Sunday, February 15

8:30 am Registration

Welcome, John Pritchett
University Provost, Florida Atlantic University

9 am – ORIGINS
Chair: Marina Banchetti, Florida Atlantic University
“The Idea of Ancient Jewish Mysticism”
Michael D. Swartz, The Ohio State University
“The Zohar: Mystical Imagination and Literary Craft”
Eitan P. Fishbane, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
“Abraham Abulafia and the Prophetic Kabbalah,” Elliot R. Wolfson, New York University

Lunch

1:15 pm – MEDIEVAL DEVELOPMENTS
Chair: Marianne Sanua, Florida Atlantic University
“Approaches to the Study of Sixteenth Century Kabbalah in Safed,” Lawrence Fine, Mt. Holyoke College
“Major Trends in Jewish Messianism in the Fifteenth to Eighteenth Centuries,” Matt Goldish, The Ohio State University

3:30 pm – MODERN FORMS
Chair: Alan Berger, Florida Atlantic University
“Why is This Written? Hasidism and Interpreting Scripture”
Shaul Magid, Indiana University
“Contemporary Forms of Popular Kabbalah”
Jody Myers, California State University, Northridge

Monday, February 16

8:45 am – CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
Chair: Kristen Lindbeck, Florida Atlantic University
“Reading Mysteries: A Brief History of Kabbalah Scholarship,” Hartley Lachter, Muhlenberg College
“Feminine Aspects of Jewish Mysticism”
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Arizona State University

11 am – THE LARGER PICTURE
Chair: Myriam Ruthenberg, Florida Atlantic University
“Christian Kabbalah,” Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis
“Mystical Contributions to ‘Normative’ Judaism”
Pinchas Giller, American Jewish University

Registration Form

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___________ Regular registrations ($25 per person, includes lunch on Sunday)

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Registration

Registration forms, accompanied by a check made out to FAU, must be returned no later than February 1, 2009. Registration will be permitted at the door, but the availability of Sunday lunch cannot be guaranteed. Please detach form and return with payment to:

Frederick E. Greenspahn, Jewish Studies
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
Florida Atlantic University
P.O. Box 3091, Boca Raton, Florida 33431-0991

All sessions will be held in the Live Oak Pavilion in the Student Union Building. 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 Lot 15, on the west side of Broward Ave.