

## Languages

German and English. Translation is available throughout the conference.

## Families

are welcome, and a children's programme is available.

## Meals

All meals are vegetarian, although fish may be served. Please make special dietary requirements known to us on the application form.

## Conference fee

**including accommodation, meals**

**and programme £ 470 / € 555**

Students up to 28 years £ 240 / € 280

Children £ 95 / € 110

Supplement for single room  
with private bathroom £ 72 / € 85

**without accommodation, including meals**

**and programme £ 330 / € 385**

Students up to 28 years £ 160 / € 190

Members of the 'Bendorfer Forum' are entitled to a 10 % reduction.

Nobody should be unable to participate for financial reasons. Please do not hesitate to contact us in such a case. We welcome donations to enable others to attend.

## Applications, participation and waiting-list

Interest in the Bible Week is so great that we most probably cannot offer places to all applicants. The Bible Week thrives on the diversity of its participants and therefore we strive to achieve a corresponding range of participants. We recommend that applications should be submitted by the end of April. Confirmations of acceptance and offers of places on the waiting-list are sent out at the beginning of June. If you need to make your travel arrangements earlier, please contact us.

## Cancellation fee

after 7 July 2017: 40 %

after 14 July 2017: 75 %



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- Begegnung – Christen und Juden. Niedersachsen
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The Bible Week is approved as 'Bildungsurlaub' (continuing education programme).

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## BIBEL FORUM



## 49<sup>th</sup> International Jewish-Christian Bible Week

Book of Proverbs – משלי

*"Wisdom has built her house"*  
(Prov 9:1)



Sunday / 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 / 29<sup>th</sup> Tammuz 5777 to  
Sunday / 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 / 7<sup>th</sup> Av 5777



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**THE BIBLE WEEK**

For more than forty years Jews and Christians from Germany, England and the Netherlands, from the USA, Israel and other countries, scholars and interested lay people, have come together at the Jewish-Christian Bible Week to study biblical texts against a background of the two traditions. Until 2003 it took place at the Hedwig Dransfeld Haus, Bendorf on Rhine, and since then in Haus Ohrbeck.

**BIBLE WEEK 2017**

At the centre of this year's Bible Week is the Book of Proverbs. Suggested sections for special attention are chapters 1-3, 8-10, 14-16, 22-24, 30-31.

All who are interested in the Bible and in Jewish-Christian dialogue are warmly invited to participate in this special encounter with texts and people – longstanding participants and new ones alike.

**STUDY GROUPS**

The study groups in the morning address the issues raised by the texts, so that we can learn together. Jewish and Christian resource persons help with the text study, discussion and exchange of experience. All groups engage with the Hebrew text, but each has a different emphasis:

**Ia In-depth study of the Hebrew text**

Group Ia works in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text. This group is for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

**Ib In-depth study of the Hebrew text – canonical approach**

Group Ib works in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text and explores its meaning with special reference to the composition and dramatic development of the book. This group is for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

**II Jewish-Christian Bible study**

Group II studies the biblical text from the perspectives of Jewish and Christian traditions. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text.

**III The biblical text and the contemporary world**

Group III studies the biblical text with special reference to today's world. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text.

**IV Bible text: interpretation and creative response through visual art**

Group IV studies the biblical text from Jewish and Christian perspectives. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text. Then individuals interpret and respond to the text in a variety of materials in the Art Workshop (all ability levels).

**KEYNOTE LECTURES**

Three lectures address the topic from Jewish and Christian perspectives or with insights from literature, art, psychology, etc. They will be given in English or German. A printed translation of the text is available.

**ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

The week of study includes a number of additional offerings arranged in smaller or larger groups:

- 'Speakers' Corner' – sessions offered by participants on topics broadly related to the Bible or Jewish-Christian dialogue
- 'The Fringe' – creative activities offered 'on the fringe'
- a concert
- an afternoon excursion to interesting places in the area
- mutual invitation to attend all services
- personal encounters and free time

**FREE TIME POSSIBILITIES**

- Haus Ohrbeck is situated in the foothills of the Teutoburger Wald. The delightful surroundings offer opportunities for walks.
- The city of Osnabrück with its many historical buildings and a famous university can be reached easily by public transport.
- Please bring any musical instruments and music with you.