

Invitation

The Girona International Research Workshop 2024

Kabbalah of Catalonia

May 6 – 7 – 8



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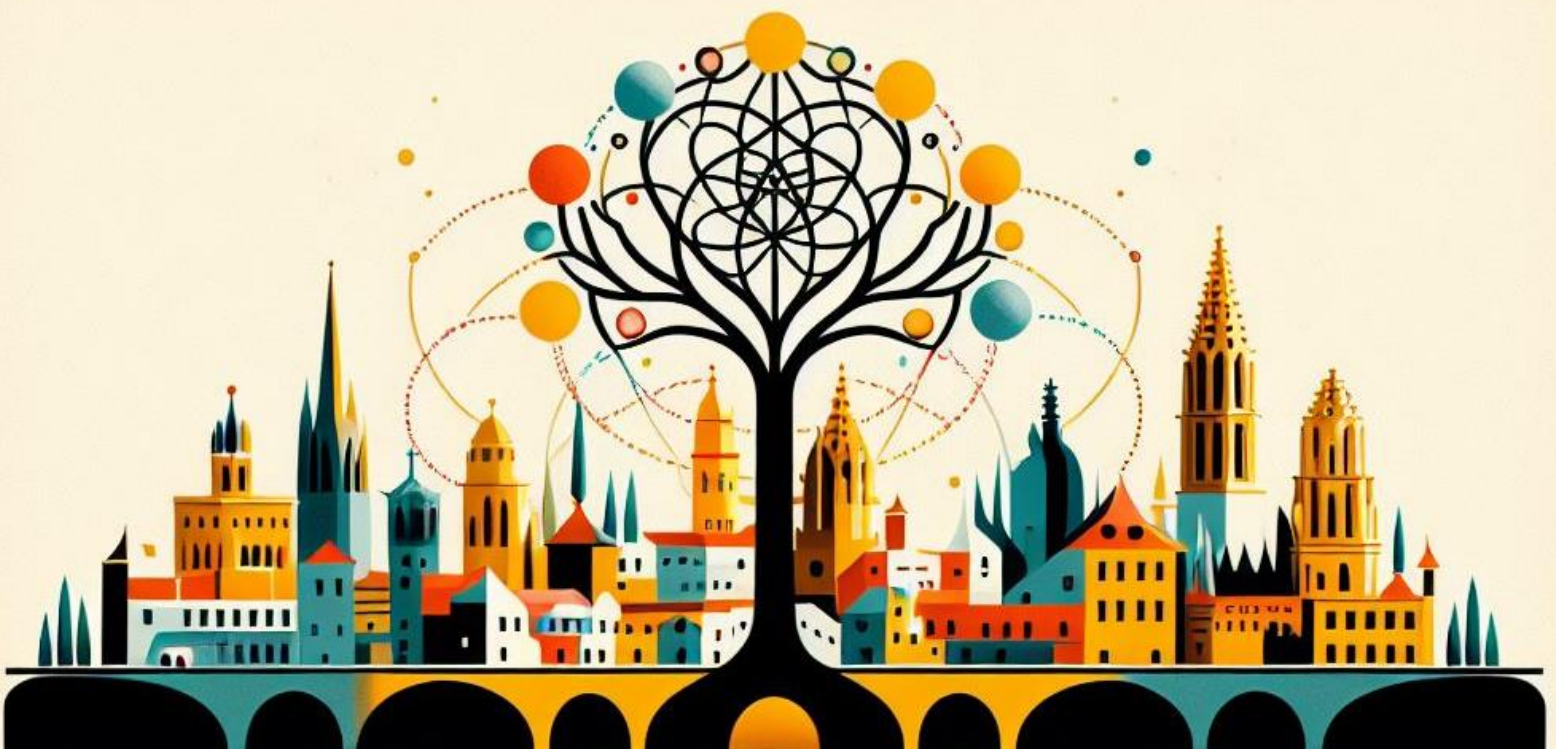
The Instituto de Estudios Judíos Barcelona (EJB), in collaboration with the Universitat de Girona, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, and Paideia - European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, is pleased to invite you to **Girona International Research Workshop on the Kabbalah of Catalonia**, scheduled to take place from May 6 to May 8, 2024.

The Girona workshop program consists of two parts:

1. **“Open to the Public”** Program that includes a series of lectures by leading scholars in the field of Kabbalah: Prof. Haviva Pedaya and Prof. Manuel Forcano (English / Catalan).
2. **“Students & Researchers”** comprehensive Program that also includes: a presentation of promising contemporary Kabbalah research, by the 9 selected workshop fellows, a Masterclass by Prof. Haviva Pedaya, and guided visits to Girona's Jewish quarter and the museum of Jewish history (English).

View the program schedule below, and register soon!

*The number of seats is limited



Open to the Public Program

Monday, May 6 / Hall: Universidad de Girona, Facultat de Lletres, Pl. Ferrater Mora, 1

English	16.00 – 16.30	Reception & Registration
	16.30 – 17.00	Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Ze`ev Maor, Instituto de Estudios Judíos, Barcelona▪ Prof. Silvia Planas, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, Girona▪ Prof. Joan Vergés, Càtedra Ferrater Mora, Universidad de Girona▪ Dr. Lukasz Gorniok, Paideia - European Institute for Jewish Studies
	17.00 – 17.30	Opening Lecture: The Kabbalah of Catalonia and contemporary Catalan identity <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Roger Ferran, PHD candidate, Universitat de Barcelona, UB
Catalan	18.00 – 20.00	Public Course: Què és la Càbala jueva? Session 1: La Càbala, definicions i nocions bàsiques <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Manuel Forcano, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, Girona

Tuesday, May 7 / Hall: Universidad de Girona, Facultat de Lletres, Pl. Ferrater Mora, 1

Catalan	18.00 – 20.00	Public Course: Què és la Càbala jueva? Session 2: L'antiga mística jueva, un camí vers la Càbala <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Manuel Forcano, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, Girona
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Wednesday, May 8 / Hall: Universidad de Girona, Facultat de Lletres, Pl. Ferrater Mora, 1

English	16.00 – 16.30	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noelia Bernardez, Instituto de Estudios Judíos, Barcelona▪ Prof. Silvia Planas, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, Girona
	16.30 – 17.00	A Concert presentation: Names of Emanation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Artist: Marcelo Schnock
	17.00 – 18.00	Closing Lecture: Nahmanides and the Zohar circle <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Haviva Pedaya, J. R Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardi Heritage, Ben Gurion University
Catalan	18.00 – 20.00	Public Course: Què és la Càbala jueva? Session 3: La Càbala al llarg dels segles, recorregut històric <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Manuel Forcano, Institut d'Estudis Nahmànides, Girona

Participation in the Open to the Public Program requires pre-registration and a fee of 20€
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Tuesday, May 7

Researchers & Students / Hall: Institut Nachmanides, Carrer de la Força 8

English	Research presentations / Moderator: Dr. Peter Lanchidi, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)	
	10.00 – 10.30	The Kabbalistic Tree and Freemasonry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Peter Lanchidi Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)
	10.30 – 11.00	Ein Sof in Azriel of Girona's Sha'ar ha-Sho'el and Cohen de Herrera's Puerta del Cielo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Miquel Beltrán Munar, University of the Balearic Islands
	11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
	11.30 – 12.00	The transmission of Catalan Kabbalah in Peninsular Humanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irene Gómez Valverde - PhD Candidate, University of Barcelona (UB)
	12.00 – 12.30	Baal ha-Turim Gematrical Commentary and Goldberg's "Torah as Numerical System" Idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Aryeh Yosef Krawczyk, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw (JHI)
	12:30 – 13.00	Coffee break
	13:00 – 14.00	Feedback, Q&A
	16.00 – 17.30	Researchers Masterclass Prefiguration and pictografy in Nahmanides thought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Haviva Pedaya, J. R Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardi Heritage (BGU)
	17.30 – 17.45	Coffee break
	17.45 – 18.00	On Paideia - Jewish studies in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Lukasz Gorniok, Paideia - European Institute for Jewish Studies
	18.00 – 21.00	Call de Girona: Girona's Jewish quarter and the museum of Jewish history (tour)

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10.00 – 10.30	From Catalonia to Safed: Moshe b. Nachman in Lurianic Kabbalistic Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none">Avinoam J Stillman - PhD Candidate, Freie Universität Berlin
10.30 – 11.00	From Early Kabbalah to “The Last Jewish Sufi”: The Spanish Exceptionalism of Ariel Bension <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sasha Prevost - PhD Candidate, Cornell University
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	The Kabbalah of the Ethical Epistle of Nahmanides <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Leor Jacobi, Bar-Ilan University
12.00 – 12.30	Contemporary refractions of a mystical ideal? On Ayin or nothingness today <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jordan Spencer Jacobs, PhD Candidate, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
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*For registered students of the Institute for Jewish Studies Barcelona ("Beit Midrash for Jewish Thought" and the "LABA Barcelona" fellowship program) and for students enroll at the Universitat de Girona, participation is free of charge.

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