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Preface

After earlier meetings in Leiden (1995 and 1997), Beer-Sheva (1999), Strasbourg (2006), and Jerusalem (2008), a sixth international symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira was held in Leuven on September 19–21, 2011, organized by the editors of this volume with the assistance of Hanneke van Loon, and with the financial support of the Research Fund—Flanders (FWO). The conference hosted twenty scholars and several Ph.D. students. This volume contains the peer-reviewed papers of eleven of the presented papers. Half of them have been revised by the authors at the request of the editors. All of them have been copy-edited by Seth Bledsoe. Bärry Hartog has produced the indices.

Eight of the eleven papers in this proceedings deal with different linguistic or philological aspects of the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran (Ariel and Yuditsky; Fassberg; Mizrahi; Muraoka; Naudé and Miller-Naudé; Rendsburg; Rey; Zanella), one more generally with the Hebrew of the Second Temple Period (Joosten), one with the Hebrew of the documents and letters found elsewhere in the Judaean Desert (Mor and Zewi), and one with the Prayer of Manasseh from the Cairo Genizah (van Peursen). The emphasis on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls warrants the inclusion of this volume, like the earlier proceedings, in the Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah, and we thank the series' editor, George J. Brooke, for peer-reviewing some of the articles, and for accepting the volume.

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