

May 18th 2011 ✻ Helen Diller Family Center (74), Room 301

Western Esotericism

Historical Contexts & Cultural Contacts

The Inaugural Conference of the Israeli Network for the Academic Study of Western Esotericism [INASWE]

10:00-11:00

✻ **Opening Session**

Chair - Boaz Huss

Greetings

Haim (Howard) Kreisel

Director, Goldstein-Goren International
Center for Jewish Thought

Yoram Meital

Chair, The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle
East Studies & Diplomacy

Wouter Hanegraaff Amsterdam University

President of the European Society for the
Study of Western Esotericism [ESSWE]

The Archetype of Eranos: Carl
Gustav Jung and Western Esotericism

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:30

✻ **Between Zionism and the
Occult:**

**The Milieu of Laurence and
Alice Oliphant**

Chair - Yossi Chajes

Isaac Lubelsky Tel Aviv University

Oliphant, Balfour, and Wingate:
Three Facets of Esoteric (British)
Zionism

Julie Chajes University of Haifa

The Christian Zionist Sexual
Mysticism of Laurence & Alice
Oliphant's *Sympneumata*: Some
Preliminary Considerations

Boaz Huss

Ben-Gurion University

*Forward to the East: Zionism,
Esotericism and Orientalism in
Naftali Herz Imber's Perception of
Kabbalah*

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-17:00

✻ **Ecumenical Esotericism:
Kabbalah as Common Ground**

Chair - Chaim Hames

Judith Weiss

Ben-Gurion University

Guillaume Postel's Proficiency in
Aramaic and Hebrew

Yossef Schwartz Tel Aviv University

The Interreligious Dimension of the
Kabbalistic Project: Jews, Christians,
and Christian-Jews

Yossi Chajes

University of Haifa

Kabbalistic Divinity Maps in the Age
of *Kabala Demudata*

17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:30-18:30

✻ **Concluding Session**

Chair - Yuval Harari

Mark Sedgwick

Aarhus University

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Traditionalism and Esotericism

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