



Rachel Frish

2023 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Rachel Frish for her paper entitled, Resuscitating “Wisdom Literature.”

Rachel Frish is a postdoctoral fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a research fellow at the Kogod Research Center for Contemporary Jewish Thought at Shalom Hartman Institute, and a former postdoctoral fellow at Yale University (2021-2023). Her main research interests include the prophetic and wisdom traditions, focusing on their intersections, interactions, and development through antiquity. Her dissertation, "Wisdom Sayings in Jeremiah and their Rhetorical Function" (Bar-Ilan University 2021) is currently in preparation for publication. In her second book project, she offers a comprehensive comparative study of the biblical and post-biblical treatment of the question of the source of wisdom. This project involves delineating the spectrum of epistemological approaches during these periods, tracing their development, and evaluating their enduring influence on Jewish tradition. The project was awarded an Ephraim E. Urbach grant from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

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 received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes a cash prize 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
- Originality and creativity

The call for papers for the 2024 David Noel Freedman Award will open by April 1, 2024. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Freedman family and the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.