



# WESTERN ESOTERICISM AND THE CONCEPT OF GOD(S)

## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ISRAELI NETWORK FOR THE ACADEMIC STUDY OF WESTERN ESOTERICISM (INASWE)

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Wednesday, May 30, 2018 • Mt. Scopus Campus | Mandel Building | Room 530

9:30-10:00	Gathering	15:00-15:20	Coffee Break
10:00-11:10	<b>Session 1: Greetings and Keynote Lecture</b>	15:20-16:20	<b>Session 4: The Divine Worlds and the World in the 19th Century</b>
Chair:	<b>Judith Weiss</b> (Mandel Scholion Center)	Chair:	<b>Julie Chajes</b> (Tel Aviv University)
Greetings:	<b>Menahem Ben-Sasson</b> (Chancellor of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Chairman of the Academic Committee of the Mandel Scholion Center)		<b>Peter Lanchidi</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) <i>The Divine Order, Kabbalah, and Freemasonry</i>
Keynote Lecture:	<b>Henrik Bogdan</b> (University of Gothenburg) <i>Deus est Homo: The Concept of God in the Magical Writings of The Beast 666 (Aleister Crowley)</i>		<b>Alexander van der Haven</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and the Open University of Israel) <i>Immanent Gods</i>
11:10-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	<b>Session 2: Christian and Jewish Kabbalistic Notions of the Godhead in the 16th-17th Centuries</b>	16:20-16:40	Coffee Break
Chair:	<b>Yossi Chajes</b> (University of Haifa)	16:40-17:40	<b>Session 5: Godly Women and Men: Goddesses, Witches, and Yogi in the 20th Century</b>
	<b>Emma Abate</b> (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris) <i>Notes on the Divine: Giles of Viterbo Studying Kabbalistic Manuscripts</i>	Chair:	<b>Boaz Huss</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
	<b>Assaf Tamari</b> (Van Leer Institute) <i>Yesod de-Nukba: Galenic Isomorphism, the One-Sex Body, and Gender Fluidity in Lurianic Kabbalah</i>		<b>Shai Feraro</b> (Max Stern Yezreel Valley College) <i>The Fourfold Goddess Construct among Western Goddess Women and Feminist Witches</i>
	<b>Anna Maria Vileno</b> (FNRS - Université Libre de Bruxelles) <i>Knorr's Messiah Puer: Between Western Esotericism and the Study of Religions</i>		<b>Phillip Deslippe</b> (University of California, Santa Barbara) <i>The Yogi as Godman: Polemics, Concealment, and Charisma in the History of American Yoga</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	17:40	Conclusion
14:00-15:00	<b>Session 3: God and Gods in the Florentine Tradition</b>		<b>Boaz Huss</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Chair:	<b>Yuval Harari</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)	18:00	Reception
	<b>Gal Sofer</b> (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) <i>Exaudi Israel Dio, Dio Nostro: Appealing to God in Clavicula Salomonis</i>		
	<b>Guido Nerger</b> (Free University of Berlin) <i>Cum sigilio hermetis: The Many Different Masks of the 'Hermetic' Gods</i>		