



International Conference

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

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Conference Venue:

Sala Menéndez Pidal (0E18)  
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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