

The Annual Lecture in Memory of Lennart Rydén

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Hellenistic Judaism in George the Monk: Slavonic Testimonies

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The lecture will be followed by a reception. Prior registration is required. Please contact Eric.Cullhed@lingfil.uu.se no later than 11 October to sign up. In collaboration with *Bysantinska sällskapet*, Uppsala.



ABSTRACT

Textual investigation of the Slavonic *Lĕtovnik* has shown that it was translated from the version intermediary between that of *Coislinianus* 305 (P) and vulgata. The only addition by the editor of the original of *Lĕtovnik* is a series of fragments borrowed from the same Hellenistic Jewish source that was used by the very first George the Monk and then by Symeon Magister independently of each other. *Lĕtovnik* has also preserved in Slavonic the contents of a whole folio from Pseudo-Josephus Flavius lost from *Coislinianus* due to the physical disappearance of the parchment list. This work was a piece of Jewish polemics against pagan philosophy.