CALL FOR PAPERS

Language permeates everything we do. It is the medium of scholarship, literature and song as well as shopping lists and instant messages. Language shapes culture at the same time as being shaped by it.

This conference will examine the interplay between Jewish languages – including the different strata of Hebrew - from Biblical to Modern, Jewish hybrid languages, and their social and cultural milieux.

We encourage scholars to bring their most original thinking and to put forward new interpretations of the theme. Hence the following list is by no means exhaustive though papers of interest may touch upon one or more of the following areas:

- Jewish scholarship from Biblical times onwards
- Religious, educational, social, or political contexts
- Development of identity
- Preservation of culture
- Artistic expression
- Gender
- Relationship to the languages of the ‘other’
- Impact on non-Jewish culture and philosophy
- Symbolism and psychological significance

Of interest would also be papers on the growth and development of Hebrew and Jewish languages, e.g.:

- The study and teaching of Jewish languages
- Development of Hebrew in modern Israel
- The development of language(s) in response to social and political conditions.
**Submissions to present papers**

Submissions to present papers must be made by 10th September 2012. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email no later than October 2012.

Submissions must include
- author's name,
- postal and email address,
- institutional affiliation,
- abstract of the paper to be presented and
- short biographical note.

The abstract must be 200-300 words and the biographical note no more than 50 words.

The AAJS encourages students who are engaged in academic research to submit proposals based on their work to the conference committee. Authors should clearly indicate their student status on their submission.

Presenters are also invited to submit written articles for consideration for publication in the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*.

Submissions should be sent electronically to
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