

Bringing Ancient Greek and Hebrew Literature into Conversation

An International Conference

Monday–Tuesday, 6–7.7.2026 | Yearim Hotel, Maaleh Hachamishah
Wednesday, 8.7.2026 | Online

Day one | 6.7.2026 | Gefen hall

9:00–9:15

Greetings and announcements

9:15–11:00

Ed Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University: The Ancient Near Eastern Hero and the Homeric Nostos: Why They Are Not the Same

Gabriel Danzig, Bar-Ilan University: The Princess by the River: Homecoming Narratives in Homer and the Bible

11:00–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–13:00

Ayelet Pe'er, Bar-Ilan University: Witches and Dead Prophets: Thoughts on Saul and Odysseus

David Sabato, Herzog College and Hebrew University: Hospitality in Homer and the Bible (Heb.)

13:00–14:30 Lunch

15:30–17:15

Yisca Zimran, Bar-Ilan University: The Contribution of Comparative Research to the Understanding of Biblical Prophecy (Heb.)

Frank Polak, Tel Aviv University: Biblical Parallelism, Gorgianic Rhetoric and Cultural Context

17:15–17:30 Coffee break

17:30–18:30

Tour of Kibbutz

18:30 Dinner

Day Two | 7.7.2026 | Gefen hall

9:15–11:00

Teddy Fassberg, Tel Aviv University: Theogony 27-28: Initiation Scenes between Hesiod and the Bible

Yael Escojido, Bar-Ilan University: Voicing the Animal: Divine Mediation and Heroic Blindness in Biblical (Num. 22:28) and Homeric Traditions (Iliad, Book 19. 404-417) (Heb.)

11:00–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–13:00

Ricardo Gancz, Bar-Ilan University: From Rage to Restraint: Achilles and David as Heroes in Crisis

Camilla Recalcati, Bar-Ilan University and Ben Gurion University: Greek and Hebrew tricksters

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:45

Raanan Eichler, Bar-Ilan University: Greek Words in the Bible

Irada Malkin, Oxford and Tel Aviv University and Shraga Bar-On, Shalem College and Hartman Institute: Why Draw Lots? Ancient Greek and Hebrew answers

16:45 Coffee Break

Day Three | 8.7.2026 | Online Program

18:00–18:10 Israel time

Greetings

Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Prof. Michael Avioz
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Prof. Galia Yanoshevsky

18:10–19:40

Evangelia Dafni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: The Song of Songs in relation to Greek literature

Benjamin Scolnic, Southern Connecticut State university: The Paradox of the Sacred Origins of Delphi and Jerusalem

Tikva Blaukopf Schein, Shalem College: Sarah's Dangerous Laughter: Female Vocality and Divine Threat in Biblical and Ancient Greek Literary Traditions

19:40–20:00 Break

20:00–21:30

Diklah Zohar, HOVO Universiteit Leiden: Heroic Ethos and mythological elements in the story of Samson

Moshe Pinchuk, Netanya Academic College: Job vs. Prometheus: A comparison between the unjust sufferer and the critique of divine justice as presented in the Bible by Job and Prometheus of Aeschylus and Hesiod

Jesse Mirotznik, Bar Ilan University: The Divine Figure in the boat in Biblical and Greek literature

Registration in advance is required for participation

REGISTRATION >>

Organizing committee:

Gabriel Danzig and Yisca Zimran