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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



Jewish Education: Continuity for Creativity Conference and Limmud in Memory of Prof. Michael Rosenak

5-6 January, 2015

Mount Scopus Campus, The Hebrew University

Monday 5 January, 2015
Auditorium, Rabin Building

17:00

Reception

17:30--18:15 Opening Session

Greetings

Chair: Prof. Benjamin Ish Shalom President of Beit Morasha of Jerusalem

Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson, President of the Hebrew University

Prof. Moshe Tatar, Director of the School of Education, The Hebrew University

Prof. Jonathan Cohen, Director of the Melton Centre for Jewish Education, The Hebrew University

Announcing the launch of **The Michael Rosenak Jewish Education Library** and the publication of the first volume in the series *Teaching Jewish Culture: Values, Authenticity and Relevance* by Michael Rosenak (published by the Melton Centre, Hebrew University, and the Mofet Institute – Ministry of Education)

18:15--19:30

In his Footsteps: Michael Rosenak's Philosophical and Educational Thought

Prof. Jonathan Cohen, *Language and Literature: Philosophical Midrash in an Educational Key*

Prof. Barry Holtz, *Style and Substance: Advancing Mike Rosenak's Vision in Contemporary Jewish Education*

Dr. Debbie Weissman, *How Can We Be "Both Loyal and Open"? Some Thoughts on Religious Education and Prejudice*

Prof. Zev Harvey, *How Can a Philosopher Teach Religion?*

19:30--20:15

Break, with light dinner

**We gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Mr. Mort Mandel in making possible this Conference and Limmud in honor of Prof. Michael Rosenak z"l, the first Mandel Professor of Jewish Education at the Hebrew University*

20:15--21:45

Educating for Jewish Loyalty and Commitment in the 21st Century? Round Table

Chair: Mr. Alan Hoffmann, Director General and CEO of The Jewish Agency for Israel
Prof. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor and President of the Faculties, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Rabbi Prof. David Ellenson, Chancellor and former President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Prof. Richard Joel, President, Yeshiva University

Prof. Tamar Ross, Jewish Philosophy, Bar Ilan University

Tuesday 6 January, 2015
Beit Maiersdorf Faculty Club

9:30--10:30

Reception & Greetings

Ms. Shuli Rosenak Isaacs, Educator, Evelina de Rothschild High School: Opening Remarks

Limmud with past students and colleagues of Michael Rosenak – parallel sessions

10:40--11:30 1st Session

Rabbi Dr. Benny Lau, *"At the Water Gate" - Basic Principles in Creating the Encounter between a People and its Sources*

Ms. Miriam Barkai, *Jewish studies and Hebrew in Jewish day schools in Europe, following a survey I performed in 2014*

Dr. Yair Barkai Rotnizki, *Literary interpretation of biblical narratives*

Dr. Marla Frankel, *Torah of the Synagogue, Bible of the University: A Study on the Portion of the Week*

Prof. Michal Muszkat Barkan, *Prayer education in the pluralistic realm: Between implicit and explicit religion*

Rabbi Dov Berkovits, *Etz Hachayim and Etz Hadaat: The Dilemma of Human Becoming*

11:40--12:30 2nd Session

Dr. Elie Gottlieb, *Mosaic Leadership*

Dr. Michael Gillis, *Back to the Future: Three tales of Honi Hameagel*

Dr. Inbar Galili-Schachter, *Between transmitting cultural heritage and cultivating identity development*

Prof. Shmuel Glick, *"Kaddish yatom" or "Kaddish aveilim" - Who was the kaddish for? Further thoughts on the development of this minhag*

Dr. Beverly Gribetz, *From What Is to What Might Be: Mike's Teachings in the Schoolhouse*

Dr. Howard Deitcher, *A Tale of Courage, Pain, and the Power of Prayer – I Samuel 1*

12:30--14:10

Lunch Break Guest speaker: **Prof. Sam Heilman**, City University of New York (CUNY) *Trends in American Jewry and their Implications for Jewish Education*

Limmud (continued)

14:20--15:10 3rd Session

Dr. Elie Holzer, *Disruptions and Repair in Learning Relationships: A Study in Kohelet Rabba*

Prof. Marc Hirshman, *Does Midrash Aggada make sense?*

Ms. Esther Lopian *"Who Is the Worthy Child?" - Biblical Narratives Grapple with Covenantal Continuity - Insights for Jewish Education Today.*

Dr. Marc Silverman, *Jewish continuity and creativity in the eyes of 'free Jews'*

Prof. Dalia Ofer, *Listening to their voices: Reading children's writings from day shelters in the Warsaw ghetto*

Dr. Alex Pomson, *Authenticity and relevance: Concepts to help make sense of teens' talk about Israel*

Dr. Steve Copeland, *Is the Educator's Calling Really to Heal, to Make Pleasant Our Way, to Give the Answers as Expected? - A Reading of 2nd Kings 5*

15:20--16:10 4th Session

Dr. Alick Isaacs, *Valuative Opposites: The Pursuit of Peace and the Love of Truth in Michael Rosenak's Roads to the Palace*

Dr. Daniel Marom, *Nice Guys Win: An Exploration of Isaac Bathshevis Singer's 'Mendele the Gravedigger' in memory of our teacher, Michael Rosenak*

Dr. Michael Marmur, *Education as Resuscitation*

Prof. Mordecai Nisan, *Teaching a Psalm*

Dr. Eilon Schwartz, *Loyal and Subversive at Once: Mike Rosenak's Young Judaeon Education*

Prof. Shaul Stampfer, *The meaning and function of 'pilpul'*

Dr. Ari Bursztein, *The Pope and Jewish Identity*

16:30--18:15

Why Continue the Jewish Project? Jewish Education and its Possibilities in Light of Michael Rosenak's Thought: Round Table

Chair: Dr. Avinoam Rosenak, Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University

Dr. Daniel Gordis, Vice-President, The Shalem Institute

Mr. Muki Tzur, Historian, Kibbutz Ein Gev

Prof. Yehoyada Amir, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum, Vice-President of the Masorti Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi of Kehilat Zion

18:15--20:30

Closing the Conference: Reflections on Mike Rosenak & 'Erev Shirah'

With Mr. Avraham Infeld and the singer Ms Shuly Nathan

Buffet dinner

Present this invitation + ID to gain entry to the Mount Scopus campus

Participants

Prof. Yehoyada Amir, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)
Ms. Miriam Barkai, Past Director-General of the Pincus Fund
Dr. Yair Barkai Rotnizki, Melton Centre, Lipshitz College, Kerem Institute, Schechter Institute,
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Rabbi Dov Berkovits, Founder of the Bet Av for Continuity and Renewal in Torah
Dr. Ari Bursztein, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
Prof. Jonathan Cohen, Director of the Melton Centre, The Hebrew University
Dr. Steve Copeland, Jerusalem; Hebrew College, Boston
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Dr. Debbie Weissman, Immediate Past President, International Council of Christians and Jews