

# Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Michaelmas Term 2017





# THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

The lectures are held in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room,

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,

Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG (Tel. 01865 610422)

**Mondays 6.00 -7.15pm**

**9 October**

**Dr Deborah Rooke** (Regent's Park)

*Esther in the Reel World: film versions of the Book of Esther*

**16 October**

**Professor Miri Rubin** (Queen Mary University of London)

*Jews and Others in fifteenth-century Europe*

**23 October**

**Professor Hugh Williamson** (Christ Church)

*Sayce and Driver: is there anything new in the story of Biblical archaeology?*

**30 October**

**Professor David Weinstein** (Wake Forest University)

*Jewish exiles and European thought in the shadow of the Third Reich*

**6 November**

**Professor Philip Alexander** (University of Manchester)

*Why did Lord Balfour back the Balfour Declaration?*

**13 November**

**Dr Miri Freud-Kandel** (OCHJS)

*The tyranny of labels: Louis Jacobs, denominationalisation and the challenge of institutions in British Jewry*

**20 November**

**Professor Nelson H Vieira** (Brown University)

*A Brazilian Love Story of Judaic Spirituality and Homosexual Identity*

**27 November**

**Professor Kerstin Hoge** (St Hilda's)

*The stuff of fairy tales: reading Hans Christian Andersen in Yiddish*

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME: MONDAYS AT 6.00pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME





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

The following seminars will be held on Tuesdays, 5.00 to 6.30pm [\[NOTE NEW TIME\]](#)

at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,  
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

**Convenor:** Professor Alison Salvesen

October 17:

**Jonathan Davies** (Wolfson)

'Spectacle and subterfuge: Josephus on the Flavian triumph'

October 31:

**Jonathon Wright** (St Stephen's House)

'The influence of collectors on knowledge and editing of Jewish pseudepigrapha:  
the case of Joseph and Aseneth'

November 14:

**James Nati** (Yale)

'Plurality and the ontology of literature in the Serakhim, Ezra and I Esdras'

November 28:

**Anthony Rabin** (Wolfson)

'Domitian and the Jews: hot water or hot air?'

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## THE SECOND ULLENDORFF MEMORIAL LECTURE

Thursday 26 October, 6.00pm at the Clarendon Institute

**Professor Simon Hopkins** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Hebrew Spoken Throughout the Ages*

**ALL WELCOME**





## HEBREW BIBLE READING GROUP

**Thursday 1.00-2.00pm at the Clarendon Institute**

Weeks 2,4,6,8

Convenors: **Professor Hindy Najman, Dr John Screnock, Hans Decker**

All students and levels are welcome, and no preparation is required in advance (unless you want to).

**Week 2 – 19 October**

Jeremiah 36

**Professor Hindy Najman**

**Week 4 – 2 November**

Exodus 2:1–15

**James Nati**

**Week 6 – 16 November**

Proverbs 31

**Hans Decker**

**Week 8 – 30 November**

Leviticus 18:6–18

**Professor Jan Joosten**

Please do come along to read some Hebrew texts in a fun and friendly environment!

## ALL WELCOME



## CONFERENCE

### AFTER CLARICE: LISPECTOR'S LEGACY

November 17-18, 2017 at The Barn, St. John's College

Co-organisers: **Adriana X. Jacobs** (Oriental Studies) and **Claire Williams** (Modern Languages)

“After Clarice: Lispector’s Legacy” commemorates the fortieth anniversary of Clarice Lispector’s death, but also aims to analyse her legacy and influence as it has developed in the decades since. This international gathering will evaluate the fluctuations and swerves in Lispector’s critical fortunes, and focus, as well, on the way her works have evolved in translation into other languages and cultures and through other disciplines (film, music, sports and visual arts). Additionally, the conference will address Lispector’s status as a Jewish writer, issues of class and race in her work, translation and reception, as well as the politics of publishing and marketing Lispector for international readerships.

For a full programme of events, contact [adriana.jacobs@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:adriana.jacobs@orinst.ox.ac.uk) or [afterclarice@gmail.com](mailto:afterclarice@gmail.com)





## LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

Monday 20 November, 1.00pm at the Clarendon Institute

**Professor Rachel Elior**  
(Hebrew University)

(Title to be announced)



## SEMINAR IN MODERN ISRAEL STUDIES

The seminars will take place on Tuesdays at 2.15-4.00pm

Venue: SIAS, 11 Bevington Road (Ground Floor Seminar Room)

Convenors: **Professor Yaacov Yadgar and Dr Sara Hirschhorn**

October 24

**Ilan Zvi Baron** (Durham University)

*Jews, Israel and Debate: Understanding Israel in the Diaspora*

October 31

**Moshe Behar** (Manchester University)

*Birth of the Ashkenazi-Mizrachi Controversy on the 'Arab Question' (1910-12)*

November 7

**Edmund Herzig** (Oxford)

*An Iranian Perspective on Israel*

November 14

**Avi Shlaim** (Oxford)

*A Jordanian Perspective on Israel*





## LANGUAGE CLASSES

### BIBLICAL HEBREW

#### Wednesday evenings at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8      6.00-7.00pm:    Continuers  
                     7.00-8.00pm:    Beginners

Please register with the tutor: **Dr Stephen L Herring**

email: [stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk)



### MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

#### Wednesdays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 2-8      5.45-6.45pm:    Beginners  
                     6.45-7.45pm:    Intermediate

Please register with the tutor: **Mrs Tali Kleinman Almagor**

e-mail: [tali.kleinman@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:tali.kleinman@mail.huji.ac.il)



### YIDDISH CLASSES

#### Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8      3.45-4.45pm:    Beginners  
                     4.45 -5.45pm:    Intermediate & Advanced

Please register with the tutor: **Dr Khayke B Wiegand** (Corob Lector in Yiddish, OCHJS)

e-mail: [BeruriahWiegand@aol.com](mailto:BeruriahWiegand@aol.com)

**All are welcome. Members of the public are advised that in some classes teaching may be adjusted to meet University requirements**





**VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Michaelmas Term 2017**



**Visiting Scholar**

**Olivia Stewart-Lester** (Faculty of Theology and Religions, Oxford)



**Visiting Doctoral Student**

**James Nati** (Yale University)



**THURSDAY COFFEE AND CAKE**

Every Thursday morning during term from 11.00 to 11.30am in the Common Room.  
An opportunity to meet and catch up with others working in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

**All are very welcome**



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