

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Michaelmas Term 2020



PUBLIC EVENTS OF OCHJS



THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

For information on how to join the lectures online, please email Priscilla Lange at academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk.

Thursdays 18.00-19.00

15 October

No lecture

22 October

Dr Peter Bergamin (Mansfield College)

'I'm the best friend that the Jews ever had': Ernest Bevin and Palestine.

29 October

Dr John Screnock (OCHJS)

'When Abram was nynetye yere olde and ix': The Syntax of Hebrew (and English) Numerals, Its Development, and Dating Texts from the Bible

5 November

Mr Yochai Coppenhagen

The Coppenhagen Collection: A Dutch-Jewish Jewel

12 November

Professor Laurent Mignon (University of Oxford)

The Book Cover as a World Map: On Judeo-Spanish Translations, Ottoman-Turkish Culture and World Literature

19 November

Dr Norman Solomon (OCHJS)

Meat and Milk: Inventing the Law

26 November

Professor Yaacov Yadgar (OCHJS) in discussion with **Dr Brian Klug** (St. Benet's Hall)

Israel and the 'Jewish Question': A discussion following Yaacov Yadgar's book, *Israel's Jewish Identity Crisis: State and Politics in the Middle East* (CUP, 2020)

3 December

Dr Arezou Azad (Corpus Christi)

Of panegyrics and commerce: Jews and Muslims in 11th century Afghanistan

ALL WELCOME





LANGUAGE CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW

Weeks 1-8, Beginners and Continuers

Thursdays: Beginners: 18.00-19.00
Continuers: 19.00-20.00

Please register with the Tutor, **Dr Stephen Herring** at stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk



MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

Weeks 1-8, Absolute beginners*, Lower Intermediates and Upper Intermediates*****

Wednesdays: Beginners: 16.30-17.30
Lower intermediates: 17.30-18.40
Upper intermediate: at 18.40-19.40

All classes will be held in Zoom throughout the term. Please register with the tutor, **Mrs Esther Yadgar** at esther.yadgar@orinst.ox.ac.uk for a link to the class

***Absolute beginners:** Learning the alphabet, speaking, reading and writing
****Lower intermediates:** Starting from present and past tenses, simple verbs. We will continue reading short paragraphs and move on to future tense and other forms of verbs
*****Upper intermediates:** Conversational Hebrew. Reading of short articles followed by conversation

Please note that language classes do not begin at the beginner's level each term



YIDDISH CLASSES

Weeks 1-8, Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced

Mondays: Beginners: 15.45-16.45
Intermediate/Advanced: 16.45-17.45

Please register with the Tutor, **Dr Beruriah Wiegand** (Corob Lector in Yiddish, OCHJS) at beruriahwiegand@gmail.com



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



**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**

**There will be no seminars in Michaelmas 2020.
This seminar will reconvene in Hilary 2021**



SEPTUAGINT

LXX Forum

Convenor: Professor Alison Salvesen

The following talks will take place on Tuesdays from 14 to 15.30

Please email alison.salvesen@orinst.ox.ac.uk in order to participate via Zoom

Week 4, 3 November

Dr Noah Hacham (Hebrew University)
'The Concept of Exile in the Septuagint'

Week 6, 17 November

Professor Alison Salvesen (University of Oxford)
'The Oxford Handbook of the Septuagint and future prospects for Septuagint studies'



SEMINAR IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

Jewish Country Houses at the Modern Jewish History Remote Seminar

19 October 2020, 13.30

Professor Joseph Sassoon (Georgetown): 'The Global Merchants: The World of the Sassoons'
This seminar will be held on Zoom. Please email briony.truscott@history.ox.ac.uk no later than Wednesday 14th October to register your interest.

2 November 2020, 17:00

Professor Matthias Lehmann (UC Irvine): 'Baron Hirsch and the Politics of Jewish Philanthropy'

This seminar will be held on Zoom. Please email briony.truscott@history.ox.ac.uk no later than Wednesday 28th October to register your interest.

30 November 2020, 13.30

Dr Myriam Chimènes: 'Music in the homes of the Parisian Jewish Elites (1870-1940)'
This seminar will be held on Zoom. Please email briony.truscott@history.ox.ac.uk no later than Wednesday 25th November to register your interest.



ISRAEL STUDIES SEMINAR

**Tuesdays 14.15pm, online via Teams Live Event
(follow the URL of each event to join it, no downloads or logins required)**

Convenor: Yaacov Yadgar (OSGA and DPIR)

Week 1, 13 October

Professor Alexander (Sandy) Kedar (Haifa)

Emptied Lands: A Legal Geography of Bedouin Rights in the Negev

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Week 3, 27 October

Hadeel Abu Hussein (Oxford)

Palestinian Arab Citizens in Israel, Equality Struggle

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Week 5, 10 November

Nahshon Perez (Bar-Ilan) and Yuval Jobani (Tel Aviv)

Governing the Sacred: Political Toleration in Five Contested Sacred Sites

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Week 7, 24 November

Peter Bergamin (Oxford)

Guns and Moses: Jewish anti-British Resistance during the Mandate for Palestine

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Seminar: Reconsidering Early Jewish Nationalist Ideologies

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Convenor: Peter Bergamin

Week 2, 20 October

Dr Yair Wallach, SOAS

Language of Revival or Conquest? Hebrew in the Streets of early 20th century Jerusalem

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Week 4, 3 November

Dr Danielle Drori, University of Oxford

Yosef Klausner in Translation: Zionism and Christianity

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Week 6, 17 November

Dr Yuval Evri, KCL

The Return to Al-Andalus: Disputes Over Sephardic Culture and Identity Between Arabic and Hebrew

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Week 8, 1 December

Rose Stair, University of Oxford

Age and gender in German-language cultural Zionism

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Modern Jewish Studies Reading Group and Workshop

All are welcome to join our meetings this term, which will be happening via Microsoft Teams. Please email rose.stair@wolfson.ox.ac.uk to be added to the events and receive PDFs of the readings.

Friday 16 October (Week 1), 12:30pm. Jewish representation in museums

- Aomar Boum, "The Plastic Eye: The Politics of Jewish Representation in Moroccan Museums" (2010)
- Matti Bunzl, "Of Holograms and Storage Areas: Modernity and Postmodernity at Vienna's Jewish Museum" (2003)

Friday 30 October (Week 3), 12:30 pm. Feminist Jewish theology and cumulative revelation

- Molly Farneth, "Feminist Jewish Thought as Postliberal Theology" (2017)
- Ronit Irshai, "Religion and Morality: Akedah Theology and Cumulative Revelation as Contradictory Theologies in Jewish Modern-Orthodox Feminism" (2016)

Friday 13 November (Week 5), 12:30pm. Friday 13 November (week 5), 12:30pm. Arendt, antisemitism and Disraeli

- Hannah Arendt, "Antisemitism: the Jews and Society" (The Origins of Totalitarianism, Part 1 Chapter 3, 1951)
- Norma Claire Moruzzi, "The Charlatan: Benjamin Disraeli" (2018)

Friday 27 November (Week 7), 12:30pm. Daniel Herskowitz, "Heidegger and His Jewish Reception." Respondent: Danielle Drori

- Daniel Herskowitz, "The Husserl-Heidegger Relationship in the Jewish Imagination" (2020)



Lunchtime Seminars in Jewish Studies

The following seminar will take place via Zoom on 23 November at 1pm. Please contact academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk to register

WEEK 7

Dr Elena Lolli

The oldest Account Book of a Jewish Pawnbroker in Italy (early 15th century) from an unpublished manuscript of Corpus Christi College in Oxford. Some preliminary remarks



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