

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel invites you to the First Lecture in the 2018-2019 research lecture series,

**“Time's Up: Eschatology Then and Now”**

## **The Jewish Tradition of Messianic Peroration**

**Prof. Dr. Marc Bregman**

**Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 8:00 P.M.**

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

The lecture introduces, in the words of Professor Marc Bregman, *the Jewish tradition of concluding on a positive note which extends from Biblical to modern times as exemplified by the last verse of Hebrew Scripture (2Chronicles 36:23) and the on-going custom of ending the annual Passover Seder with the exclamation “Next Year in [Rebuilt] Jerusalem.” Many of the Prophetic Readings [Haftarot], which conclude the recitation of Scripture in the synagogue, have a markedly messianic theme. Similarly, a number of concluding passages in the Mishnah refer to the World to Come. Most significantly, rabbinic sermons given in the ancient synagogue typically concluded with a “messianic peroration.” This homiletical tradition will provide the primary focus of the Power Point presentation.*

Professor Bregman was the Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies and the Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. His book in Hebrew, *The Tanhuma-Yelammedenu Literature: Studies in the Evolution of the Versions* (Gorgias Press, 2003), has been hailed as “undoubtedly the best research ever done about the most complicated issue in the study of rabbinic literature.” Dr. Bregman’s long list of publications (cf. <https://hcommons.org/members/marcbregman2017/>) entails an article at the Fraternity’s own *Immanuel* (“Joseph Heinemann’s Studies on the Aggadah,” *Immanuel* 9 (1979), 58-62). It shows the longstanding collaboration between the Fraternity and Professor Bregman.

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

**The next lectures in the series will be 13/12/2018, 24/01/2019; 28/02; 28/03; 02/05; Retreat: 31/05.**