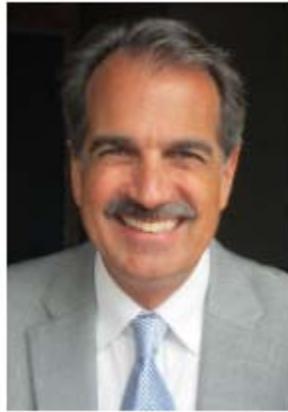




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Gary A. Rendsburg

Upcoming Lectures June 2021

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Dear all,

Gary will be presenting three lectures in the weeks ahead:

Lecture #1 – June 9th:

“The Dead Sea Scrolls: And Why They Matter”

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (EDT)

Smithsonian Associates (Washington, D.C.)

<https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/dead-sea-scrolls-why-they-matter>

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In this illustrated lecture, we will explore details of the discovery of these precious documents, what they tell us about their authors and the time period in which they were created, the controversies surrounding them, and their influence on the development of both ancient Judaism and early Christianity.

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Why They Matter

Evening Lecture/Seminar

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Dead Sea Scrolls scholar Gary Rendsburg describes the discovery of these precious fragments, what we know about their origins, the controversies surrounding them, and their influence on the development of both ancient Judaism and early Christianity.

Rendsburg serves as the Blanche and Irving Laurie professor of Jewish history at Rutgers University.



Temple Scroll, column 23, one of the longest of the Dead Sea Scrolls, 2nd century B.C.; The Israel Museum

Lecture #2 — June 14th:

“Who Wrote the Bible”

One Day University (New York, NY)

Monday, June 14, 4:00 p.m. (EDT)

<https://www.onedayu.com/live-stream-event-schedule/>

<https://www.onedayu.com/watch/?v=554294>

The Jewish Bible is an anthology of sacred texts written by the ancient Israelite literati, spanning about one thousand years of literary productivity, from c. 1150 B.C.E. to c. 150 B.C.E. And yet with the exception of the names of the prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, et al.), the works are all anonymous. Who wrote these books? Who wrote Genesis? And when? And why? And ditto for Exodus, and the same for Joshua, and for Samuel, and on it goes.

Fortunately, the authors left clues within their narratives which provide us with leads. That’s right, somewhat like a detective story, as we build upon these clues to produce a credible reconstruction of how and why and when these ancient authors set pen to papyrus to produce the exquisite literature which one day would emerge as the Jewish Bible (= Christian Old Testament).

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Lecture #3 — June 21st:

“Jews in Medieval England”

Staten Island Jewish Community Center (SIJCC) (Staten Island, NY)

Monday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. (EDT)

Details and registration link here: (search under Rendsburg)

<https://www.sijcc.org/j-at-home/j-at-home-stay-connected-632021>

Jews first arrived in England upon the invitation of William the Conqueror, soon after 1066. For the next 200-plus years, they both prospered and endured harsh treatment under the realm of Christendom. This lecture will survey both ends of the spectrum. Among the former highlights is evidence for the sale of land by Jacob the Jew to Walter de Merton for the establishment of Merton College, Oxford – that’s right, without this transaction more than 750 years ago there would be no *The Lord of the Rings*; okay, a bit of an overstatement, but you get the point, hopefully. Among the latter lowlights is the evidence for the first blood libel in Norwich in 1144, the massacre at York in 1190, and eventually the expulsion of the Jews under Edward I in 1290. Even after the expulsion, however, the English knowledge of Jews, Judaism, and Hebrew persisted, culminating in the Renaissance and the Reformation, a topic we also shall explore.

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Monday, April 26, 7pm

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Monday, May 24, 7pm

Jews in Medieval England
Monday, June 21, 7pm



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SIJCC.org

Upcoming talks in July:

“The Greatest Bible Ever Written: Kennicott no. 1, La Coruña, Spain, 1476”

Flint Institute of Arts

July 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. (EDT)

<https://flintarts.org/> (registration not available yet)

“England as the Custodian of the Jewish Past”

Smithsonian Associates

July 17, 2021 – all-day Saturday program

<https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/england-custodian-of-jewish-past>



Cycling on the Minuteman Bikeway (Bedford, MA, to Cambridge, MA) in 2016: <http://minutemanbikeway.org>

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MOST RECENT BOOK (April 2019)
[How the Bible Is Written](#) (Hendrickson)§