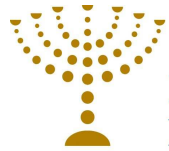


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## May 23–June 6, 2013

### Thursday, May 23 (Židovské muzeum, Oddělení pro vzdělávání a kulturu)

**6pm Stephen Burnett** (University of Nebraska – Lincoln): „Christian Hebraism: an improbable early modern success story” (Křesťanský hebraismus: raně moderní úspěch, který nikdo nečekal)

### Monday, May 27 (Faculty of Arts – Filozofická fakulta UK, Palachovo nám. 2)

**9:00 OFFICIAL OPENING**

#### I. David Gans as a Prague Jewish Historian /presided by Louise Hecht, Palacky University in Olomouc

**9:30 Rachel Greenblatt** (Harvard University): “Local Prague history in *Tsemah David* – Selected Topics”

**10:00 Joseph M. Davis** (Gratz College): “David Gans and Habsburg Loyalism”

(coffee break)

**10:45 Abraham David** (Hebrew University, Israel): “16<sup>th</sup> Century General Historiography in the book *Tsemah David*”

**11:15 Carsten Wilke** (Central European University in Budapest): “Sephardi and Ashkenazi Conceptions of World History: From *Shalshet ha-Kabbalah* (1587) to *Tsemah David* (1592)”

**11:45 Martin J. Wein** (Hebrew University): “Prague’s Ghetto at the time of David Gans: A Bridge or an Island?”

#### II. Printing *Tsemah David*/presided by Daniel Boušek, Charles University in Prague

**2:00 Elchanan Reiner** (Tel Aviv University): [Title to be specified]

**2:30 Olga Sixtová** (Jewish Museum in Prague): “The Early Imprints of David Gans’s Works: The Prague Context”

(coffee break)

**3:15 Pavel Sládek** (Charles University in Prague): “Messianism in *Tsemah David*: The Message of the Paratexts”

**3:45 David Sclar** (City University of New York): “Printing of *Tsemah David*: 1592–1863”

**Tuesday, May 28 (Faculty of Arts – Filozofická fakulta UK, Palachovo nám. 2)**

**III. Gans as a Scientist /presided by Martin Borýsek, University of Cambridge**

**9:00 Y. Tzvi Langermann** (Bar-Ilan University): The Naturalization of Science in the Thought of the Maharal of Prague

**9:30 Abraham Melamed** (University of Haifa): „Between Ancients and Moderns – Gans’s Ambivalent Attitude towards Scientific Progress“

(coffee break)

**10:15 Jeremy Brown** (George Washington University): “Pick your battles carefully”: David Gans on scientific discoveries

**10:45 Sacha Stern** (London University College): “David Gans’ Contribution to the Modern Study of the Jewish Calendar”

**IV. Key-note lecture/presided by Milan Žonca, Queen Mary, University of London:**

**6:00 Joanna Weinberg** (University of Oxford): [Title to be specified]

**Wednesday, May 29 (Faculty of Arts – Filozofická fakulta UK, Palachovo nám. 2)**

**V. The Sources and Reception of David Gans’ Works/presided by Carsten Schliwski, Universität zu Köln**

**9:00 Stephen Burnett** (University of Nebraska – Lincoln): „Christian Hebraism in Czech lands during the Sixteenth Century”

**9:30 Daniel Lasker** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev): “On the Karaite Reception of *Tsemah Tsedeq*”

(coffee break)

**10:15 Tamas Visi** (Palacky University in Olomouc): "The Brno manuscript of *Nehmad ve-naim*"

**10:45 Gad Freudenthal** (Université de Genève): “Jessnitz Anno 1743: Contextualizing the Printing of *Nehmad we-Na'im*”

**11:15 Maoz Kahana** (Hebrew University): “Transforming Knowledge: the Role of the *Tsemah David* in 18th–19th Century Rabbinic Literature”

(coffee break)

**VI. Closing remarks:**

**12:00 Jiřina Šedinová** (Charles University in Prague): “Translating *Tsemah David* to Czech and English”

**Thursday, June 6 (Židovské muzeum, Oddělení pro vzdělávání a kulturu)**

**6pm Jiřina Šedinová** (Charles University in Prague): “Čtení z českého překladu Gansovy kroniky *Ratolest Davidova*”