MATANEL FOUNDATION ACTIVITY REPORT

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Number of active participants in the program: 3

Estimated number of impacted participants: 25

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

The program is on-going and is in its third year. Professor Idel continues in his role as leading senior lecturer in the Mysticism and Spiritualties department. He continues to teach academic courses, give lectures abroad and in Israel, attend conferences and publish books and articles.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

Professor Idel's activities supported by The Matanel Foundation in 2017/2018 included:

- A senior teaching position. Professor Idel is the leading senior lecturer in the Mysticism and Spiritualties department that was established and is operating with his assistance.

- Professor Idel taught three academic courses in 2017/18:
  1. The Status of the Feminine in the Divinity in Kabbalah
  2. The Kabbalas of Safed, A
  3. The Kabbalas of Safed, B
• Professor Idel gave the following lectures abroad:

  o Moscow, November 8-10, 2017: three lectures as part of the Eshkolot series: "On Music and Kabbalah", "On Paul Celan and Kabbalah", "Kabbalah in Italy".

  o Berlin, Brandenburgian Academy, December 4 to December 6, 2017: “Religious Polemics in Judaism, Christianity and Islam" and "Polemics between Philosophers and Kabbalists".


  o Budapest, Central European University, June 24 to June 29, 2018: Summer University Course: The Dignity of Man in Western Intellectual History, Esotericism, and Art. Professor Idel taught the following classes:
    1. The Human as Potentiality to Change: From Arabic, To Jewish and Renaissance Anthropology;
    2. Theurgy: Human Imitatio Dei and the Divine Imitatio Fidei;

• Professor Idel participated and lectured in the following academic conferences in Israel:

  o Ben Zvi Institute, November 7, 2017: Professor Idel gave a lecture at the series of the 50 years anniversary of the Institute: "On Kabbalah in Safed".

  o Hebrew University, the Scholion Center, January 15, 2018: conference on Kabbalah in Gerona.


  o Ben Zvi Institute, May 29, 2018: Lecture on the new book Stories in the Zohar.
Publications: Professor Idel published the following books and articles in 2017/18:

Books:


3. Professor Idel completed writing a Hebrew book and is now searching for a publisher. The book is entitled: מלאכים שנפלו: על מיתוס יהודי קדום גלגוליו בהגות היהודית.


7. Professor Idel will continue working on Hallewah’s *Tzafnat Pa’aneah*, and

8. *R. Moshe Cordovero’s Dual Ontology*. The book is 750 pages and is being edited at the time of this report’s submission.

Articles:


2. "פורושם לאלים בתיאת של מטטרון עיונים נוספים תריטש, ע. (תש"ח), עמי' ו-522-552.
The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

- In the year 2017/18, Professor Idel taught 3 academic courses, with a total of 70 students. This is an increase of 59% from the previous year where he taught 44 students in 3 academic courses.

- The number of conferences attended and lectures given increased

- The number of articles and books that Professor Idel published also increased

- There was greater interaction between Professor Idel's lectures and other fields on campus

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

Professor Idel will continue in his role as leading senior lecturer in the Mysticism and Spiritualties department. He will teach academic courses, give lectures abroad and in Israel, attend conferences and publish books and articles. In addition, he will create a website that will present his research.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (as PDF documents)

- Attached

Please join photos – as JPG files – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seems to you relevant – as PDF document.

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Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.

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