

Gary A. Rendsburg

Upcoming Program this Sunday

**"New Light on Judaism and Christianity
from the Dead Sea Scrolls"**

Sunday, January 25, 2026
2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. (EST)

In-Person or Virtual:
Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C.

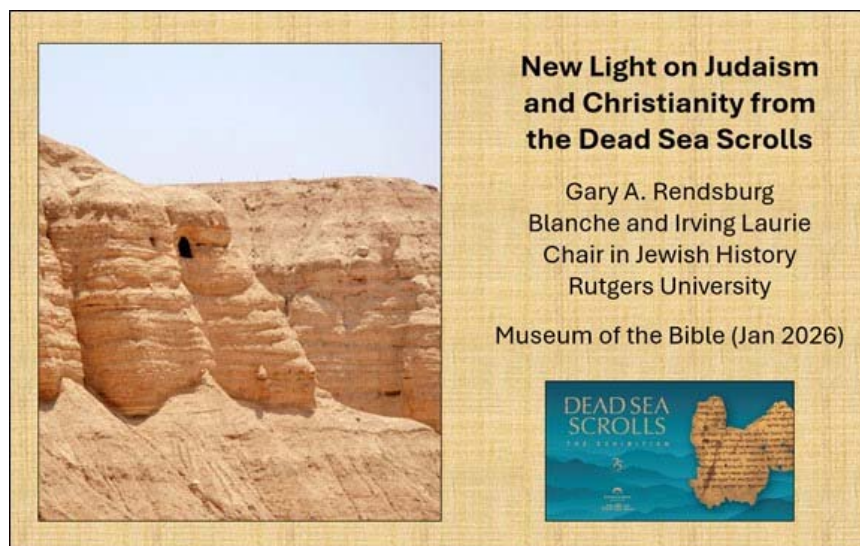
<https://www.museumofthebible.org/events/dssspeakersseries-judaismandchristianity>

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Dear Friends,

Herewith a short email blast, just to let everyone know about Gary's upcoming hybrid talk, this **Sunday, January 25, 2026, 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. (EST)**, at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. Both in-person and virtual tickets are available.

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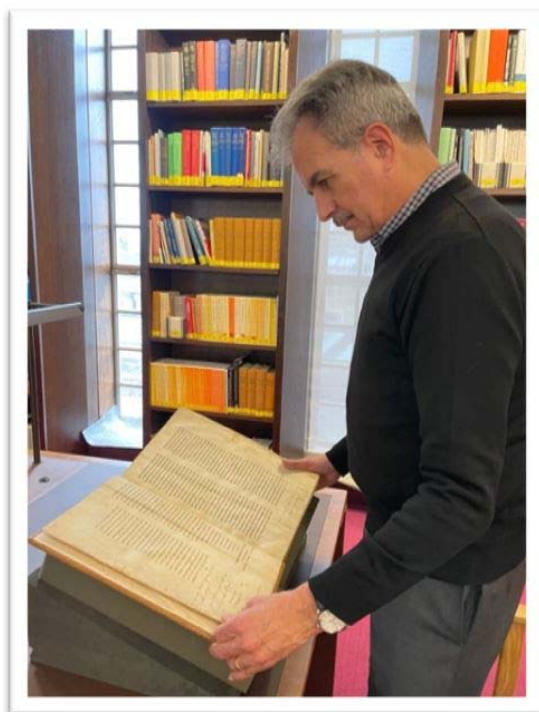
Gary's talk is held in conjunction with the major Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition curated by the Israel Antiquities Authority and hosted at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.

For those of you in the greater Washington, D.C., area, note that the in-person ticket for the lecture includes admission to the museum — though according to the website, there is an additional charge for the "Dead Sea Scrolls: The Exhibition." Read more here:

<https://www.museumofthebible.org/exhibits/dead-sea-scrolls-the-exhibition>

For those of you who live elsewhere, we hope to see you online this coming Sunday!

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GARY'S CORNER



What a great winter break – two weeks in Egypt! I had not been to Egypt in 20+ years, so it was absolutely wonderful to return to that amazing land. No country in the world has the historical depth of Egypt, where one is able to stand in front of monuments, such as the Djoser Pyramid at Saqqara, built 4700 (!) years ago, and the Great Pyramids at Giza, built 4600 (!) years ago.

It was a pure delight to lead the tour sponsored by the Biblical Archaeology Society, with 38 wonderfully engaged participants.

It is impossible not to stand in awe of the achievements of the ancient Egyptians. The engineering of the pyramids, the creation of the obelisks, the sacred spaces of the temples, and the exquisite artwork in the tombs at the Valley of the Kings – each day was more amazing than the previous one!



Holding forth at Giza, with the pyramids of Khufu (right) and Khefren (left), along with the Great Sphinx.

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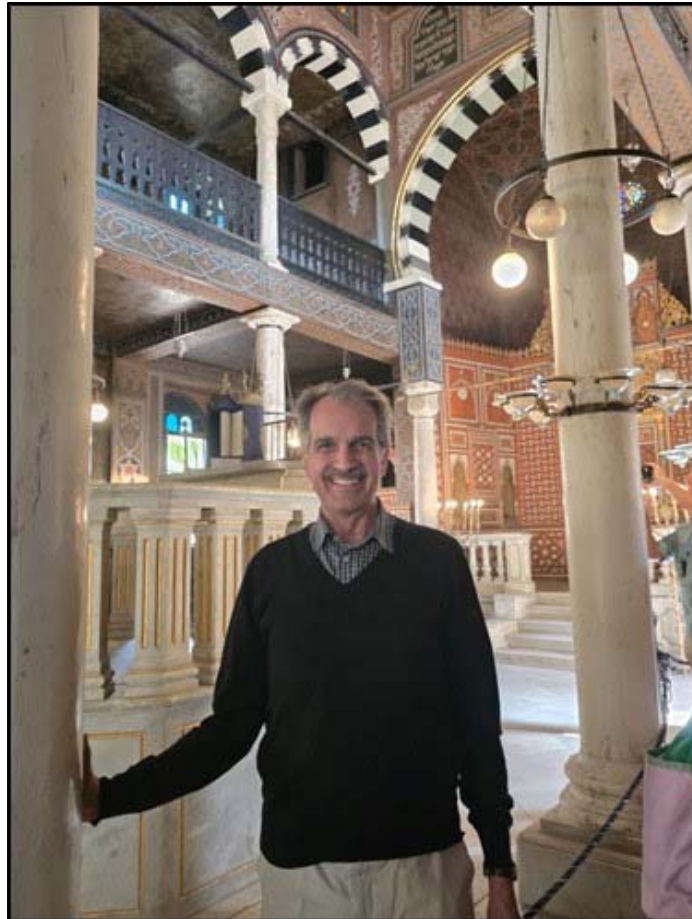
Step Pyramid of Djoser (3rd Dynasty), Saqqara
[image © M & G]

If you are on Facebook, I invite you to peruse my recent postings, January 3–13, with photos, captions, descriptions, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/grendsburg>

In addition to exploring Egypt's ancient pharaonic past, we also spent one day visiting medieval sites, most importantly, the Ben Ezra Synagogue and two Coptic churches.

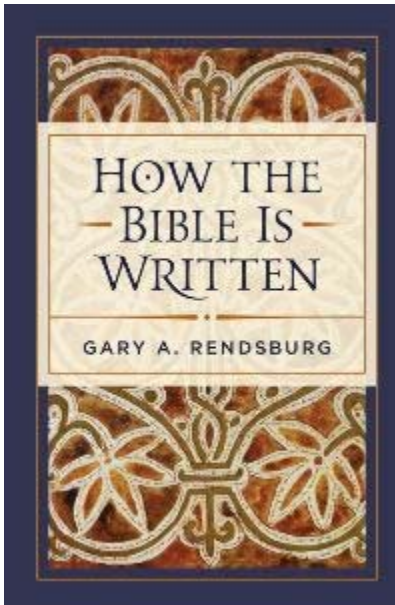
The visit to the former gave me the opportunity to pose for an up-to-date photo, with the opening to the Cairo Geniza (where c. 300,000 documents were found during the late 19th century) directly above my head in the upper gallery.



Cairo Geniza, Ben Ezra Synagogue
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