

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Trinity Term 2015

Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies

“JEWISH BOOKS IN AMSTERDAM 1600-1850:

Authors, Producers, Readers and the Construction of Jewish Worlds”

Convenors: Professor Shlomo Berger and Dr César Merchán-Hamann

The seminars will be held on Tuesdays from 2-4pm in the Weston Library



Week 1, 28 April

Professor Emile Schrijver (University of Amsterdam)

Handwritten and printed: knowledge transmission and multilingualism, sobriety and opulence

Week 2, 5 May

Professor Jean Baumgarten

(CNRS, EHESS, CRH & CEJ, Paris)

Text and context in Yiddish narrative collections printed in Amsterdam (17th-18th Century)

Week 3, 12 May

Dr Benjamin Fisher (Towson University)

From Chests and Closets to the Bibliotheca: the Construction of a Jewish Library and its Readers, 1620-1670

Week 4, 19 May

Dr David Sclar (University of Toronto)

Rabbinic Piety and Hebrew Printing in 18th-Century Amsterdam

Week 5, 26 May

Professor Irene Zwiep (University of Amsterdam)

Creating the Good Jew. Text and 'illustration' in Dutch Jewish edifying literature, 1795-1860

Week 6, 2 June

Dr Piet van Boxel (Oriental Studies/ Emeritus Fellow, OCHJS)

Jewish hermeneutics in Amsterdam: Surenhusius' edition of the Mishnah

Week 7, 9 June

Dr Yaacov Shapira

(Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Book Leket Hakemah as a reflection of the social reality in the Jewish Communities of Amsterdam and Livorno

Week 8, 15-16 June

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(Please see separate programme for details)

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