From Early Islam to the Bahá’í Faith:
Conference in Honor of Prof. Moshe Sharon on His 80th Birthday

Thursday, 11 January 2018
from 16:00 to 20:00
at Yad Ben-Zvi, 14 Ibn Gabirol St., Jerusalem

16:00 / Festive Opening Session
Chair: Reuven Amitai, Hebrew University
Yaakov Yaniv, Director, Yad Ben-Zvi
Menahem Ben-Sasson, Chancellor of the Hebrew University
Joshua Lincoln, Secretary-General, the Bahá’í International Community
Avital Sharon, Representative of the Family
Leigh Chipman, Hebrew University: Memories from the Corpus of Arabic Inscriptions

16:30 / First Session (in Hebrew): Early Islam
Chair: Michal Biran, Hebrew University
Ella Landau-Tasseron, Hebrew University: Conversion Studies from the Time of the Prophet Muḥammad
Amikam Elad, Hebrew University: The Ethnic Composition of the Army of Caliph al-Ma’mūn (813-833): A Reevaluation
Katia Cytryn-Silverman, Hebrew University: More on Miles Stones and Road Systems in the Umayyad Period

18:00 / Reception

18:30 / Second Session (in English): Epigraphy; the Bahá’í Faith
Chair: Meir M. Bar-Asher, Hebrew University
Ami Schrager, Hebrew University: Two Stone Inscriptions in Arabic of the ad-Dukārī Tribe, from Ḍajlūn (870/1466) and Jerusalem (936/1530)
Sivan Lerer, Hebrew University: Lawḥ-i Fuʿād – A Bahá’í “Morality Play”?
Vahid Raʿfati, Bahá’í World Center: A Landmark in Bahá’u’lláh’s Life

Response and Concluding Remarks: Moshe Sharon

Admission is free, but pre-registration is requested, either at 02-5398855 or act.ybz.org.il