

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, in cooperation with the Christian Centre for Jewish Studies - Ratisbonne (CCEJ-Ratisbonne), invites you to

The Friday Morning Seminar

**Mishnah and LXX as Mystery:
An Example of Jewish-Christian Polemic in the
Byzantine Period**

**Prof. Dr. Marc Bregman
Bernard Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies
University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Friday, 04 March 2016, 10 – 11:30 A.M.

At CCEJ-Ratisbonne, Fr. Josef Stiasny Hall, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26

This seminar continues the Fraternity's Jewish Studies Series, in cooperation with the CCEJ-Ratisbonne, on examining texts from the Jewish tradition in view of Christian contexts.

The presentation will explore a Rabbinic-Patristic debate from the Byzantine Period about whether it is the Jews or the Christians who possess God's "mystery". According to the Jewish position this divine teaching is preserved in the Oral Torah, handed down by word of mouth from the time of Moses to his Rabbinic successors. While according to the Christian position, this secret revelation is incorporated in the Septuagint, which became the "Bible of the Gentiles". Both sides of the debate presuppose that whoever processes this divine mystery may claim to be the "true Israel".

We are grateful to Professor Bregman, a – long-standing friend of the Fraternity for teaching this class.

All are welcome.

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