CONVERSION:
BETWEEN ANTI-SEMITISM AND PHILO-SEMITISM

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1, 2014

Sunday, November 30, 2014
Tel Aviv University – The Cymbalista Jewish Heritage Center

15:45 Reception

16:00 Greetings
Dr. Scott Ury, Tel Aviv University
Dr. Ephraim Shoham, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC

16:00-17:30 Trading Places: Conversion at the Cusp of Modernity
Chair: Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon, Tel Aviv University
Dr. Claude B. (Dov) Stuczynski, Bar Ilan University and CSOC
Anti-Judaism, Philo-Semitism and Paulinism in Converse Apologetics, c. 1624

Dr. Debra Kaplan, Bar Ilan University
A Lutheran Mission to the Jews: The Reformation and Jewish Conversion in Strasbourg

Dr. Tamar Herzig, Tel Aviv University
Jews, Converts, and Convents in Early Modern Italy

17:30-18:00 Reception

Monday, December 1, 2014
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – Oren Hall, Building No. 26

10:00 Reception and Refreshments

10:30-12:30 Colonialism, Science and the (Stubborn) Nature of the Jews
Chair: Prof. Motti Zalkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Dr. Agnieszka Jagodzinska, University of Wrocław
For the Love of Israel? The London Society and Its Missions to the Jews
Dr. Noah Gerber, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Counter-Missionary for the Beta Israel: The Case of Jacob Sapir
Dr. Amos Morris-Reich, University of Haifa
Inconvertible? Volk, Rasse, and Religion, 1890-1930

12:30-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:45 Who is a Jew in the Jewish State?
Chair: Dr. Ayelet Harel Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC
Prof. Steven Kaplan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The House of Israel - The Seeds of Israel: “Falasha”, Ethiopian Jews and Falas Mura

Dr. Netanel Fisher, The Open University of Israel
The Global Aspects of Israel's Conversion to Judaism Policy: Between Religiosity and Philo-Semitism

Dr. Michal Kravel-Tovi, Tel Aviv University
Incomplete Insiders and Invisible Outsiders: FSU Immigrants, Jewish Conversion and the Restoration of Bureaucratic Logic in Israel

16:00-17:30 From Jews to Israelis: The Final Frontier?
Chair: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Dr. Barbara Meyer, Tel Aviv University
Conversion in an Age of Otherness

Dr. Hizky Shoham, Bar Ilan University
Holidays as a Civic Culture: Jewish Assimilation in Israel

17:30-18:00 Conversions: Past and Present
Chair: Dr. Ephraim Shoham, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC
Prof. Haim (Harvey) Hames, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC
Prof. David Nirenberg, University of Chicago

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