

**Proceedings of the 27th Annual Conference of the
Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

27-28 May 1998, Tel Aviv University

Wednesday, 27 May 1998

9:00 Registration

9:30 OPENING REMARKS: Joseph Geiger, Chairman of the Israel Society
for the Promotion of Classical Studies

GREETINGS: Marcelo Dascal, Dean of the Lester and Sally Entin
Faculty of Humanities

10:00-13:00 FIRST SESSION (in Hebrew)

Chair: David Golan (Haifa University)

Hagith Sivan (Kansas University): *The End of Byzantine Palestine: Piyyutims'
Calculations*

Uri Yiftach (Tel Aviv University): *On What Occasions were "Marriage
Documents" drawn up in Roman Egypt?*

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

Chair: Ranon Katzoff (Bar Ilan University)

Donna Shalev (The Hebrew University Jerusalem): *Speaker Change in Spoken
Verse of Greek Drama and the Term "Antilabe"*

Hava Korzakova (Bar Ilan University): *Irony in Euripides*

Menahem Luz (Haifa University): *Digging up Menippus: The Biographical
Tradition*

13:00-14:15 LUNCH BREAK

14:15-15:45 SECOND SESSION (in Hebrew)

Round Table Discussion: *Teaching Ancient Greek in Israel*

Moderator: Joseph Geiger (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Participants: Ra'anana Meridor (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem);
David Weissert (Tel Aviv University); David Schaps (Bar Ilan
University)

15:45-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15–18:30 THIRD SESSION

Chair: Benjamin Isaac (Tel Aviv University)

Brian McGing (Trinity College, Dublin): *Population and Proselytism: How many Jews were there in the Ancient World?*

Danuta Shanzer (Cornell University): *Latin Literature, Christianity and the Obscene in the Later Roman West*

Robert Dobbin (Berkeley, California): *Astrology in some Later Classical Poetry*

John North (University College, London): *The History of Paganism in the Roman Empire*

Thursday, 28 May 1998

9:00-10:00 Business Meeting of the Society

10:00-13:00 FOURTH SESSION (in Hebrew)

Chair: Israel Roll (Tel Aviv University)

Shimon Dar (Bar Ilan University): *Similarities and Differences in Material Culture on Mt. Carmel in the Roman and Byzantine Periods*

Moshe Fischer (Tel Aviv University): *Excavations at Yavneh-Yam (1992-1997): Remarks on Some Problems of Classical Archaeology in Israel*

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

Arthur Segal (Haifa University): *The Basalt Country Temples: Religious Architecture in Hauran and Trachon in the 2nd Century CE*

Yifat Peleg (Tel Aviv University): *Priestesses in Classical Athens: Construction of Gender Roles by Visual Medium*

Drora Baharal (The Open University): *Public Image and Courtly Women in the Era of the Adoptive Emperors (98-180 CE)*

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00 FIFTH SESSION (in Hebrew)

David Asheri (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Simonides, Achilles and Pausanias Son of Cleombrotos*

Iris Stern Turner (Tel Aviv University): *Political and Social Aspects of the Activities of Agis IV and Cleomenes III in Sparta*

Dwora Gilula (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Entertainment in Xenophon's "Symposium"*

16:30-19:00 SIXTH SESSION

Chair: Hannah Cotton (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Alan Shapiro (Johns Hopkins University): *Heroes and Hero Cult in the Peloponnesian War*

Radovan Mirkovic (University of Belgrade): *Prohairesis and Hamartia in Sophocles' Antigone: Aspects of Civil Disobedience*

Sandra Westover (American School of Classical Studies at Athens): *The Scholars and the Demons: Methodologies for the Study of Greek Religion*

Werner Eck (University of Köln): *The Fasti of Iudaea-Syria Palaestina: Preliminary Remarks*

CLOSING REMARKS