



# Center for Research on Dutch Jewry (A.R.)

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The yearly activities have begun again, and you may have noted that the first of a series of lectures in Jerusalem has been announced for September 15th to take place in the 'tsrif', in cooperation with the IOH. The lecturer is Dr. Avriel Bar-Levav and he will talk on texts and their interpretation.

Another cycle of lectures is being organized by the Center in the shfelah, in cooperation with the Tel Aviv chapter of the IOH; the venue of this series moves to Beth Juliana. The first lecture is planned for November 27th, subject to be announced soon.

But there is much more forthcoming. The Center is going to produce a CD based on the work of many years on "hazzanut Groningen". This will be the crown on the painstaking work of noting down text and musical notes; recordings will start in October and should take a couple of months. Presentation of the finished product will take place in "the Leeuwarden shul" at Kfar Batya.

Negotiations are under way to have Abel Herzberg's book Amor Fati translated into Hebrew and to publish it in cooperation with Yad Vashem.

Of great importance is the nomination of Noah Benninga as Academic Secretary of the Center. After a hiatus of eleven years this means that the Center can resume taking on scientific studies and projects under an academically schooled scientist. This always was one of the aims of the Center, next to the important running activities. On Noah Benninga you may read and learn more soon on our website .

Of no less importance is the proper functioning of our Academic Council; after Professor Kaplan finished his work by reaching the proscribed age limit (by the Hebrew University), no suitable replacement has been found. This must be worked out in cooperation with the HU.

Saskia de Haan is going to leave us as administrator of the website. She did this ably and knowledgeably, en we are in need of a competent replacement, who will continue keeping the website up to date, in three languages (Dutch, English and Hebrew). We will be happy to get suggestions from our members/readers.

On November 26th the annual Cleveringa-lecture will be held; as by now customary, in cooperation with the IOH. This year the venue is the Bar-Ilan University. The guest lecturer, from Leiden University, will be Professor André Gerrits (a well-known Sovietologist) who will explain in detail what really is going on on the Krim and in the Ukraine.