



2012 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship Recipient



We are pleased to announce that the 2012 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Yitzhaq Feder (University of Haifa). His paper is entitled, “Between Contagion and Cognition: Bodily Experience and the Conceptualization of Pollution in the Hebrew Bible.”

Dr. Feder received an appointment as a W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research Fellow 2011–2012. His book, *Blood Expiation in Hittite and Biblical Ritual: Origins, Context, and Meaning*, was recently published by SBL in the Writings from the Ancient World Supplement Series. He has published numerous articles and has received several prestigious academic awards. He joined the SBL in 2010, and will attend the 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago. Please join us in congratulating Yitzhaq for this honor.

The goal of the Freedman Award is to promote excellence and creativity in Hebrew Bible scholarship. The award is given to a member who has completed his/her doctorate and been in a teaching and/or research position for at least two years and normally no more than ten years. There is an award of \$1,000.00. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- persuasive thesis that engages the Hebrew Bible,
- clarity of expression and thought, and
- originality and creativity.

The 2012 award committee is comprised of Susan Ackerman (Dartmouth College), Richard Friedman (University of Georgia), and David Howard (Bethel Seminary).

The call for papers for the 2013 David Noel Freedman Award will open in the Fall 2012.

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