

GENIZAH CONFERENCE 2007

in honour of Professor Stefan Reif

Monday 20th August

2.00 pm Welcome and refreshments

Session One (Ben Outhwaite, chair)

2.30 pm Haggai Ben-Shammai (Hebrew University)

Is “the Cairo Genizah” a proper name or a generic noun? On the relationship between the *Genizot* of the Ben Ezra and the Dar Simha Synagogues

3.00 pm Mordechai A. Friedman (Tel Aviv University)

Responding to a heretic: Judah ha-Levi on writing the *Kuzari*

3.30 pm Abraham David (JNUL)

The role of the Egyptian Jews in sixteenth-century trade: a chapter in social-economic integration in the Middle East

4.00 pm Coffee

Session Two (Siam Bhayro, chair)

4.30 pm Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv University)

Towards a catalogue of the Genizah magical texts

5.00 pm Mark Cohen (Princeton University)

Maimonides' *Code* in light of the Cairo Genizah documents

5.30 pm Shaul Shaked (Hebrew University)

The early Judaeo-Persian documents from the Genizah

6.30 pm Dinner

8.00 pm Stefan Reif (University of Cambridge)

Consigned to the Genizah, but for only a third of a century

Tuesday 21st August

8.00 am Breakfast

Session Three (Avihai Shvitiel, chair)

9.00 am Willem Smelik (UCL)

The mixed text/mixed language debate and the Aramaic Genizah fragments

9.30 am Friedrich Niessen (University of Cambridge)

Early Karaite grammatical thought as reflected in a commentary on Hosea

10.00 am Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge)

Judaeo-Arabic Genizah fragments with Tiberian vocalization

10.30 am Coffee

Session Four (Stefan Reif, chair)

11.00 am Michael Rand (JTS)

Compositional technique in Qillirian piyyutim for rain and dew

11.30 am Uri Ehrlich (Ben Gurion University)

Some remarks on the *Siddur Rabbi Shelomo ben Nathan* in light of the Genizah findings

12.00 noon Joseph Yahalom (Hebrew University)

Reconstructing ancient liturgical cycles according to Genizah material

1.00 pm Lunch

Session Five (Stefan Reif, chair; in Morison Room, UL)

2.30 pm Rebecca Jefferson (University of Cambridge)

A Genizah secret

3.00pm Ben Outhwaite (University of Cambridge)

The Jacques Mosseri Genizah Collection today

3.30pm Display of Mosseri fragments

6.30 pm Dinner

8.00 pm Moshe Gil (Tel Aviv University)

How Genizah documents serve in medieval historical research

Wednesday 22nd August

8.00 am Breakfast

Session Six (Geoffrey Khan chair)

9.00 am Avihai Shvitiel (University of Cambridge)

Genizah IOU — payment orders from Fustat

9.30 am Miriam Wagner (University of Cambridge)

The weakening of the bourgeoisie: social changes mirrored in the language of the Genizah letters

10.00 am Marina Rustow (Emory University)

What the Genizah has taught us about the shape of the medieval Jewish community

10.30 am Coffee

Session Seven (Friedrich Niessen, chair)

11.00 am Miriam Frenkel (Hebrew University)

Reading time: book culture in the Genizah society

11.30 am Phillip Lieberman (Princeton University)

Copy or likeness: scribal practice in 11th–13th century Egypt

12.00 noon Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (Sorbonne)

A Hebrew-Hebrew palimpsest from the Genizah in the Bodleian

1.00 pm Lunch and departure

All sessions will take place in Westminster College, except Session Five, which will be held in the Morison Room, Cambridge University Library