

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015**

**9:30-10:15**

Danny Trom (CNRS/Centre de Recherche Français à Jérusalem)  
An Aspect of Jewish Political Knowledge Contained in  
Classical Rabbinical Comments on Esther VI:1

**10:15-11:00**

Dana Hollander (McMaster University)  
Hermann Cohen's Epistemologies of Philosophy and  
Judaism: the Meaning of "Source"

**11:00-11:15 Coffee break**

**11:15-12:00**

Oded Schechter (Johns Hopkins University)  
Literal Sense: Spinoza vs. the Rabbis

**12:00-12:45**

Ido Harari (Ben Gurion University)  
Translating Ostjuden – Nathan Birnbaum Reading Martin  
Buber Reading R. Nachman of Breslov

**12:45-13:30**

**Concluding Discussion**

**VENUE:**

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**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP | JUNE 2-4, 2015**

**How Jews Know.**

**Epistemologies of Jewish Knowledge**



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## TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

### 9:00-9:30 Greetings

Joachim Küpper (Freie Universität Berlin | Dahlem Humanities Center)

Rainer Kampling (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

### 9:30-10:15

Elad Lapidot (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

Do Jews Know? Torah as Science of Judaism

### 10:15-11:00

Ron Naiweld (CRH-Etudes Juives, CNRS)

Knowing What Should Be Known: The Talmud's Epistemology of Historical Knowledge

### 11:00-11:15 Coffee break

### 11:15-12:00

Tali Artman Partock (University of Cambridge)

Irrational Truths: Midrash as Myth

### 12:00-12:45

Mark Geller (Freie Universität Berlin)

The Babylonian Talmud:

Things are not Always What They Seem

### 12:45-14:30 Lunch

### 14:30-15:15

J. H. (Yossi) Chajes (University of Haifa)

Seeing the Forest Through Trees: Ilanot and the Visualization and Creation of Kabbalistic Knowledge

### 15:15-16:00

Federico Dal Bo (ICI Berlin)

A Sage Understands of His Own Knowledge" (mHag 2:1).

Degrees and Hierarchy of Knowledge in the XIII Century Kabbalah

### 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

### 16:15-17:00

Gabriel Levy (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Judaic Information, Complex Creation, and the Limits of Human Understanding

### 17:00-17:45

Hillel Ben Sasson (Tel Aviv University)

Knowing God or Speaking to Him?

The Name YHWH's Epistemological Legacy

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

### 9:30-10:15

Sylvie-Anne Goldberg (CRH-Etudes Juives, EHESS)

Let's Be Anachronistic: Theory of Knowledge and Rationality in Sa'adia Ga'on's Thought

### 10:15-11:00

Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell University)

The Grand European "Tur"

### 11:00-11:15 Coffee break

### 11:15-12:00

Cedric Cohen Skalli (University of Haifa)

A Critical Study of Modern Scholarship on Isaac Abravanel: From Politics to Cultural Agency

### 12:00-12:45

Lukas Muehlethaler (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum

Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

The Delmedigo Conundrums – Jewish Knowledge and New Sciences in the Early 17th Century

### 12:45-14:30 Lunch

### 14:30-15:15

Anthony J. DeSantis (University of Texas Pan American)

The True God and Way to Salvation and Happiness according to Benedict de Spinoza

### 15:15-16:00

Beate Ulrike La Sala (Freie Universität Berlin)

Spinoza and Prophetic Knowledge:

The Perspective of Manuel Joel

### 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

### 16:15-17:00

Yaniv Feller (University of Toronto)

The Epistemology of (Jewish) Essence

### 17:00-17:45

James Diamond (University of Waterloo)

The Epistemological Value of Suffering: Rupture in the Warsaw Ghetto