

## PLEASE ANNOUNCE!

The Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life  
and the Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies section  
of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Invite you to a public lecture (and return engagement!)

### **“Second Temple Literature and Rabbinic Judaism”**

**Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman**  
(New York University)

**Wednesday, March 26, 2008**  
**5:30 PM, Homer Babbidge Library, Class of 1947 Room**

Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman is Ethel and Irvin A. Edelman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Chairman of the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Professor Schiffman received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University and specializes in the history of Jewish law and in the Dead Sea Scrolls. He has been a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Hebrew University and of the Annenberg Research Institute (now Center for Judaic Studies of the University of Pennsylvania). Prof. Schiffman has been a visiting professor at Yale University, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Duke University, and the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow. He has been featured in numerous television documentaries, including the PBS *Nova* series documentary, “Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls.” In 1991, Prof. Schiffman was appointed to the team responsible for publishing the Dead Scrolls in the Oxford series, *Discoveries in the Judean Desert*. He is one of the editors of the journal, *Dead Sea Discoveries*, published by E. J. Brill and of the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. He is the author of several books including, *The Halakhah at Qumran* (E.J. Brill, 1975), *Sectarian Law in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Scholars Press, 1983), *Who Was a Jew: Rabbinic and Halakhic Perspectives on the Jewish Christian Schism* (Ktav, 1985), *The Eschatological Community of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Scholars Press, 1989), and *Reclaiming the Dead Sea Scrolls: The History of Judaism, The Background of Christianity, the Lost Library of Qumran* (with a forward by Chaim Potok, JPS, 1994). Professor Schiffman is also the author of a textbook, *From Text to Tradition: A History of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism* (Ktav, 1991).

**Save the Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, Class of 1947 Room: Professor Eric Meyers, Duke University, who will speak on “Synagogue Excavations at Nabratein in Galilee and Rabbinic Tradition”