Tuesday, April 17th 2007 – Gilman Building, 496

08:30 – 09:00: Morning Coffee
09:00 – Greetings: Prof. Shlomoh Biderman, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University
John D. A. Levy, Academic Study Group on Israel and the Middle East
Opening Discussion: The Goals of the Conference: Oded Lipschits and Lester Grabbe

09:15 – 10:45 – The Transition from the Persian to the Hellenistic periods – The Archaeological Perspective:
Oren Tal - Palestine in Transition - from Persian to Greek Rule - The Archaeological Perspectives
Gabriel Barkay - The Beginning of the Persian Period and its End in the History of Palestine's Archaeological Research
Discussion

10:45 – 11:15 – Break

11:15-12:45 – Archaeology of Jerusalem in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods
Israel Finkelstein - Jerusalem in the Persian Period and the Wall of Nehemiah
Oded Lipschits - The Size and Status of Jerusalem in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods
Discussion

13:00 – Lunch Break

14:45 – 16:15 – The Greek, Babylonian, and Egyptian Connection
Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer: Will the Greek Texts Stand Up, Please!
John Ray: The Alphabet that Never Was: An Egyptian Contribution to the Near East
Discussion
16:15 – 16:45 – Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:30 – Honor-Lecture of Prof. Aryeh Kasher for his 72nd Birthday:
Further Thoughts on Josephus’ Report of Alexander’s Campaign to Palestine

17:30 – 18:30: Summary Discussion of the First Day
Lester Grabbe and Oded Lipschits

Wednesday, April 18th 2007 – Gilman Building, 496

08:30 – 09:00: Morning Coffee

09:00 – 10:30 – The Imperial and the Local
Lester Grabbe: Hyparchs, Oikonomoi, and Mafiosi: The Governance of Judah in the
Ptolemaic Period
Evelina van der Steen: Empires and Farmers: How Imperial Politics Affect Local
Organization
Discussion

10:30-10:45 – Break

10:45 – 12:45 – Samaria and the Samaritans between Persian and Hellenic Rule
Menachem Mor – The Samaritans' Transition from the Persian to the Greek Period
Yuval Shahar - The Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim: Archaeological Identification
and Social Identity
Discussion

13:00 – Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:45 – A Tour in the Diaspora Museum

15:45 – Coffee Break

16: 00 – 17:30 – Idumea and the Coast between Persian and Hellenic Rule
Mosheh Fisher – Yavneh-Yam as a Case Study of the Southern Israeli Coast between
Persian and Hellenic Rule (5th-2nd centuries BCE)
Amos Kloner - The Introduction of the Greek Language and Culture in the Third Century
BCE According to the Archaeological Evidence in Idumaea

Discussion

17:30 – 18:15: Summary Discussion of the Second Day
Lester Grabbe and Oded Lipschits

Thursday, April 19th 2007 – Naphtali Building, Venecuela Auditorium
08:30 – 09:00: Morning Coffee

09:00 – 10:30 – Ideology and its Context
Sylvie Honigman: King and Temple in 2 Maccabees: the Case for Continuity
Loren Stuckenbruck: 1 Enoch 10 and the Conversion of Humanity.
Discussion

10:30-10:45 – Break

10:45 – 12:15 – The Question of National Identity
James Aitken: Judaic National Identity.
Michael Sommer: Networking the Mediterranean: Long-Distance Trade and the Quest for Phoenician Identity
Jill Middlemas: The Novella and Identity: The Case of Esther
Discussion

12:30 – Lunch Break

14:15 – Final Discussion
Lester Grabbe and Oded Lipschits

15:30 – A Tour to Apollonia-Arsuf with Prof. Israel Roll, Prof. Moshe Fischer and Dr. Oren Tal