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MARTHA SHARP JOUKOWSKY LECTURESHIP

“New Light on the Period of the Maccabees: Excavations at Tel Kedesh ”

Date: March 22, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Scarsdale Public Library, 50 Olmsted Road, Scarsdale, 914-722-1300

Speaker: Dr. Andrea Berlin, University of Minnesota

Since 1997, the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota have conducted excavations at Tel Kedesh, the largest tel site in Israel’s Upper Galilee. Literary sources identify the inhabitants as Phoenician, and suggest that the site was



Dr. Andrea Berlin

a simple farming town. Two third century BCE papyri record an Egyptian official’s visit to purchase flour and take a bath. I Maccabees cites a battle between Jonathan the Hasmonean and Demetrius II in 145 BCE. that ended at Kedesh, on account of which the town’s Phoenician inhabitants fled. Josephus identifies Kedesh as an outpost of the Phoenician city of Tyre in 66 CE, when the Jewish Revolt against Rome began and also notes that the site served as an encampment for the Roman general Titus. The Michigan-Minnesota project was conceived in order to investigate rural Phoenician life in the Hellenistic period, and especially the inhabitants’ interactions with neighboring Jewish towns. In the first season, we excavated a house with intact pots, weights, mortars, and other domestic objects on the floor. The house appeared to have been hastily abandoned, and preliminary dating suggested that this occurred close to the time of the battle between Jonathan and Demetrius. A subsequent magnetometric survey revealed the outlines of a single enormous building at the far southern end. Excavation

in the summer of 1999 confirmed that this was a single construction, which served as an administrative supply depot and international archive. We found a storeroom with 14 large jars for grain. In the room next to this we found a deposit of about 20 oil flasks and — most amazing — almost 2000 stamped clay bullae. The bullae carry images of Seleucid kings, Greek deities and mythological figures, and Phoenician officials. The entire complex was damaged and abandoned in the middle of the second century BCE, confirming the preliminary dating suggested by the abandonment of the house. The discovery of this large complex undermines our initial characterization of the site as a simple farming town, and provides new evidence concerning political and social interactions between Jews, Phoenicians, and Greeks in second century BCE Palestine.

Dr. Andrea Berlin is the Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Archaeology in the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Minnesota. She specializes in the archaeology of the Hellenistic and Roman Near East. Dr. Berlin received her PhD from the University of Michigan in Classical Art and Archaeology and taught at various universities before joining Minnesota in 1997. Her work has taken her to Turkey (Troy), Cyprus (Nicosia), Egypt (Coptos), and Israel.

Lectures are free to AIA Westchester Society members. A donation of \$5 from non-members is welcome.

The NYU Center for Ancient Studies and the Department of Classics present
THE GREEK HISTORIANS AND THE INTELLECTUAL WORLD OF ROME:

Josephus and his “Colleagues”

Jonathan Price, Professor of Classics and Ancient History, Tel Aviv University

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Classics Seminar Room, Room 503
Silver Center

32 Waverly Place or 31 Washington Place (wheelchair access)

GOLD GLASS THROUGH THE AGES

Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2009

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Place: Institute for the Studies of the Ancient World
15 East 84th Street, New York

RSVP: isawevents@nyu.edu

A Roundtable to be held at The Institute for the Study of the Ancient World in conjunction with the current exhibition of an Early Byzantine Gold Glass Panel from Caesarea, Israel, on display in the Mary and Michael Jaharis Galleries of Byzantine Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Christopher Lightfoot (previously spoke to the Westchester Society) The Metropolitan Museum of Art Associate Curator, the Greek and Roman Department **GOLD GLASS AT THE MET: From Classical to Christian Times**

Yael Gorin-Rosen Head of Ancient Glass Israel Antiquities Authority

BYZANTINE GOLD-GLASS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Dr. David Whitehouse (previously spoke to the Westchester Society) Director, Corning Museum of Glass,

EARLY ISLAMIC GOLD GLASSES

MODERATOR: *Dr. Helen C. Evans*

Mary and Michael Jaharis Curator of Byzantine Art The Metropolitan Museum of Art

After the roundtable, participants can go to the Metropolitan Museum for further discussion of the Gold Glass Panel.

On Sunday March 29 at 3:00 p.m., *Yael Gorin-Rosen* will give a presentation on “ANCIENT GLASS IN THE HOLY LAND”. Both events free with Museum admission.

The Center for Ancient Studies and the Department of Classics present

DEMOCRATS VS REPUBLICANS — ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN STYLE

Date: March 30, 2009

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Jurow Lecture Hall, Room 101A, Silver Center for Arts and Science
32 Waverly Place or 31 Washington Place (wheelchair access)

Paul Cartledge Hellenic Parliament Global Distinguished Professor in the History and Theory of Democracy

Janet Coleman Hellenic Parliament Global Distinguished Professor in the History and Theory of Democracy

MODERATORS: *J. Connolly*, Associate Professor of Classics and *Andrew Monson*, Assistant Professor of Classics

Two Lectures Presented by IHARE

WHEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS WERE ALLIES

Date: March 28, 2009

Time: 2:30 PM

Place: Dobbs Ferry Library, 55 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, 914-693-6614

THE ORIGIN OF ISRAEL: AN EGYPTIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL STORY

Date: April 5, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Hastings Library, Maple Avenue, Hastings-on Hudson, 914-478-1663

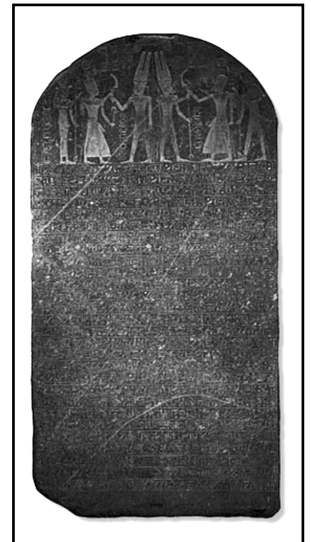
Speaker: Dr. Peter Feinman



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These talks examine the archaeological evidence regarding the origins of both Israel and the Arabs and their relationship with each other. They are based on a presentation made last year at Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Pathways to Peace Conference and will be published in a single chapter as part of the conference proceedings. The archaeological evidence consists of texts primarily from Egypt and Assyria. Even though much of this information was discovered in the 19th century, these discoveries are much less well known than many other discoveries. Political leaders also seem unfamiliar with the origins of Israel, the Arabs and their relationship to each other based on the archaeological record. Unfortunately this circumstance leads to comments being made in the current volatile political situation that are not refuted with the facts on the ground. The purpose of these talks is to make the people aware of the historical origins of the two peoples who remain in deadly conflict in the present although once upon a time they were allies.

*Dr. Peter Feinman is the founder and president of the Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, a non-profit organization which provides enrichment programs for schools, professional development for teachers, and public programs. He received his B.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania, a M.Ed. from New York University, an MBA from New York University, and an Ed. D. from Columbia University. He recently organized a symposium on "Pseudoarchaeology and the Bible" held at the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, as part of the education outreach program of the American Schools of Oriental Research. His forthcoming articles include, "Canaanites and Catholics versus God's Chosen Peoples: William Foxwell Albright's Biblical Archaeology," **Near Eastern Archaeology**, "**The Methodist Upper Iowa Conference: From Wilderness Settlement to Middle-American Melting Pot**," **Methodist History**, and *The Tempest in the Tempest Stela: A Cosmic Story in History*, **Bulletin of the Egyptological Seminar**. He created *Teacherhostels™* and *Historyhostels* for people who love to learn and visit the historic sites of the Hudson River Valley and New York State so if you are looking for an affordable vacation, please see him.*



Merneptah Stele

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

Date: Mondays starting April 13, 2009, 20, 27, May 4th, 11th, and May 18th

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Scarsdale Public Library

Register through the Scarsdale Adult School, 914-723-2325

Instructor: Dr. Peter Feinman



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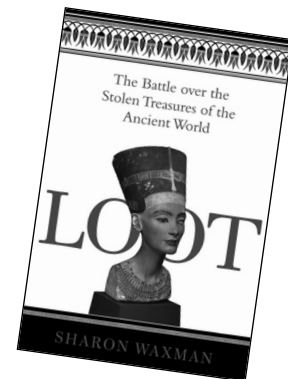
ARCHAEOLOGY BOOK CLUB

Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 1:30 pm

Place: Apple Bank Community Room, Rosehill Shopping Center,
Columbus Avenue at Nannyhagen Road, Thornwood; (914)769-8400

RSVP: Myrna Silverman, 914-769-5389 or myrnaws@aol.com

The book for April is *Loot: The Battle for the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World* by Sharon Waxman.



**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO APPLE BANK FOR SAVINGS,
ROSEHILL SHOPPING CENTER, COLUMBUS AVENUE
THORNWOOD, 914-769-8400**

From Saw Mill Parkway: Exit the parkway at Marble Avenue. Swing right just before the traffic light. Go straight up the hill, past 4 traffic lights, until you see the shopping center on the left. Make a left turn at the traffic light into the Rosehill shopping center. (There is an A&P in the shopping center.) The bank is the last building on the left.

From the Bronx River Parkway: Take the parkway north to the Taconic State Parkway. Exit at Lakeview Avenue. Take Lakeview up the hill to Columbus Avenue. Make a left onto Columbus Avenue. Continue straight on Columbus to the shopping center – it will be on your right. (There is an A&P there.) The bank is the last building on the left.

From the Sprain Brook Parkway: Take the parkway north onto the Saw Mill Parkway, and then follow the directions above.

From Rte 287 (Cross Westchester Parkway): Take Rte 287 west onto the Sprain Brook Parkway. Then follow directions above

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