

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Trinity 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 at 7.15pm (Drinks from 6.45pm)

24 April

Dr Nadège Ragaru (Paris Institute of Political Studies)

Justice and the Holocaust: postwar trials for anti-Jewish crimes in Bulgaria

1 May

Professor Raymond Scheindlin (Jewish Theological Seminary, New York)

'Vulture in a Cage': the poetry and persona of Solomon Ibn Gabirol

8 May

Dr Elias Dinas (Brasenose College)

Collective Victimhood and Social Prejudice: a post-Holocaust theory of antisemitism

15 May

Dr Sara Y Hirschhorn (OCHJS)

City on a Hilltop: American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement

BOOK LAUNCH

22 May

Professor Pablo Torijano (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Bible textual criticism after Qumran

29 May

Dr Rachel Harris (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

A film of her own: women's activism in the Israeli film industry

5 June

James Redfield

Letters from a distant relation: Berdichevsky's Yiddish translations

12 June

Dr John Screnock (University of Oxford)

Rewriting the Bible in Jewish antiquity: insights from Translation Studies

ALL ARE WELCOME





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

The following seminars will be held on Tuesdays, 2.30 to 4pm,
at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Convenor: **Professor Martin Goodman**

April 25:

Dr Foteini Spingou (Classics) and **Dr Judith Mckenzie** (Classics and Oriental Studies)

Jewish or Christian? Late antique Egyptian wall-hangings painted with scenes from Genesis and Exodus

May 2:

Asaf Gayer (Haifa)

Literary uses of weights and measures in Qumran

May 9:

Professor Sir Fergus Millar (Brasenose)

Jews, Greeks and the Bible in Greek translation: So what? (2) The silence of Greek (and Latin)-speaking Judaism, 130-630 CE

May 16:

David Friedman (Wolfson)

Rhetoric and argument in Josephus

May 23:

Dr Arjen Bakker (Leuven)

Care of the self in Hellenistic Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls

May 30:

Professor Sarah Pearce (Southampton)

Ptolemy Philadelphus in the Letter of Aristeas

June 6:

Dr Donald T. Ariel (Israel Antiquities Authority)

The significance of the coin evidence from Judaea for Jewish history

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THURSDAY LUNCHTIME SEMINARS IN JEWISH STUDIES

1 - 2pm in the Clarendon Institute (weeks 4 and 5)

18 May

Isabella Ginor and **Gideon Remez** (Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Six-Year War: How Israel's 1967 Victory Became the Hottest Clash of the Cold War

[Isabella Ginor and Gideon Remez will discuss their new book *The Soviet-Israeli War, 1967-1973*]

25 May

Dr Eli Vinokur (Haifa University)
Cosmopolitan education viewed from a Jewish prism: the case of Rabbi Yehuda Ashlag



SEMINAR IN MODERN ISRAEL STUDIES

The seminars will take place on Tuesdays at 5pm (except Monday 15 May)

Venue: SIAS, 11 Bevington Road, Ground Floor Seminar Room
(except Mon 15 May and Tues 6 June, which will be in the Clarendon Institute)

Convenors: **Professor Derek Penslar**, **Dr Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, **Dr Roman Vater**

May 2

Yuval Evri (SOAS)
Arab Jews and the Balfour Declaration

May 9

Hila Zaban (University of Warwick)
City of Go(l)d: Jerusalem's Gentrification and the Role of Western Jews

Monday, May 15, 7.15pm

Sara Yael Hirschhorn (OCHJS)

Book Launch: *City on a Hilltop - American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement* (Sara Yael Hirschhorn, Harvard University Press, 2017)

VENUE: **Catherine Lewis Lecture Room, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street**

May 23

Derek Penslar (Harvard University)
Declarations of (in)dependence: The dialectics of Zionist diplomacy

June 6

Noa Schonmann (University of Leiden/Pembroke College), **Gershom Gorenberg** (Journalist, Jerusalem) and **Sara Yael Hirschhorn** (OCHJS)

Roundtable: *1967, Fifty Years On – Reflections on Past and Future in Israel/Palestine*

VENUE: **Catherine Lewis Lecture Room, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street**





**CONFERENCE: HORIZONS IN TEXTUAL CRITICISM
10-11 May at the Clarendon Institute**

Convenors: **Professor Jan Joosten** and **Dr John Srenock**

(Information from <enquiries@ochjs.ac.uk>)



BIBLICAL HEBREW READING GROUP

Wednesdays 1-2pm at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 2,4,6,8

Convenors: **Dr Laura Quick** e-mail: laura.quick@worc.ox.ac.uk
Dr John Srenock e-mail: john.srenock@orinst.ox.ac.uk

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OXFORD BIBLICAL HEBREW SUMMER SCHOOL

The Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School will take place in the Clarendon Institute from **September 4-15, 2017**.

The school offers ten days of intensive teaching in biblical Hebrew, and corresponds to a term of intensive teaching for a full-time university student. It is open to students with or without experience of the language.

Applications should be submitted by **Sunday June 18, 2017**.

Please see the OCHJS website for further details and information on how to apply:
www.ochjs.ac.uk



BERLIN-OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2nd Berlin-Oxford Summer School in Biblical Studies will take place in the Clarendon Institute from **September 4-8, 2017**.

(Information from <enquiries@ochjs.ac.uk>)





OWRI WORKSHOP

'Sepharad: A Travelling Concept'

7 June 2017

11.15am-6.30pm at the Clarendon Institute

11.15-11.30 **Introduction: Julian Weiss and AbdoolKarim Vakil** (King's College London)

11.30-1.00 **Session 1: Jewish Polities and Hebrew Republics**

María José Vega (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Book Censorship and the Memory of Judaism in Sixteenth-century Spain:

The Expurgation of Jerónimo Román's 'República Hebrea'

Joanna Weinberg (University of Oxford)

An Iberian Jew's Hebrew Paraphrase of Josephus' 'Contra Apionem' (Constantinople, 1566)

Julian Weiss (King's College London)

Josephus and the Jewish Polity: Reading 'Against Apion' in the Sephardic World from 1492 to 1687

2.15-3.45 **Session 2: Books and Communities in London and Amsterdam**

Harm den Boer (University of Basel)

Amsterdam: A Sephardic Textual Community

Theodor Dunkelgrün (University of Cambridge)

Vernacular Revelation and Biblical Criticism: Samuel de Casseres and the Ferrara Bible

in mid-seventeenth century Amsterdam

Ariel Hessayon (Goldsmith's College, London)

Antonio Carvajal (c.1596-1659) and the Crypto-Jewish / Jewish Community in Cromwellian England

4.15-5.30 **Session 3: Creating Worlds for Ottoman and Turkish Sephardim**

Marc David Baer (London School of Economics)

Love in the Shadow of Lemon Trees: Figures of Jews and Visions of Sefarad in Modern Turkish Literature

Laurent Mignon (University of Oxford)

"God Created the Universe and Man, God": Religious Dissidence in Turkish-Language

Sephardic Literature

5.45-6.30 **Conclusion: Sepharad, Travelling Between Disciplines**

Open Forum on a discussion paper co-authored by **Julia Phillips Cohen** (Vanderbilt University), **Julian Weiss** and **AbdoolKarim Vakil** (King's College London). The paper will be circulated in advance to those who register for the event.

ALL ARE WELCOME, BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

PLEASE EMAIL: <enquiries@ochjs.ac.uk>





LANGUAGE CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW

Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8	4.45-5.45pm:	Continuers
	5.45-6.45pm:	Beginners

Please register with the tutor: **Dr Stephen L Herring** (Lector in Biblical Hebrew, OCHJS)

email: stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk



MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

Wednesdays at the Clarendon Institute (please note the change of day)

Weeks 1-8	5.45-6.45pm:	Beginners
	6.45-7.45pm:	Intermediate

Please register with the tutor: **Daniel Herskowitz**

e-mail: daniel.herskowitz@wolfson.ox.ac.uk



YIDDISH CLASSES

Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8	4-5pm:	Beginners
	5-6pm:	Intermediate

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

e-mail: BeruriahWiegand@aol.com

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





**LONDON LECTURES AT JW3
The Oxford Series**

TRINITY TERM 2017

Thursdays at 7.30-9.00pm

Venue: 341-351 Finchley Road, London NW3 6ET

**PLEASE BOOK ONLINE WITH JW3 FOR THESE EVENTS or
call the Box Office: 020 7433 8988**

May 4:

Professor Jan Joosten

New light from the Dead Sea Scrolls on Hebrew words and phrases in the Bible

May 11:

Dr Sara Hirschhorn

City on a hilltop: American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement

May 18:

Professor Martin Goodman

Josephus' 'The Jewish War' as literature

May 25:

Dr César Merchán-Hamann

Hebrew Manuscripts: the Polonsky digitization project

June 9:

Professor Adriana X Jacobs

Translating Yehuda Amichai

June 15:

Dr Miri Freud-Kandel (OCHJS) and **Rabbi Zvi Hirschfield** (Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies)

Conservadox or Orthoprax? Dogma in Judaism





OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE ON MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM

**Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
in partnership with the Berman Center, Lehigh University**

3–10 July 2017

The fourth annual Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism (OSI-MCJ) will address ‘Modern Judaism, Technology, and Authority: Historical, Social Scientific and Theological Perspectives.’

This seminar will be dedicated to exploring the multiple ways in which modern and contemporary Jewish life, thought, and practice have responded to a broad range of innovations. The multi- and inter-disciplinary approach of the seminar is designed to bring into conversation distinctive fields of study and attract a diverse range of specialists.

The OSI-MCJ will involve a period of intense study in the setting of an advanced seminar under the leadership of Professor Adam Ferziger (Bar Ilan), Dr Miri Freud-Kandel, and Professor Hartley Lachter (Lehigh).

(Information from <enquiries@ochjs.ac.uk>)



VISITING SCHOLARS: Trinity Term 2017

Dr Jaclyn Granick (British Academy Newton International Fellow)

Professor Lisa Leff (American University)

Professor Pablo Torijano (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Dr Roman Vater (University of Manchester)

Dr Eli Vinokur (Haifa University)



THURSDAY COFFEE AND CAKE

Every Thursday morning during term from 11 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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