

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel invites you to the First Lecture in its 2015-16 series "Contemporary Perspectives on Martyrs in Judaism and Christianity"

**Lenin: "The More Clergy We Shoot The Better"  
Russian New Martyrs and Christian Persecutions in  
Communist Regimes (1917- 90)**

**Dr. Alexander Zanemonets**

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**Thursday, 22 October 2015 at 8:00 P.M.**

**At the STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM SALESIANUM, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26**

In 2014, a Pew Research Study documented the immeasurable extent of Christian persecution in modern times. That reality, sadly, has a firm point amongst the Russian Orthodox Faithful during the Soviet period (1917 to 1990). Since 1981, the Russian Orthodox Church is establishing the canonization of the *New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia* of the Communist period. The list of martyrs commenced with the murder in 1918 of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev and continues to the martyrdom of Fr. Alexander Menn in 1990. The Russian Church celebrates the Feast of the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia on the Sunday nearest to January 25th / February 7<sup>th</sup>, the date of Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev's martyrdom, "the first Hieromartyr of the Bolshevik Yoke." The lecture will analyze actions and reactions of perpetrators, victims, and the church in that period.

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel thanks the Studium Theologicum Salesianum for kindly hosting the event.

Please join us for light refreshments from 7.30 P.M.

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

The next lectures in this series are on 19 November, 17 December, 21 January, 25 February, 31 March, 21 April.

The lecture on 19 November by Prof. Israel Yuval will be on "From Sanctity to Martyrdom. The Legend of Rabbi Amnon of Mainz."