Gary A. Rendsburg

Upcoming All-day Program

“In Search of Ancient Israel”

Saturday, February 3, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (EST)

Sponsored by Smithsonian Associates via Zoom
Friday, January 19, 2024

Dear Friends,

Please join us for the upcoming all-day program, “In Search of Ancient Israel,” sponsored by Smithsonian Associates.

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10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
via Zoom

Details and registration here:
https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/search-of-ancient-israel

The program consists of four lectures, with the following schedule:

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.   “In Search of Israel’s Origins”
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.   Short Break
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.   “In Search of David and Solomon”
12:45 – 1:15 p.m.   Lunch Break
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.   “In Search of Israel and Judah”
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.   Short Break
2:45 – 4:00 p.m.   “In Search of God”
As you can see, each of the lectures lasts 1 hour 15 mins, which means there will be plenty of time for Q&A throughout the day.

In Search of Ancient Israel
Gary A. Rendsburg
Rutgers University
February 3, 2024

We will send another email blast in mid-February to announce additional upcoming lectures, but if you wish to mark your calendars already, kindly note the following:
“Where is Abraham’s Ur”
as the keynote lecture for the Biblical Archaeology Society,
Spring 2024 Bible Fest
Saturday, February 24, 2024
10:00 a.m. (EST)
via Zoom

“The Great Decipherments”
A 3-part lecture series for the Princeton Adult School (about Egyptian hieroglyphics, Babylonian cuneiform, and the ancient alphabet)
Tuesdays, February 27, March 5, March 12, 2024
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (EST)
via Zoom
https://www.ssreg.com/princeton/classes/results.asp?string=rendsburg

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January means the start of another semester at Rutgers University, with two course offerings this term:

- The Dead Sea Scrolls
- Jewish History (Ancient and Medieval)

Both courses are part of my regular fare, but it matters not, as I am energized every time I step into the classroom to teach these courses or any of my course offerings for that matter. It is always wonderful to engage with my excellent Rutgers University students!
I also take the opportunity to share with you two recent publications.

The first article is a fun one, entitled “The Original Wordle,” in which I analyze an ancient Ugaritic text as something akin to Wordle, though with a bilingual addition. Enjoy! (whether you play Wordle or not)

https://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/docman/rendsburg/984-tc-the-original-wordle

The second one is a co-authored article, with a detailed analysis of a complete 17th-century Torah scroll housed at Fisher Library of the University of Sydney. Our team of six researchers (on three continents) thoroughly enjoyed the collaboration.
A COMPLETE OLD TORAH SCROLL  
(NICHOLSON MS. 37)  
HELD AT FISHER LIBRARY,  
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY  

Gary A. Rendsburg, Rutgers University  
Marc Michaels, University of Cambridge  
Ian Young, University of Sydney  
Julie Sommerfeldt, University of Sydney  
Vladimir Levchenko, ANSTO, Sydney  
Linda Barry, ANSTO, Sydney  

If you are interested in exploring my publications dating back to 1980, see my Publications page here:  
https://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/people/core-faculty/gary-a-rendsburg/gary-a-rendsburg  

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MOST RECENT BOOK

(April 2019)

How the Bible Is Written

(Hendrickson)