# The Jewish Quarterly Review

VOLUME 106, NUMBER 4 (FALL 2016)

#### Forum

On Gerson Cohen's "Blessing of Assimilation" A Half Century Later

Editor's Introduction 429

DAVID N. MYERS

A View from Late Antiquity Onward 433

CHARLOTTE ELISHEVA FONROBERT

On Jewish Languages, Names, and Distinctiveness 440

SARAH BUNIN BENOR

The Case for "Assimilation" and Diaspora 450

Arnold Eisen

The Blessing of Gerson D. Cohen 459

DAVID B. RUDERMAN

#### Articles

Sexual Serpents and Perpetual Virginity: Marian Rejectionism in the Babylonian Talmud 465

MICHAEL ROSENBERG

Fish Eats Lion Eats Man: Saadia Gaon, Syriac Christianity, and the Resurrection of the Dead 494

YONATAN MOSS

A Portrait of the Kabbalist as a Young Man: Count Joseph Carl Emmanuel Waldstein and his Retinue 521

PAWEŁ MACIEJKO

### Note

Solomon and Ashmedai (bGittin 68a–b), King Hiram, and Procopius: Exegesis and Folklore 577

JOSEPH M. DAVIS

## Contributors 587

- @ Books Received (Web only)
  - ② Indicates that this is available to subscribers online only. Go to http://jqr.pennpress.org