

16:15-16:45

Dr. Peter Lehnardt M. A. (Beer Sheva) A Part of a Greater Story - A first glimpse on a fragment of a Hebrew version of a French Alexander Romance from the 13th Century

16:50-17:15

Dr. Michael Krupp (Jerusalem) Die Geniza in jemenitischen Buchebänden (The Geniza in Bookbindings from Yemen)

17:30-18:00

PD Dr. Andreas Kunz-Lübcke (Leipzig) A Discovery of some Targum- and Machsorfragments from the Middle Ages in Freiberg/Saxony

18:05-18:25

Prof. Dr. Josef Oesch (Linz, Austria)/ Almut Laufer M.A. (Jerusalem) Hebräische Handschriften und Fragmente in österreichischen Bibliotheken

18:30-19:00

PD Dr. Elisabeth Hollender (Düsseldorf) Reconstructing Manuscripts: The Liturgical Fragments from Trier

Dinner

Friday June 8th, 2007

Visit of the old cemetery of Mainz with the former tombstone of Rabbenu Gershom Me'or ha-Gola and others

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Conference

Genizat Germania

Hebrew and Aramaic Binding
Fragments from German Archives
and Libraries

June 6th - 7th, 2007
Mainz

Up to now Hebrew and Aramaic binding fragments in German archives and libraries have scarcely been examined. The central object of our conference „Genizat Germania“ is to present and to evaluate manuscript fragments newly discovered in the binding of books and archival files in archives and libraries throughout Europe. The first project to systematically search for these fragments in Germany is part of the Historical Cultural Research Center Mainz - Trier (HKFZ). The name „Genizat Germania“ refers back to the Hebrew term „Geniza“ that discribes storerooms in old synagogues where discarded religious texts were hidden away in order to protect them from destruction. The purpose of secondary use of manuscripts in binding was different but, in fact, many fragments have been preserved that will change the way we perceive the literary culture of the Jews in medieval Europe. The conference pursues three important issues

- to present the new findings of Hebrew binding fragments in Mainz and Trier in the context of similar binding fragments from Europe

- to draw the attention of archives and libraries to a new project of cataloguing and identifying at the University of Mainz

- to foster the systematical disclosure of further unidentified fragments in the stocks of collections in Germany.

We are happy to welcome top referents from the countries concerned and the different subjects on the conference. If you are interested in the topic we would be glad to receive your registration in advance.

Program

Wednesday June 6th, 2007

Afternoon: Registration and Welcome

18:00-18:30

Prof. Dr. Andreas Lehnardt (Mainz)
Introduction: Genizat Germania – Prospect on an ongoing Research Project (with images)

18:45-19:15

Dr. Naomi Feuchtwanger-Sarig (Jerusalem)
Images Tell a Tale: Artwork in Service of Context

19:30-20:00

Saskia Dönitz, M. A. (Berlin)
Puzzling the Past: Reconstructing a Mahzor from receipt wrappings

Dinner

Evening: Informal get together

Thursday June 7th, 2007

09:15-09:35

Dr. Avraham David (Jerusalem)
Hebrew Documentary Material in the European Geniza: A Preliminary Discussion

09:45-10:15

Dr. Edna Engel (Jerusalem)
Calamus versus Chisel: On the History of the Ashkenazic Script
Coffee

10:45-11:15

Prof. Dr. Simha Emanuel (Jerusalem)
New Fragments of Unknown Biblical Commentaries from The „European Genizah“

11:30-12:00

PD Dr. Klaus Herrmann (Berlin)
New Mystical Fragments from the Cairo Genizah

12:15-12:45

Prof. Dr. Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (Paris)
Some Hebrew Fragments Found in the Bookbindings in French Collections
Overview of Fragments Found in French Collections

Lunch: 13:00-14:30

14:30-15:00

Prof. Dr. Mauro Perani (Bologna)
Illuminations and Micrography in Ashkenazic Manuscripts from the Italian Genizah

15:15-15:45

Prof. Dr. Saverio Campanini (Berlin / Bologna)
The Commentary on the Azharot of Elijahu bar Menachem of Le Mans: The Text of the Fragments Found in the Biblioteca Comunale of Alessandria

Coffee