



Johns Hopkins University and the Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Jewish Studies Program presents

## THE JEWISH JESUS

### *Fifth Lavy Colloquium*

November 18-19, 2009

#### Wednesday, November 18

8:30 Breakfast and welcoming words

#### Session 1a: Jesus in Antiquity

9:30 Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley, *The Sovereignty of the Son of Man: Reading Mark 2.*

10:30 Michael Swartz, Ohio State University, *The Magical Jesus in Ancient Jewish Literature.*

12:00–1:00 Lunch

#### Session 1b: Jesus in Antiquity

1:00 Adam Gregerman, Loyola University in MD, *Zero-Sum Prophecy, Ancient Jewish Attacks on Jesus as the Messiah of Israel and True Teacher of Torah in Origen's *Contra Celsum.**

2:00 Avigdor Shinan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *"Behold, one Greater than Jonah is Here" (Mat. 12:41) Jonah (and Jesus) in Rabbinic Literature.*

3:00–3:30 Coffee break

#### Session 2: The Medieval Jew and Jesus

3:30 Moshe Idel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *Abraham Abulafia: The Kabbalistic "Son of God" on Jesus.*

4:30 Elchanan Reiner, Tel Aviv University, *'And so Jesus Begat Rashbi'.*

6:00 Dinner

#### Thursday, November 19

8:30 Breakfast

#### Session 3: Early Modern Jewish Jesus

9:00 Joanna Weinberg, Oxford University, *Jesus on the Cross and Psalm 22: a contentious issue.*

10:00 Yitzhak Melamed, Johns Hopkins University, *'Christ according to the Spirit': Spinoza, Jesus, and the Infinite Intellect.*

11:00 Matt Goldish, Ohio State University, *Observations on Jacob Frank and Jesus.*

12:00–1:00 Lunch

#### Session 4: Jesus in Modern Jewish Culture

1:00 Neta Stahl, Johns Hopkins University, *"We left Yeshu": on Three Twentieth Century Hebrew Poets' Longing for Jesus.*

2:00 Amitai Mendelsohn, The Israel Museum and Ben Gurion University, *The Figure of Jesus in Israeli Art.*

3:00 Matthew Hoffman, Franklin & Marshall College, *Satire and Survival: What Jews Had to Say About Jesus and why it was Funny.*

4:00–4:15 Coffee break

#### Session 5: Jesus in Modern Jewish Thought

4:15 Leora Batnitzky, Princeton University, *Jesus in Modern Jewish Thought.*

5:15 Warren Zev Harvey, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *Harry Austryn Wolfson on the Jews' Reclamation of Jesus.*

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZER:** Professor Neta Stahl (nstahl@jhu.edu)

*Colloquium is free and open to the public.*

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