

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Hilary Term 2022

'Black is the New Jew?: The Emerging "Jewitch" Movement, Between Jew Age and Neo-Witchcraft'

Hybrid session: in person and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pcu6srzIqHdTGLNmG5TWqXATfzZ7JucmM>

Refreshments to follow ALL WELCOME



Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies

Hilary Term 2022

Towards the Study of Jewish-Buddhist Relations

Convenors: **Prof Boaz Huss, Prof Lionel Obadia and Dr Sebastian Musch**

The seminars will be held in Room 207 at the Clarendon Institute on Wednesdays from 3-5pm

Please note that lectures marked with ** will take place online via Zoom

Week 1, 19 January**

Professor Lionel Obadia (University of Lyon)

'Encounters and cross-fertilization between Judaism and Buddhism : an *Easternization* of an *Oriental* tradition?'

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwofuyprToqGNNIAhx4M0BSgd5sQABxh27>

Week 2, 26 January **

Professor Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

'Reinventing Buddhism: Allen Ginsberg and Jewish Appropriations of Asian Religious Traditions'

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrc-ipqzgoHd0xiZLi8YHDIw9t9Y-gzNFP>

Week 3, 2 February**

Dr Shimon Lev (Tel-Hai Academic College)

' "Clear are the Paths of India": The Cultural Encounter between Indians and Jews.

Mapping the Exposure and Penetration of Buddhist Thought in Jewish and Zionist Texts '

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-qppjgpHdWRCjsuZ9dfhbOWCT7HdARa>

Week 4, 9 February**

Dr Rachel Werczberger (Hadassah Academic College)

'Jewish spirituality and/or Jewish revival: Jewish-Buddhist encounter as a case study'

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvd-uvrTsrH9AuxIYVHdMN4U0kpXdz4oW9>

Week 5, 16 February**

Professor Boaz Huss (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

‘Hindu and Jewish Mysticism: Comparative Perspectives’

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpC--tqTspEtKGOEg-ERJv7tLnd9gCHLe3>

Week 6, 23 February**

Dr Dong Xiuyuan (Shandong University)

‘The Encounter between Indian Thought and Jewish Kalām’

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvCuutqD4tEtITrUx-M9PR_z_SXZCN6L3

Week 7, 2 March

Dr Sebastian Musch (Osnabrueck University)

‘German, Jewish, and Buddhist? Identity and Belonging in the Weimar Republic’

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kcu6tqDgtH9dCABKhncYYf0FB1CwKUILW>

Week 8, 10 and 11 March: Conference. Further details below.



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Final Conference of the Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies:

10-11 March 2022

The conference will take place at the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG as well as online via Zoom in a hybrid format. Entrance is free, and no registration is necessary for in-person attendance. Please find the full programme with abstracts here:

<https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/final-conference-towards-the-study-of-jewish-buddhist-relations/>

To register to join via Zoom, please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsdeirrzguH9K4O4Xg0SJiAABL4x7eSFBv>

Thursday, 10 March 2022

9:00-9:15 – Introduction

9:15-11:30 – Panel 1

Chair: Job Jindo

Dong Xiuyuan – ‘Intuitive Knowledge in Jewish and Buddhist Scholasticism’

Gideon Elazar – ‘An Unclean Name: Abraham’s Mystical Legacy and Contemporary Rabbinical Responses to the Importation of Buddhist Practices’

Aleš Weiss – ‘Buddhism in 18th–21st-Century Jewish Religious Literature: Three Approaches’

11:30-11:45 – Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 – Panel 2

Chair: Boaz Huss

Shimon Lev – ‘Asia is One(?): Jewish Encounters with Buddhism in the Context of the Jewish National Movement in Europe and Palestine’

Samuel Glauber-Zimra – ‘Di reyð fun Buda: A. Almi and the Deparochialization of Jewish Spirituality’

13:15-14:30 – Lunch Break (lunch provided for speakers only)

14:30-16:45 – Panel 3

Chair: Lionel Obadia

Ruth Harris – ‘Buddhist Modernism and the “Semitic” Religions’

Sebastian Musch – ‘Antisemitism, Christianity, and the Quest for the Buddhist Jesus’

Boaz Huss – ‘The Spirit of the East: Orientalism, Nationalism, and the Mystification of Kabbalah, Advaita Vedanta, and Zen Buddhism’

19:30 – Dinner (for speakers only)

Friday, 11 March 2022

9:00-11:15 – Panel 4

Chair: Yakov Ariel

Rachel Werczberger – ‘Switching, Matching, and Mixing: Jewish Mindfulness Under Neoliberalism’

Emily Sigalow – ‘Making Meditation Jewish: The Construction of a New Religious Practice’

Ori Mautner – ‘“Finding Vessels for Our Lights”: Orthodox Israeli Jews Encountering the Divine Soul Through Secularised Buddhist Meditation’

11:15-11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 – Panel 5

Chair: Ruth Harris

Job Jindo – ‘Between Hagami and Chouraqui: Monotheisms, Asia, and the Survival of Humanness’

Alan Brill – ‘Judaism and Buddhist Modernism: Philosophic Encounters of the Last 50

Years'

13:00-14:00 – Lunch Break (lunch provided for speakers only)

14:00-16:15 – Panel 6

Chair: Sebastian Musch

Yaakov Ariel – 'Individualism, Rebellion and Searching for Meaning Outside of the Fold: Jewish Baby Boomers and Non-Jewish Forms of Spirituality'
Mira Niculescu – 'European Jewish Buddhists, American Jubus, and Jewish Mindfulness Exploring the Phenomenon of the Jewish Buddhists in a Global Lens'
Lionel Obadia – 'Beyond Hinjus, Jubus and Other Hyphenated Creatures: The Complex Visibility of Judaism in the Spiritual Neo-Hindu Futuristic City of Auroville, South India'



THE SIXTH EDWARD ULLENDORFF MEMORIAL LECTURE

Week 5

Tuesday, 15th February 2022
6:00 pm (UK time)

The following lecture will be given by

Professor Gary A. Rendsburg (Rutgers University)

'The Significance of Ugaritic for the Study of the Bible'

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpc-6trT0sG9T96tvh14xzb71WBJ5qCVrY>

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LANGUAGE CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW

Weeks 1-8, Beginners and Continuers

Thursdays: Beginners: 6.00-7.00 pm
Continuers: 7.00-8.00 pm

All classes will be held via Zoom throughout the term. 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*****

Mondays: Absolute Beginners: **12:30**
Thursdays: Lower Intermediates: **12:30**
Thursdays: Upper Intermediates: **13:30**

All classes will be held via 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.

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

Times listed above are taken as UK time.



BABYLONIAN TALMUD

Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30 pm via Zoom (UK time)
Tutor: Dr. Norman Solomon

Interested persons are welcome to join Dr. Norman Solomon's ongoing Talmud class on Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30 pm. The text for study in Michaelmas Term is the first section of Qiddushin Chapter 1. The text will be studied in the context of Rabbinic Judaism and with regard to its historical setting. Some familiarity with Hebrew and Aramaic will be assumed. The class will be conducted by Zoom. New students should register their interest directly with Dr Solomon at normansolomon@btinternet.com



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES

APPLICATIONS FOR CLASSES BEGINNING IN MICHAELMAS & HILARY TERMS ARE NOW CLOSED.

We will not accept any further applications for classes beginning in said term.

TO APPLY FOR CLASSES BEGINNING IN TRINITY TERM 2022, please check here:

<https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/language-classes/oxford-school-of-rare-jewish-languages/>

The application deadline for classes beginning in Trinity Term 2022 is Monday 11 April 2022 at 12pm UK Time.

Please do not use old application forms to apply for classes beginning in Trinity Term; such forms will not be accepted. If you applied for a class beginning in said terms earlier in the year and received email confirmation of our successful receipt of your completed application, then your application will be considered following the relevant deadline and we will contact you with the results thereafter.

Languages taught and their teachers through OSRJL include the following. Click on the language name for class descriptions and more information.

[Baghdadi Judeo-Arabic](#) (Dr Assaf Bar Moshe)

[Classical Judeo-Arabic](#) (Friederike Schmidt)

[Judeo-French](#) (Dr Sandra Hajek)

[Judeo-Greek](#) (Dr Julia G. Krivoruchko)

[Judeo-Italian](#) (Dr Marilena Colasuonno)

[Judeo-Neo-Aramaic](#) (Dr Dorota Molin)

[Judeo-Persian](#) (Dr Ofir Haim)

[Judeo-Tat](#) (Prof Gilles Authier & Dr Murad Suleymanov)

[Judeo-Turkish](#) (Prof Laurent Mignon)

[Karaim](#) (Prof Henryk Jankowski)

[Ladino](#) (Dr Ilil Baum & Dr Carlos Yebra López)

[Yiddish](#) (Dr Beruriah Wiegand)



Yiddish Songs as Sources for the History of the Ashkenazim

Online music course via Zoom on Tuesdays 4-5pm (UK time)

Tutor: Dr Diana Matut

Starting with their first copying and printing over five hundred years ago, Yiddish songs capture communal Ashkenazic history as well as the individual's experience. Various prize-winning musical programmes explicitly focus on Jewish experience in song such as the Lodz Ghetto Programme (Brave Old World) or Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs of World War II (Anna Shternshis and Psoy Korolenko). In the course of this seminar, we want to

develop a working definition of 'historical song' and contextualize as well as analyse significant Yiddish songs (translations provided) from 1500 to the twenty-first century.

The course will encompass the following topics:

1. Yiddish songs as sources or: What is a historical song?
2. C. 1600: A time for truth: Purim and inner-Jewish critique in song
3. 1614: Expulsion from Frankfurt and the Megiles Vints
4. 1827 or Whom will we serve? Jewish conscription in song
5. The -isms of Jewish modernity: Bundism, communism and anarchism in Yiddish song
6. Hey Zhankoye! Stalin's forgotten Zions in song
7. Mayn shvester Khaye. Memories of lost worlds
8. The 20th and 21st century: Social struggle, world politics and some Jewish questions

Please note that we are no longer taking applications for this course



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

Professor Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge)
'The Jewish Neo-Aramaic Dialects'

Week 4, Tuesday, 8th February
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online Via Zoom

Please register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcOGtrzovHdaUbIXMmUIb7WBFmbM_g_eDW

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OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

**OSRJL Visiting Fellow
Ms Alla Markova (Brooklyn Public Library)**

‘Orlando Furiozo: A Judeo-Spanish Manuscript in Oxford’

Week 6, Tuesday, 22 February
12 noon (UK time)

Hybrid lecture which will take place at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre
and online via Zoom

No need to register if you are attending in person.

Please register here if you would like to watch this lecturer on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcodOChpjIjHtjYEgNhCgt95soENFiPHbfL>

ALL WELCOME



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

**Professor Lily Kahn (UCL), Professor Kriszta Eszter Szendroi (UCL) and
Dr Sonya Yampolskaya (UCL)**

‘Contemporary Hasidic Yiddish’

Week 7, Tuesday, 1st March
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online Via Zoom

Please register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcO6upzMiH9zSoAoqnqQLkp_OMmQ3umQY

ALL WELCOME





LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

The following seminar will take place at 1.00 pm (UK time)

Hybrid lecture which will take place at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre (Clarendon Institute Building, Walton St, Oxford OX1 2HG) and online via Zoom

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfu-hrTIjHNSgd9p6nDMCZkEuQ0IKvB8C>

Week 5

Wednesday, 16th February 2022

Dr Rachel Werczberger

(Hadassah Academic College)

'Lived Judaism : A New Epistemology for the Study of Jewish Lifeways in Israeli Society'

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**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**

Tuesdays from 2 to 3.30 pm

**Room 207, Clarendon Institute Building,
Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG**

Seminars held at the Clarendon Institute will be followed by coffee, tea and biscuits in the
Common Room

Convenors: Martin Goodman and Alison Salvesen

Week 3: February 1 [LXX Forum]

Un Sung Kwak (St John's)

'The integration of comedy and Jewish features in the story of the three bodyguards (1 Esdras 3:1-5:6): their purpose and function'

Week 4: February 8

Professor Philip Alexander (Manchester)

'Oral tradition and writing in the rabbinic culture of late antiquity: between Qumran and the Cairo Genizah'

Week 5: February 15 [LXX Forum] (CANCELLED)

Professor James Aitken (Cambridge)

'The Septuagint within Greek education' [Grinfield Lecture: This lecture will now take place on 21 February; see further information here: <https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/public-lectures/grinfield-lectures/>]

Week 6: February 22 [LXX Forum]

Professor James Aitken (Cambridge)

'The Septuagint within Textual Plurality' [Grinfield Lecture: In-person lecture]

Week 8: March 8

Dr Laliv Clenman (Leo Baeck College)

'Intermarriage and its punishments in rabbinic sources'





SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

Tuesdays, 5pm

The Clarendon Institute, Lecture Theatre
Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG

****Unless otherwise stated****

Convenors: Zoë Waxman and Peter Bergamin

Week 1: January 18

Lisa Pine (London South Bank University)

Food Memory and Food Imagination at Auschwitz

Week 3: February 1

Uta Rautenberg (University of Warwick)

Homophobia in Nazi Camps

Week 5: February 15: CANCELLED

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SEMINAR HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS

Peter Bergamin (University of Oxford) ****New Seminar Room, St John's College****

The Limits of Artistic Freedom in the Spa-camp: Protest in Viktor Ullman's Der Kaiser von Atlantis

Week 7: March 1

Meryem Kalayci (University of Oxford)

Fragments of Insanity – shattered lives after genocide





MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT SEMINAR

Conveners: Miri Freud-Kandel and Daniel M. Herskowitz

**Wednesdays at 5pm
Online via Zoom**

This new seminar series has been inaugurated jointly under the auspices of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies & the Faculty of Theology & Religion to create a forum for considering recent developments in modern Jewish thought. In particular, these seminars are intended to provide a forum for discussing recently published books in the field.

Week 2

26 January, Wednesday 5:00 pm (online)

Prof. Tamar Ross will discuss the publication of a new edition of her book *Expanding the Palace of Torah: Orthodoxy and Feminism* (Brandeis, 2005, 2021)

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-Cgrj4jE9f1e5qA-VnuPQons00UZweM>

Week 4

9 February, Wednesday 5:00 pm (online)

Professor Boaz Huss will be discussing 'The Study of Western Jewish Esotericism: Challenges and Prospects'

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsc-ioqTgvHdAB1c9_yWZRtdsg0BxgwyWg

Week 6

23 February, Wednesday 5:00 pm (online)

Prof. Abigail Gillman will discuss her book *A History of German-Jewish Bible Translation* (Chicago, 2018)

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctceuqrD4tHdyaXvNCDvFkVy1286tXFKoP>

Week 8

9 March, Wednesday 5:00 pm (online)

Prof. Elliot Wolfson will discuss his book *Heidegger and Kabbalah: Hidden Gnosis and the Path of Poiesis* (Indiana 2019)

In order to participate in this lecture, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsf-GvqzgtE9HEj38EUUku-wefO5GKCamX>

All are welcome.

GRINFIELD LECTURES ON THE SEPTUAGINT 2021-22

JAMES K. AITKEN

Professor of Hebrew and Early Jewish Studies, University of Cambridge

'The Septuagint and the History of the Book' (Second series)

5th- 6th Weeks, Hilary Term 2022

Monday 14th February, 5–6.30 p.m. (Online only)

The Septuagint within Egyptian Book Culture

Please register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grinfield-lectures-the-septuagint-within-egyptian-book-culture-tickets-265019659937>

Monday 21st February, 5–6.30 p.m. (Hybrid)

The Septuagint within Greek Education

Venue: Harris Seminar Room

Please register on Eventbrite (Please register whether you are attending in person or online):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grinfield-lectures-the-septuagint-within-textual-plurality-tickets-265024694997>

Wine reception to follow this lecture. For catering purposes, please let us know if you are attending the reception by writing to Stefania Beitia (stefania.beitia@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

Tuesday 22nd February, 2–3.30 p.m. (In-person lecture only. Re-scheduled from 15th February)

The Septuagint within Textual Plurality

Venue: Room 207, Seminar in Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period, Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG

Tea and cake to follow in the Common Room.

Prof. Aitken's research focuses on the Hebrew Bible, the literature and history of ancient Judaism, especially the Septuagint, including its language, exegesis and place within second temple Jewish society. He is the author of *No Stone Unturned: Greek Inscriptions and Septuagint Vocabulary* (2014), and editor of *The T&T Clark Companion to the Septuagint* (2015) and *The Jewish-Greek Tradition in Antiquity and the Byzantine Empire* (with James Carleton Paget, 2014).



MODERN JEWISH STUDIES READING GROUP AND WORKSHOP

This reading group will not run in Hilary Term 2022



ISRAEL STUDIES SEMINAR

This seminar will not run in Hilary Term 2022

RECONSIDERING EARLY JEWISH NATIONALIST IDEOLOGIES SEMINAR

This seminar will not run in Hilary Term 2022



For the most updated information, please consult our website:

www.ochjs.ac.uk





VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Hilary Term 2022

VISITING FELLOWS

OSAJS -- Towards the Study of Jewish-Buddhist Relations

Professor Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina)
Dr Xiuyuan Dong (Shandong University)
Professor Ruth Harris (Oxford History Faculty)
Professor Boaz Huss (Ben-Gurion University)
Professor Job Y. Jindo (Academy of Jewish Religion)
Dr Shimon Lev (Tel-Hai Academic College)
Dr Sebastian Musch (Osnabrück University)
Dr Mira Niculescu (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Professor Lionel Obadia (University of Lyon)
Dr Rachel Werczberger (Hadassah Academic College)

VISITING SCHOLARS

Professor Alessandro Maria Bruni
Dr Jeremiah Coogan
Dr Hila Dayfani
Ms Michal Friedlander
Ms Alla Markova (OSRJL Visiting Fellow)
Mr Daniele Minisini (Junior Visiting Scholar)
Ms Miruna Belea (Junior Visiting Scholar)
Dr Lucy Pick
Dr Daniel Waller



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 welcome

***Please note that, due to a conference, this event will not take place in Week 8**

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