The Medieval Studies Institute of Indiana University invites you to a talk by

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SKIN TO SKIN
A PORTABLE HEBREW AMULET FROM THE LILLY LIBRARY

This talk will present a Hebrew amulet from the Lilly library (Ricketts III.74), written on parchment, and with folding marks that indicate its portable character. Professors González Diéguez and Katz will discuss the material aspects of the amulet, written on animal skin that was meant to be worn close to the body, as well as its content, explaining the meaning of the different inscriptions, “magical squares,” and shapes inscribed in it, and the main text of the dedication to its bearer, Sarah daughter of Belladona. Amulets were an important element of popular religiosity in medieval Judaism, and were often employed by women for protection, particularly against miscarriage and birth-related mortality.

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 3 PM
LILLY LIBRARY, SLOCUM ROOM
reception to follow