

## MATANEL FOUNDATION ACTIVITY REPORT

### Program: The Matanel Prize for Jewish Thought 2022

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#### State of Program

The fourth Matanel Prize for Jewish Thought 2020-2022 was awarded during the Eighteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. The academic committee of four experts (Prof. Moshe Idel, Prof. Zeev Harvey, Prof. Tamar Ross, Prof. Ronit Meroz) awarded the prize to two scholars:

**Prof. Avraham (Rami) Reiner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev on his book, Rabbenu Tam: Interpretation, Halakhah, Controversy.**

**Prof. Oded Israeli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev on his book, R. Moses b. Nachman (Nachmanides): Intellectual Biography.**

The academic committee submitted a confidential shortlist, then discussed the finalists, and chose the awardees based on academic quality and accessibility to a wide audience.

#### Main achievements:

The Matanel Prize has become an established and well known prize in the field, which is reflected in the number of candidates, as well as the large number of attendees at the award ceremony.

The academic committee is formed of highly esteemed scholars in various fields of Jewish Thought.

#### The evaluation, comparisons, conclusions

The organization of the award ceremony at a major international conference has enhanced its publicity and awareness of the prize among scholars from around the world who engage in



the diverse fields of Jewish Studies. Therefore, the connection of the prize to the World Congress of Jewish Studies has proved to be a successful tradition and worth continuing.

**Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program:**

The World Union of Jewish Studies will contact the Matanel Foundation in order to discuss the timelines and conditions of the upcoming prize. Considering the success of the award and the high prestige it has gained, the World Union of Jewish Studies hopes to continue within a similar framework.

Please find attached the financial report, photos, and other documents.

With kind wishes,



Dr. Sara Yanovsky

Director

