

# Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Hilary Term 2019



# PUBLIC EVENTS OF OCHJS



## THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

The lectures are held in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room,  
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,  
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG (Tel. 01865 610422)

**Mondays 6.00-7.15pm, except for week 2\***

### 14 January

**Dr Daniel Schumann** (University of Münster)

'Conflicting Intrapersonal Powers: A Study in Early Rabbinic and Pauline Anthropology and Hamartiology'

**21 January \* 5pm at the Weston Library Lecture Theatre** [BOOK LAUNCH]

**Dr Joshua Teplitsky** (Stony Brook)

'Jewish Life in Early Modern Europe: The origins of the Oppenheim Collection'

Jointly sponsored by the Centre for the Study of the Book of the Bodleian Library

### 28 January

**Professor Richard Cohen** (Hebrew University)

'Jewish Icons of Modernity- Spinoza, Da Costa, Mendelssohn, Jesus and Herzl  
– creating a Jewish Pantheon'

### 4 February

**Dr Yael Fisch** (Tel Aviv University)

'On breastfeeding: Mythological motherhood in ancient Jewish texts'

### 11 February

**Professor Yosef Kaplan** (Hebrew University)

'Herem Nacao style: Excommunications in the Early Modern Western Sephardi Communities'

### 18 February

**Professor Ron Hendel** (University of California, Berkeley), **Professor Jan Joosten**, (Oxford), **Professor Hindy Najman** (Oxford) and **Professor Hugh Williamson** (Oxford)

'How Old is the Hebrew Bible?'

[BOOK LAUNCH]

### 25 February

**Professor Johannes Heil** (Heidelberg University)

'Before Rabbinical Judaism arrived: Ps.- Jerome, Ps.- Philo and the Jewish textual tradition of the Western Mediterranean up to the 9th century'

### 4 March

**Dr Neta Bodner** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

'Under the Surface - Deep Underground Jewish Ritual Baths in Germany and France'

**ALL ARE WELCOME**





## LANGUAGE CLASSES

### BIBLICAL HEBREW

Wednesday evenings at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8      6.00-7.00pm:    Continuers  
                     7.00-8.00pm:    Beginners

Please register with the tutor: **Dr Stephen L Herring**

email: [stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk)



### MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

Wednesdays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8      5.45-6.45pm:    Beginners  
                     6.45-7.45pm:    Intermediate

Please register with the tutor: **Mrs Tali Kleinman Almagor**

e-mail: [tali.kleinman@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:tali.kleinman@mail.huji.ac.il)



### YIDDISH CLASSES

Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8      3.45-4.45pm:    Beginners  
                     4.45-5.45pm:    Intermediate/Advanced

Please register with the tutor: **Dr Khayke B Wiegand** (Corob Lector in Yiddish, OCHJS)

e-mail: [BeruriahWiegand@aol.com](mailto:BeruriahWiegand@aol.com)

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





**LONDON LECTURES AT JW3**

**The Oxford Series**

Thursdays at 7.30-9.00pm

Venue: 341-351 Finchley Road, London NW3 6ET

**PLEASE BOOK ONLINE WITH JW3 FOR THESE EVENTS or call the Box Office: 020 7433 8988**

10 January

**Professor Martin Goodman FBA** (University of Oxford)

*Josephus on Trial*

17 January

**Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger FBA** (University of Oxford)

*Jews, Herrings and medieval Lynn*

24 January

**Dr Benjamin Williams** (University of Oxford)

*Bringing Maimonides to Oxford: Edward Pococke and Maimonides' 'Commentary on the Mishnah'*

31 January

**Dr Piet van Boxel** (University of Oxford)

*Jews and Christians read the Mishnah*



**ACADEMIC PROGRAMME**  
**of THE CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES**  
**of the UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**



**OXFORD SEMINAR IN ADVANCED JEWISH STUDIES**  
**The Mishnah Between Christians and Jews in Early Modern Europe**

**Convenors: Professor Joanna Weinberg and Dr Piet van Boxel**  
**The seminars will be held at the Clarendon Institute**  
**on Tuesdays from 2.15-4pm**

Week 1, 15 January

**Piet van Boxel** (University of Oxford)

*Surenhusius and his Mishnah edition in context*

Week 2, 22 January

**Omer Michaelis** (Harvard Divinity School)

*Juda ha-Nasi, Author Mishnae: authorship discourses between Medieval al-Andalus and Early Modern England*

Week 3, 29 January

**Robert Madaric Beer** (University of Tübingen)

*Jacob Judah Leon and his models of the Temple and the Tabernacle in 17th century scholarship*

Week 4, 5 February

**Scott Mandelbrote** (University of Cambridge)

*Humphrey Prideaux and the history of Judaism in the 17<sup>th</sup> century*

Week 5, 12 February

**Marcello Cattaneo** (University of Oxford)

*The first English translation of the Mishnah: the scholarly contexts of William Wootton's version of Shabbat and Eruvin (1718)*

Week 6, 19 February

**Guido Bartolucci** (University of Calabria)

*A German student of Isaac Abendana: Theodor Dassow and the Latin translation of the Mishnah*

Week 7, 26 February

**Theodor Dunkelgrün** (University of Cambridge)

*Isaac Abendana's Mishnah translation (1663-1676) and Judaic studies in Restoration Cambridge*

Week 8, 5 March

**Yosef Kaplan** (Hebrew University)

*Haham Jacob Abendana, the author of a Spanish translation of the Mishnah. Steps towards an intellectual profile*





## SEMINAR ON JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE IN THE GRAECO-ROMAN PERIOD

The following seminars on the Dead Sea Scrolls in current scholarship  
will be held on Tuesdays, 2.15-3.45pm,  
at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,  
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

**Convenor:** Professor Martin Goodman

Week 1, January 15:

**Professor Sacha Stern** (UCL)

'Calendar cycles at Qumran and in later Jewish sources'

Week 2, January 22:

**Professor Charlotte Hempel** (Birmingham)

'Priestly authority in Ezra-Nehemiah and the Dead Sea Scrolls'

Week 3, January 29:

**Professor Philip Alexander** (Manchester)

'The Qumran Community in its Graeco-Roman setting: Weinfeld's

*The Organizational Pattern and the Penal Code of the Qumran Sect* (1986) revisited'

Week 4, February 5:

**Professor Armin Lange** (Vienna)

'The Dead Sea Scrolls and canon in the Graeco-Roman world and ancient Judaism'

Week 5, February 12:

**Dr Daniel Schumann** (Keble)

'Enochic literature and the Yahad in the Dead Sea Scrolls'

Week 6, February 19:

**Dr Noam Mizrahi** (Tel Aviv)

'The art of recompense: rendering linguistic ambiguity in 11QPs<sup>a</sup> and LXX Psalms'  
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 7, February 26:

**Dr Arjen Bakker** (Oriël)

'Labour of the Soul: Isaiah in translation, interpretation and practice'  
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 8, March 5:

**Professor Mladen Popović** (Groningen)

'A digital approach to Hebrew palaeography in the Dead Sea Scrolls'

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## LUNCHTIME SEMINARS IN JEWISH STUDIES

The Seminars will take place on Thursdays at 1pm at the Clarendon Institute

Week 2, 24 January

**Professor Sara Lipton** (Stony Brook)

'A Tale of Two Patrons: Shared and Shifting Iconography in the 'Moreh Nevukhim' and the Anglo-Catalan Psalter'

Week 4, 7 Feb

**Dr Chen Bar-Itzhak** (Ben Gurion)

'Breaking borders, becoming equal:  
Nostalgia for the British Mandate in contemporary Israeli culture'

Week 6, 21 February

**Dr Katja Kujanpää** (Helsinki)

'Scriptural Authority and Argumentation in Paul and 1 Clement'

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### SEMINAR IN MODERN ISRAEL STUDIES

The following lectures will take place at 2.15pm on Tuesdays, in the Board Room, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College.

Convenor: **Professor Yaacov Yadgar**

15 Jan

**Ms. Neta Cohen** (Oxford)

'When Climate Takes Command: Jewish-Zionist Scientific Approaches to Climate in Palestine'

22 Jan

**Dr Khaled Furani** (Tel-Aviv)

'Putting Israel on the couch: A Palestinian contestation of the modern sovereignty paradigm'

29 Jan

**Dr Chana Morgenstern** (Cambridge)

'Fire in the Camp: Committed Arabic Literature and Mizrahi Aesthetics in Israel/Palestine'

5 Feb

**Professor Menachem Klein** (Bar-Ilan)

'Abbas Leadership in a State Postponed'

12 Feb

**Professor Guy Burton** (Vesalius College)

'Rising Powers and the Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1947'

19 Feb

**Professor Eyal Chowers** (Tel-Aviv)

'The emerging notion of sovereignty in contemporary Israel'

26 Feb

**Dr Ibrahim Khatib** (Oxford)

'Identity, conflict perception and reconciliation in the shadow of the Arab-Israeli conflict'

5 Mar

**Professor Avner Offer** (Oxford)

'Quality of life and well-being in Israel Today'





## OXFORD-TEL AVIV PROGRAMME IN THE STUDY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

### Religion and Society in the Ancient World

Coordinator: **Professor Martin Goodman**

The Seminars will take place in Room 207 at the Clarendon Institute,  
Walton Street, on Mondays from 8 to 9.30 am

Week 2, 21 January

**Dan Gallaher** (Oriël)

'The Armenians and Jerusalem'

**Bogdan-Gabriel Draghici** (Wolfson)

'The impact of Chalcedon and ecclesiastical politics on churchgoers in the fifth century and after'

Week 3, 28 January

**Vanda Strachan** (St Hugh's)

'Roman lightning'

**Alexis Gorby** (St John's)

'The Adelfia sarcophagus'

Week 4, 4 February

**Servane Hardouin** (St Benet's)

'Sistra in Egyptian religion'

**Alex Rowe** (Keble)

'Jewish Identity in the Letter of Aristeas'

Week 5, 11 February

**Wen-Pin Leow** (Wycliffe)

'Ekklesia in Ephesians'

**Elizabeth Stell** (Oriël)

'Dreaming in Ezekiel's Exagoge'

Week 6, 18 February

**Michael Economou** (Wolfson)

'Jerusalem pilgrimage in the Second Temple period'

**Rachel Smith** (Keble)

'Walking in pilgrimage'

Week 7, 25 February

**Josef Bloomfield** (LMH)

'Curses in the Safaitic inscriptions'

**Concluding session**







## VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Hilary Term 2019



### Polonsky Visiting Fellows (OSAJs Mishnah project)

**Marcello Cattaneo** (Princeton University)

**Dr Kirsten MacFarlane** (Trinity College, Cambridge)

**Dr Omer Michaelis** (Harvard University)

**Professor Richard Cohen** (Hebrew University)

**Professor Yosef Kaplan** (Hebrew University)

**Dr Thomas Roebuck** (University of East Anglia)

### Visiting Scholars



**Dr Chen Bar-Itzhak** (Ben Gurion University)

**Dr Peter Bergamin**

**Dr Neta Bodner** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Dr Aya Elyada** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Dr Yael Fisch** (Tel Aviv University)

**Dr Katja Kujanpää** (University of Helsinki)

**Dr Tuukka Kauhanen** (University of Helsinki)

**Dr Stefano Salemi** (King's College London)

**Dr Daniel Schumann** (University of Münster)



### 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 are very welcome**



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