

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Hilary Term 2014

**Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies**

**“ON THE WORD OF A JEW”: OATHS, TESTIMONIES AND THE NATURE OF TRUST**

**Convenors: Professor Mitchell Hart and Professor Nina Caputo**

The seminars will be held on Wednesdays at 4.30pm in the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane



Week 1, 22 January

**Professor David Feldman** (Birkbeck, University of London)  
*Ritual Murder in nineteenth-century Britain*

Week 2, 29 January

**Dr Nicholas Cole** (University of Oxford)  
*Oaths and Evidence: trust, superstition and evidence in post-revolutionary American Courts*

Week 3, 5 February

**Professor Ronald Schechter** (William and Mary College)  
*Trusting Daniel Mendoza: How British Boxing fans came to believe in the ‘Fair Play’ of an eighteenth-century Pugilist*

Week 4, 12 February

**Dr Joshua Teplitsky** (University of Oxford)  
*Death and Taxes: Oaths and Communal Administration in Eighteenth-Century Prague*

Week 5, 19 February

**Rachel Furst** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Constructing Credibility: Women, Non-Jews, and Apostates in the Jewish Courts of Medieval Ashkenaz*

Week 6, 26 February

**Professor Miri Rubin** (Queen Mary, University of London)  
*Thinking like a Jew: Jewish voice in ‘The Life and Passion of William of Norwich’*

Week 7, 5 March

**Professor Derek Penslar** (University of Oxford)  
*Politics as an Honourable Vocation? Theodor Herzl's Zionist Leadership*

Week 8, 11-12 March

**CONFERENCE at Yarnton Manor**  
**(Please see separate programme for details)**

**ALL WELCOME**