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Jerusalem in Babylonia:
New Discoveries from the Exilic Period

The Al-Yahudu texts are "a promising new cache of documents attesting to the Jewish presence in Babylon." -- The Jerusalem Post

March 21, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Introduction: Evidence of What We Knew All Along?
Bruce Wells
Saint Joseph's University

Setting the Stage: The Exilic and Post-Exilic Periods (600–400 BCE)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
What We Know from the Bible
Gary Knoppers
Pennsylvania State University

What We Know from Epigraphy and Archaeology
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
David Vanderhooft
Boston College

Presenting the Texts

March 22, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Identifying Judean Exiles in Mesopotamia
Laurie Pearce
University of California, Berkeley

Documents from Al-Yahudu and Its Vicinity
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Cornelia Wunsch
University of London

Assessing the Implications

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Jewish Acculturation in Babylonia
Yaakov Elman
Yeshiva University

Biblical Law in the Exilic and Post-Exilic Periods
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
F. Rachel Magdalene
University of Leipzig / Humboldt University, Berlin

President's Lounge, Campion Student Center

Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Bruce Wells, Director of the Ancient Studies Program (bwells@sju.edu / 610.660.1399)

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