

**Thirteenth Annual
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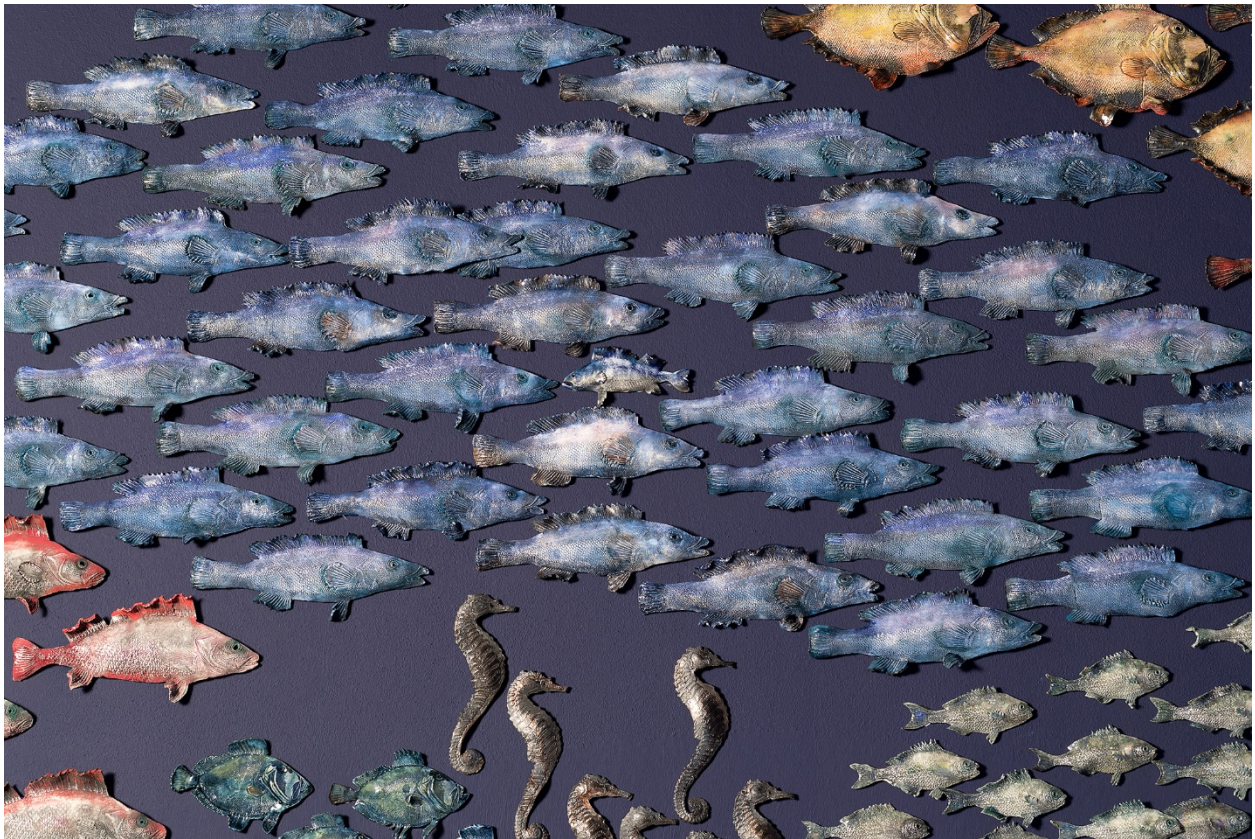
***Jewish Citizenship and Belonging —
Between Identity, Responsibility and Sacrifice***

30 June – 4 July 2025

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
in conjunction with the
Taube Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław

At: University Club – Oxford, 11 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3SZ

PROGRAMME



"I'm Not" by Andi Arnovitz, 2019. Handmade porcelain.
The Israel National Aquarium, Jerusalem.

Monday 30 June

Late Morning Arrival (store luggage until 3:00pm, when rooms are available)

12:00 Noon Lunch (University Club)

1:00–3:00pm **Session 1:** Introduction

Moderators: Miri Freud-Kandel and Adam Ferziger

3:00–4:00pm Coffee break and room check in

4:00–6:00pm **Session 2**

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Celine Leglaive – “Building a Sense of Belonging through Philanthropy (1791-1910)”

Dr. Tim Buchen – “Leading and Belonging in Shared Spheres: Jewish Elites and the Medical Field of Breslau (1854-1933)”

Respondents: Julie Cooper, Jordan Jacobs

6:40pm Leave from University Club lobby for walk to OJC

7:00pm Welcome Dinner – Oxford Jewish Congregation (OJC)
21 Richmond Rd. OX1 2JL

Tuesday 1 July

From 8:00am Breakfast

10:00am–12:30pm **Session 3** (with coffee break)

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Meron Piotrkowski – “Contested Citizenship: On Hugo Willrich, the Jews in Roman Alexandria, and Modern German Scholarship”

Alicia Vergara – “Nostalgic Nation Branding: Philo-Sephardism and the Reimagining of Spanish Identity in the 2015 Citizenship Law”

Respondents: Yaacov Yadgar, Tim Buchen

12:30–1:30pm Lunch

1:30–2:45pm **Session 4:** Text Session

Adam Ferziger – Cemeteries and Citizenship: Text Study

3:00pm Walk to Ashmolean Museum

3:15–4:45pm **Ashmolean Museum Tour: Ancient Jewish Coins**
Led by Meron Piotrkowski

5:15–7:15pm **Session 5** (at Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies)
Clarendon Institute, Walton St, OX1 2HG

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Meir Soloveichik – “A Kosher Meal, *The Federalist*, and the Making of America. Madison, Brandeis, and the Meaning of Citizenship”

Miri Freud-Kandel – “Jewish Citizenship and Belonging, the Antisemitism of Tolerance, and British Diaspora Challenges”

Respondents: Celine Leglaive, Chaim Saiman

7:30pm Dinner at OJC (Optional)

Wednesday 2 July

From 8:00am Breakfast

10:00am–12:30pm **Session 6** (with coffee break)

Chair: Miri Freud Kandel

Joel Hecker – “Mechanisms of Membership in Kabbalistic and Hasidic Fellowships”

Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli – “Sacred Spaces, Communal Autonomy, and the Price of Avoiding Governance – The Case of the Meron Disaster”

Respondents: Tzipora Weinberg, Meron Piotrkowski

12:30–1:30pm

Lunch

1:30–4:00pm

Session 7 (with coffee break)

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Yaacov Yadgar – “Zionism as Supersessionism”

Davina Wanderer Kriel – “Babel, Babel Toil 'n' Trouble: Sacks and Oakeshott in Conversation”

Respondents: Meir Soloveichik, Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli

4:00pm

Free time in Oxford

6:00pm

Early pre-theatre dinner at OJC (optional)

7:30pm

Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* at the Oxford Castle (optional)

Thursday 3 July

From 8:00am

Breakfast

10:00am–12:30pm

Session 8 (with coffee break)

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Peter Bergamin – “Knowing One’s Place: Jewish Feminism in Great Britain from 1890-1920”

Tzipora Weinberg – “The Rise of the Rabanit: Paradigms of Women’s Leadership in Lithuanian Orthodoxy”

Respondents: Sari Alfi-Nissan, Miri Freud-Kandel

12:30–1:30pm

Lunch

1:30–4:00pm

Session 9 (with coffee break)

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Sari Alfi-Nissan – “‘Abraham and Moses were Entrepreneurs’: The Making of the Entrepreneurial-Zionist Citizen in Israeli Education”

Jordan Jacobs – “Havruta: A Tool to Promote Coexistence and Jewish Belonging Today?”

Respondents: Alicia Vergara, Adam Ferziger

4:30–6:30pm

Session 10

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Chaim Saiman – “Arbitration and the Rise of the Neo-Kahal”

Julie Cooper – “The Diasporic Jewish Question of the Best Regime (With a Nod to Salo Baron)”

Respondents: Davina Wanderer-Kriel, Joel Hecker

7:15pm

Closing Dinner at OJC

Friday 4 July

From 8:00am

Breakfast

9:00–11:00am

Session 11 – What have we learned?

Moderators: Miri Freud-Kandel, Adam Ferziger

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"My Klita" by Andi Arnovitz, 2005.
Etching and Aquatint.