Seminar "Together for Jerusalem"

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Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dormition Abbey - Jerusalem,

The topic of the seminar is the *Vocation of Jerusalem in the Bible*.

**Program:**

- 10:00-10:15: Introduction to the Seminar and of the Participants
- 10:15-11:30 **Session 1:**
  - Keynote Speaker Presentation
    
    Professor Yair Zakovitch (Father Takeji Otsuki Professor of Bible
    The Hebrew University of Jerusalem):

    *‘In the Days to Come, the Mount of the Lord’s House Shall Stand Firm above the Mountains
    and Tower above the Hills’ (Isaiah 2:2)*

    *The Peace of Jerusalem in Prophetic Literature*

    - Discussion

- 11:30-12:00 **Break**

- 12:00-13:00 **Session 2:** Presentations and Responses of the Scholars:

  Responses to the Contributions: Dr. Marcie Lenk (Israel)

     Response and dialogue
  2. Franz Sedlmeier (Germany): *Psalm 87: Jerusalem, Mother of the Peoples*;
     Response and dialogue.
  3. Small group discussion

- 13:00 **Lunch**
  (Kosher food provided.)
- **14:30-15:30 Session 3:** Presentations and Responses of the Scholars:


- **15:30-16:00 Break**

- **16:00-17:30 Session 4:**

1. Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish (Israel): *How Do We Bring the Heavenly Jerusalem Closer to the Earthly Jerusalem?* Response and dialogue.
2. Dialogue and conclusions.

- **17:30 Conclusion**

The participants in the seminar will be approximately 15-20 scholars from Europe, the United States and Israel. Some of the scholars will be connected through ZOOM conference call.