



# FROM JOSEPHUS TO THE RABBIS

ANCIENT  
WORLD  
RESEARCH  
CLUSTER  
**WORKSHOP**

THURSDAY,  
22 MAY 2025 9 AM - 5 PM  
WOLFSON COLLEGE (THE BUTTERY),  
LINTON RD. OXFORD OX2 6UD





09:00-09:30 Gathering and Coffee

09:30-09:45 Welcoming Remarks (Meron Priotrkowski)

09:45-12:00 Session 1

**CHAIR: JUDITH OLSZOWY-SCHLANGER (OCHJS)**

## PART I: MODERN PERSPECTIVES

**Martin Goodman** (Wolfson)

Isaac D'Israeli on Jewish History after 70 CE: The First Two Centuries

**Tessa Rajak** (Somerville)

Moshe Schwabe and the Hebrew Gymnasium

**10:45-11:00 Coffee Break**

## PART II: THE RABBIS AND RABBINIC LITERATURE

**Robert Brody** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

What Did the Rabbis Think About Priests?

**Noah Hacham** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

On Exile: Between Philo and Rabbinic Literature

**12:00-13:00 Lunch Break**

13:00-14:30 Session 2

**CHAIR: HINDY NAJMAN (ORIEL)**

## **PART I: REASSESSING JOSEPHUS: TEXTS, TRADITIONS, & TRANSFORMATIONS**

**David Friedman** (Cambridge/St.Edmund's)  
Josephus' Inconsistent Accounts of Judean (Dis)unity

**David Taylor** (Wolfson)  
The Reception of Josephus in Syriac Sources

**Meron Piotrkowski** (Wolfson)  
Josephus on Papyrus: On the Oldest Surviving  
Manuscript of the 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish Historian

**14:30-15:00 Coffee Break**

15:00-17:00 Session 3

**CHAIR: MARTIN GOODMAN (WOLFSON)**

## **PART II: REASSESSING JOSEPHUS: TEXTS, TRADITIONS, & TRANSFORMATIONS**

**Jan Willem van Henten** (Universiteit van Amsterdam)  
Josephus and the Flavians Revisited: The Case of the  
*Antiquities*



## 15:45-16:45 Keynote Lecture

 **Daniel Schwartz** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
Who's to Blame for the Catastrophe? Josephus and the  
Birth of Jewish Post-Destruction Discourse

## 16:45-17:00 Closing Remarks

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