

# Middle East scholar tells the story of 'freeing' the Dead Sea Scrolls

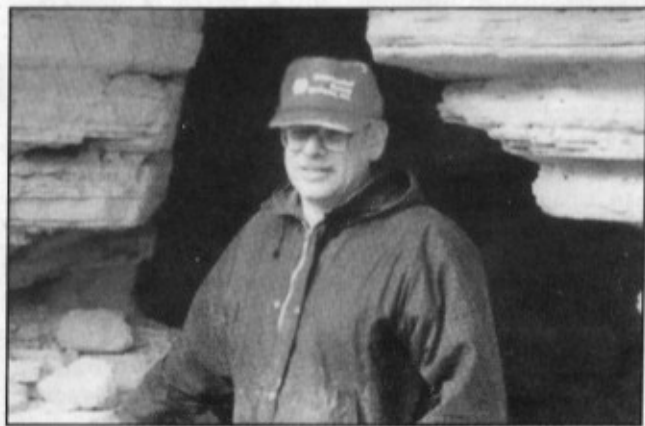
"The True Story of Freeing the Dead Sea Scrolls: An Insider's Account" will be the topic of the Jan. 19, 2010 lecture by Robert Eisenman at University of Central Florida as part of the Judaic Studies Distinguished Lecturers Series. Dr. Eisenman, professor of Middle East Religions and Archaeology and Director of the Institute for the Study of Judeo-Christian Origins at California State University, Long Beach, will speak at the UCF main campus in the Classroom I Building, room 105, at noon.

Eisenman has a Ph.D. from Columbia University in Middle East Languages and Cultures and Islamic Law. He is a Visiting Senior Member of Linacre College at Oxford

University, a member of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Oxford Center for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies.

Eisenman has written many books, such as *James the Brother of Jesus: The Key to Unlocking the Secrets of Early Christianity and the Dead Sea Scrolls* (1998), *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the First Christians* (1996), *Islamic Law in Palestine and Israel: A History of the Survival of Tanzimat and Shari'ah* (1978), and is co-editor of *The Facsimile Edition of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (1989) and *The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered* (1992).

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**Robert Eisenman in the mouth of a cave during an archaeological expedition 1992.**

community. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Humanities and Digital Research and Central Florida Hillel. The lecture is open to the public and is free. Permits for parking should be secured through the yellow parking machines available in the parking lots and garages, prior to the lecture.

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For further information, contact Dr. Moshe Pelli, director of the Judaic Studies Program at UCF at (407) 823-5039 or 823-5129, or visit the program's Web site at [http://www.cah.ucf.edu/judaic\\_studies](http://www.cah.ucf.edu/judaic_studies).

