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Classical Jewish Texts on the Internet: Public Lecture at Rutgers on December 4

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Over the course of more than two millennia, Jewish texts have transitioned from scroll to codex to book – and now to the digital age. Professor Gary A. Rendsburg, the Blanche and Irving Laurie Chair in Jewish History at Rutgers, will make this old-new world of Hebrew Studies scholarship accessible to the general public, as he surveys both the contents and history of these classical Jewish sources from before the age of printing to digital formats.

The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at Rutgers' Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Free parking is available behind the Student Center. (For GPS search, use "57 Lipman Drive.") Advance registration is requested by emailing rsvpBildner@sas.rutgers.edu, calling 848-932-2033, or on the Bildner Center's website. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu. The talk is sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life.

A distinguished professor of Jewish studies and history, Dr. Rendsburg is an expert on ancient Israel through language, literature, history, and archaeology. He has published widely, including *The Redaction of Genesis*, *Solomon's Vineyard: Literary and Linguistic Studies in the Song of Songs*, and *The Bible and the Ancient Near East*, coauthored with the late Cyrus Gordon. His forthcoming book, *How the Bible is Written*, will be published by Eisenbrauns in 2018.

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