The Maccabees Project Fall 2015 Dialogue Series
Monday, November 30 & Tuesday, December 1

Lunch and Discussion: Holy War Past and Present
Monday, November 30 / 12 pm-2 pm
Florence & Chafetz Hillel House Dining Room / 213 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA
Professors Katell Berthelot (National Center for Scientific Research, Aix-en-Provence, France) and Yonder Gillihan (Boston College), along with Natana Delong-Bas (Boston College), will talk with students about the notion of Holy War, both as presented in 1 & 2 Maccabees and as invoked in various places in the world today.

Public Dialogue: Did the Maccabees Intend to Conquer the Promised Land?
Monday, November 30 / 7:30 pm-9:30 pm
Congregation Kehillat Israel / 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA
Join Professors Berthelot and Gillihan as they debate the historicity of the Maccabean wars of conquest and ask if the texts truly support the idea of a planned re-conquest of the biblical Land of Israel.

Colloquium: The Maccabees and the Idea of the Promised Land
Tuesday, Dec 1 / 3 pm-5 pm
The Elie Wiesel Center Library / 147 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA
Professors Berthelot and Gillihan will lead seminar participants through close analysis of the textual evidence for the Hasmonean conquests in First and Second Maccabees. The seminar will focus on the relationship between historicity and ideology in these texts: What do they say happened? What did the authors want their audiences to think? What can we say about the relationship between the historical events and their literary portrayals? Are there discrepancies? Have ideologies obscured what really happened? Are our best sources "mere propaganda"?

RSVP requested by November 23 here: http://sites.bu.edu/maccabees/events/

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