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Editorial

The establishment of a new scholarly journal devoted to Hebrew language studies, philology, and Jewish textual traditions inevitably raises a legitimate question: why is another journal necessary within fields already supported by longstanding academic institutions and established publication networks?

Contemporary scholarship has undergone substantial transformation through the expansion of open access publishing, digital infrastructures, and international academic collaboration. Research today circulates more rapidly and widely than before, yet highly specialized scholarship frequently remains dispersed across disciplinary boundaries and separate publication environments.

Studies concerning Hebrew language across historical periods, manuscript traditions, Dead Sea Scrolls research, textual criticism, Semitic linguistics, lexicography, historical linguistics, archaeology, religious thought, and Jewish cultural history often engage related corpora and overlapping methodological concerns while developing within distinct scholarly communities. Opportunities for sustained dialogue across these areas remain comparatively limited.

The *European Hebrew Journal* (EHJ) emerges within this context. The journal seeks to encourage interaction among approaches combining close textual analysis, manuscript-based inquiry, historical language research, archaeology, cultural memory, and broader philological investigation. Particular attention is devoted to scholarship grounded in primary sources and historically contextualized interpretation.

EHJ is published by the Institute for Hebrew Language and Literature, Belgrade, Serbia.

The journal's principal scholarly orientation includes Hebrew language studies across Ancient, Biblical, Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern periods; Jewish textual traditions; Semitic linguistics; philology; manuscript cultures; textual criticism; lexicography; grammar; orthography;

translation studies; and related forms of historical linguistic inquiry. Research concerning the Dead Sea Scrolls, Qumran studies, ancient manuscripts, comparative Semitic perspectives, and historically grounded analysis of texts is especially welcomed where supported by rigorous methodology and engagement with primary evidence.

In addition to language-centered and philological inquiry, EHJ welcomes scholarship addressing Jewish and Israeli literature; Jewish history across regions and periods, including Sephardic, Ashkenazi, Mizrahi, and Balkan Jewish heritage; Holocaust studies; cultural memory and heritage studies; Jewish philosophy and intellectual history; philosophy of religion; sociology, anthropology, and psychology of religion; religious education; archaeology of the Ancient Near East and the Biblical world; ancient Near Eastern civilizations; onomastics; and historical, theological, or philological approaches to Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and interreligious relations.

The journal also recognizes the growing importance of digital humanities, manuscript preservation, open science practices, and emerging forms of interdisciplinary research contributing to the study and preservation of Hebrew language, Jewish textual traditions, and related historical cultures.

At the same time, EHJ welcomes interdisciplinary contributions when Hebrew language, textual traditions, manuscript evidence, historical sources, or philological methodology remain central to the research question. The intention is not to dissolve disciplinary boundaries, but to create space for productive scholarly interaction across them.

EJH adopts an open access model founded upon the principle that scholarly research should remain broadly accessible irrespective of geographical location, institutional affiliation, or economic circumstances. The journal aims to support rigorous peer review, transparent editorial practice, editorial independence, and long-term accessibility as its infrastructure continues to develop.

The long-term credibility of an academic journal depends less upon institutional age than upon continuity of standards, editorial responsibility, openness to scholarly criticism, and the quality of research it is able to attract, evaluate, preserve, and disseminate.

EJH enters this process with awareness of these responsibilities. Scholarly legitimacy is not established through declarations, but gradually through editorial integrity, methodological rigor, consistency, openness to critique, and the quality of published work.

The establishment of EJH would not have been possible without the support of the first members of the Editorial Board, contributing scholars, reviewers, and colleagues who have encouraged this initiative at its earliest stage. Their trust, guidance, and willingness to participate are sincerely appreciated.

The long-term significance of any scholarly journal is ultimately determined not by institutional ambition alone, but by the quality of scholarship it succeeds in publishing and sustaining within wider international academic dialogue. The future of EJH will be measured by these standards.

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