

# 53<sup>rd</sup> International Jewish-Christian Bible Week

25 July to 1 August 2021

16 to 23 Av 5781

The Book of Job, chapters 1 to 27

"What are mere mortals that You magnify them?" (Job 7:17)



## THE BIBLE WEEK

For more than fifty years Jews and Christians from Germany, England and the Netherlands, from the USA, Israel and other countries, scholars and interested lay people, have come together at the Jewish-Christian Bible Week to study biblical texts against a background of the two traditions. Until 2003 it took place at the Hedwig Dransfeld Haus, Bendorf on Rhine, and since then in Haus Ohrbeck near Osnabrück.

## BIBLE WEEK 2021

At the centre of this year's Bible Week is the first part of the Book of Job, chapters 1 to 27. All who are interested in the Bible and in Jewish-Christian dialogue are warmly invited to participate in this special encounter with texts and people – longstanding participants and new ones alike.



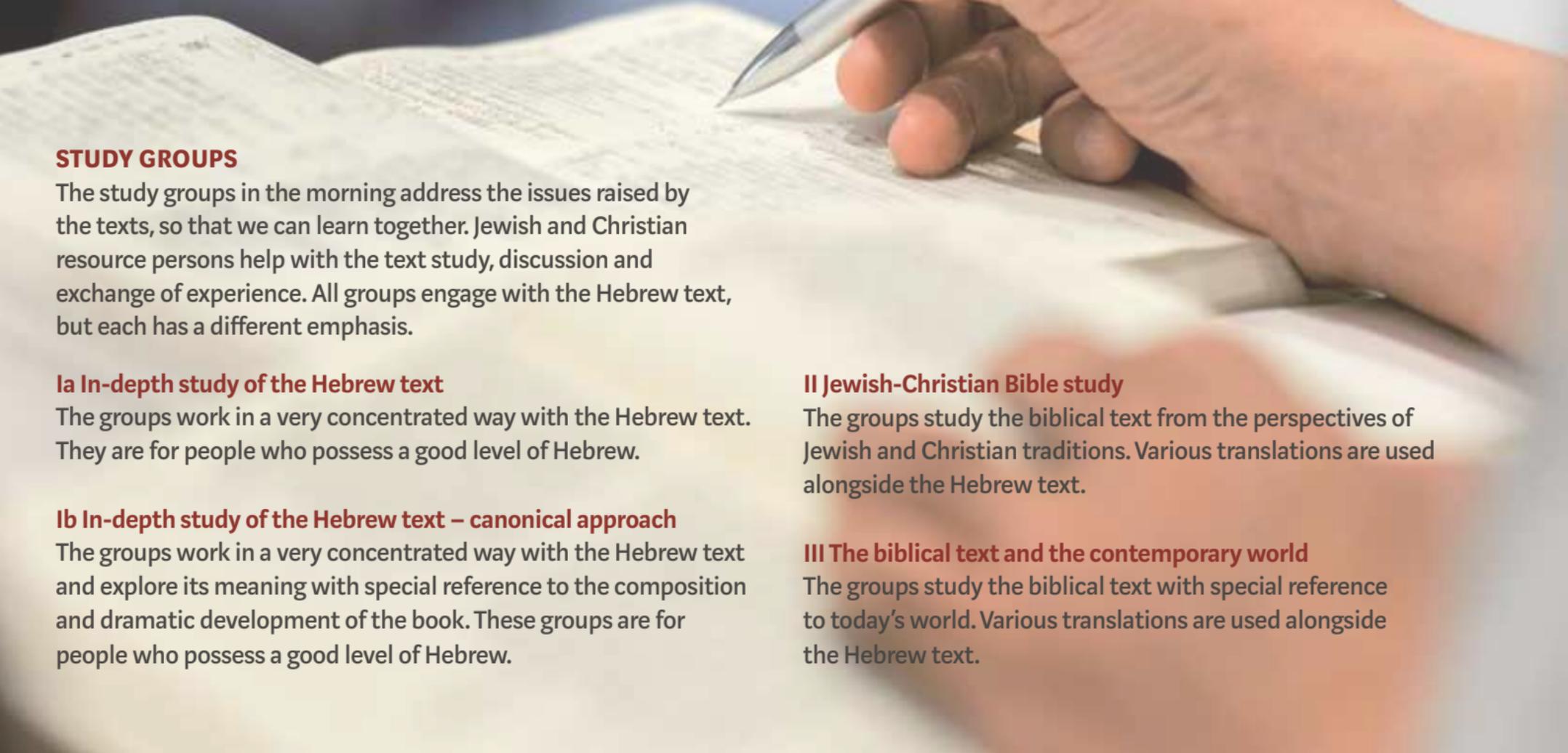
INTERNATIONALE JÜDISCH-CHRISTLICHE BIBELWOCHE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH-CHRISTIAN BIBLE WEEK



HAUS OHRBECK



Leo Baeck College  
At the Heart of Progressive Judaism

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a silver pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are slightly aged and show some text, though it is out of focus. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the skin of the hand.

## **STUDY GROUPS**

The study groups in the morning address the issues raised by the texts, so that we can learn together. Jewish and Christian resource persons help with the text study, discussion and exchange of experience. All groups engage with the Hebrew text, but each has a different emphasis.

### **Ia In-depth study of the Hebrew text**

The groups work in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text. They are for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

### **Ib In-depth study of the Hebrew text – canonical approach**

The groups work in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text and explore its meaning with special reference to the composition and dramatic development of the book. These groups are for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

### **II Jewish-Christian Bible study**

The groups study the biblical text from the perspectives of Jewish and Christian traditions. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text.

### **III The biblical text and the contemporary world**

The groups study the biblical text with special reference to today's world. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text.

## **KEYNOTE LECTURES**

Two lectures offer respectively a Jewish or Christian perspective, while the third may provide insight from literature, art, psychology etc. They will be given in English or German, with a written translation in the other language made available at the time.

## **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

- ‘Speakers’ Corner’ – sessions offered by participants on topics broadly related to the Bible or Jewish-Christian dialogue
- ‘The Fringe’ – creative activities offered ‘on the fringe’
- Art stream: a chance for sustained art activity throughout the week
- concert
- afternoon excursion
- mutual invitation to attend all services
- personal encounters and free time

## **LANGUAGES**

German and English. Translation is available throughout the conference.

## **FAMILIES**

Families are welcome, and a children’s programme is available (minimum age 3 years).

## **MEALS**

All meals are vegetarian, although fish may be served. Please make special dietary requirements known to us on the application form.

## **SUPPORT**

The Bible Week is grateful for the continued support of:

- German Federal Ministry of the Interior
- Diocese of Osnabrück
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover



## **ORGANISING TEAM**

**Rabbi Prof. Dr Jonathan Magonet**

Leo Baeck College London

**Dr Uta Zwingenberger**

BibelForum Haus Ohrbeck

**Rabbi James Baaden** London

**Dr Annette Boeckler** Mainz

**Sister M. Sponsalis Flacke FSGM** Papenburg

**Erik Koren** Zeist

**Revd Dr Kerstin Menzel** Leipzig

**Nadine Schäfer M.A.** Bad Ems

**Rabbi Mark Solomon** London



## CONFERENCE FEE

### Participation with accomodation

accommodation, meals, programme £ 550 / € 610

Students up to 28 years £ 275 / € 305

Supplement for single room

with private bathroom £ 80 / € 85

Children £ 130 / € 140

### Participation without accomodation

meals and programme £ 400 / € 440

Students up to 28 years £ 200 / € 220

Nobody should be unable to participate for financial reasons. Please do not hesitate to contact us in such a case. We welcome donations to enable others to attend.

### Cancellation fee

after 9 July 2021: 40 %

after 16 July 2021: 75 %

## DATE

Sunday, 25 July 2021, 18:00 to

Sunday, 1 August 2021, 13:00

## APPLICATIONS, PARTICIPATION, WAITING-LIST

Interest in the Bible Week is so great that we cannot offer places to all applicants. The Bible Week thrives on the diversity of its participants and therefore we strive to achieve a corresponding range of participants. We recommend that applications should be submitted by the end of April. Confirmations of acceptance and offers of places on the waiting-list are sent out at the beginning of June. If you need to make travel arrangements earlier, please contact us.

**Information, application, venue** Haus Ohrbeck  
Am Boberg 10, 49124 Georgsmarienhütte, Germany  
Tel 0049-(0)5401-336-0, [info@haus-ohrbeck.de](mailto:info@haus-ohrbeck.de)

[www.haus-ohrbeck.de/bibleweek](http://www.haus-ohrbeck.de/bibleweek)