

Manuscript Studies in the Digital Age

Thursday, June 26th, 2025

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mount Scopus, Mandel Building, 5th floor, Room 530

Damascus Pentateuch, "Ktiv" Project, The National Library of Israel

9:15-09:45 | Gathering and Light

Refreshments

9:45-10:00 | Greetings

Elisheva Baumgarten, Academic Head,
Mandel School, HUJI

Michael Segal, Acting Director of the
Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies,
HUJI

Noam Mizrahi, Director of the Orion
Center for the Study of the Dead Sea
Scrolls and Associated Literature, HUJI

10:00 – 11:30 | Session 1

New Digital Tools and Manuscript
Studies

Chair: **Michael Segal**, HUJI

Mladen Popović, University of
Groningen (zoom): Combining AI, the
Sciences and the Humanities to Innovate
the Study of Ancient Manuscripts

Brent Seales, University of Kentucky:
Virtually Unwrapping Still-Closed
Manuscripts: En-Gedi, Herculaneum,
Petra

Hila Dayfani, HUJI: A Born-Digital
Edition of the En-Gedi Scroll

11:30-12:00 | Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 | Session 2

Digitization and Accessibility

Chair: **Yakov Z. Mayer**, HUJI

Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago:
The Potential of Digital Manuscript
Publication

Matthew Monger, Norwegian School
of Theology: Visualizing the Scrolls:
Data, Database, and Visualization

Idan Dershowitz, Monash University:
A Lost Bifolium of the Aleppo Codex

13:30-15:00 | Lunch Break

15:00-16:30 | Session 3

Identifying Scribes and Authors

Chair: **Naphtali Meshel**, HUJI

Nachum Dershowitz, Tel Aviv
University: Computational Paleography
for Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts

Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, University
of Oxford (zoom): HebrewPal: A New
Digital Tool for Hebrew Paleography

Jonathan Ben-Dov, Tel Aviv
University: Computerized Study of
Authorship Questions in the Dead Sea
Scrolls

16:30-17:00 | Coffee Break

17:00-18:30 | Session 4

Impact and Results

Chair: **Yael Netzer**, HUJI

Barak Sober, HUJI: Name Diversity as a
Window into Social Dynamics of
Historical Societies: Evidence from
Ancient Israel

Moshe Lavee, Haifa University:
Mapping a Midrashic Anthology based
on Weak HTR and Good TR

Hallel Baitner, Tel Aviv University:
Identifying Linguistic Variation in the
Babylonian Talmud Using
Computational Analysis

18:30 | Reception

