

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel invites you to

The Friday Morning Seminar

The New Testament in the Talmud

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Friday, 22 January 2016, 10 – 11:30 A.M.

At the Ratisbonne Institute, Fr. Josef Stiasny Hall, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26

This seminar will study texts from the Talmud which provide close links to verses known from the New Testament. In particular, Professor Yuval will present a passage from the Talmud Bavli, Tractate Shabbat 116:1-2 which, he concluded is a reference to a quotation found in the Gospel of Matthew. Scholars today discuss possible allusions to the New Testament in the Talmud depending partly on tacitly assuming that rabbis of that period were preoccupied with Christian texts. The academic debate knows maximalist views (Herford) that see reflections of interrelations between Jews and Christians in many Talmud passages, and minimalist views (Lauterbach) that discover few references. However, in the history of the Talmud various degrees of communication existed between Jews and Christians at certain places in certain periods. The discussion and evaluation of such meeting points is of interest.

We are grateful to Professor Yuval for this follow-up study meeting which derived from a lively discussion after his lecture on the reading of martyrdom in medieval Jewish texts at the Fraternity's lecture series on martyrdom in November 2015.

The next lecture in the series will be on 25 February, at the Studium Theologicum Salesianum, given by Fr. Doan Song Nguyen, SJ.

Yours Fraternally,
Rev. Dr. Petra Heldt
ETRFI General Secretary

The following lectures in this series are on 31 March, 21 April.