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**RUTGERS' BILDNER CENTER LECTURE EXPLORES
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**
Lecture opens spring public programming

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – The importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for the understanding of the Bible, early Judaism, and the birth of Christianity will be explored by **Dr. Shalom Paul** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), one of the world's leading authorities on the Bible. His lecture, **"The Ever-Alive Dead Sea Scrolls,"** will be presented by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and will take place Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., in Traves Hall, Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Advance registration is requested.

Shalom Paul is chairperson of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation and a former chair of the Bible department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Paul was the editor of the Encyclopedia Judaica's Bible section and has written six books and over forty articles on nature and scientific exploration from a biblical perspective.

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