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Sunday, 2 November

14:00–14:45 **Welcome to the participants by the volume editors**
Carol Bakhos (Univ. of California, Los Angeles)
Gerhard Langer (Univ. of Vienna)

Introduction to the international multilingual project "The Bible and Women" and aim of conference by the general editors

Irmtraud Fischer (Univ. of Graz)
Adriana Valerio (Univ. of Naples)
Mercedes Navarro-Puerto (Madrid)

Public lectures

15:00–16:30 **Sarah and Hagar**
Carol Bakhos (Univ. of California, Los Angeles)

**Judith – The Killing Beauty.
Transformation of Judith's Character and her Story
since the Middle Ages**
Dagmar Börner-Klein (Univ. of Düsseldorf)

16:30–19:00 *Vegetarian reception with kosher wine*

Monday, 3 November

9:00–10:30 **The complexity of a female figure – Job's wife in the literature related to the Book of Job**
Anna Wojnarska (Cardinal Wyszyński University Warsaw)

Female presence in mourning customs as represented in Medieval Jewish book art
Katrin Kogman-Appel (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

Discussion and coffee break

11:00–12:30 **"She sees that her trading is profitable" – "Eshet Chayil" and Jewish Business Women in late medieval Ashkenaz**
Martha Keil (Institute for Jewish Studies in Austria, St. Pölten)

Apparitions of Rachel the Matriarch
Evyatar Marienberg (Univ. of North Carolina)

Discussion

15:00–16:30 **Biblical Women in Hebrew Poetry in Medieval Iberia**
Aurora Salvatierra (Univ. Granada)

Peculiarities in the Representation and Function of the Matriach Sarah in Ma'asebukh (Mayse-bukh, 1602) and in Tse'enah ure'enah (Tsene-Rene, 1616)
Armin Eidherr (Univ. of Salzburg)

Discussion

Tuesday, 4 November

9:00–10:30 **Biblical Women in Medieval Commentaries**
Gerhard Langer (Univ. of Vienna)

Biblical Women in Piyyut and Piyyut Commentary
Elisabeth Hollender (Univ. of Frankfurt)

Discussion and coffee break

11:00–12:30 *Discussion: Towards a volume on the Jewish Middle Ages and the Modern Times*

12:30–14:00 *Farewell and lunch
Discussion*