



GERMAN-ISRAELI MINERVA SCHOOL

FEAR OF SIN IN JEWISH LITERATURE

MONDAY, JUNE 27—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG
JUNGIUSSTRASSE 11 C / ROOM C 319 (3RD FLOOR)

PROGRAM

Monday, June 27, 2022

14.00 – 14.15 **Registration and Welcome**

14.15 – 15.00 **Introduction: The Fear of Sin**

Leore Sachs-Shmueli (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan)

Patrick Benjamin Koch (University of Hamburg)

15.00 – 15.30 **Coffee / Tea Break**

15.30 – 17.00 **Panel II: Conceptual Reflections on the Fear of Sin**

“What is Yir’ah? Yir’ah as an Emotion, Practice and Mood”

— *Yair Berlin (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan)*

“Separation Anxiety: The Fear of Sin as Alienation of the Divine”

— *Clémence Boulouque (Columbia University in the City of New York)*

17.15 **Welcoming Address**

The Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at University of Hamburg

— *Silke Segler-Meißner (University of Hamburg)*

17.15 – 18.30 **Keynote**

“Beyond the Uncanny Anxiety: Awe, Compassion, and Matrixial Transjectivity”

— *Bracha L. Ettinger (European Graduate School, Saas-Fee; GCAS, Dublin)*

19.15 **Dinner**

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

09.30 – 11.00 Panel III: The Fear of Sin in Zoharic Literature

“Fear of Sin at the Halls of Impurity”

— *Tchiya Fruman (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva)*

“Fear and Disciplinary Violence in the Zohar”

— *Jeremy Brown (University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN)*

11.00.-11.30 Coffee / Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00 Panel IV: The Place of Sin in the Formation of the Subject

“Fear and Love of Sin: Isaiah Horowitz’s Individualistic Path to Redemption”

— *Yosef Citron (University College London, UK)*

“The Reappearance of Transgression and Confession in Bratslav Hasidism”

— *Alexandra Mandelbaum Kupeev (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva)*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Panel V: The Fear of Sin in Pre-Death Preparations and Post-Mortem Imaginations

“Fear of Death and Fear of Sin”

— *Avriel Bar-Levav (The Open University, Ra’anana)*

“Sin and Fear in Devotional Hebrew Poetry from Early Modern Italy”

— *Michela Andreatta (University of Rochester, Rochester NY)*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee / Tea Break

16.00 – 17.30 Panel VI: The Fear of Sin: Literary and Rhetorical Strategies

“The Fear of Sin in Medieval Tales from Northern France: Emotional, Cultural, and Literary Aspects”

— *Rella Kushelevsky (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan)*

“Hidden — And Not So Hidden — Scarlet Letters in Early Modern Ashkenazic Society”

— *Sharon Flatto (Brooklyn College CUNY, New York)*

18.00 – 18.30 Launch of the Database “Early Modern Musar in Print”

Patrick B. Koch and Mark Gondelman

19.00 Dinner

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

10.00 – 11.30 Panel VII: The Fear of Sin in the Mussar Movement and the Haskalah

“‘Consider the Accounting of the World’: Moral Ledgers and Bookkeeping in the Lithuanian Mussar Movement”

— *Isaac Slater (University of Hamburg)*

“Who is Still Afraid of Sin? Maskilic Attitudes towards “Fear of Sin””

— *Elke Morlok (Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main)*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee / Tea Break

12.00 – 13.30 Panel VIII: The Fear of Sin in Musar Literature

“Fear (and the Inhibition) of Sin: Shevet Musar as Emotion Machine”

— *Ilaria Briata (Universität Hamburg)*

“Awe of Sublimity in the Practice of Moshe Ḥayyim Luzzatto and his Mystical Fraternity and Influences on Hasidism”

— *Jonathan Garb (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 Guided Tour at the Altona Jewish Cemetery

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