

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Michaelmas Term 2018



PUBLIC EVENTS OF OCHJS



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

Week 1, 8 October:

Professor Adriana X Jacobs (Oxford)

'Strange Cocktail: Translation and the Making of Modern Hebrew Poetry'
(BOOK LAUNCH)

Week 2, 15 October:

Dr Peter Bergamin

Conflicting Interests? Antisemitism and the Balfour Declaration

Week 3, 22 October:

Dr Aya Elyada (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Yiddish speaking Orientals: Hebrew and Yiddish in Early Modern Christian Writings

Week 4, 29 October:

Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (Oxford)

Bookmakers and booksellers in the Cairo Genizah World

Week 5, 5 November:

Professor Shmuel Feiner (Bar Ilan University)

The Year 1700 and the Birth of the Jewish 18th century

Week 6, 12 November:

Dr Arjen Bakker (Oxford)

'You will meditate on it day and night': The Ideal of Continuous Study in Ancient Judaism

Week 7, 19 November:

Professor Chaim Saiman (Villanova University)

The Rabbinic Idea of Law

(BOOK LAUNCH)

Week 8, 26 November:

Professor Marc Caplan (IFK, Vienna)

*The Corridors of Berlin: Proximity, Peripherality and Surveillance
in David Bergelson's 'Boarding House Stories'*

ALL ARE WELCOME





LANGUAGE CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW

Thursday evenings at the Clarendon Institute

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

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

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



MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

Wednesdays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8 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



YIDDISH CLASSES

Mondays at the Clarendon Institute (Room 103)

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

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





THE OXFORD SONG NETWORK: POETRY AND PERFORMANCE

"Within my heart a blind bird is imprisoned": Hebrew-English Artistic Project, combining the arts of music, poetry, translation and scholarship

7:30pm on Thursday November 1, Holywell Music Room, Oxford, OX1 3SD

Songs by contemporary Israeli composer Stella Lerner to words by Leah Goldberg (1911-1970), a classic icon of Hebrew-Israeli poetry, performed in the original Hebrew and in Avshalom Guissin's English translations. The concert will be followed by a panel discussion.

Free and open to all. For more details and to reserve your ticket, please visit:

www.torch.ox.ac.uk/oxford-song-network



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME
of THE CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES
of the UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



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

The following seminars will be held on Tuesdays, 2.15-3.45pm
at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Convenors: Professor Martin Goodman, Professor Jan Joosten and Professor Alison Salvesen

Week 1, October 9:

Dr James Aitken (Cambridge)

'Homeric rewriting in Greek Sirach' [Septuagint Forum]

Week 2, October 16:

Dr Marton Ribary (Manchester)

'Rabbinic isolation in Roman times'

Week 3, October 23:

Professor Sarah Pearce (Southampton)

'Cleopatra and the Jews'

Week 4, October 30:

Professor Jonathan Ben-Dov and Asaf Gayer (Haifa)

'Prolegomena to the writings in cryptic script from Qumran '

Week 5, November 6:

Professor Galit Hasan-Rokem (Hebrew University)

'Alexandria in the literary memory of the rabbis'

Week 6, November 13:

Dr Max Leventhal (Cambridge)

'Quotations of the Septuagint in Eleazar's exegesis of the Law (Arist. 130-171) [Septuagint Forum]

Week 7, November 20:

Professor Sir Fergus Millar (Brasenose)

'The inscriptions of Judaea/Palaestina: where are we?'

Week 8, November 27:

Professor Willem Smelik (UCL)

' A new Aramaic fragment of the Toldot Yeshu'

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LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

The Seminar will take place on Thursday at 1pm at the Clarendon Institute

Week 4, 1 November:

Harai Golomb (Tel Aviv) and **Avshalom Guissin** (OUDCE)

'Translating Hebrew Poetry into Song'

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THE THIRD ULLENDORFF MEMORIAL LECTURE

Thursday 29 November, 6.00pm at the Clarendon Institute

Professor Geoffrey Khan FBA (Cambridge)

'The loss of the Tiberian pronunciation tradition
of Biblical Hebrew in the Middle Ages
and its recovery through modern scholarship'

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Joint Seminar:

THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF EUROPE IN THE LONG NINETEENTH CENTURY and MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

Wednesday, 11.10 am in the MacGregor Room, Oriel College

Week 7, 21 November:

Marc Volovici (Birkbeck)

'The Linguistic Politics of Emancipation:

Early Jewish Nationalism between German, Yiddish, and Hebrew'





SEMINAR IN MODERN ISRAEL STUDIES

The seminars will take place on Tuesdays at 2.15
The Board Room, The Middle East Centre, St Antony's College

Convenor: Yaacov Yadgar (SIAS/DPIR)

Week 1, 9 October:

Yaacov Yadgar (Oxford)

'The Nation-State bill and the meaning of Israel's Jewish identity'

Week 2, 16 October:

Ghil'ad Zuckermann (Adelaide)

'The Israeli language: Modern Hebrew or a Semito-European hybrid?'

Week 3, 23 October:

Yakov Rabkin (Montreal)

'Israel: The Russian connection'

Week 4, 30 October:

David Tal (Sussex)

'The making of alliance: The making and history of US-Israel relationships'

Week 5, 6 November:

Derek Penslar (Harvard)

'Zionism: An emotional state'

Week 6, 13 November:

Adriana X. Jacobs (Oxford)

'A gift from Sinai: Translation and nation-building'

Week 7, 20 November:

Orna Sasson-Levy (Bar Ilan)

'Gendered citizenship: The case of Women Breaking the Silence'

Week 8, 27 November:

Brian Klug (Oxford)

'Defining antisemitism, demonizing Zionism: The current controversy over the left and the Jews'



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VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Michaelmas Term 2018



Visiting Scholars

Dr Peter Bergamin

Dr Aya Elyada (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Dr Jaclyn Granick (St Peter's College)

Dr Stefano Salemi (King's College London)

Dr Daniel Schumann (University of Münster)



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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