Since the majority of the scrolls from the Judean Desert has been published, scholars now focus more on the interpretation of individual texts than on text editions. As all these scrolls are now easily accessible, it is time for their full integration in the various disciplines that benefit from the discovery of these very important ancient texts. The Dead Sea Scrolls enrich many areas of biblical research, as well as the study of ancient Jewish, early Christian and other ancient literatures, languages, and cultures. It is well known that the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls is often neglected by scholars who are not directly involved with the Dead Sea Scrolls, while Dead Sea Scrolls specialists often focus narrowly on the scrolls themselves.

This conference is organized within the framework of the cooperation between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Vienna. The papers will build a bridge between the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other fields of research.
Monday, 11 February 2008

9:00–13:00 Main Lectures (Kleiner Festsaal)

Opening
9:00 Armin Lange, University of Vienna / Zlatko Plese, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Derveni – Alexandria – Qumran: Omen Interpretation, Philology, and Commentary in Jewish and Greek Culture

9:50 Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Jewish Scriptures
10:05 James Alfred Loader, University of Vienna
Creating New Contexts: On the Possibilities of Biblical Studies in Contexts Generated by the Dead Sea Scrolls

10:45 Alexander Rofé, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Qumran Biblical Scrolls in the Light of Higher Criticism: Judges 6:7-10 as a Test Case

11:25 Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Semitic Languages
11:40 Moshe Bar-Asher, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Two Issues in Qumran Hebrew: Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives

12:20 Steve E. Fassberg, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Dead Sea Scrolls and Their Contribution to the Study of Hebrew and Aramaic

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–18:00 Short Papers

Session A (Kleiner Festsaal)

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Jewish Scriptures 1
14:30 Russell Fuller, University of San Diego
Hebrew and Greek Biblical Manuscripts: Their Interpretations and their Interpreters

15:00 John Flanagan, Leiden University
The Isaiah Fragments of Cave Four: A Reassessment for Textual Criticism

15:30 John F. Elwolde, United Bible Societies
The Hodayot’s Use of the Psalter: Text-critical Contributions (Book 2)
16:00  **Break**

16:30  Beate Ego, University of Osnabrück  
*The Book of Esther and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

17:00  Ludmila Ginsburskaya, University of Cambridge  
*Leviticus in the Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Atonement and Purification from Sin*

**Session B (Hörsaal 30)**

**The Dead Sea Scrolls and Semitic Languages**

14:30  Aaron Koller, Yeshiva University  
*How Many Forms of Hebrew and Aramaic in the World Around Qumran?*

15:00  Francesco Zanella, University of Siegen  
*The Lexemes trwmh and mnḥ in the Poetical Texts of Qumran: Possible Grounds of a Semantic Development*

**The Dead Sea Scrolls and Jewish Scriptures 2**

15:30  Sandra Jacobs, University of Manchester  
*Signs of Origin: The Rainbow and the Covenant of Circumcision at Qumran*

16:00  **Break**

16:30  Hanna Tervanotko, University of Helsinki  
*Miriam Misbehaving? The Figure of Miriam in 4Q377*

**The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christianity**

17:00  Cecilia Wassen, Umeå University  
*“Because of the Angels”: Reading 1 Cor 11:2-16 in Light of Angelology in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

17:30  Agnethe Siquans, University of Vienna  
*Hermeneutics and Methods of Interpretation in the Pesharim of Isaiah and in the Commentary on Isaiah by Theodoret of Cyrus*

18:00–18:30 **Break**

**18:30–19:30 Evening Lecture (Kleiner Festsaal)**

18:30  Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls and Rabbinic Literature*
Tuesday, 12 February 2008

9:00–13:00 Main Lectures (Kleiner Festsaal)

The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Ancient Near East
9:00 Gebhard J. Selz, University of Vienna
Of Sages and Heroes: Considerations on the Early Mesopotamian Background of Enochic traditions

9:40 Esther Eshel, Bar Ilan University
Aramaic Texts from Qumran in Light of New Epigraphic Finds

10:20 Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Graeco-Roman World
10:40 Georg Danek and Christine Treu, University of Vienna
Gigantes: Giants in Greek and Jewish Mythology

11:20 Bernhard Palme, University of Vienna
Public Memory and Public Dispute: Council Minutes between Roman Egypt and the Dead Sea

12:00 Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Archaeology
12:20 Hanan Eshel, Bar Ilan University
Qumran Archeology in Light of Two Rural Sites in Judea

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–18:00 Short Papers

Session A (Kleiner Festsaal)

Archaeology and Material Culture
14:30 Nóra Dávid, Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Burial at Qumran and in the Book of Tobit

15:00 Minna Lönnqvist and Kenneth Lönnqvist, University of Helsinki
Parallels to Be Seen: Deir el-Medina Jars Containing Manuscripts

15:30 Hans Taeuber, University of Vienna
Ein jüdisches Amulett aus einem Grab in der Parndorfer Heide

16:00 Break
The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism 1
16:30 Alex P. Jassen, University of Minnesota
Prophecy after “The Prophets”: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Prophecy in Judaism

17:00 Bennie H. Reynolds III, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Explicit Content: How the Apocryphon of 4QJeremiah C and 4QPseudo-Daniel*#b Illuminate the Book of Daniel

17:30 Meir Bar-Ilan, Bar Ilan University
Non-Canonical Psalms from the Genizah

Session B (Hörsaal 30)

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism 2
14:30 Pierpaolo Bertalotto, University of Bari
Qumran Messianism, Melchizedek and the Son of Man

15:00 J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan
The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Son of Man in Daniel and Enoch: An Assessment of 11QMelch (11Q13)

15:30 Ulrike Mittmann-Richert, University of Tübingen
11QMelch – A New Approach

16:00 Break

16:30 Paul Heger, University of Toronto
Rabbinic Midreshei Halakhah, Midreshei Aggadah in Qumran Literature?

17:00 Edward Dąbrowa, Jagiellonian University, Krakow
The Hasmoneans in the Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls

17:30 Jan Dušek, Charles University, Prague
Protection of Property in the Deeds of Sale in Hebrew, Aramaic and Nabataean Texts from Egypt and Palestine (Persian to Roman Period)

18:00–18:30 Break

18:30–19:30 Evening Lecture (Kleiner Festsaal)
18:30 Renate Pillinger, University of Vienna
The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christian Art
Wednesday, 13 February 2008

9:00–13:00 Main Lectures (Kleiner Festsaal)

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism

9:00   Esther Chazon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
       Liturgy at Qumran and in Second Temple Judaism

9:40   Rachel Elior, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
       The Myth of the Priestly Library in Qumran and Its Role in the Struggle between Written Law and Oral Law

10:20  Break

10:40  Loren T. Stuckenbruck, University of Durham
       The “Heart” in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Negotiating between the Anthropos and the “Two Ways”

11:20  Israel Knohl, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
       “By Three Days, Live:” Messiahs, Resurrection, and Ascent to Heaven in Hazon Gabriel and in the Dead Sea Scrolls

12:00  Break

12:20  Steven Reif, University of Cambridge
       The Genizah and the Dead Sea Scrolls: How Important and Direct is the Connection?

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–18:00 Short Papers

Session A (Kleiner Festsaal)

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism 3

14:30  Michael Segal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
       Parabiblical Texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls: Biblical Interpretation or Independent Traditions?

15:00  Ursula Schattner-Rieser, ELCOA-Institut Catholique de Paris / EPHE-Sorbonne
       Levi in the Sky: Traditions about the Ascent into Heaven Legends in their Near Eastern Context

15:30  Matthias Weigold, University of Vienna
       “According to the Eternal Law”: Noah’s Paradigmatic Endogamy

16:00  Break
16:30 Cana Werman, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple Judaism: Qumran Priests and the Book of Jubilees*

17:00 Ekaterina Matusova, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow  
*1 Enoch in the Work of Philo of Alexandria and Its Significance for Cultural Dialogue*

17:30 George Branch-Trevathan, Emory University  
*The Qumran Solar Calendar in its Hellenistic Context, or, Why 4Q394 Begins with a Calendar*

**Session B (Hörsaal 30)**

**The Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Judaism 4**

14:30 Jamal-Dominique Hopkins, Crichton College, Memphis  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Greco-Roman World: Examining the Essenes’ View of Sacrifice in Juxtaposition to the Scrolls*

15:00 Tal Ilan, Freie Universität Berlin  
*A New-Feminist Reading of 1QSa (the Rule of the Congregation/Serekh ha-Edah)*

15:30 Noah Hacham, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Where Does the Shekhina Dwell? Between the Dead Sea Scrolls, Diaspora Judaism and Rabbinic Literature*

16:00 **Break**

16:30 Daniel Stoekl Ben Ezra, CNRS Aix-en-Provence  
*The Qumran Rites of Affliction in Context*

17:00 Russell C.D. Arnold, DePauw University  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Qumran Community, and Ritual Studies*

17:30 Jeff S. Anderson, Wayland Baptist University  
*Curses and Blessings: Social Control and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

18:00–18:30 **Break**

18:30–19:30 **Evening Lecture (Kleiner Festsaal)**

18:30 Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Sciences and the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Possibilities and Impossibilities*
Thursday, 14 February 2008

9:00–13:00 Main Lectures (Kleiner Festsaal)

The Dead Sea Scrolls – Reading Jewish Scripture
9:00  Ida Fröhlich, Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Qumran Biblical Interpretation in the Light of Ancient Near Eastern Historiography

9:40  Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University
The Genesis Apocryphon and the Aramaic Targumim Revisited: A View from Both Perspectives

10:20  Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Rabbinic Judaism
10:40  Günter Stemberger, University of Vienna
Mishnah and the Dead Sea Scrolls – Are There Meaningful Parallels and Continuities?

11:20  Hannah M. Cotton, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Back to “The Rabbis and the Documents”

12:00  Break

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christianity
12:20  Karl P. Donfried, Smith College
Paul the Jew and the Dead Sea Scrolls

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30  Tourist Event
Ephesos-Museum, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Museumsquartier