

Michaelmas Term 2012

**SEMINAR ON JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE IN THE
GRAECO-ROMAN PERIOD**

MACCABEES, HASMONAEANS AND THEIR LEGACY

The following seminars will be held in the Oriental Institute from 2.30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays (apart from the special symposium on 16 October, which will be held from 2 to 6.30 p.m.)

Convenor: **Professor Martin Goodman**

Dr John Ma (Corpus Christi) and **Professor Robert Doran** (Amherst)

16 October: Symposium on documents relating to the Maccabees (*to be held from 2 to 6.30 pm; details on the Oriental Studies faculty website)

Dr John Ma

23 October: 'The documents and the Maccabees: a response to Robert Doran'

Dr Sebastian Brock (Oriental Institute)

30 October: 'The mother of the Maccabees and her seven sons in the Syriac tradition'

Professor Philip Alexander (Manchester):

6 November: 'The foreign policy of the Hasmonaeans'

Professor Tessa Rajak (Oriental Institute and Somerville):

13 November: 'The Maccabean martyrs between Judaism and Christianity'

Professor Sidnie Crawford (Nebraska-Lincoln)

20 November: 'The Qumran collection as a scribal collection and its relation to the library of Judah Maccabee'

Professor Dov Gera (Ben Gurion):

27 November: 'The Seleucids: administrative reform and religious persecution'