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Methodology of Hebrew Palaeography. Expertise, art or science?

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Migrations of Textual and Scribal Traditions
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of Medieval Manuscripts in Hebrew Script



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Chair of sessions

Prof. Andreas Lehnardt, JGU Mainz

Monday 4 May 2026

9.30-9.45

**Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, EPHE – PSL (Paris) /
University of Oxford, MiDRASH**

Welcome and introduction

Session 1

How do we study paleography: lenses and biases

9.45-10.30

**Margherita Pepoli, DREST, Università di Roma “La
Sapienza”-EPHE – PSL ; Theological Faculty of Lugano USI
(Università della Svizzera Italiana)**

From Manuscripts to Editions: Theoretical and Practical
Approaches to the Edition of Hebrew Texts

10.30-11.15

Anat Mendel-Geberovich, independent researcher

Tracing Hebrew Script at Its Origins: How We Study and
Teach the Early Evolution of the Hebrew Alphabet

11.15-12.00

**Aren Maeve Wilson-Wright, University of Chicago &
Abigail Z. Beech, University of Chicago**

The Neirab Text-Maker’s Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very
Bad Day: Theoretical and Methodological Reflections on the
Neirab I Inscription (KAI 225)

12.00-13.30 Lunch break

Session 2

The methodology of ductus

13.30-14.15

Pedro Garcia-Baro, University of Basel, EGRAPSA-Project
Reconstructing Movement in Ancient Greek Handwriting:
Objectivity, Similarity, and the Role of Computation

14.15-15.00

Evgeniya Zarubina, EPHE – PSL (Paris), MiDRASH

(Micro)movements? An extended definition of ductus and its
implications to the study of the script

15.00-15.30 Coffee break



Session 3

Paleography as computer science

15.30-16.15

Svenja A. Gulden, JGU Mainz, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Altägyptische Kursivschriften Project

Paleography of Hieratic – Challenges and Opportunities of Digital Approaches

16.15-17.00

Nachum Dershowitz, Tel Aviv University, MiDRASH

Computational Tools for Hebrew Manuscripts

Tuesday 5 May 2026

Session 4

Methodology of regional differences

9.00-09.45

Miruna Belea, EPHE – PSL (Paris), Project HMDA / MiDRASH

Substitutes for the Tetragrammaton in Hebrew Byzantine Scripts

09.45-10.30

Luigi Bambaci, EPHE – PSL (Paris), MiDRASH

Counting Variants to De-terminine Geographical Provenance: A Textual Approach to the Classification of Hebrew Bible Manuscripts

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.45

Alexander Gordin, National Library of Israel, MiDRASH HebrewPal

Hebrew Script in the Late-Medieval Transoxiana: Peculiar Local Features

11.45-12.30

Elena Lolli, EPHE – PSL (Paris), MiDRASH

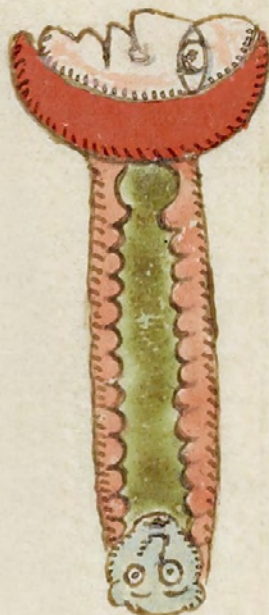
Methodological Challenges in Defining and Identifying the Italian Rotunda in Hebrew Manuscripts

12.30-12.45

Andreas Lehnardt, JGU Mainz &

Evgeniya Zarubina, EPHE – PSL (Paris), MiDRASH

Closing remarks





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