

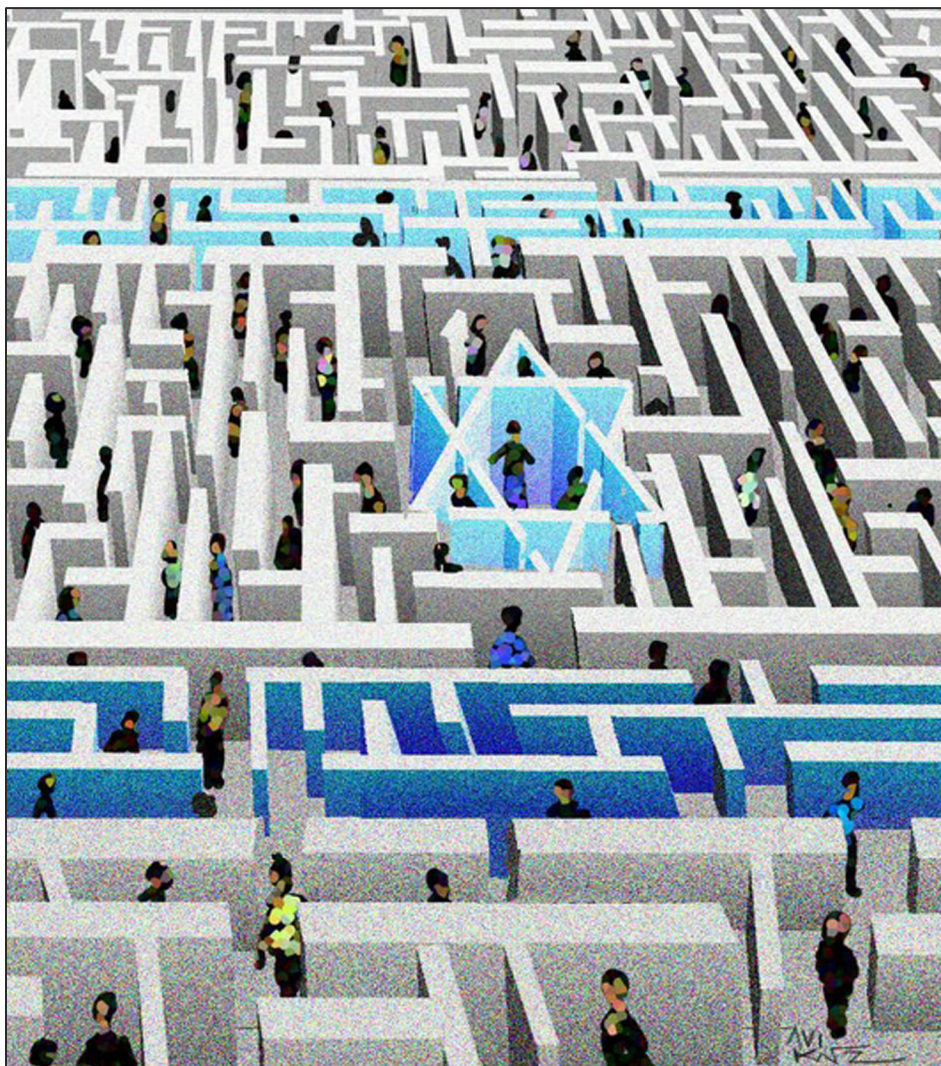
Sixth Annual
OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM
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Jerusalem and Babylon: Past and Present

30 June – 5 July 2019

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
in conjunction with the
Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University

PROGRAMME



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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Morning Arrival at Eynsham Hall

12:00pm Lunch

1:30pm **SESSION 1: Opening**

Miri Freud-Kandel, Hartley Lachter, Adam Ferziger,
Welcome, explanation of concept, expectations
Round table self-introductions/research focus of each participant

3:30pm Coffee Break

4:00pm **SESSION 2: Exile, Home, and State: Philosophy and Language**

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Elad Lapidot - "We, the Others, Jews" Levinas' Greek Translation of
Babylon to Jerusalem

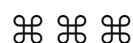
Naomi Seidman - A Different Diaspora: Freud in Exile and Translation

Respondents: Admiel Kosman, Daniel Herskowitz

Discussion

6:45pm Welcome Get-Together on Patio

7:45pm Dinner



MONDAY, JULY 1

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 3: Diaspora Jews/Diaspora Judaisms**

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Mirjam Thulin - The Jerusalem Foundation: An 18th-Century Diaspora
Philanthropic Network

Michael Miller - New Diasporas and Shifting Centres of Power: Black
Judaism(s)

Respondents: Sara Hirschhorn, Kimmy Caplan

	Coffee Break
	Discussion
12:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm	SESSION 4: Cultural Zionism and Diaspora
	Chair: Rudolf Klein
	Rose Stair - A Homeland in the Home: on space making in <i>jungjüdisch</i> cultural Zionism
	Markus Krah - Cultural Zionism Put to the Test by Salman Schocken's Publishing in Israel and America
	Respondents: Naomi Seidman, Adriana X Jacobs
	Discussion
4:00pm	Coffee Break
4:30pm	SESSION 5: Cemeteries as Diaspora Jewish Space
	Chair: Admiel Kosman
	Rudolph Klein - "Houses of Life" until the Final Journey to Jerusalem during the "end of days": Forms, Spaces and Meanings of Large European Jewish Cemeteries after the Haskalah
	Respondents: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Adam Ferziger
	Discussion
7:30pm	Dinner
9:00pm	Optional Movie Night - "A Tale of Love and Darkness"
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TUESDAY, JULY 2

8:00am	Breakfast
9:30am	SESSION 6: Comparative Theology
	Chair: Rose Stair
	Admiel Kosman - A Buberian View on the Tension between Israeli-Judaism and Diaspora-Judaism Nowadays

Ezra Tzfadya - Constitutional Clash: Shia-Iranian
and Israeli-Jewish Postcolonial Political Theologies in Dialogue

Respondents: Miri Freud-Kandel, Elad Lapidot

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Departure to Oxford
3:00pm	College Tour/Bodleian Library
5:45pm	Dinner - Oxford Jewish Congregation
7:15pm	Macbeth - Oxford Castle Theatre



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 7: Talmudic and Kabbalistic Literature**

Chair: Naomi Seidman

Vered Noam - Hidden Political Tensions between the Jerusalem and
Babylonian Talmuds: Scrutiny of a Single Tale

Hartley Lachter - Jerusalem in Babylon: Inversions of Center and
Periphery in Medieval Kabbalah

Respondents: Martin Goodman, Admiel Kosman

Discussion

Coffee Break

12:30pm **SESSION 8: St. Augustine's Jerusalem and Babylon**

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Stan Rosenberg - Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford

Discussion

1:45pm Lunch

3:00pm **SESSION 9 – American Jews and Israel**

Chair: Jodi Eichler-Levine

Kimmy Caplan - Against the Tide?: Comprehensive Historical Narratives of American Jewish History

Sara Hirschhorn - Rediscovering and Reimagining: American Jews and Jerusalem in the Immediate Aftermath of the 1967 War

Respondents: Markus Krah, David Myers

Coffee Break

Discussion

5:30pm **SESSION 10 – What Have We Learned So Far?**

Moderator: Hartley Lachter

Discussion

7:30pm Dinner



THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am **SESSION 11: New Babylons and the State of Israel**

Chair: Kimmy Caplan

Miri Freud-Kandel - The Meanings of Israel in a British Babylon: Louis Jacobs on God, Torah, and Israel

David Myers - Simon Rawidowicz and the Doctrine of "Babylon and Jerusalem"

Respondents: Mirjam Thulin, Ezra Tzfadya

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm **SESSION 12: Crafting Israel**

Chair: Ezra Tzfadya

Jodi Eichler-Levine – Crafting a Promised Land: Israel, Past and Present, in Diaspora Material Culture

Respondents: Rudolph Klein, Naomi Seidman

Discussion

3:30pm Coffee Break

4:00pm **SESSION 13: Israelization**

Chair: Mirjam Thulin

Adam Ferziger - The Israelization Thesis and Religion

Respondents: David Myers, Sara Hirschhorn, Yaacov Yadgar

Discussion

6:30pm Festive Get-Together on Patio

7:30pm Concluding Dinner



FRIDAY, JULY 5

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am **SESSION 14: Summary Session and Topics for the Future**

Moderators: Hartley Lachter, Miri Freud-Kandel, Adam Ferziger

11:00 Bon Voyage/Transfer to Oxford – safe travels to all!



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