



**Hispania Judaica**

Center for the Study of Iberian Jewry

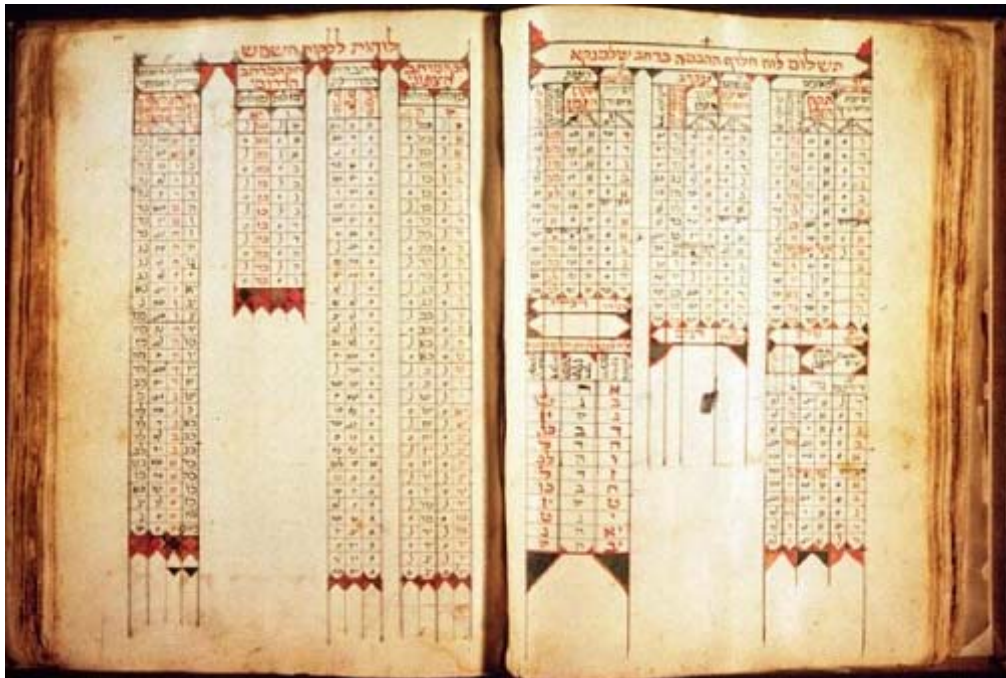
**In Collaboration with**



**Abraham Zacut**

**Science, Historiography, Talmud and Polemics**

**International Conference to Mark the  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Death**



**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Room 1002, Rabin Building, Mount Scopus Campus**  
**The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**09:30-11:30**

Greetings:

H.E. Mr. Fernando Carderera Soler, Ambassador of Spain

Prof. Dror Wahrman, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**1. FROM THE IBERIAN PENINSULA TO NORTH AFRICA**

Chair: Harvey Hames, Ben Gurion University of the Negev and CSOC Director

- ***Castile and its Jews at the Time of Abraham Zacut: Debates and Expectations***  
Javier Castaño, CSIC (Spanish National Research Council)
- ***Abraham Zacut in Portugal: Texts and Context***  
Henrique Leitão, CIUHCT, University of Lisbon
- ***Abraham Zacut in Tunis: A Refuge for Those Expelled from Spain and a Center of Return to Judaism (Hebrew)***  
Nadia Zeldes, CSOC, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

**11:30-12:00 Coffee Break**

**12:00-14:00**

**2. BETWEEN THE STARS AND THE TRACTATES: ASTRONOMY AND TALMUDIC STUDIES**

Chair: Avriel Bar-Levay, The Open University of Israel

- ***Abraham Zacut's Astronomical Activity***  
José Chabás, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- ***Opera digitorum tuorum: Abraham Zacut and the Salamanca Heavens***  
Eleazar Gutwirth, Tel Aviv University

- ***The Chain of Traditions from the Catalan Academies in the Sefer Yuhasin (Hebrew)***

Shalem Yahalom, Ariel University

#### **14:00-15:30 Lunch Break**

#### **15:30-18:00**

##### **3. THE PATHS OF *SEFER YUHASIN***

Chair: Ora Limor, CSOC, The Open University of Israel

- ***The Order of the Sages in the Middle Ages: Similarities and Differences between Sefer Yuhasin and Shalshet ha-Qabbalah (Hebrew)***

Abraham David, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- ***The Editor Versus the Author: Sefer Yuhasin Constantinople Edition and its Editor R. Samuel Shalom (Hebrew)***

Joseph Hacker, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- ***Reward and Punishment as a Basic Principle in the Historical Thought of Abraham Zacut (Hebrew)***

Moisés Orfali, Bar-Ilan University

- ***The Controversial Character of Sefer Yuhasin and its Tendencies Towards Christianity (Hebrew)***

Ram Ben Shalom, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Board Member, CSOC

#### **Organizing Committee**

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