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ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: Culture and Hebrew Law in Morocco Conference Year: 2025

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Culture and Hebrew Law in Morocco – Rabbis of Morocco and North Africa as Halakhic Sages for Their Generation and Ours Conference

Year of activity: 2025

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Number of active participants in the program: 20

Estimated number of impacted participants: 300

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

We expect an invitation from Moroccan institutions so that we can continue the series of conferences.

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

The completion of a volume of articles about culture and Hebrew law in Morocco written by Israeli and Moroccan academics.

The volume is currently in the proofreading stage.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

This conference is the third gathering with Moroccan academics in the Culture and Hebrew Law in Morocco framework. Unfortunately, the progress in this joint project and the cooperation with Moroccan researchers slowed down due to the security situation in Israel. Even so, despite the security challenges and the inability to travel to Morocco presently, we were able to hold it in Israel, and six Moroccan academics participated. In previous conferences, very senior researchers and officials participated, but their arrival was prevented due to the security situation. A total of

approximately 20 researchers from Israel and Morocco participated in the two-day conference.

The cooperation contributed greatly – not only in conference participation but also in the integration of their articles in a prestigious volume Dahan Center will publish. We hope that when the security situation improves, we will be able to promote cooperation not only with conferences, but also with student and academic exchanges between our institutions.

Undoubtedly, this project is a point of light highlighting ties with academic institutions while European institutions abstain from cooperation with academics from Israel.

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

We aspire to hold a conference that will be accompanied by agreements regarding student and academic exchange.

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

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

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