

Kabbalah in America Conference

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00-6:00 PM	Opening Keynote: The Qabbalah of the Hebrews and the Ancient Wisdom Religion of Asia: Isaac Myer and the Kabbalah in America
6:00-7:00PM Brian Ogren Ronit Meroz	<u>TEXTUAL TRANSMISSION IN THE AMERICAN CONTEXT</u> Zoharic Reception in Early America The Many Faces of Sefer Yetzirah in the Past and in America
7:00 PM	Light dinner at venue

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00-9:30	Continental Breakfast
9:30-10:30 Michael Hoberman Laura Leibman	<u>COLONIAL BEGINNINGS</u> “They have with faithfulness and care transmitted the Oracles of God unto us Gentiles”: Jewish scholarship in the Puritan imagination The Traveling Kabbalah. The ‘Lost’ Carigal Manuscript in Early America
10:45-12:15 Julie Chajes Vadim Putzu Marcia Brennan	<u>THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY AND ITS INFLUENCES</u> Seth Pancoast and Kabbalah Kabbalah in the Ozarks: Thomas Moore Johnson, <i>The Platonist</i> , and the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor Hyman Bloom’s Mystical Brides
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30 Jonathan Sarna Peter Lanchidi Clemence Boulouque	<u>NINETEENTH CENTURY DEVELOPMENTS</u> A Jewish Kabbalistic text from 19th century America: Isidor Kalisch’s Sefer Yetzirah The Masonic Career of A Kabbalistic Lithograph – Max Wolff, <i>The Origin of the Rites and Worship of the Hebrews</i> , New York, 1859 The Oversoul and its Kabbalistic Overtones: Schelling, Emerson and the Pre-Freudian Unconscious in America
2:45-3:45	Shaul Magid Plenary Address: An Inverted Sabbatean in America: Dovid Din and Jewish Monasticism

4:00-5:00 HASIDISM, NEO-HASIDISM AND ASHLAGIAN KABBALAH
Ariel Mayse Liberty for All: American Neo-Hasidism and Halakhah
Ron Margolin Identity or Spirituality: What is behind Buberian Neo Hasidism and
Ashlagian Kabbalah in America?

6:00 Leaving for Banquet Dinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00-9:30 Continental Breakfast

9:30-11:00 COUNTERCULTURE
Yaakov Ariel Religious Fluidity, Connecting with Ancestral Heritage and Kabbalah:
Allen Ginsberg and Gershom Scholem's Teachings
Pinchas Giller Shlomo Carlebach and the Counterculture
Alan Brill Aryeh Kaplan's Quest for the Lost Jewish Traditions of Science,
Psychology and Prophecy

11:15-12:15 BODILY EXPERIENCE AND THE PARANORMAL
Jeff Kripal Changed in a Flash: Kabbalistic Motifs in a Modern Jewish Near-Death
Experience
Marla Segol Kabbalah and Sex Magic in Contemporary Self-Help

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 AMERICAN DENOMINATIONALISM
Dana Evan Kaplan American Reform Judaism's Increasing Acceptance of Kabbalah : The
Contribution of Rabbi Herbert Weiner's *9 1/2 Mystics*
Danny Horowitz American Conservative Judaism and Kabbalah
Jody Myers Kabbalah as a Tool of Orthodox Outreach

2:45-3:45 TEXT SCHOLARS AND HISTORIOGRAPHY
Moshe Idel Solomon Schechter, Abraham Y. Heschel, Alexander Altmann
Eliyahu Stern Pragmatic Kabbalah: Mordecai Kaplan, Joseph L. Sossnitz and the
Mystical Origins of Jewish Peoplehood