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Höstens nummer av *Nordisk judaistik* – *Scandinavian Jewish Studies*, vol. 29(2), innehåller en vetenskaplig artikel om aposteln Paulus som en del av första århundradets judendom, tre konferensbidrag från en workshop med rubriken ”Jewish Tradition – Does It Matter?” organiserad av Oslo universitet i mars 2018, en kort beskrivning av två nya judaistik-relaterade postdoktorprojekt från Lund och Oslo, tre bokrecensioner samt slutligen minnesord över Judith Winther.

Artikeln, ”Just an ordinary Jew: a case for why Paul should be studied within Jewish studies”, skriven av Stefan Larsson, ansluter sig till den skolbildning som inom Paulus-forskningen under senare år kommit att kallas ”Paul within Judaism” perspektivet. I motsats till den traditionella Paulus-forskningen där Paulus betraktats som grundare av en ny religion, nämligen kristendomen, ser företrädare för Paul within Judaism perspektivet Paulus helt och hållet som jude och lika Torah-trogen som vilken jude som helst under första århundradet. Artikeln ger en översikt av paradigmskiftet inom Paulusforskningen och sammanfattar några av de viktigaste argumenten för att Paulus bör förstås som en del av första århundradet judendom. Slutsatsen blir att studiet av Paulus i framtiden bör ingå som en del av judaistikämnet.

De tre konferensbidragen består av en artikel av Ruth Illman i vilken hon ger en översikt av utvecklingen av *Nordisk judaistik* och dess ämnesmässiga inriktning från grundandet 1975

fram till nu, en artikel av Walter Homolka vari han tecknar utvecklingen av det vetenskapliga studiet av judendomen vid tyska universitet och jämför med situationen i Norge, och en av Tyson Herberger om den judiska komuniteteten i Norge idag och de utmaningar den står inför.

Därefter följer Wally V. Cirafesis och Katharina E. Keims korta beskrivningar av sina respektive postdoktorprojekt inom judaistik. Dessa projekt tillsammans med den ovan nämnda workshoppen om judisk tradition vittnar om det intresse som judaistik tilldrar sig i Skandinavien och de satsningar på ämnet som nu görs på flera universitet.

Därefter kommer Kristian Gerners utförliga recension av *Deutschsprachige Jüdische Migration nach Schweden 1774 bis 1945*, en samlingsvolym från 2017 om invandringen av tyskspråkiga judar till Sverige, utgiven av Olaf Glöckner och Helmut Müssener i samarbete med Lars M. Andersson och Lena Roos, följd av Teuvo Laitilas recension av Omer Bartovs *Anatomy of a Genocide: the Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz* (2018). Slutligen följer Kira Zaitsevs recension av Moshe Lavees, *The Rabbinic Conversion of Judaism: The Unique Perspective of the Bavli on Conversion and the Construction of Jewish Identity* (2018). Avslutningsvis publicerar vi Mette Ydebos minnesord över Judith Winther (1933–2018), tidigare lektor i hebreiska och judisk kultur vid Köpenhamns universitet.

The autumn issue of *Nordisk judaistik – Scandinavian Jewish Studies*, vol. 29(2) contains an article on the apostle Paul within first-century Judaism, three conference papers presented at a workshop organised by the University of Oslo last March, entitled ‘Jewish Tradition – Does it Matter?’, a brief presentation of two new post-doctoral projects within the area of Jewish studies from the universities of Lund and Oslo, three book reviews, and an obituary notice for Judith Winther.

The article by Stefan Larsson, ‘Just an ordinary Jew: a case for why Paul should be studied within Jewish studies’, summarises major views and arguments within the emerging scholarly paradigm known as the ‘Paul within Judaism perspective’. In contrast to earlier scholarship that saw Paul as having broken away from Judaism and as the founder of a new religion – Christianity – scholars working from the Paul-within-Judaism perspective understand Paul as a Torah-observant first-century Jew. The article discusses the most influential arguments as to why Paul is better understood within first-century Judaism and argues that Pauline studies ought to be included as a part of Jewish studies.

The three conference papers include Ruth Illman’s survey of *Scandinavian Jewish Studies* from its foundation in 1975, focusing on the journal’s thematic and disciplinary points of emphasis, and its editorial policies, Walter Homolka’s, in which he describes the evolution of the scholarly study of Judaism at German universities and compares it to the situation in Norway, and Tyson Herberger’s, in which he discusses the Jewish community in Norway today and the challenges it faces.

Next follows a brief presentation of two new post-doctoral projects within Jewish studies by Wally V. Cirafesi and Katharina E. Keim, to be undertaken at the Norwegian School of Theology and Lund University respectively. These projects, along with the above-mentioned

workshop on Jewish tradition, demonstrate the renewed interest in Jewish studies in Scandinavia and a willingness by the universities to invest in it.

The book review section contains a review by Kristian Gerner of *Deutschsprachige jüdische Migration nach Schweden 1774 bis 1945*, a volume on the immigration to Sweden of German-speaking Jews, edited by Olaf Glöckner and Helmut Müssener in collaboration with Lars M. Andersson and Lena Roos, a review by Teuvo Laitila of Omer Bartov’s *Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz* (2018), and a review by Kira Zaitsev of *The Rabbinic Conversion of Judaism. The Unique Perspective of the Bavli on Conversion and the Construction of Jewish Identity* (2018), by Moshe Lavee.

The last piece is an obituary notice for Judith Winther (1933–2018), former associate professor of Hebrew language and Jewish culture at the University of Copenhagen, written by Mette Ydebo. ■

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