue:

Sala Menéndez Pidal (0E18)
Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, CSIC
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OCTOBER 5, Monday

8.30: Registration

9.00-11.00: The Bible and Belles Lettres

Laura Wiseman (York University)

Efer and Dina by Don Vidal Benveniste: Allegory and Analogy

David Wacks (University of Oregon)

Biblical and Vernacular Narrativity in Don Vidal Benvenist's Efer and Dinah (ca. 1400)

Luis Girón Negrón (Harvard University)

Weeping over Rachel's Tomb: Literary Reelaborations of Midrashic Motifs in Fifteenth-Century Ibero-Romance Belles-Lettres

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.30: Bible and the Arts

Oliver Leaman (University of Kentucky)

The Hebrew Bible as a Source of Material and Literary Culture in Iberian Culture

Andreina Contessa (Museum of Italian Jewish Art in Jerusalem, Hebrew University)

Sephardic illuminated Bibles: Jewish Patrons and Fifteenth-Century Christian Ateliers

Tom Nickson (Courtland Institute of Art)

Children of Cain: Picturing Polemic after 1391

13.30-15.30: Lunch break

15.30-17.30: Bible and Non-fictional Prose

Aaron Hughes (The State University of New York)

The Changing Role of the Bible in Fifteenth-Century Jewish Philosophy: Judah Messer Leon and Judah Abravanel

Maud Kozodoy (The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York)

The Hebrew Bible as Weapon of Faith in Late-Medieval Iberia

Ryan Szpiech (University of Michigan)

Apocryphal Elijah: The Polemical Historiography of Solomon Ha-Levi / Pablo de Santa María

OCTOBER 6, Tuesday

8.30-9.00: Coffee

9.00-11.30: Bible, Exegesis and History

Libby Garshowitz (University of Toronto)

"From my Flesh I Foresee God": A Medieval Exegesis of Job 19:25-27

Claude B. Stuczynski (Bar-Ilan University)

A Paulinian Moment: Converso Biblical Exegesis in Late Medieval Iberian Peninsula

James A. Diamond (University of Waterloo)

Abrabanel vs. Maimonides on the Akedah: Exegetical Jousting between Twelfth-Century Egypt and Fifteenth-Century Spain

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00-14.30: Bible, Liturgy and Translations

Ora Rodrigue-Schwarzwald (Bar Ilan University)

The Relationship between Ladino Liturgical Texts and Spanish Bibles

Cyril Aslanov (Hebrew University)

Was the "Genesi de Scriptura" by Guillem Serra Really Translated from Provençal?

Asher Salah (Bezalel Academy of Arts)

The Liturgy of Portuguese Conversos in the Context of Sacred Poetry in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century

14.30: Lunch break

17:30-19:30: Visit to The Spanish National Library Manuscript Collection

21:00: Dinner