

INVITATION TO THE SECOND LECTURE IN THE 2015-16 SERIES "CONTEMPORARY  
PERSPECTIVES ON MARTYRS IN JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY."

## From Sanctity to Martyrdom: The Legend of Rabbi Amnon of Mayence

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Thursday, 19 November 2015 at 8.00 P.M.

At the STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM SALESIANUM, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26

The learned Rabbi Amnon of Mayence (c. 1020), according to Rabbi Yitzchak of Vienna (1189-1250), is known to be the author of a central prayer in Ashkenaz Rosh Hashanah celebrations, *UnetanehTokef Kedushat Hayom* (*Let us relate the power of this day's holiness*). The *piyyut*, so the story goes, developed under the Rabbi's torment and extreme pain at times of oppression: *Not the kingship of the governor, not that of the king, and not that of the kaiser. Sanctity is the kingship!*

Professor Yuval is known for his extensive research into Jewish communities in Ashkenaz in the Middle Ages and in Christian-Jewish polemics. The Medievalist will show beyond the obvious how Jewish behavior in the Middle Ages had its own life, and how an after-life of such an event could develop.

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 Fraternally,  
Rev Dr Petra Heldt  
ETRFI General Secretary

NB. The next lectures in this series are on 17 December, 21 January, 25 February, 31 March, 21 April. The lecture on 17 December will be given by Prof. Lorenzo Perrone.