

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Trinity Term 2022

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

Catherine Lewis Lecture Room
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Most lectures will be presented in a hybrid format which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)

No need to register if attending in person.

Thursdays 6.00-7.00 pm (UK time)

Week 1, 28 April

Dr Shira Weiss (Yeshiva University)

'Hardening of Hearts in Late Medieval Jewish Philosophical Exegesis'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?from=addon&url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZEqcOCrrz8sG918nVExBXTjpnf8Eh5bQNzd>

Week 2, 5 May

Professor Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich)

'Audiatur et altera pars: The Torah's Hermeneutics of Ambiguity'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdeurrijltHdZQghT6pNbMGlpCx2gfVpw>

Week 3, 12 May

Professor Paul Fenton (Université Paris-Sorbonne)

'The Visualisation of Colours in Jewish and Muslim Mysticism'

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuyqrDosG9Ep04C_GPcBmzuKZ_zVoKcC](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuyqrDosG9Ep04C_GPcBmzuKZ_zVoKcC)

Week 4, 19 May

Professor Nancy Sinkoff (Rutgers University)

'Dubnow's Other Daughter: Lucy S. Dawidowicz (1915-1990) and the Beginnings of Khurbn forschung (Holocaust Studies) in the United States'

This lecture will be **in-person only**. A link to the recording will be available at

<https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/public-lectures/david-patterson-lectures/>

Week 5, 26 May

Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman (New York University)

'The Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Judaism'

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYof-CqqD8pGtIGoF81qPWE0Xqz9s_2FMqz

Week 6, 2 June

No lecture

Week 7, 9 June

Dr Andrea Gondos (Freie Universität)

'A Bundle of Myrrh is my Beloved: Love as Religious Ideal in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Thought and Mysticism'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZYtc-CprTMiHd3RdBXCyR5QfTXIg8ZGCoiE>

Week 8, 16 June

Dr Raphael Dascalu (Monash University)

'Late Medieval Judaeo-Arabic Thought: Recovering a Lost Chapter of Jewish Intellectual History'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9678787878?pwd=ZUJlTGdScEYwZWpFQWZkdDZldjBldz09>





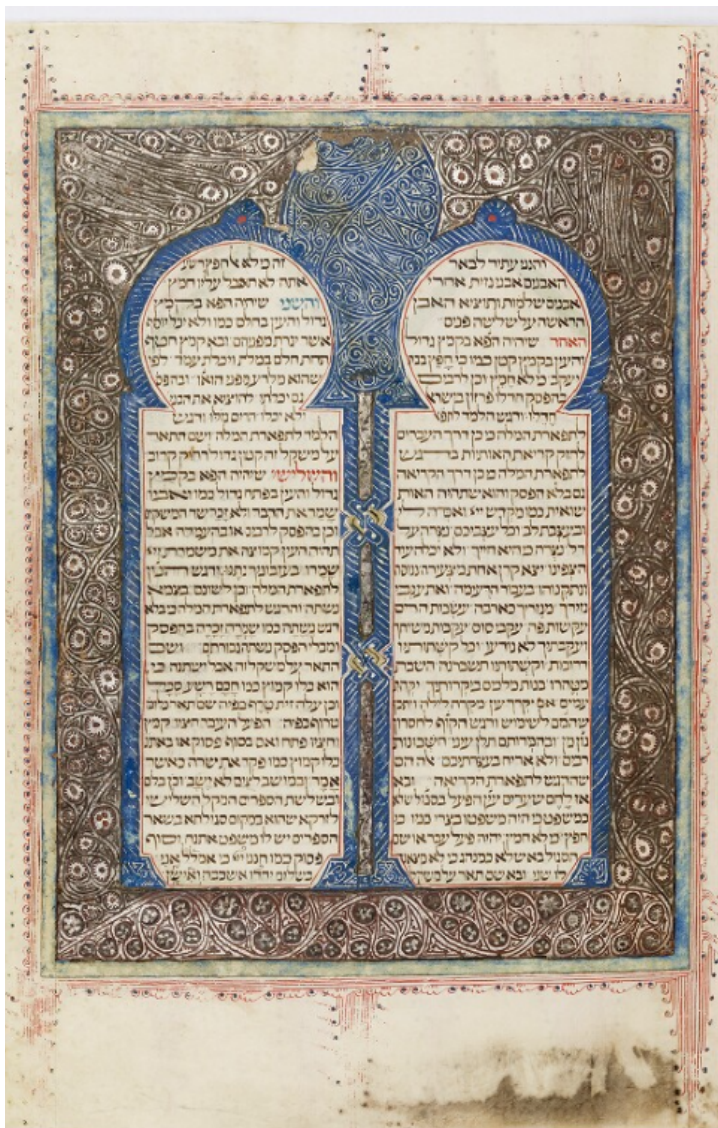
Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies

Trinity Term 2022

'Philosophy in Scripture': Jewish Philosophical Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Late Medieval Period

Convenors: **Prof Paul B. Fenton** and **Dr Raphael Dascalu**

The seminars will be held **in-person only** at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room at the Clarendon Institute on Wednesdays from 3-5pm



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Week 1, 27 April

Paul Fenton (Sorbonne Université, Paris)

'Some of Maimonides' perplexities resolved or not in the works of his Commentators'

Week 2, 4 May

Raphael Dascalu (Monash University)

'From Aden to Cairo and Back: Global Perspectives on Post-Maimonidean Philosophical Exegesis of the Bible'

Week 3, 11 May

Shira Weiss (The King's College)

'Post-Maimonidean Influences on Albo's Scriptural Exegesis in *Book of Principles*'

Week 4, 18 May

Andrea Gondos (Freie Universität)

'Between Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism: *Ma'arekhet ha-Elohut* and the Ordering of Divine Knowledge'

Week 5, 25 May

Rachel Katz (University of Chicago)

'Arama's Solomon: Maimonidean and anti-Maimonidean on the Eve of the Expulsion'

Week 6, 1 June

Israel Sandman (University College London)

'Not Just Maimonides: The Post-Maimonidean Persistence of Older Indigenous Iberian Philosophical Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible'

Week 7, 8 June

Tamás Visi (Palacký University Olomouc)

'John Philoponus' Legacy in Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis'

Week 8, 15 June

Oded Horezky (University of Cologne)

'Gersonides' Philosophical Interpretation to the Biblical Law and His Epistemological Dispute with Maimonides'

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Convenors: Raphael Dascalu and Paul B. Fenton

*Entrance free. No registration for in-person attendance necessary.
Please click [here](#) to register to join via Zoom.*

Monday, 13 June 2022

9:30-9:45 – Introduction: Paul B. Fenton

9:45-11:15 – Panel 1: Post-Maimonideanism in the Islamic East (1)

Chair: Raphael Dascalu

Y. Tzvi Langermann – 'The Philosophical Interpretation of Scripture among Yemenite Exegetes'

Paul B. Fenton – 'Philosophical Elements in R. David II Maimonides' Torah Commentary'

11:15-11:30 – Tea and Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 – Panel 2: Post-Maimonideanism in the Islamic East (2)

Chair: Rachel Katz

Raphael Dascalu – 'Sa'īd Ibn Dāwūd al-'Adanī: Popularising Philosophy in 15th-Century Egypt and the Levant'

Ilan Moradi – 'The "Vision of the Divine" (Ex. 33, 18 and 23) according to the 17th-Century Judaeo-Persian Philosopher Rabbi Judah ben Eleazar'

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

14:00-15:30 – Panel 3: Science in the Hebrew Bible: Between East and West

Chair: Andrea Gondos

Tamás Visi – 'The Meteorological Interpretation of the Creation Narrative in the Late Middle Ages'

Oded Horezky – 'Biblical Law in Medieval Provence: Science vs Politics'

16:00-16:15 – Closing Session

Oded Horezky – Presentation on Manuscript Database

19:00 – Dinner (*for presenters only*)

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

9:30-11:00 – Panel 4: The Confrontation between Kabbalah and Philosophy

Chair: Israel Sandman

Nathan Wolski – ‘‘It does not sit well in my heart’: Allegorising the Eschatological Banquet in Midrash ha-Ne’lam’

Andrea Gondos – ‘Biblical Narratives in a Kabbalistic Key: Sin, Heresy, and the Destruction of Divine Unity in *Ma’arekhet ha-Elohut*’

11:00-11:30 – Tea and Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 – Panel 5: Science and Scripture: Between Western Christendom and Western Islamdom

Chair: Shira Weiss

David Wirmer – ‘Philosophical Solitude and Spiritual Medicine: Reading Ibn Bāḡḡa’s *Tadbīr al-mutawahhīd*’

Andrew Berns – ‘Jewish Perspectives on Medicine in Scripture from Late Medieval Iberia and Italy’

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

14:00-16:15 – Panel 6: Continuity and Discontinuity in Post-Maimonidean Iberia

Chair: Oded Horezky

Rachel Katz – ‘Embodiment (?) in Isaac Arama’s Works’

Shira Weiss – ‘Scholastic Influences on Joseph Albo’s *Book of Principles*’

Israel Sandman – ‘Philosophy and Tradition: Appreciating the Paradox of Judah ha-Kohen’s Midrash ha-Ḥokhmah’



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 Trinity Term is the first section of Qiddushin Chapter 4. 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, AND TRINITY TERMS ARE NOW CLOSED.

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

Please check the OCHJS website to find out when applications open again for classes starting in Michaelmas Term 2022: <https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/language-classes/oxford-school-of-rare-jewish-languages/>

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)



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

Professor Sarah Bunin Benor
(Hebrew Union College)

‘Jewish Languages: Commonality and Diversity’

Week 2, Tuesday, 3 May
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online via Zoom

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuf-2qrT8pHdz4uDX8oocR9hxjz49fIKE9>

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OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

Dr Beruriah Wiegand (OCHJS) and Professor Ilan Stavans (Amherst College)

‘Translating from and into Yiddish: A conversation on *Der Opgang* (*The Disappearance*) between Beruriah Wiegand and Ilan Stavans’

Week 4, Tuesday, 17 May
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online via Zoom

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcuuvrzotE9SulqjQPfFuBMm39nqIKMi4e>

The book is available to order from the publisher:

<https://www.leyvik.com/חנות-הספרים/דער-א-פ-גא-נג-אילן-סטבנס?c=5c17a03f77780>

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OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

Dr Jean Baumgarten

**(Research Director Emeritus at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
[CNRS, France])**

**‘Translating the Bible in Old Yiddish:
From Bilingual Glossaries to Adaptations with Commentaries’**

**Week 6, Tuesday, 31st May
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online via Zoom**

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuyqpjwsHNy10B1rnTacuggW00w2fztH>

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OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURES

The following lecture will be given by

**Professor Ofra Tirosh-Becker
(Hebrew University)**

‘Judaean-Arabic Translations: From the Bible to The Count of Monte Cristo’

**Week 7, Tuesday, 7th June
6.00 pm (UK time)
Online via Zoom**

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdO2orjMoGtEOHdi8CJP5OWtKSwmBHZub>

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JEWISH MUSIC COURSE

Between Synagogue and Court: Jewish Music from Renaissance and Baroque – New Music Course

Online music course Mondays, via Zoom from 6 to 7pm (UK time)

Tutor: Dr Diana Matut

This course will introduce students to art music and song culture of the period from ca. 1500-1750.

The focus of this course lies on Italy with its diverse Jewish communities and distinct musical practices as well as on the Western Sephardim, especially in Amsterdam, who incorporated Western Art music into their services and cultural life in general.

Music was written by Jewish composers like Salamone Rossi or Abraham Caceres but also by non-Jewish musicians like Giuseppe Lidarti and served distinctly Jewish functions such as festivals, weddings, Synagogue inaugurations or the trial of new cantors. Of interest will also be Benedetto Marcello who in his *L'Estro Poetico-Armonico* recorded piyyutim, psalms and prayers from the Jewish communities of his home town Venice, which he then used as basis for some of his intricate psalm-compositions.

Furthermore, the Hebrew adaptation of Georg Friedrich Händel's *Esther* (probably serving as a kind of Purim-shpil in Venice) and various cantatas will be part of the curriculum as well as the unique Hebrew and Yiddish song culture that arose in Italy and Ashkenaz.

The course will last eight weeks and the following themes will be discussed:

1. The Place of (Art) Music in Early Modern European Jewish Cultures
2. A colleague of Monteverdi. Salamone Rossi in Mantua
3. The Lawyer who Liked Jewish Singing: Benedetto Marcello and his ethnographic endeavour
4. Singing Yiddish in Italy and Beyond: Jewish song culture
5. Händel and the Rabbi or: A Hebrew *Esther*
6. Grossi and the Cantata Ebraica/Saladin: Canticum Hebraicum
7. Dancing and Dance Music in Early Modern Ashkenaz
8. Crossovers: Jair Dala and Israel in Egypt/New Jewish Music in an Old Garb: Elam Rotem and Profeti della Quinta's *Qui amore langueo*

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





LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

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

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online via Zoom
(see below) and in person in Room 207

Week 2, Wednesday, 4th May

Dr Pawel Maciejko
(Johns Hopkins University)

‘Was Rabbi Jonathan Eibeschuetz a crypto-Christian?’

Please register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlf-mprTMtHNXmq4oIyg24ZglhWYGFQOYS](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlf-mprTMtHNXmq4oIyg24ZglhWYGFQOYS)

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

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online via Zoom
(see below) and in person in Room 207

Week 3, Wednesday, 11th May

Dr Ilan Moradi
(Beijing Normal University)

‘Jewish Persian Philosophy in the 17th Century:
Rabbi Yehuda Ben Eleazar’s Treatise *The Duties of Yehuda*’

Please register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sduqsqD4qHdf7JMfNFiwyYP5_l32ZrK-x](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sduqsqD4qHdf7JMfNFiwyYP5_l32ZrK-x)

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LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

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

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online via Zoom (see below) and in person in Room 207

Week 5, Tuesday, 24th May

Dr Yaacov Falkov
(Visiting Scholar, OCHJS)

‘Spying on Evil: Soviet Partisan Intelligence Between Reporting the Holocaust and Employing Its Survivors’

Please register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqde6rqz0jGtJDO9QSQWEo-zlfm9eShFed](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqde6rqz0jGtJDO9QSQWEo-zlfm9eShFed)

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LUNCHTIME SEMINAR IN JEWISH STUDIES

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

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online via Zoom (see below) and in person in Room 207

Week 5, Wednesday, 25th May

Judith Müller
(University of Basel)

‘A Hebrew Writer in Graz, Styria and Austria: Gershon Shofman Then and Now’

Please register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcOugqTItHdVFF20C0wzc--qP7Rg_KlpU](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcOugqTItHdVFF20C0wzc--qP7Rg_KlpU)

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SCREENING OF TWO FILMS
INTRODUCED BY ISRAELI FILMMAKER
YAIR QEDAR, 'The Hebrews Project'

in conversation with Professor Adriana Jacobs

WEEK 5

Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 5pm

Catherine Lewis Lecture Room
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG

The Fourth Window, Amos Oz

(Producer/Director: Yair Qedar, 2021, 86 minutes, Eng. subtitles)

After a short intermission (refreshments provided),
the second film will be screened

The Last Chapter of A. B. Yehoshua

(Producer/Director: Yair Qedar, 2021, 54 minutes, Eng. subtitles)



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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 1: April 26 [LXX Forum]

Dr Tuukka Kauhanen (Helsinki)

'Theory and practice of textual criticism of the Septuagint'

Week 2: May 3

NO SEMINAR

Week 3: May 10 [LXX Forum]

Dr Jeremiah Coogan (Keble)

'Aquila among other second-century translators'

Week 4: May 17

Professor Catherine Hezser (SOAS)

'Rabbinic literature in the context of late-antique scholasticism'

Week 5: May 24

Dr Phillip Lasater (Worcester)

'The malleability of justice in ancient Jewish law'

Week 6: May 31

Professor Eric Jarrard (Wellesley)

'Archetypes and architects: historical sequencing in early Jewish historiography and its
monumental precedents'





RECONSIDERING EARLY JEWISH NATIONALIST IDEOLOGIES

Wednesdays, 5 to 7pm

Convenors: Prof Yaacov Yadgar, Dr Peter Bergamin

Seminars will take place Wednesday afternoons 5-7pm at Mansfield College Seminar West, unless otherwise indicated.

Week 1, 27 April

Prof Emeritus Martin Goodman (University of Oxford), 'Isaac D'Israeli and Jewish Nationalism'

The decision of Isaac D'Israeli to give up his membership of Bevis Marks synagogue and have his children baptised enabled the political career of his son Benjamin but did not signify a rejection of his own Jewish identity. For Isaac himself, despite his antagonism towards Judaism as a religion, the history of the Jewish nation in the diaspora remained a matter of fascination about which he wrote extensively, particularly in his last years.

Martin Goodman has written extensively on the history of Jews and Judaism, primarily with a focus on the Roman period. His recent publications on Isaac D'Israeli have been sparked by the discovery of a previously unidentified history of the Jews apparently composed by Isaac and published in the months after his death in 1848.

Week 3, 11 May

Dr Alysa Levene (Oxford Brookes University), 'British and Jewish: reconciling national and religious identities in C19th Britain'

This paper examines the ways that British Jewry balanced competing demands of religion and national participation in the middle of the nineteenth century. It will situate this debate within wider considerations of religiosity in this period, unpicking why and in what ways Jews experienced tensions between their religious identity and the way that they interacted with more secular and non-Jewish influences. Using evidence from the Jewish press it highlights the evidence for several sorts of religiosity, and draws attention to ways in which Jews form a particular case study for wider questions of acculturation and religious identity.

Alysa Levene is a Reader in History at Oxford Brookes University. She has published on several areas of welfare and family history from the eighteenth- to the twentieth-centuries, most recently in a monograph entitled *Jews in Nineteenth-century Britain: charity, community and welfare*.

Week 7, 8 June

Mr James Sunderland (University of Oxford), 'Alcoholic Beverages, Good Looking Waitresses, and Special Corners': Sex Work, Boundary Crossing, and the National Collective'

The period of British rule in Palestine (1917-1948) was a time of upheaval, transformation, and evolution for the Yishuv and for Zionism. It was also a period which saw an explosion in the numbers of Jewish women engaging in sex work in towns and cities across Palestine. Jewish sex workers could be found engaging with British and Arab clientele, frequenting Arab areas, and at times working alongside Arab sex workers. This was of deep concern to some members of the Yishuv and was perceived as a direct threat to Zionism. With Zionism's obsession with moulding the new mothers of the Jewish nation, it is not surprising that those Jewish women who engaged in sex work with men outside the national collective were reviled – not just on

moral grounds, but on ideological ones too. This talk will focus on the ways anxieties about Jewish sex workers manifested in the Yishuv and the manner in which it attempted to deal with the 'threat' sex work posed towards Zionism.

James A. S. Sunderland is a second year DPhil student at Merton College, Oxford. His research focuses on the end of British rule over Mandate Palestine and the often-violent forms of contact between British officials, troop and police in the country, and the Jewish population in these final years of British rule.



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. Please find further information on the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies website at <https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/modern-jewish-thought-seminar/>

Week 2, 4 May

Prof. Mara Benjamin will discuss her book *The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought* (Indiana, 2018)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpc-murTkiGdf-0i7PiPCNARaPNoTzgEOR>

Week 4, 18 May

Prof. George Y. Kohler will discuss his book *Kabbalah Research in the Wissenschaft Des Judentums (1820-1880)* (De Gruyter, 2019)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdOypqDMuHtGQU7JZ2clLHfAb5Doq7IDw>

Week 6, 1 June CANCELLED

Prof. Sarah Hammerschlag will discuss her book *French Jewish Thought: Writings on Religion and Politics* (Brandeis, 2018)

Week 8, 15 June

Prof. Paul Mendes-Flohr will discuss his book *Cultural Disjunctions: Post-Traditional Jewish Identities* (Chicago, 2021)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsf-2gpjMjEtzffu9tqnTK3K8tIgG03HBc>

All are welcome.





ISRAEL STUDIES SEMINAR

Tuesdays, 2:15pm

Venue: St Anne's College

(Please see specific room for each seminar below)

(For further information on each seminar, please click on the title below)

Convenor: Professor Yaacov Yadgar (OSGA/DPIR)

Week 1

No seminar

Week 2 (3 May) Seminar Room 5

Matan Flum, (UCL)

[*Ma'abarot - Not Just the Name of a Kibbutz: Portrayal of the Ma'abarot in the Israeli Culture, 1950-2015*](#)

Week 3 (10 May) Seminar Room 1

Tony Shaw (Hertfordshire) and Giora Goodman (Kinneret)

[*Hollywood and Israel: A History*](#)

Week 4 (17 May) Seminar Room 1

Nitzan Lebovic (Lehigh)

[*Is Zionism a "Left-Wing Melancholy"?*](#)

Week 5 (24 May) Seminar Room 1

Gideon Katz, (Ben Gurion)

[*The Fear of Judaism in Israeli Culture*](#)

Week 6

No seminar

Week 7 (7 June) Seminar Room 1

Ronny Miron, (Bar-Ilan)

[*Religion, Change and Continuity in History - The Case Study of Modern Jewish History*](#)

Week 8

No seminar

Please note change of venue this term

ALL WELCOME





MODERN JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR

Brasenose College (Platnauer room), 11am

Week 5, Thursday, May 26

“New perspectives on Romanian Jewish history” with Noemie Duhaut and Andreas Pfuetzner

Dr Duhaut and Dr Pfuetzner will be in conversation regarding their new research into Romanian Jewish history, transnational Jewish networks, and the historiography of Jews in South East Europe across the long 19th century.



MODERN JEWISH STUDIES READING GROUP AND WORKSHOP

This reading group will not run in Trinity Term 2022.



SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

This seminar will not run in Trinity Term 2022.



*****Looking forward to Summer 2022*****

HEBREW MANUSCRIPT STUDIES: Codicology, Palaeography, Textual History

SUMMER WORKSHOP
27 June to 8 July 2022

The Hebrew Manuscript Studies: Codicology, Palaeography, Art History summer workshop, will take place from 27 June to 8 July 2022 and will be led by Judith Schlanger (OCHJS and Corpus Christi College), Agata Paluch (Freie Universität Berlin), and César Merchán-Hamann (OCHJS and Bodleian Library).

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OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE ON MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM

**Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford
in conjunction with the Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University
3 to 8 July 2022**

The Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism (OSI-MCJ) will address 'Worship, Space, and Performance in Modern and Contemporary Judaism: Continuity and Innovation'.

The OSI was founded in 2014 under the auspices of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies by Dr Miri Freud-Kandel of the University of Oxford and Professor Adam Ferziger of Bar-Ilan University. It functions as a unique annual workshop in which outstanding academicians from around the world join-together with up-and-coming younger figures, primarily from Europe, to critically examine and propose novel approaches to twenty-first century Jewish life and religion. It has produced books, journal volumes, and pathbreaking articles, and engendered an international community of scholars and thinkers dedicated to cultivating ideas that will impact Judaism today and in the future. Since 2016, Professor Hartley Lachter of Lehigh University's Berman Center for Jewish Studies has served as co-convener, and we are honoured that Professor Jodi Eichler-Levine of Lehigh has also joined as co-convener.

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HANS JONAS: THE EARLY YEARS

**International workshop
4-6 July 2022**

An international workshop on 'Hans Jonas: The Early Years,' will take place on 4-6 July 2022 in Oxford, under the auspices of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies, the Faculty of Theology & Religion, and the Centre for the Study of the Bible. Bringing together twelve leading scholars from Europe, the US, and Israel, it is dedicated to the formative years of this important German-Jewish thinker. In the wake of a general resurgence in Jonas research, this workshop seeks to shed light on one of the most important facets of Jonas's work that has so far been under-researched: the early years of his intellectual work. This period was dedicated mostly to the deep analysis of philosophical and religious movements in late antiquity, such as the Gnostic movements and Christian authors such as Paul and Augustine. During these years Jonas also developed his interest in Judaism and Zionism. Major intellectual influence on Jonas in these years was exercised by his two doctoral advisors in Marburg, Martin Heidegger and Rudolf Bultmann, but also figures such as Husserl, Cassirer and Spengler. Geographically, Jonas's early period is located mostly in Germany and then in Palestine, before his move to North America. Politically and existentially, Jonas's early period ends with and within the Second World War.

Participants will be invited to cover all facets of Jonas's early work, in their conceptual, historical, genealogical and biographical contexts, in themselves as well as in relation to Jonas's later, more well-known oeuvre. The aim is to publish reworked versions of the papers delivered at the workshop as an essay collection, together with a set of hitherto unpublished texts by Jonas.

The workshop is organised by Daniel M. Herskowitz (University of Oxford), Elad Lapidot (University of Lille) and Christian Wiese (University of Frankfurt).

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OXFORD BIBLICAL HEBREW SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

The Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School will take place online from August 30 – Sept 9 2022.

This year, the school is being offered online (via Zoom). The school offers nine days of intensive teaching in Biblical Hebrew. The course corresponds to two full terms of intensive teaching for a full-time university student and is open to students with or without experience of the language. The cost of the school is £280 per student for 27 hours of language instruction, including all video recordings of the lectures. This does not include any textbooks/workbooks, which the student will be expected to acquire for him/herself.

The application form and further information may be downloaded here:

<https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/oxford-biblical-hebrew-summer-school-2022/>

Closing date: 25 July 2022 (Places are limited). For general enquiries about the course, please email Dr Stephen Herring: stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk



VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Trinity Term 2022

VISITING FELLOWS

OSAJS -- 'Philosophy in Scripture': Jewish Philosophical Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Late Medieval Period

Dr Raphael Dascalu (Monash University)

Professor Paul Fenton (Université Paris-Sorbonne)

Dr Andreas Gondos (Freie Universität Berlin)

Dr Oded Horezky (University of Cologne)

Ms Rachel Katz (University of Chicago)

Dr Israel Sandman (UCL)

Dr Tamás Visi (Palacký University Olomouc)

Dr Shira Weiss (Oxford History Faculty)

VISITING SCHOLARS

Ms Miruna Belea (Junior Visiting Scholar; École Pratique des Hautes Études)

Professor Alessandro Bruni (Università Ca' Foscari)

Dr Jeremiah Coogan (Theology & Religion, University of Oxford)

Dr Hila Dayfani (Tel Aviv University)

Dr Yaacov Falkov (Tel Aviv University and IDC Herzliya)

Dr Diana Matut (University College for Jewish Studies Heidelberg)

Mr Daniele Minisini (Junior Visiting Scholar; Sapienza Università di Roma)

Dr Ilan Moradi (Beijing Normal University)

Dr Lucy Pick (University of Chicago)

Ms Sietske Van Der Veen (Junior Visiting Scholar; Huygens Institute for the History and Culture of the Netherlands)

Dr Emma Zohar (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, the Centre for History of Emotions, Berlin)



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



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