Jewish Origins:  
new insights & scholarship  
FEBRUARY 23-24, 2014  
FAU Boca Raton

DIRECTIONS – From I-95 exit onto Glades Road heading east.  
Turn left into FAU’s main west entrance (NW 10th Avenue).  
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on your right. Free parking is available in lot #15 to the left.
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Sunday, Feb. 23 – LIVE OAK PAVILION
8:30 AM – Registration
Welcome: Heather Colman, Interim Dean, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and Professor of Music

9 AM – TRANSITIONS
Chair: Kristen Lindbeck (Florida Atlantic University)
“Were the Ancient Jews a Nation?”
Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)
“The Synagogue in Antiquity,” Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)
“Jewish Daily Life: On the Domestication of the Temple Cult”
Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert (Stanford University)

1:15 PM – RABBINIC JUDAISM
Chair: Deena Grant (Barry University)
“Inventing Rabbis,” Christine Hayes (Yale University)
“What Can We Say about the Origins of Rabbinic Liturgy?”
Ruth Langer (Boston College)

3:30 PM – NON-CANONICAL LITERATURE
Chair: Erik Larson (Florida International University)
“Second-Temple Literature Outside the Canon: The View from the Twenty-First Century”
Martha Himmelfarb (Princeton University)
“The Dead Sea Scrolls for Today”
James VanderKam (University of Notre Dame)

Monday, Feb. 24 – LIVE OAK PAVILION
8:30 AM – DIVERSITY AND DIVERGENCE
Chair: Susan Marks (New College of Florida)
“Diaspora and the ‘Assimilated’ Jew”
Erich Gruen (University of California, Berkeley)
“When Christianity was Judaism”
Adele Reinhartz (The University of Ottawa)

10:45 AM – REFLECTIONS
Chair: Miriam Sanua Dalin (Florida Atlantic University)
“In My Beginning is My End,”
Robert Goldenberg (Stony Brook University, Emeritus)

CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION
Chair: Frederick E. Greenspahn (Florida Atlantic University)

INFORMATION — Sunday lunch is included in the registration fee. No confirmation notice will be sent; admission materials will be available at the door. Free parking is available in the unmetered section of Lot 15, on the west side of West University Drive. For further information, contact:
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