

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Programme for Michaelmas Term 2023



OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

All lectures will be presented in a hybrid format which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre (refreshments to follow). No need to register if attending in person.

Thursdays, 6.00-7.00 pm (UK time)
*****UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

Week 1, 12 October

Professor Joseph Sassoon, 'The Global Merchants: The Enterprise and Extravagance of the Sassoon Dynasty'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lcO2ppzpjG9NYajvzWPIpsP3U_ry5urD

Week 2, 19 October

Professor David Aberbach, 'Bialik, Anti-Semitism and European National Poetry'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-2vrD8uG9ZqKj-M7AUFNedbxTIgymek>

Week 3, 26 October

Dr Joseph O'Hara, 'And it will come out wondrous and strange.' Reflections on written culture from the Cairo Geniza'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdeitqDMtHtjToe2CE-y_v972kVydUUP

*****Week 4, 2 November, 5:15 pm to 7 pm** (In association with the David Patterson Lectures, the Seminar on Jewish History & Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period and Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar)
Hindy Najman (Oriel); Paul Collins (Keeper of Middle East, British Museum and Oriel College), Judith Newman (University of Toronto), Noam Mizrahi (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham), Eibert Tigchelaar (KULeuven), Mladen Popović (Dean Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society University of Groningen). Response: Dr Arjen Bakker
Book Panel: *The Secret of Time: Reconfiguring Wisdom in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Brill, 2023), Dr Arjen Bakker
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrf-CqqD4jHNOVeXhwQKrhaB_kMwPo1Sn

Week 5, 9 November

Dr Emily Rose, 'No Jew Shall Have a Freehold': The Prohibition on Landholding in the Statutum de Judeis of King Henry III (1271)'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUodO-sjguHd2NE68XBpwenTwyfBQ2O7dg>

Week 6, 16 November

Professor Joanna Dyduch, 'Historicism and foreign policy: the impact of shared history on Israel's relations with Poland'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlufuGtrT4pGdXQ1LEskZqSI5xVStgbyW-H>

Week 7, 23 November

Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, 'Learning Hebrew in Medieval England'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-6qpjkqGtbFTE-eWajnBEVykakrSOle>

Week 8, 30 November

Professor Susanne Marten-Finnis
'Geopolitics Then and Now. Zamość. Understanding the Sephardic resettlement in sixteenth-century Poland'
In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdu-hrzIqEtVI36u3QtWu_qjV4fNpFCYI



LANGUAGE CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW

Weeks 1-8, First and Second Years

Thursdays: First Year: 6.00-7.00 pm
Second Year: 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@ames.ox.ac.uk.



MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

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

Absolute Beginners: Mondays @ 11 am UK Time: For Michaelmas Term 2023, please register at [this link](#).

Lower Intermediates: Thursdays @ 11:30 UK Time: For Michaelmas Term 2023, please register at [this link](#).

Upper Intermediates: Thursdays @ 13:00 UK Time: For Michaelmas Term 2023, please register at [this link](#).

Tutor: Mrs Esther Yadgar

All classes will be held via Zoom throughout the term. Please contact Mrs Neelum Ali at neelum.ali@ames.ox.ac.uk if you have any queries.

***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

All are welcome and these classes are free of charge.

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



BABYLONIAN TALMUD

Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30 pm via Zoom only (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 Yoma Chapter 8. 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 TERM 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 Hilary Term 2024: <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.

- [Haketia](#) (Dr Carlos Yebra López)
- [Baghdadi Judeo-Arabic](#) (Dr Assaf Bar Moshe)
- [Classical Judeo-Arabic](#) (Friederike Schmidt)
- [Judeo-French](#) (Dr Sandra Hajek)
- [Judeo-Greek](#) (Dr Julia G. Krivoruchko)
- [Judeo-Hamadani](#) (Professor Dr Saloumeh Gholami)
- [Judeo-Italian](#) (Dr Marilena Colasuonno)
- [Judeo-Moroccan](#) (Haviva Fenton)
- [Judeo-Neo-Aramaic](#) (Dr Dorota Molin)
- [Judeo-Persian](#) (Maximilian Kinzler & Dr Ofir Haim)
- [Judeo-Provençal](#) (Dr Peter Nahon)
- [Judeo-Tat](#) (Professor Gilles Authier & Dr Murad Suleymanov)
- [Judeo-Turkish](#) (Professor Laurent Mignon)
- [Karaim](#) (Professor Henryk Jankowski)
- [Kivruli](#) (Dr Hélène Gérardin)
- [Ladino](#) (Dr Carlos Yebra López)
- [Old Yiddish](#) (Dr Diana Matut)
- [Yiddish](#) (Dr Beruriah Wiegand)



JEWISH MUSIC COURSE

Introduction to the History of Yiddish Music

We are happy to announce that Dr Diana Matut will be teaching a new music class through the Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages (OSRJL) in Michaelmas Term 2023 and throughout the academic year.

Introduction to the History of Yiddish Music

This academic year, Dr Diana Matut has set a theme for the entire year with a special emphasis in each term so that prospective students can always join anew.

Michaelmas Term 2023: The Origins of Yiddish Music, 1300-1800

Hilary Term 2024: Yiddish Music as a Global Phenomenon, 1800-1933

Trinity Term 2024: From Resistance to New Voices: Yiddish Music from Wartime to the 21st Century

**Michaelmas Term 2023:
The Origins of Yiddish Music, 1300-1800**

Mondays, 18:15-19:15 UK Time, Online via Zoom

This year-long academic class will span the history of Yiddish vernacular music in its vocal and instrumental forms from the late Middle Ages to the 21st century.

Beginning in the 1300s, we will explore Yiddish song and singing traditions as well as secondary sources for musical practices pertaining to vernacular music making among the Ashkenazim.

Musical practices will be explored as part of the wider religious, historical and sociological developments in the Ashkenazic world.

Those with a command of Western-/Old Yiddish will be given the chance to read song texts in the original. English translations will be provided.

Students are welcome to join this class on the History of Yiddish Music for any of the three terms. It is not necessary to take them all consecutively.

The first day for this class will be Monday, 9 October 2023.

Applications are no longer accepted for this course.



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURE

Week 5

Tuesday, 7 November

6 pm (UK time)

Online via Zoom and in person at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre,
Clarendon Institute Building, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG (No need to register if attending
in person.

Professor Nathan Cohen
(Bar-Ilan University)

‘Changes in the Yiddish Book Market in Eastern Europe between the mid-19th century and
WWI’

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUudumorDkuHNbbo28Z_ga-Teg0MrFJvXvY



**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**

*****UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

**Tuesdays from 2 to 3.30 pm
Room 207, Clarendon Institute
Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG**

Convenor: Meron Piotrkowski

Week 2, October 17

Max Kramer (Keble)

'Rewritten Aeschylus: A Post-Colonial Take on Judaism and Hellenism in Ezekiel the Tragedian'

Week 3, October 24

George van Kooten (Cambridge)

'Contextualizing the Anonymous Gospel of [John] in Jerusalem: The Pool of Bethzatha, the Royal Stoa, and the Romans' Appointment and Deposition of the Jewish Highpriests'

Week 4, November 2: 10-11am, Thursday CANCELLED

(In association with the Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar; please note that this seminar will take place at the **Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College**)

Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham)

'Between Day and Night: Twilight in Jewish Antiquity'

*****Week 4, November 2: 5.15 pm, Thursday** (David Patterson Lecture in association with the Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar and the Seminar on Jewish History & Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period; please note that this lecture will take place at **OCHJS, Clarendon Institute, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre**; hybrid lecture)

Hindy Najman (Oriel); Paul Collins (Keeper of Middle East, British Museum and Oriel College), Judith Newman (University of Toronto), Noam Mizrahi (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham), Eibert Tigchelaar (KULeuven), Mladen Popović (Dean Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society University of Groningen). Response: Dr Arjen Bakker
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Week 5, November 7 (2pm, Room 207, Clarendon Institute)

In association with the Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar

Adi Wiener (Tel Aviv), 'The Use of Biblical References on Ancient Jewish Amulets'

Week 5, November 7 CANCELLED

Yael Nu'emah Kremer (Queens)

'A Greek Jewish Curse Tablet from Antioch: Old and New Reflections'

Week 6, November 14

Andy Hilkens (Wolfson)

'Syriac-Josephus and Syriac-Eusebian Representations of Pompey the Great'

*****Week 8, November 28, 9-11am** (In association with the Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar; please note that this seminar will take place at the **Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College**)

Kirsten Mcfarlane (Keble)

'The Controversy over 1 Enoch in Seventeenth-Century Europe' with a response by Loren Stuckenbruck (LMU Munich)

Seminars taking place at the Clarendon Institute will be followed by coffee, tea and biscuits in the Common Room (situated in the basement)



MEDIEVAL HEBREW READING GROUP

Thursdays 12:30-1:30 pm *****PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME for Weeks 3 to 8*****

In-person: Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG and online via Zoom: see link below.

Convenors: Judith Olszowy-Schlanger and Joseph O'Hara

The reading group is an opportunity to practise reading directly from images of medieval Hebrew manuscripts in an informal setting. All skill levels are welcome!

This term we will be looking at a range of documents and notes found within larger manuscripts. These have historical value as evidence of book history, and we will consider their palaeography, language, and historical context.

There will be coffee, tea and cake from 11 am in the Common Room of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies for those attending in person. For further information, please email joseph.ohara@ames.ox.ac.uk.

In order to attend this reading group via Zoom, please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrdumgrj4pGtMnOqhxzCoq1brahhpuiyuU>





SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

Mondays, 2.15pm
Clarendon Institute, Room 207
***UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

Convenors: Zoë Waxman, William Jones

Week 1: October 9

Paula Chan (All Souls College, Oxford)

The Enemy of My Enemy: Jewish Contributions to Soviet Investigations of Nazi Crimes

Week 3: October 23

Stefano Bellin (University of Warwick)

Levi Beyond Levi: Thinking with Levi in the 21st Century

Week 5: November 6 CANCELLED

Andrew Key (Holocaust Centre North)

Holocaust Centre North: A Global History Through Local Stories

Week 7: November 20

Nathalie Montoya (Paris Diderot University)

Theatre, concerts and poetry in the Vilnius Ghetto (1941-1943)

***Week 8: November 27, 5 p.m.**

Holocaust Film Series organized by Cailee Davis

Clarendon Institute, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre

Hunters, episode 1 & 2

ALL WELCOME





OXFORD HOLOCAUST STUDIES READING GROUP

Thursdays of even weeks, 2pm
Clarendon Institute, Room 207

This reading group is a place for students and researchers to discuss our research within a supportive community. The group will meet four times a term to discuss issues around our research, some of the main Holocaust historiographical issues, and the latest research and publications in the field. Please email barnabas.balint@magd.ox.ac.uk or cailee.davis@st-annes.ox.ac.uk if you wish to be added to the circulation list.

Week 2 (19th October, Thursday) – Welcome Back Tea

To celebrate the beginning of yet another academic year, we would like to invite everyone to an informal welcome back session. Please join us for some tea and light refreshments as we discuss our summer research travels and share any progress on our PhD projects.

Week 4 (2nd November, Thursday) – The International Tracing Service

The International Tracing Service, now open to researchers and the public as the Arolsen Archives, holds a vast amount of material on the Holocaust and post-war restitution, tracing, and justice. In this session, we will discuss Dan Stone's latest book, which explores the contribution the ITS can make to the history and memory of the Holocaust.

Dan Stone, *Fate Unknown: Tracing the Missing after World War II and the Holocaust* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023).

Week 6 (16th November, Thursday) – The Holocaust in Unexpected Places

Representations of the Holocaust take on many forms, from literature and poetry, through cinema and television, to art and the internet. These challenge us to think beyond traditional understandings of nation and history, medium and genre. This week, we will discuss representations of the Holocaust in places we may not normally expect to see them, such as in comic books, films, and television, based around a reading of Barry Langford's chapter from *Holocaust Intersections*.

Barry Langford, 'Globalizing the Holocaust: Fantasies of Annihilation in Contemporary Media Culture', Axel Bangert, Roberts S. C. Gordon, Libby Saxton (eds.), *Holocaust Intersections: Genocide and Visual Culture at the New Millennium* (London: Legenda, 2013).

Week 8 (30th November, Thursday) – Presentation from Masters Students

In this session, we will hear from current Masters' students about their dissertation research. This will be followed by a brief Q & A and discussion session. If you are interested in presenting, please get in touch with the convenors.





MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT SEMINAR
in association with: The Centre for the Study of the Bible, Oriel College

Wednesdays at 5pm
Online via Zoom only

Conveners: Miri Freud-Kandel and Daniel M. Herskowitz

This seminar series is held under the joint auspices of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies, the Faculty of Theology & Religion, & the Centre for the Study of the Bible. It is designed 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: 18 October

Daniel H. Weiss (Cambridge) will discuss his book *Modern Jewish Philosophy and the Politics of Divine Violence*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEfuGrqjMuHtdjxDhegn0WxMGQA7Bg1e8Y>

Week 4: 1 November CANCELLED

Yuval Jobani (Tel Aviv) will discuss his book *The First Jewish Environmentalist: The Green Philosophy of A.D. Gordon*

Week 6, 15 November CORRECTION

Professor Laura Arnold Leibman (Reed College) will discuss her book *Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Story of a Multiracial Jewish Family*

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcuqprjsjHNN-0vZR_NziZmHDSxcAsLn

Week 8: 29 November

Dana Hollander (McMaster) will discuss her book *Ethics out of Law: Hermann Cohen and the 'Neighbor'*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcemoqjsvE9ERXy8zKqRM3LRPNOyixVzi>

All are welcome.





THE MIDDLE EAST CENTRE

Week 1
Friday 13 October 2023
17:00

St Antony's College
62 Woodstock Road OX2 6JF

Professor Orit Bashkin
University of Chicago

'Jewish Images of Sultanic Power in the 18th and 19th Centuries in Palestine, Syria and Iraq'



**FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION
THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE**

Biblical Hebrew Reading Group

**Mondays 11:30-12:30 pm
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College**

Convenor: Dr Cian Power

Week 1 (9 Oct.)

No session

Week 2 (16 Oct.)

Cian Power (Oriel) – Micah 1:1-9

Week 3 (23 Oct.)

Harald Samuel (Mansfield) – Judges 6:6-13

Week 4 (30 Oct.)

No session

Week 5 (6 Nov.)

Hywel Clifford (Ripon College Cuddesdon) – Deut 23:1-8

Week 6 (13 Nov.)

Guillermo Velilla Guerra (Christ Church) and Cian Power (Oriel) – Exod 32:1-6

Week 7 (20 Nov.)

No session

Week 8 (27 Nov.)

Dorota Molin (Oriel/Wadham) – Biblical Aramaic (text TBA)

Consult at the Oriel College porter's lodge for the 4-digit passcode to enter the Harris Seminar Room. For any enquiries, please write to ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk





**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE BOOK, BODLEIAN LIBRARIES
HEBREW BIBLE & OLD TESTAMENT | HISTORY OF
CHRISTIANITY**

Materiality & Hermeneutics Across Scriptural Traditions

**Mondays 14:00-17:00
Weston Library, Oxford
Weeks 1-6, 8**

Convenors: Hindy Najman, Kirsten Macfarlane, César Merchán-Hamann

If you want to attend the manuscript viewings, please be in touch with OCSB at ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk

Week 1 - Monday 9 October

14:30-17:00 Induction session in the Harris Lecture Theatre, followed by a reception in the Harris Seminar Room (in Oriel College, consult at the porter's lodge for the 4-digit code).

Week 2 - Monday 16 October

Manuscript viewings Group 1, 13:45; Group 2, 14:45

15:45 Lecture: Introduction to Greek Septuagint Manuscripts – Alison Salvesen (Mansfield)

Week 3 - Monday 23 October

Manuscript viewings Group 1, 13:45; Group 2, 14:45

15:45 Lecture: Introduction to Hebrew Manuscripts – Hindy Najman (Oriel) and César Merchán-Hamann (Victor Blank Hebraica and Judaica Curator)

Week 4 - Monday 30 October

Manuscript viewings with Geoffrey Khan and Judith Olszowy-Schlanger: Group 1, 13:45; Group 2, 14:45

15:45 Lecture: Adaptation and Creativity in the Tiberian Reading Tradition of the Hebrew Bible – Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge)

Week 5 - Monday 6 November

Manuscript viewings Group 1, 13:45; Group 2, 14:45

15:45 Lecture: The Bible in Arabic: Manuscripts, Transmission, and Translation Types – Ronny Vollandt (LMU Munich)

Week 6 - Monday 13 November

Manuscript viewings Group 1, 13:45; Group 2, 14:45

15:45 Lecture: How do Syriac Bibles Change Over Time? – Sebastian Brock (AMES)

Week 6 - Thursday 15 November, 9:00-13:00 (Owen Walker Room, Oriel College)

***SBL practice session for postgraduate students**

Week 7 - No seminar due to AAR/SBL

Week 8 – Monday 27 November

Manuscript viewings Group 1, 14:00; Group 2, 15:00

15:45 Lecture: The Neglected Value of 20th Century Manuscripts for the Study of the Early Text Tradition to 1 Enoch – Loren Stuckenbruck (LMU Munich)

Week 8 – Monday 27 November

17:30-19:00 End of year reception in the Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College (consult at the porter's lodge for the 4-digit code).

If you want to attend the manuscript viewings, please be in touch with OCSB at ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk.



**FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION
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Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar

Thursdays 10:00-12:00

Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

*****UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

Special events in Weeks 4, 6 and 8

Week 2 (Thursday 19 Oct.)

Laura Feldt (SDU) - "Training Total Devotion. Narrativity and Emotionality in Deut. 6-7"

Week 3 (Thursday 26 Oct.)

Elizabeth Stell (Oriel) - "Vulnerability and Flexibility in Reading: Challenges to Imagining Ezekiel's Exagoge?"

Week 4 (Thursday 2 Nov.) CANCELLED

Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham) - "Between Day and Night: Twilight in Jewish Antiquity"

*****Week 4 (Thursday 2 Nov.), 17:15-19:00 (Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street)**

*Book panel in association with the Seminar on Jewish History & Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period and the David Patterson Lectures:

Arjen Bakker (Groningen) - *The Secret of Time: Reconfiguring Wisdom in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Brill, 2023)

Click here for book panel schedule and more details:

<https://www.centreforbible.oriel.ox.ac.uk/events/book-panel-the-secret-of-time-reconfiguring-wisdom-in-the-dead-sea-scrolls-brill-2023-by-dr-arjen-bakker/>

Week 5 (Thursday 9 Nov.) CANCELLED

Rebekah Van Sant (Oriel) - "The New Exodus Motif and The Impact of Typological Readings on the Book of Isaiah"

Week 6 (Wednesday 15 Nov.)

*SBL practice session for postgraduate students **only**; 9:00-12:00 in Prof Hindy Najman's office (Oriel College, staircase 5.4)

Week 8 (Tuesday 28 Nov.), 9:00-11:00 (Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College)

*Extra session with Kirsten Macfarlane (Keble)

"The Controversy over 1 Enoch in Seventeenth-Century Europe" with a response by Loren Stuckenbruck (LMU Munich)

Week 8 (Thursday 30 Nov.)

Jiani Sun (Oriel) - "The Sage's Making of an Autobiography in the Wisdom of Solomon 7-9"

Consult at the Oriel College porter's lodge for the 4-digit passcode to enter the Harris Seminar Room. For enquiries, please write to ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk



THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE

Conference

October 30 - November 1, 2023

Oriel College

Reading: Performance and Materiality in Hebrew and Aramaic Traditions

University of Oxford, Oriel College

Harris Lecture Theatre

Please register using this google form by Sunday 29th of Oct 12:00pm if you would like to

attend: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvu9BebEHw6LPeRHCVmR13-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvu9BebEHw6LPeRHCVmR13-TnBGPa32Ta8qmecvIAHbLB-SQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

[TnBGPa32Ta8qmecvIAHbLB-SQ/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvu9BebEHw6LPeRHCVmR13-TnBGPa32Ta8qmecvIAHbLB-SQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

October 30–November 1, 2023

Registered participants should consult at the porter's lodge for the 4-digit code to access the theatre and seminar room. All presentations will be in the Harris Lecture Theatre unless stated otherwise.

Monday, October 30

10:30–10:50 — Reception (Harris Seminar Room)

10:50–11:00 — Welcome remarks from Professor Hindy Najman (Harris Seminar Room)

11:00–12:30

(Re)marks on Reading: Performance and Materiality in Hebrew and Aramaic Traditions
Chair: Shlomi Efrati, KU Leuven

Hindy Najman, Oriel College
Reading and Articulation in Ancient Jewish Texts

Hector Patmore, KU Leuven
Reading Practices and the Text of the Palestinian Targum

Stefan Schorch, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle–Wittenberg / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Modes of Reading in the Transmission of Samaritan Hebrew Texts

12:30–14:00 – Lunch (Harris Seminar Room)

To attend the manuscript viewing either meet at the Oriel College Lodge at 14:15, or the side entrance to the Weston Library on Parks Road at 14:45. Further details about the manuscript viewings will be disseminated via email.

14:45–15:45 (Weston Library)
Bodleian Manuscript viewings
Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, Corpus Christi College
Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge

15:45–17:00 (Weston Lecture Theatre)
Reading Traditions: Conservative Novelty
Chair: Kirsten McFarlane, Keble College

Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge
Adaptation and Creativity in the Tiberian Reading Tradition of the Hebrew Bible

Tuesday, October 31

09:30–11:00
Reading Matters: Qumran and Beyond
Chair: Hindy Najman, Oriel College

Noam Mizrahi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Verbal Icon: Reading the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice Against the Loss of its Performative Tradition

Arjen Bakker, University of Groningen
Law Engraved on My Tongue: Practices of Reading and Prayer in the Second Temple Period

Eibert Tigchelaar, KU Leuven
Writing and Reading in Textual Communities: On the Scribal Performance of the Dead Sea Scrolls
11:00–11:30 – Coffee Break in Harris Seminar Room

11:30–12:30

Cultic Readings: Transcending the Human

Chair: Phillip Lasater, Worcester College

Judith H. Newman, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

Reading and Rupture

Dorota Molin, Oriel / Wadham College

Who is Reading Anyway? Quotation and Literacy Beyond the Human in Apotropaic Text-Objects

12:30–14:00 — Lunch in Harris Seminar Room

14:00–15:30

Transformative Readings: Lost and Found in Translation

Chair: Estara Arrant, Trinity Hall

Martin Tscheu, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle–Wittenberg

The Vorlage of LXX Ez 40–48: Its Orthographic Features and Realisation as a Hebrew Text in the Greek Translation

Elizabeth Stell, Oriel College

Reading and Writing in Dream Dialect: Making New Meaning in Early Jewish Literature

Jeroen Verrijssen, KU Leuven

On the Shores of the Red Sea: A Medieval Reconstruction of Palestinian Targum?

15:30–16:00 — Coffee Break in Harris Seminar Room

16:00–17:00

Creative Readings: Interpreting the Hebrew Bible

Chair: Cian Power, Oriel College

Harald Samuel, Mansfield College

“Inconfusedly, Unchangeably, Indivisibly, Inseparably?” The Two Natures of the Text of the Hebrew Bible

Robert Harris, Jewish Theological Seminary

From פשט דקרא יה to מקרא של פשוט: The Origins of Peshat Commentary

Wednesday, November 1

10:30–12:00

Reading (R)evolutions: Concepts and Practices across Times

Chair: Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge

Frédérique Michèle Rey, Université de Lorraine
Reading Ben Sira from Antiquity to Medieval Period

David G. K. Taylor, Wolfson College
The Impact of Orality and Piety on the Text of Ezel Moshe (Fragment Targum at Exodus 14.29) From the 4th to the 15th Centuries CE

Eva Mroczek, University of California, Davis
"Who Buried the Ark?" Josiah Traditions and Revelatory Reading, Then and Now

12:00–13:30 — Lunch in Harris Seminar Room

13:30–15:00

Transformative Readings: Speaking Sins, Reading Holiness

Chair: Hector Patmore, KU Leuven

Rebekah Van Sant, Oriel College
"We Have Transgressed and Rebelled. You Have Not Forgiven": Dialogic Poetics and Performance in the Book of Lamentations

Amrei Koch, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle–Wittenberg
"Teaching the Sinners": A "Biblical" Motif and its Application in 4Q372 1

Annie Calderbank, Oriel College
Holiness as Hermeneutic: Reading between Texts and Concepts

15:00–15:45 — Break

15:45–16:45

Reading Targum: Performance and Audience

Chair: Alison Salvesen, Mansfield College

Willem Smelik, University College London
Text Extracted: The Function of Targum

Shlomi Efrati, KU Leuven
To Read or Not to Read: Practicing (Non)Reading Targum in Medieval Europe

16:45–17:15

Reading Between [and around] the Lines: Closing Remarks

Hindy Najman, Oriel College; Stefan Schorch, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle–Wittenberg / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Hector Patmore, KU Leuven

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