Medieval and Early Modern Ashkenaz: New Directions

Wednesday, July 24th, Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem

8:30-8:45 Coffee and Refreshments
8:45-9:00: Greetings
Tali Berner (Tel Aviv University)

Anja Siegemund (Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem)

Yaakov Deutsch (World Union of Jewish Studies)
9:00-10:30: First Session – Methodology
Chair: Micha Perry (Haifa University)

Rachel Furst (Hebrew University): Unrecorded Justice: Using Responsa to Reconstruct Court Cases

Joshua Teplitzky (Oxford University): 'Narrating Networks': Using Networks to Tell a Story and Build an Analysis

Tali Berner (Tel Aviv University): The History of Childhood and the Collapse of Theory
10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Second Session – Sources
Chair: Rachel L. Greenblatt (Harvard University)

Ephraim Shoham-Steiner (Ben Gurion University) and Elisabeth Hollender (Goethe University, Frankfurt):
Reevaluating the Role of Cologne in Medieval Ashkenaz

Rainer Barzen (Hebrew University): The Memorbuch of Nuremberg: The Hidden Sources in the Manuscript

Lucia Raspe (Goethe University, Frankfurt /Potsdam University): Vayberaytsh Revisited: On the Uses of Yiddish
Liturgies in Sixteenth-Century Italy
12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Concluding Remarks and Discussion

Discussants: Elisheva Baumgarten (Bar Ilan University) and Debra Kaplan (Yeshiva University)

This workshop is an international conference at which scholars will present their current research. The purpose of the gathering is a discussion of new approaches towards medieval sources and the opportunity for scholars interested in medieval and early modern Ashkenaz to consider approaches and methodological dilemmas in a setting that allows for conversation and exchange rather than a standard conference environment. Structured as an intimate workshop, we request that those who participate attend the entire day, rather than specific sessions. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by July 19, 2013. Faculty, postdocs and graduate students are welcome to join. Applicants should provide contact details as well as a brief description of their field of study.
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