Announcing the David R. Blumenthal Prize in Medieval Jewish Studies

Brill, the international scholarly publisher, announces The David R. Blumenthal Prize in Medieval Jewish Studies. The David Blumenthal Prize in Medieval Jewish Studies selection committee is soliciting book-length manuscripts in Jewish Studies that utilize historical, literary, and philological methods for the study of Jewish life in the Islamic world as well as medieval Jewish Studies generally.

Named for the eminent scholar David R. Blumenthal of Emory University, long-time editor of the Études sur le judaïsme médiéval (EJM) series at Brill, the prize-winning manuscript will be published in the EJM series. The prize winner will also receive $500 cash and $500 in book credits from Brill. Brill particularly encourages junior scholars to submit manuscripts for this prize; nominations for the prize may be submitted by scholars on their own behalf.

To be considered for the prize, complete manuscripts must be submitted by 1 June 2022 to Brill’s Associate Editor, Emma de Looij at Emma.deLooij@brill.com. The winner of the prize will be announced at the Association of Jewish Studies meeting in December 2022.
The **Ma'asé-Ester** A Judeo-Provençal poem about Queen Esther
*A Critical Edition with Commentary*

**Erica Baricci**, Milan University


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Composition Analysis of Writing Materials in Cairo Genizah Documents
*Cambridge Genizah Studies Series, Volume 15*

**Zina Cohen**, University of Hamburg

Through the application of scientific methods of analysis to a corpus of medieval manuscripts found in the Cairo Genizah, this work aims to gain a better understanding of the writing materials used by Jewish communities at that time, shedding new light not only on the production of manuscripts in the Middle Ages, but also on the life of those Jewish communities.


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A Philosopher of Scripture
*The Exegesis and Thought of Tanḥum ha-Yerushalmi*

**Raphael Dascalu**, Monash University

*Winner of the 2018 Blumenthal Prize*

In *A Philosopher of Scripture: The Exegesis and Thought of Tanḥum ha-Yerushalmi*, Raphael Dascalu presents a detailed intellectual portrait of Tanḥum ha-Yerushalmi (d. 1291, Egypt) – a Jewish philosopher and mystic, linguist and philologist, and a biblical exegete of singular breadth.


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Joseph Ibn Kaspi
*Portrait of a Hebrew Philosopher in Medieval Provence*

**Adrian Sackson**, Tel Aviv University

*Winner of the 2016 Blumenthal Prize*

Joseph Ibn Kaspi was a prolific writer in one of the most productive periods in the history of Jewish philosophy. *Joseph Ibn Kaspi: Portrait of a Hebrew Philosopher in Medieval Provence* investigates his overarching intellectual project and important themes in his writings.