



The Samaritan Update

“Mount Gerizim,
All the Days of Our Lives”



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On January 1, 2017, the Samaritan Community numbered 796.

Future Events

It has been 3655 years since the entrance into the Holy Land
(Samaritan's typical calendar)

2017

The First Month 3655 - Monday Evening, March 27, 2017
Passover Sacrifice - Monday Evening between the sunsets [7:11 PM] -
April 10, 2017
The Festival of Passover/ Festival of Unleavened Bread Tuesday April
11, 2017

The First Day of the Counting of the Omer Sunday April 16, 2017

The Last Day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread/ First Pilgrimage Monday April 17, 2017

The Second Month 3655 - Tuesday Evening, April 25, 2017

The Third Month 3655 - Thursday Evening, May 25, 2017

The Second Passover for those that were impure on the first Passover Evening May 10, 2017

The Day of the Sinai Assembly Wednesday May 31, 2017

[Calculated by: **Priest Yakkiir ['Aziz] b. High Priest Jacob b. 'Azzi** – Kiriat Luza, Mount Gerizim]

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## **The New Samaritan Synagogue has opened on Mount Gerizim**



The New synagogue opened April 7, 2017 just before Passover.  
See the great photos taken by Ori Orhof.

Also see [2017 Passover & opening evening of the New synagogue; Photos by Ori Orhof](#)

Also take notice of the reconstructed Tannurs in his photos.

All high definition images, a

must view! <https://www.flickr.com/photos/oriorhof/albums> ~~~~~

**Kedem Public Auction House Ltd**

May 9, 2017, 4:00 PM GMT Jerusalem, Israel, Live Auction

**Lot 89: Five Books of the Torah (Codex) - Samaritan Manuscript - from the Collection of Chacham Rabbi Yitzchak Binyamin Yehudah**

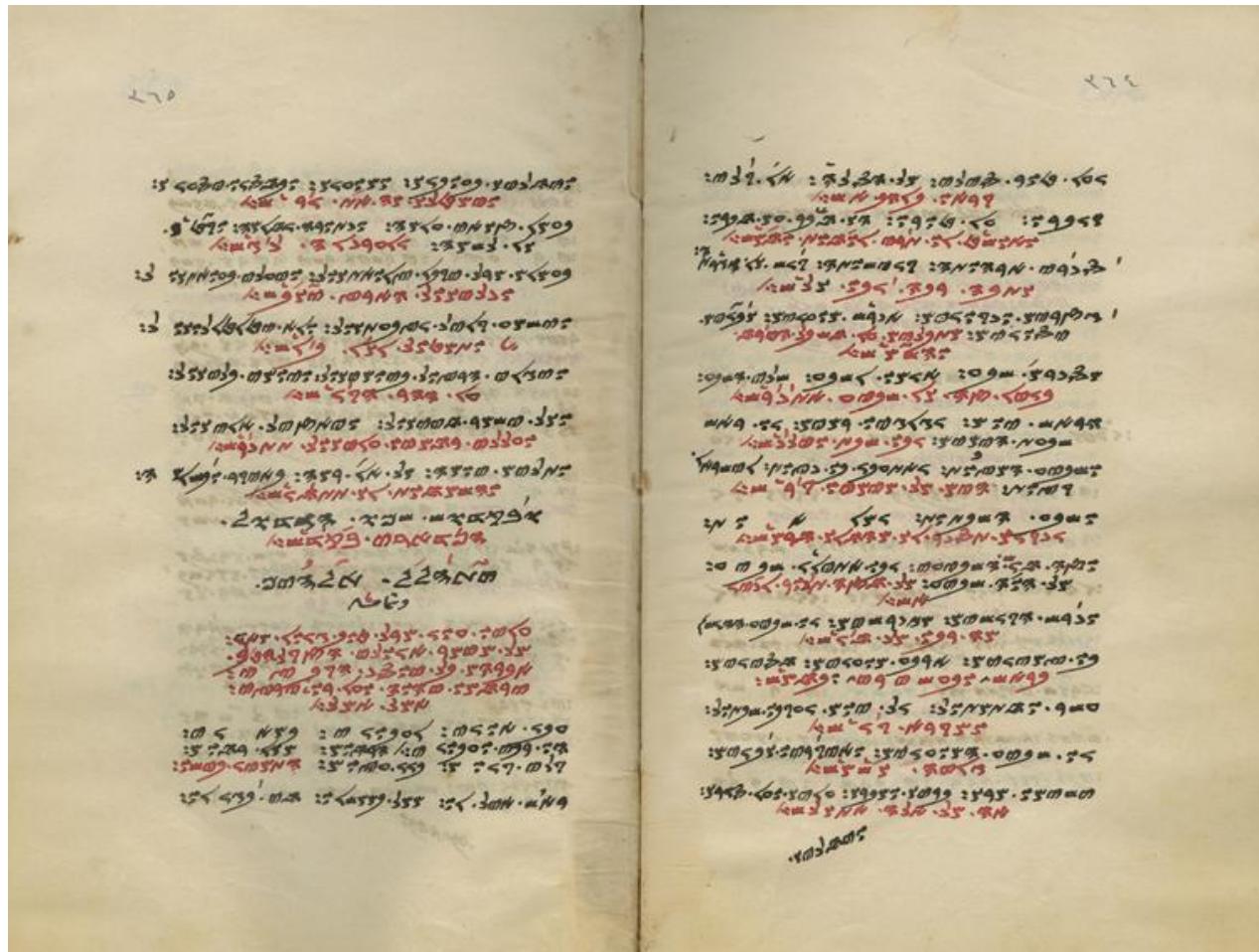
Description: Samaritan manuscript, five books of the Torah (codex). Nablus, [19th century]. Exceptionally handsome handwriting, on wide-margined high-quality paper, written by the priest Shlomo ben Amram ben Shlomo ben Toviah Halevi ("from the Kehat family"). Colophon at the end of every book. This volume is from the collection of Chacham R. Yitzchak Binyamin Yechezkel Yehudah (1863-1941), educator, translator, bookseller and Orientalist who focused on the history of the Jewish people and Arabic culture. Chacham Yehudah lived in Darmstadt, Germany at the beginning of the 20th century, where he traded in books and manuscripts in Hebrew and Eastern languages. In 1906 he immigrated to Cairo, where he opened a book shop for classical and religious Arabic texts near the al-Azhar mosque. He was renowned as the premier expert on Arabic literature in the region, and he often assisted Moslem scholars as well as Orientalists residing in Cairo. He published a number of books including "The Western Wall", (Jerusalem, 1929), "Fables of the East", (3 volumes, Jerusalem, 1932-1990), and others. In addition to Hebrew and Arabic, Chacham Yehuda was fluent in Ladino, Persian, Yiddish, German, Turkish, English and French. His son-in-law, Professor Yosef Yoel Rivlin attested that he was "amazingly proficient in Oriental studies and literature, and one of the greatest Jewish researchers." This volume includes a stamp from his bookshop in Cairo, and his signature (from Jerusalem). At the end of the volume, Chacham Yehudah bound five pages from prayer books, as well as a page in his own handwriting, in which writes several verses and discusses the custom of Sephardic Jews, (and later the Rashash), to recite these verses whenever three Torah Scrolls are removed from the ark on Shabbat. "The ancient custom of Saragossa was to recite these verses whenever three Torah scrolls were removed from the ark, and the Rashash followed this custom." Several glosses in the handwriting of Chahcam Yehudah (pencil writing) appear in the margins of the first chapter

of Sefer Bereshit. [428] pages, 15.5 cm. Good condition. Creases and stains, primarily to the first pages, last pages and endpapers. Several stains in the margins. Original dark red leather binding, typical of the time period, with embossed decorations and leather clasp, damaged. Tears to the spine. Rare. Provenance: Collection of Yitzchak Binyamin Yehudah.

Est: \$10,000 - \$15,000

<http://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/five-books-of-the-torah-codex-samaritan-manus-7574C22965>

### Lot 90: Samaritan Manuscript - Prayers for Sukkot and Simchat Torah Holidays



Description: Samaritan manuscript; prayerbook for prayers of Shabbat that occurs on the Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret (Simchat Torah) holidays. Nablus, 19th century. Handsome handwriting, in black and red ink. Written (copied) by Aryeh ben Shlomo ben Yishmael ben Shelach HaTzafri. The final pages include an Arabic receipt of purchase from 1948, and a poem composed by the owner, (Samaritan); an additional poem by the owner appears at the end of the Sukkot prayers. [324] written pages, 21.5 cm. Good condition. Creases, tears and stains to the first page. Slight staining to the remainder of the volume. Stains on the endpapers and creases on the edges of leaves. Original cardboard and leather binding.

Est: \$5,000 - \$8,000

<http://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/samaritan-manuscript-prayers-for-sukkot-and-sim-46E431C9D3>

### **Lot 91: Six Volumes - Samaritan Manuscripts - Torah Portions**



Description: Six volumes, Samaritan manuscript. Nablus, early 20th century. Written, (copied), by the High Priest – Av Chasda ben Yaakov Aharon Hakohen. \* Volume with parashot from Sefer Bereshit (Genesis). \* Two volumes with parashot from Sefer Shemot (Exodus). \* Volume with parashot from Sefer Vayikra (Leviticus). \* Volume with parashot from Sefer Bamidbar (Numbers). \* Volume with parashot from Sefer Shoftim (Book of Judges). The volumes were written by the Samaritan high priest in order to educate the community's children. The colophon at the end of the final volumes contains the names of the children for whom these volumes were prepared. 6 volumes (63; 77; 44; 71; 103; 90 pages), 16. cm. Fair condition. Wear, stains, and some tears. Detached or loose leaves and signatures. Original cardboard and cloth bindings, detached or partially detached, damaged.

Est: \$4,000 - \$6,000

<http://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/six-volumes-samaritan-manuscripts-torah-portions-7574EDDA9C>

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Five new articles by Haseeb Shehadeh

Professor Shehadeh has shared his recent articles with us. Thank you Hasseb!

أعجوبة الفرن والخراف في عورتا

The Miracle of the Oven and the Sheep in Awartha

ترجمة حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة بالعبرية، رواها الكاهن الأكبر عاطف (ليثي) ابن الكاهن الأكبر، ناجي بن خضر (أبيشع بن فنحاس) (١٩١٩-٢٠٠١)، كاهن أكبر ١٩٩٨-٢٠٠١، شاعر ومرنم وعالم بالشريعة السامرية باللغة العربية على بنiamim صدقة (١٩٤٤) الذي سجلها وقام بترجمتها إلى العربية وصياغتها. نُشرت هذه القصة في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، العددان ١٢١٩-١٢٢٠، ١ تموز ٢٠١٦، ص. ٤٩-٥٣.

هذه الدورية التي تصدر مررتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها: إنّها تستعمل أربع لغات بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العربية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخطّ العربي القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العربية الحديثة بالخطّ المربع/الأشوري، أي الخطّ العربي الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخطّ اللاتيني.

Continue reading: <http://shomron0.tripod.com/articles/themiracleoftheovenandthesheepinawartha.pdf>

أعجوبة قربان الفسح التي لا نهاية لها

The Endless Miracle of the Passover's Sacrifice

Rendered by Haseeb Shehadeh

The University of Helsinki

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة، التي كتبها أبو رامي، عبد حنونة بن إبراهيم الستري الدنفي (١٩٠٣-١٩٩٥) باللغة ونشرت في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٤-١٢١٣، ٢٠ آذار ٢٠١٦، ص. ٢٢-٢٤. هذه الدورية التي تصدر مررتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها - إنّها تستعمل أربع لغات بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العربية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخطّ العربي القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العربية الحديثة بالخطّ المربع/الأشوري، أي الخطّ العربي الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخطّ اللاتيني.

بدأت هذه الدورية السامرية في الصدور منذ أواخر العام ١٩٦٩، وما زالت تصدر بانتظام، توزّع مجاناً على كلّ بيت سامي في نابلس وحولون، قرابة الثمانمائة سامي، وهناك مشتركون فيها من الباحثين والمهتمّين في الدراسات السامرية، في شتّي أرجاء العالم. هذه الدورية ما زالت حيّة ترزق، لا بل وتنتطور بفضل إخلاص ومثابرة الشقيقين، بنiamim ويفت، نجلي المرحوم راضي (رسون) صدقة (٢٢ شباط ١٩٢٢ - ٢٠ كانون الثاني ١٩٩٠).

Continue reading: <http://shomron0.tripod.com/articles/theendlessmiracleofthepassoversacrifice.pdf>

اعتداء في عورتا

An Assault in Awarta

ترجمة حسبي شحادة
جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لقصة يسraelيل بن جمال (چملئيل) صدقة الصباحي (الصفرى) ١٩٣٢-٢٠١٠، كاتب ونشيط في مجتمعه، نشر نسخاً من التوراة ومن الصلوات التي رواها بالعبرية على مسامع بنiamيم (الأمين) صدقة، الذي نَقَحَها ونشرها في الدورية السامرية أ. ب.- أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٩-١٢٢٠، ١ تموز ٢٠١٦، ص. ٥٣-٥٦. هذه الدورية التي تصدر مررتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبى تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها: إنّها تستعمل أربع لغات على الأقل ب الأربع خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العربية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبرى القديم، المعروفة اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العربية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبرى الحالى؛ العربية بالرسم العربى؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتينى.

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عجائبُ عورتا

Awarta's Miracles

ترجمة حسبي شحادة
جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهاتين القصتين بالعبرية، كتبهما السيد راضي بن الأمين صدقة الصباحي (رتضون بن بنiamيم بن صدقة الصفرى، ١٩٢٢-١٩٩٠)، ونشرتا في الدورية السامرية أ. ب.- أخبار السامرة، العددان ١٢١٩-١٢٢٠، ١ تموز ٢٠١٦، ص. ٤٧-٤٩. بنiamيم (الأمين) نَقَحَ ما خط والده.

Continue reading: <http://shomron0.tripod.com/articles/awartasmiracles.pdf>

الكاهن الأكبر خضر (فنحاس) صاحب الأعجوبة The High Priest Phinhas, the Miracle Maker

ترجمة
حسين شحادة
جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة بالعبرية، رواها بنiamيم راضي صدقة (١٩٤٤ -) عن نعمه وأريئيل والكاهن الأكبر خضر ونشرت في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، العددان ٦٤ - ٥٩، ص. ٢٠١٧، ١٥ كانون ثان ١٢٢٧-١٢٢٦ (الكاهن الأكبر، خضر بن توفيق بن خضر (فنحاس بن متصلح بن فنحاس، ١٨٩٨-١٩٨٤، كاهن أكبر ١٩٨٤-١٩٨٢) كان شمامساً ونسخ الكثير من الصلوات والتوراوات وفي العام ١٩٨٣ زاره في بيته على جبل جريزيم، رئيس دولة إسرائيل السادس، حاييم هرتسوغ، واستقبله بالخبز والملح.

Continue reading: <http://shomron0.tripod.com/articles/thehighpriestphinhas.pdf>

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## [The Samaritans and the Samaritan community on YouTube](#)



השומרונים ועד הקהילה השומרונית

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Also see [badawiya samri](#) tubetube video

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Gentlemen. Children of respectable Is'amryh community.

Every year and you are a thousand good

Invites you to the high priest range Is'amryh Abdullah Descriptor to participate with the introduction of the Holy Bible to new synagogue from synagogue, big day tomorrow, Friday at five pm

Dear Ada

The High Priest Abdul Ben Asher, invite you to attend the temple. The Torah books of the new temple on Friday, 7.4.2017 at five in the evening

The ritual starts at temple

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Interior of the New Gerizim Synagogue a few days before the opening



Photo posted by Roey Altif (Facebook) March 21, 2017

'Today was the first time in a temple, the new divine mountain hargryzym, just warms my heart to see the power is in there, many more! Amen, huge kudos to all who participated in the holy handcraft.'

[Photo shopped from 2 photos] Facebook Posts of the new synagogue from a drone on 4-4-2017 by Âshêr Mân



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Scroll photo by **Amit Marhiv**, March 3, 2017 at the Samaritan Synagogue on Mount Gerizim (Facebook Post)



'On the occasion of the first month of the Hebrew year blessed to take

this opportunity to congratulate all the sons of my highest congratulations and greetings to this blessed occasion wishing peace and safety to all the peoples of the region, and God bless us our Lord that we are enjoying full Health and wellness.' (Facebook Post of **Ziv Altif**, March 27, 2017)
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## Publications

### **Understanding the Israelite Samaritans: From Ancient to Modern** by Benyamim Tsedaka

CARTA JERUSALEM, Sep 1, 2017 - Religion - 40 pages

ISBN 9652208884, 9789652208880

Understanding the Samaritans opens a window into the fascinating history of the Samaritan community. The Samaritans are a small group that claims descent from the ancient Israelites, that is, from the biblical Kingdom of Israel (as opposed to Judah), and claims to continue the Northern Israelite lineage and heritage. The Samaritans are associated with one of the most famous New Testament parables, known as "The Good Samaritan." The Gospels also tell of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Like Jews, Samaritans base their religion on the Torah. Their holy site is at Mount Gerizim, near Shechem, in the heart of the region of Samaria (hence their name), rather than in Jerusalem.

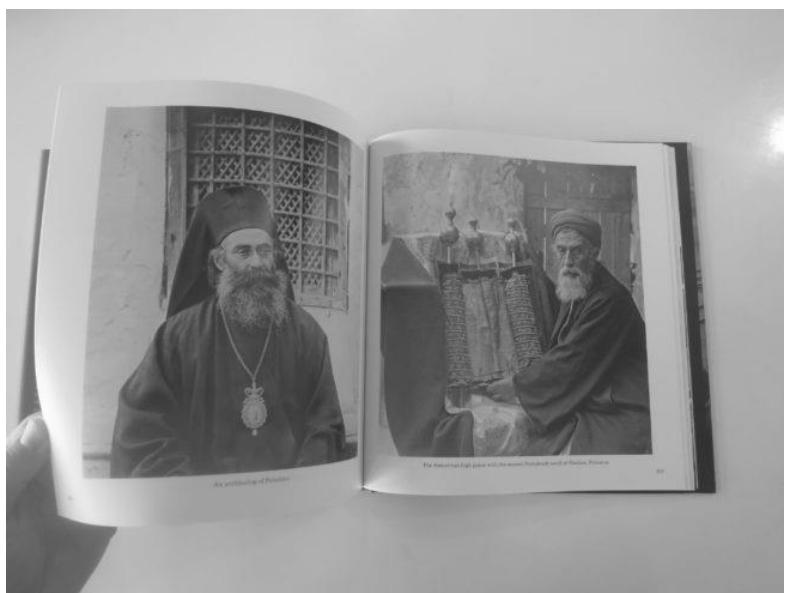
'Specifika samaritánského Desatera The specifics of the Samaritan Decalogue'

By Klára Verzichová Univerzita Karlova, Husitská teologická fakulta

**Židovská civilizace: Judaismus jako náboženský systém**

2016, pp.9-19

### **Looking Backward: A Photographic Portrait of the World at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century,**



by Michael Lesy, W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. April 2017 ISBN 978-0-393-23973-7 10 x 10.4 in / 256 pages  
[See review](#) and some of the pages

I believe there is just the one Samaritan Photo in the book, yet with this one photo, more people will be exposed to the Samaritans, I hope.

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Call For Papers

AJS 49th Annual Conference

December 17-19, 2017

Marriott Marquis Washington, DC

9. Jewish History and Culture in Antiquity

The division of the history of the Jews and Judaism in the Persian, Greco-Roman, and Byzantine period invites scholars to think about the larger historiographic and cultural contexts in which we write and interpret the Jewish past. In 2017 we would be particularly excited by the following themes, and also invite you to suggest sessions and individual lectures that suit your own interests and talents:

2. Samaritanism and Judaism in Greco-Roman Antiquity. Recent scholarship and discoveries have invigorated research on Jewish-Samaritan (and sometimes Christian) relations in Greco-Roman antiquity.
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9th Enoch Seminar. From tôrâh to Torah: Variegated Notions of Torah from the First Temple Period to Late Antiquity - 18-19-20-21-22-23/06/2017, Camaldoli (Italy)

MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017

Breakfast

9:00-10:30 1st session Hebrew Bible

11:00-12:30 2nd session Samaritan Pentateuch

CALL. 07.03.2017: [Panel 3 at [SBL Annual Meeting 2017](#)] Aramaic Studies - Boston (MA, USA)

FECHA LÍMITE/DEADLINE/SCADENZA: 07/03/2017

FECHA CONGRESO/CONGRESS DATE/DATA CONGRESSO: 18-19-20-21/11/2017

LUGAR/LOCATION/LUOGO: ([Boston, Ma, USA](#))

ORGANIZADOR/ORGANIZER/ORGANIZZATORE: Ute Possekel (Harvard University) Tawny Holm (Pennsylvania State University)

INFO: [web](#) - [call](#) - upossekel@verizon.net tholm@psu.edu

CALL: The Aramaic Studies Section of the Society of Biblical Literature invites papers on any aspect of Aramaic language, texts, and culture.

Topics may include Targumim, Qumran Aramaic texts, Syriac biblical versions and exegesis, Samaritan papyri, and Elephantine Aramaic, among others. In addition to one open session, we are planning three thematic sessions for 2017 and especially invite papers on these subjects. One thematic session will focus on the topic of language transfer and contact (the relationship of Aramaic to Greek, Iranian languages, etc.).

Future Publications

Samaritan Languages, Texts, and Traditions (to be published October 2017)

Ed. by Schorch, Stefan

ISBN: 978-3-11-032454-9 **Product Type:** Books **Format:** eBook (PDF)

Also available as Hardcover, Print/eBook, eBook (EPUB)

Volume III Leviticus (to be published August 2017)

Ed. by Schorch, Stefan

ISBN: 978-3-11-040410-4 **Product Type:** Books **Format:** eBook (PDF)

Also available as Hardcover, Print/eBook, eBook (EPUB)

Tibåt Mårqe, The Ark of Mårqe Edition, Translation, Commentary

Ed. by Tal, Abraham Approx. 700 pages; Language: English, Hebrew

Tibåt Mårqe is a collection of midrashic compositions, which, in the main, rewrites the Pentateuch, expanding its sometimes laconic presentation of events and precepts. Most of it aims at providing the reader with theological, didactic and philosophical teachings, artistically associated with the passages of the Torah. Here and there poetic pieces are embedded into its otherwise prosaic text. Tibåt Mårqe is attributed to the 4th century scholar, philosopher and poet, Mårqe.

This publication of Tibåt Mårqe follows the monumental Hebrew edition of Ze'ev Ben-Hayyim, Tibåt

Märqe, a Collection of Samaritan Midrashim (Jerusalem 1988), based on a 16th century manuscript. Though he recognized the precedence of an earlier manuscript, dated to the 14th century, Ben-Hayyim was compelled to prefer the former, given the fragmentary state of the latter. He printed its fragments in parallel with the younger one, to which his annotations and discussions chiefly pertain. With the recent discovery of a great portion of the missing parts of the 14th century manuscript, this edition endeavors to present the older form of the composition. The present book may be relevant to people interested in literature, language, religion, and Samaritan studies.

The Land Beyond: A Thousand Miles on Foot Through the Heart of the Middle East

Leon McCarron, I.B. Tauris & Co Ltd. Aug 29, 2017 [See article: [Exclusive extract from 2017 RGS Neville Shulman Challenge Award winner Leon McCarron's 'The Land Beyond'](#)]

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### **Of Interest**

#### **Revealed: 28 Dead Sea Scrolls fragments have been sold in the US and could be published within a year**

'Twenty eight new Dead Sea Scrolls fragments have been sold and are now sitting in three US institutions awaiting publication.'

'This fragment is at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. It preserves part of Deuteronomy 27:4-6, a passage in which the lord commands that an altar be built for him at Mount Gerizim. A preliminary study of the fragment was written and published online in 2010'



© courtesy Azusa Pacific University

Read the full article: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4375502/28-new-Dead-Sea-Scrolls-fragments-sold-US.html>

At the [Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting Saturday, April 1, 2017](#), Valencia College, Orlando, Florida, **Yara Asi, University of Central Florida** read the work, 'The Samaritans of the West Bank: well-being, Citizenship, and Politics on Mount Gerizim.'

#### **THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM ISRAEL INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

From Creation to Sinai: Jewish, Christian, and Quranic Traditions in Interaction March 5-8, 2017

Samaritan and Christian Exegesis of Genesis Chair: **Adiel Schremer (Bar-Ilan University)**

Concepts of Creation in the Early Samaritan Liturgical Poetry: **Stefan Schorch (Martin Luther Universität Halle Wittenberg)**

[Paradigm Change in Pentateuchal Research](#): **John Bergsma, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, USA** A (Samaritan) Pentateuch? The Implications of the Pro-Northern Tendency of the Completed Torah

(2144) Még egy zsidó templom <https://www.antalffy-tibor.hu/?p=5917>

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Links

Tens of thousands celebrate Pesach in Samaria, ‘The most popular tourist sites were the National Park on Mount Gerizim, the ancient Samaria National Park, and the State Terrace Festival.’

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/228078>

[Samiri Yahudileri Hamursuz Bayramı'nı kutladı](#)

[Pesah / Na svetoj planini počelo obilježavanje najvećeg jevrejskog praznika](#)

[Die Samaritaner schlachten noch Pessachlämmer Blutige Erinnerung](#)

Diferenças entre sinagogas samaritanas e judaicas

by **Ariel Haddad** | mar 28, 2017 | Arqueologia, Ciência, Judaísmo, Samaritanismo
<https://www.portaldatoria.com.br/diferencias-entre-sinagogas-samaritanas-e-judaicas/>

[Samaritans attend traditional Passover sacrifice near West Bank](#) by Xinhua/Fadi Arouri

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