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Monday 2 February 08:30-17:30  Al-Yahudu: A First Glance
18th Annual Conference of the Israel Society for Assyriology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

SESSION A
Welcome: Amanda Weiss, Director, Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem (English)
Filip Vukosavović, Chief Curator, Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem (English)
Laurie Pearce, University of California, Berkeley & Cornelia Wunsch, SOAS, University of London
The Texts from Āl-Yāḫūdu and Našar: Their Contents, Scope, and Importance (English)

SESSION B
Ran Zadok, Tel Aviv University
Geopolitical and Ethno-Linguistic Aspects of the Documentation on the Judean Exiles (English)

Paul-Alain Beaulieu, University of Toronto
Judah under the Shadow of Babylonian Imperialism (English)

Kathleen Abraham, University of Leuven
Negotiating Marriage in Multicultural Babylonia: An Example from the Judean Community in Al-Yahudu (English)
SESSION C
Shai Gordin, Tel Aviv University
Judean Money in Babylonian Context: Labour, Debt and Taxation in Al-Yahudu and related Babylonian Archives (Hebrew)

Peter Zilberg, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"Go up on to the old ruin-mounds"- Some Notes on Settlements and Canals in the Area of Al-Yahudu (Hebrew)

Yigal Bloch, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Satrap and the Judeans: On the Consequences of Not Emending Some Al-Yāḥūdu Tablets (English)

SESSION D
Michael Jursa, University of Vienna
The Wider Context of the Al-Yahudu Material (English)

Irving Finkel, The British Museum
The Al-Yahudu Tablets: Culture and Language (English)

Tuesday 3 February 08:30-17:00 The Babylonian Diaspora: A Reassessment

SESSION E
Yehoshua Greenberg, Bar-Ilan University
Interest Bearing Loans and "Heter Iska" in the Al-Yahudu Archive (Hebrew)

Yakir Paz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jews or Slaves? The Status of the Exiles to Southern Babylonia in Rabbinic Literature (English)

Noam Mizrahi, Tel Aviv University
The Contact between Hebrew and Aramaic in Babylonia: The Biblical Perspective and Beyond (English)

Jonathan Ben-Dov, Haifa University
Judeans in the Babylonian Academia (English)

SESSION F
Program at the Babylonian Jewry Heritage Center

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