



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE **ABULAFIA AND THE EARLY MAIMONIDEANS: TRENDS, APPROACHES, AND SCEPTICAL STRATEGIES**

The conference focuses on the different trends and sceptical attitudes Maimonideanism took in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries by examining various approaches to major religious topics such as the nature of the Torah, the commandments, the Hebrew language, the people of Israel, and the land of Israel. This comparative approach points to distinctive philosophical trends—as represented by Samuel ibn Tibbon, Shem Tov ibn Falquera, Joseph ibn Caspi, Levi ben Abraham, Isaac Albalag, Moshe Narboni, Zerahyah Hen, and Hillel of Verona—focusing on major Jewish religious topics. Among these trends, the place of Abraham Abulafia and the early writings of R. Joseph Gikatilla, who wrote some forms of commentaries on Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed stands out. The questions to be asked are whether it is possible to draw a map of radical versus conservative Maimonideanism and whether the two Kabbalists are as radical as the philosophers when dealing with the same topics.



The event is open to the public, with advance registration via e-mail.

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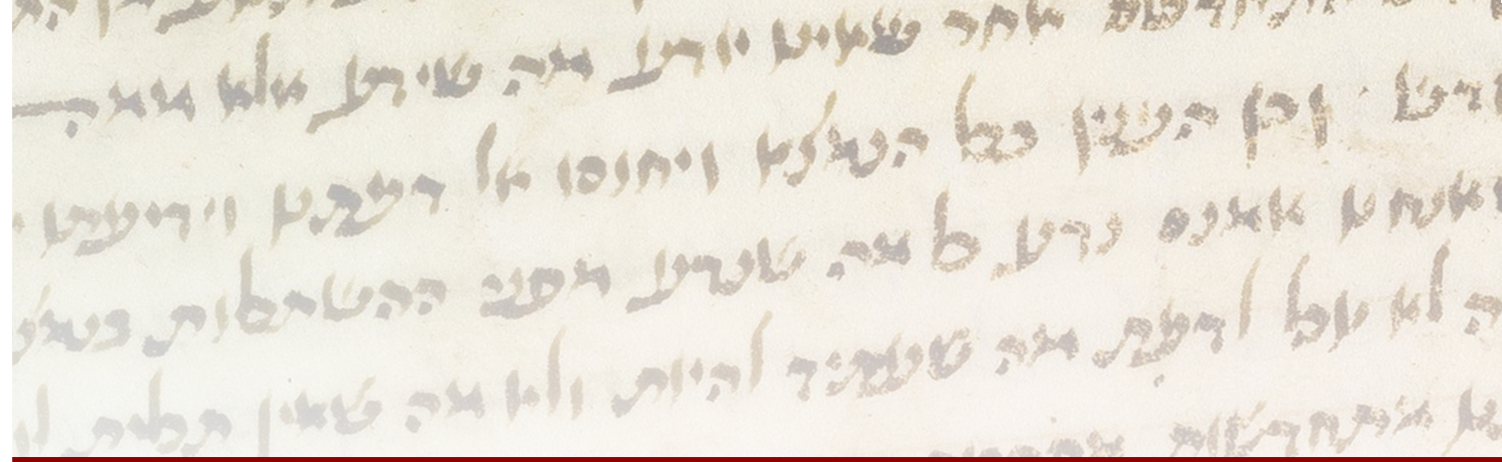
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## PROGRAMME



### MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

#### LIFE IN NAPLES

- 10:30 NAPLES AS MEDITERRANEAN CROSSROADS**  
*David Abulafia*  
(University of Cambridge/UK)
- 11:30 ABULAFIA'S COMMENTARIES ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED**  
*Moshe Idel*  
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)

#### 12:30 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:00 COMMENTARIES ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED II**  
*Gitit Holtzman*  
(Levinsky College Tel Aviv/Israel)

- 15:00 ABULAFIA AND HILLEL OF VERONA ON THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED**  
*Yossi Schwartz*  
(Tel Aviv University/Israel)

#### 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

- 16:30 INNER SPEECH (ENDOPHASIA) IN THE THOUGHT OF MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA**  
*Arje Krawczyk*  
(Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw/Poland)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

#### TORAH, TABLETS OF STONE, AND MOUNT SINAI'S REVELATION

- 10:00 THE LAW OF MOSES IN MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA AND MAIMONIDEANS**  
*Steven Harvey*  
(Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel)
- 11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

#### 12:00 TABLETS OF STONE—BETWEEN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA

*Daniel Davies and Racheli Haliva*  
(Universität Hamburg/Germany)

#### 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:30 KABBALISTIC READING OF MAIMONIDES' CONCEPT OF REVELATION**  
*Adam Afterman*  
(Tel Aviv University/Israel)

#### 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

- 16:30 TRANSLATIONS AND COMMENTARIES OF ABULAFIA**  
*Fabrizio Lelli*  
(Università del Salento/Italy)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

#### BETWEEN PROPHECY AND PHILOSOPHY

- 10:00 MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA ON PROPHECY**  
*Haim Kreisel*  
(Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva/Israel)

#### 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

- 12:00 THE STATUS OF THE TEXT AND THE USE OF LANGUAGE IN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA**  
*Elke Morlok*  
(Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Germany)

#### 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:30 THE ACCOUNT OF THE CHARIOT IN MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND PROVENCAL THINKERS**  
*Ofer Elijor*  
(Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva and Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

#### THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

- 10:00 THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN MAIMONIDES AND ABULAFIA'S THOUGHT**  
*Josef Stern*  
(University of Chicago/USA)

#### 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

- 12:00 MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND JOSEPH IBN KASPI ON THE HEBREW LANGUAGE**  
*Hanna Kasher*  
(Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel)

#### 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:30 MAIMONIDES, ABULAFIA, AND SPINOZA**  
*Zev Harvey*  
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel)

- 15:15 RESPONSE**  
*José María Sánchez de León Serrano*  
(Universität Hamburg/Germany)

#### 15:45 CONCLUSION