

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Trinity Term 2013

**Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies**



**ORTHODOXY, THEOLOGICAL DEBATE, AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM  
A CRITICAL EXPLORATION OF QUESTIONS RAISED  
IN THE THOUGHT OF LOUIS JACOBS**

Convenors: **Dr Miri Freud Kandel, Dr Adam Ferziger**

**Thursdays (except week 4)\* at 10.30am, in the Long Gallery, Yarnton Manor**

- Week 1: 25 April      **Professor Arye Edrei** (Tel Aviv University)  
*Jewish Identities in Dialogue:  
The Current debate on Giyur in Israel*
- Week 2: 2 May      **Dr Nechama Hadari**  
*“Don't Be A Stranger!” - Giyur and Theologizing  
the Boundaries of (Jewish) Identity*
- Week 3: 9 May      **Professor Lawrence Kaplan** (McGill University)  
*Back to Zechariah Frankel and Louis Jacobs? On Integrating  
Academic Talmudic Scholarship into Israeli Religious-Zionist Yeshivot  
and the Spectre of the Historical Development of the Halakhah*
- Week 4: 13 May\*      **Professor Jacob Ross** (Tel Aviv University)  
*Torah as the Word of God*
- Week 5: 23 May      **Dr Ari Engelberg** (Hebrew University)  
*Sacred texts in a Post-Modern era:  
The case of Modern Orthodoxy and Biblical Criticism*
- Week 6: 30 May      **Professor James Kugel** (Bar Ilan University/Harvard University)  
*Where Does Evil Come From—Satan or Ourselves?*
- Week 7: 6 June      **Dr Tamar Ross** (Bar Ilan University)  
*Can post- Lurianic kabbala support a constructivist response  
to Biblical criticism?*
- Week 8: 13 June      **Professor Gershon Greenberg** (American University)  
*Orthodox Jewish Thought's Path Through the Catastrophe  
(and Obviating the Term 'Post-Holocaust')*

**(These seminars are open to OSAJS Visiting Fellows and invited guests only)**

**Refreshments will be provided**