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“The Zohar: Masterpiece of Kabbalah”

Public Lecture to be held at Rutgers’ on November 19

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Daniel Matt, one of the world’s leading authorities on Kabbalah, will discuss his current work - an immense project of translating and annotating the Zohar, the masterpiece of Kabbalah. Honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award for this work, Matt has thus far completed seven of twelve volumes of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition* (Stanford University Press), covering more than two-thirds of the Zohar’s commentary on the Torah. His extensive commentary clarifies the kabbalistic symbolism and terminology, and cites sources and parallels from biblical, rabbinic, and kabbalistic texts. The Koret Award called his translation “a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought.

The lecture will be held on Monday, **November 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Student Center, 126 College Avenue, New Brunswick.** The talk is sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University and is free and open to the public. It is supported in part by the Sagner Family Foundation. Advance registration is requested by contacting csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-2033. Free parking is available. For more information, please visit our new website: **BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu**.

Matt has published more than ten books, including *The Essential Kabbalah: The Heart of Jewish Mysticism* (translated into seven languages) (HaperOne, 1996), and *Zohar: Annotated and Explained* (SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2002). He has been featured in *Time Magazine* and has appeared on National Public Radio and the History Channel. For twenty years, he served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



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