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The Matanel Chair for Kabbalah Studies at Zefat Academic College is quite productive. Professor Moshe Idel finished a 700 pages monograph on the Safedian Kabbalist Moshe Cordovero in English: “Male and Female”: Equality, Female's Theurgy, and Eros - R. Moshe Cordovero's Dual Ontology. Professor Idel also finished working on the critical edition of Rabbi Yehuda Hallewah's Tzafenat Pa'aneah. Professor Idel finished working on a third book of 385 pages, R. Nathan ben Sa'adyh Har'ar, "Sa'arei Sedeq".

The Scientific Conference: "Safedian Kabbalah and its Backgrounds" was held in December 2015, at Zefat Academic College, and experts from Florence, Paris, Los Angeles and Hamburg attended it. (Attached is a program for the conference).

Professor Idel taught four courses in the 2015-2016 academic year: Safed Kabbalah A, Safed Kabbalah B, The religious background of Safed, Hasidic culture.