

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES  
AND  
THE HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES UNIT at the UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

**JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN MODERN RUSSIAN AND/OR  
EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH HISTORY**

**Further Particulars**

1. Applications are invited for a Junior Research Fellowship in Modern Russian and/or East European Jewish History at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The Junior Fellow will be a member of the Oxford University Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit and an associate member of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.
2. The successful candidate will normally have attained a doctorate since 2005 or be in the process of completing one.
3. The Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies is a Recognised Independent Centre of Oxford University, focused particularly on research and graduate teaching. There are at present a dozen Fellows (and a small number of additional teaching staff) whose interests span biblical studies, the history and literature of the Jews in the Roman period, rabbinic literature in Hebrew and Aramaic, Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Muslim relations, early modern and modern Jewish history, Israel studies, modern Hebrew literature, religion, Hebrew and Yiddish. Fellows in post are members of the University's Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit in the Faculty of Oriental Studies, and most have University appointments in such faculties as Oriental Studies, History and Modern Languages. While the Fellows' primary responsibility is to research, they also teach and supervise a large number of graduate and undergraduate students in many University faculties, including Oriental Studies, Theology, Modern Languages, Classics and History. In particular, the Centre organises the one-year M.St. Degree in Jewish Studies.
4. The activities of the Centre also take place on the estate of Yarnton Manor, a 17th century manor house approximately 5 miles from the centre of Oxford. Its library, comprising some 90,000 volumes incorporating, inter alia, the Copenhagen Collection, the Foyle-Montefiore Collection, the Hugo Gryn Collection, and the Louis Jacobs Collection, is particularly rich in modern Jewish history and Hebrew literature. Its catalogue is available electronically through the University's library system (OLIS). The Kressel Archive consists of newspaper cuttings from Hebrew and other presses of the twentieth century. The resources of the University's libraries are also conveniently accessible, including the Bodleian Library with its outstanding collections of Hebraica and Judaica. The Centre runs an active programme of visiting fellowships and special lecture series. Since its foundation 35 years ago, the Centre has pioneered and continues to organise international conferences in a wide variety of subjects.
5. The Faculty of Oriental Studies has approximately 45 post holders teaching the language, literature, history, thought, and material cultures of the many civilizations of the Near and Middle East, South and Inner Asia, and East Asia. The faculty's physical centre is the Oriental Institute in Pusey Lane in central Oxford, where many of the teachers and other academic post holders have their working rooms. It also houses the faculty's main offices, seminar and lecture rooms, a common room, and a lending library with open access to about 40,000 volumes, which is administered as a dependent library of the Bodleian.

6. Applications for this post will be considered by a selection committee containing representatives both from the University and from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Where suitably qualified individuals are available, selection committees will contain at least one member of each sex.

### **Terms and Conditions**

7. The salary will be £27,466, equivalent to the first point on grade 07S G7 Standard for Academic and Academic-related staff. The Junior Fellow may be offered residential accommodation by the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Yarnton Manor.

8. The Statutes and Regulations of the University record the extent of the University's claims to intellectual property, and the proportions in which exploitation revenues are shared with researchers. Copies of the relevant extracts are available on request.

9. The University of Oxford and the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies are equal opportunities employers. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of his or her sex, marital status, racial group, disability, or sexual orientation.

10. All data supplied by applicants will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the University's Data Protection Policy.

11. Applications should reach the office of:  
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no later than **15 September 2008**.

Applications should comprise:

- (i) a *curriculum vitae*.
- (ii) a statement of proposed research and its relation to the candidate's experience and qualifications.
- (iii) the names and contact details of three referees. Candidates could indicate the capacity in which their referees have gained knowledge of their work and **should ask referees to send their letters of recommendation directly to the above address by the same date**.

It is anticipated that interviews will take place in late September/early October 2008. The Centre will pay reasonable travel costs for interview where applicable. Initially, candidates from overseas may be interviewed by telephone or video conference. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory completion of a medical questionnaire and securing proof of the right to work in the UK.