Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Programme for Trinity Term 2019
PUBLIC EVENTS OF OCHJS

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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 6***

Week 1, 29 April
Dr Kirsten Macfarlane (University of Cambridge)
*An English Hebraist, an Ottoman ‘Rabbi’, and the Unlikely Story of the First Hebrew Books Printed in Amsterdam (1605-1606)*

Week 2, 6 May
Professor Jonathan Price (Tel Aviv University)
*Ancient Synagogues in Judaea/Palaestina: Community and Language*

Week 3, 13 May
Dr Nadav Berman Shifman (Yale University)
Jewish Traditionality and Classical American Pragmatism: Venturing beyond the Atlantic Wall

Week 4, 20 May
Dr Dirk van Miert (Utrecht University)
*There was no Hebrew Republic of Letters: Christian Hebraism, conceptual history and theory of citizenship*

Week 5, 27 May
Professor Shmuel Feiner (Bar Ilan University)
*The Year 1700 and the Birth of the Jewish 18th century*

Week 6, 3 June at 5pm***
Professor Derek Penslar (Harvard University)
*What's love got to do with it? The emotional language of early Zionism*

Week 7, 10 June
NO LECTURE

Week 8, 17 June
Dr David Sclar (Harvard University)
*Moses Hayim Luzzatto’s Pietistic Confraternity in Eighteenth-Century Padua*

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LANGUAGES CLASSES

BIBLICAL HEBREW
Thursday evenings at the Clarendon Institute

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

Please register with the tutor: Dr Stephen L Herring
email: 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
email: tali.kleinman@mail.huji.ac.il

YIDDISH CLASSES
Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-6, 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

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

OXFORD BIBLICAL HEBREW SUMMER SCHOOL
To be held at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies from September 2-13, 2019.
The cost of the school is £300 per student for 30 hours
of language instruction.

Further details and an application form may be downloaded from the Centre's website.
[Closing date: Monday 22 July 2019]

The school offers ten days of intensive teaching in biblical Hebrew. Each weekday there will be
three hours of teaching, delivered in two separate 90-minute sessions, between 10.00am and
4.00pm. The OBHSS corresponds to two full terms of intensive teaching for a full-time university
student. It is open to students with or without experience in the language.
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: Joanna Weinberg and Piet van Boxel

The seminars will be held on Tuesdays from 4.15 - 6pm in the Clarendon Institute
(except for Week 7*, which will be at 2.15pm)

Week 1, 30 April
Thomas Roebuck (University of East Anglia)
*Mishnaic Scholarship in Seventeenth-Century England*

Week 2, 7 May
Dirk van Miert (Utrecht University)
*The social life of Guilielmus Surenhusius (1666-1729)*

Week 3, 14 May
Kirsten Macfarlane (University of Cambridge)
*Christianity as Jewish Allegory? Guilielmus Surenhusius’s ‘Sefer Ha-Mashveh’ (1713) and New Testament Scholarship in the Early Eighteenth Century*

Week 4, 21 May
Joanna Weinberg (University of Oxford)
*The annotated Mishnah among Jews and Christians in early modern Europe*

Week 5, 28 May
Richard Cohen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*Imagining Visually the Mishnah: From Wagenseil to Wotton*

Week 6, 4 June
Anthony Grafton (Princeton University)
*Some Christian Uses of the Mishnah*

Week 7, 11 June * at 2.15pm
David Sclar (Harvard University)
*Menasheh’s Mishnays: Three Amsterdam Imprints in Intellectual and Cultural Context*

Week 8, 18 June
Ada Rapoport-Albert (University College London)
*How mishnaic was Immanuel Hai Ricchi’s Mishnat Hasidim (Amsterdam, 1727)?*

[This Oxford Seminar will culminate with a Conference on 24-25 June. Programme details available soon from the website]
SEMinar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

The following seminars 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, April 30
Professor Martin Goodman (Oxford)
'Paul as persecutor in the history of Judaism'

Week 2, May 7
Professor Jonathan Price (Tel Aviv)
'Beth She’arim: a congregation of cultures'

Week 3, May 14
Dr Tali Artman-Partock (KCL)
'Why is it so hard to find women in Hebrew tours of hell? A history of a tradition'

Week 4, May 21
Dr Helen Spurling (Southampton)
'The representation of Arabs in late-antique apocalyptic literature'

Week 5, May 28
Professor Kai Brodersen (Erfurt)
'Earth, wind and fire: how the Septuagint translated divine elements'
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 6, June 4
Dr Theofili Kampianaki (Birmingham)
'Aspects of the appropriation of Flavius Josephus in medieval Greek and Latin literature'

Week 7, June 11
Dr Julia Krivoruchko (Cambridge)
'The silence of the idols: the story of ἄλαλος from classical into medieval (Judaeo-) Greek'
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 8, June 18
NO SEMINAR

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LUNCHTIME SEMINARS IN JEWISH STUDIES

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

Marcello Cattaneo (Princeton University)
23 May: 'Jewish Law and Christian Scholars in Early Eighteenth-Century England'

Professor George Carras (Washington and Lee University)
6 June: 'The Bible among Diaspora Jews as Rewritten Biblical Narrative: Flavius Josephus and Paul of Tarsus'

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SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

Convenor: Dr Zoë Waxman

Thursdays, 2pm in the Clarendon Institute, Room 207

Week 2: May 9
Katherine Lebow (University of Oxford)
Archivists, Activists, and Graphomaniacs: Towards an ‘Integrated’ History of Early Polish Holocaust Testimony

Week 4: May 23
Anna Hájková (University of Warwick)
Why do we need a history of prostitution in the Holocaust? Reflections on sexual violence, agency, and sex work

Week 6: June 6
Christine Schmidt (Wiener Library for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide)
‘We Are All Witnesses’: Eva Reichmann and Early Holocaust Research at the Wiener Library

Week 8: June 20
Rebecca Jinks (Royal Holloway, University of London)
Interconnections [or otherwise] between Holocaust memory and genocide memory

LEHMANN LECTURE

The third Alfred Lehmann Memorial Lecture will take place on Tuesday 11 June at 5pm in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room at the Clarendon Institute

Leora Auslander
(Artur and Joann Rasmussen Professor in Western Civilization and Professor of Modern European Social History, University of Chicago)

Diasporic Home-making in times of crisis: Jews in Paris and Berlin in the 20th century

Refreshments to follow

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POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP: 70 YEARS OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

21 June 2019 at the Clarendon Institute

Convenors: Professor Markus Bockmuehl, Professor Martin Goodman and Professor Hindy Najman

8.45-9am: Registration and Welcome

9-10am: Profesor Eibert Tigchelaar (Leuven)
The Cave 1 Hoyadot Scroll Materially and Spiritually

10.15-11.15am: Sarah Wisialowski
Leaders as Exemplars in the Community at Qumran

Lyndon Drake
Economic capital in the Dead Sea Scrolls

11.30-12.30pm: Elizabeth Stell
‘Tell Me Your Dream so I May Understand’: Dream as Interpretation in the Genesis Apocryphon

Annie Calderbank
Divine Presence Over and Within: Temple Discourse in the Dead Sea Scrolls

1.30-2.30pm: Rebekah Van Sant-Clark
Isaiah’s Poetics of Exile and Wilderness: The Afterlife of Isaiah 40:1-11

Anna Krauss
How to Make Sense of a Gap? The omission of Psalms 104-111 in 4Q84

2.45-3.45pm: Alexander McCarron
Enoch, a Righteous Man’; Genesis 6:9 as Intertext in 4QEn” (1 Enoch 1:2)

Daniel Schumann
The Eschatologization of the Gift of the Promised Land in 1 En. 1-5

4.00-5.00pm: Kenny Chi Kin Lei
Friends or Strangers? A Comparison between Pesher Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Matthew’s use of Hosea 11:1

Yael Fisch
Midrash-Pesher in Qumran, Paul and the Tannaim

5.15-6.15pm: Professor George Brooke (Manchester)
Dead Sea Scrolls Scholarship in Oxford: Past, Present and Future

6.15-6.30pm: Concluding remarks

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CONFERENCE
14-15 May at the Clarendon Institute

"Horizons in Textual Criticism: Translating and Transcending Textual Criticism"

Convenors: Dr John Screnock and Professor Jan Joosten

[All sessions in Room 207 except where marked]

14th May

14:30 - 14:45 [Catherine Lewis Lecture Room]
Jan Joosten (University of Oxford)
Introductory Remarks

14:45 - 15:45 [Catherine Lewis Lecture Room]
Charlotte Hempel (University of Birmingham)
Less is Less: The Diminished Place of Biblical History in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Beyond

16:15 - 17:15
Tuukka Kauhanen (University of Helsinki)
Abel and Dan (2 Sam 20:18-19) in Source Criticism and Archaeology

18:15 - 19:30 [Catherine Lewis Lecture Room]
Public Forum: ‘The Origins of Biblical Texts’ (See next page for details)

15th May

9:15 - 10:15
Andrew Daniel (University of Oxford)
The Translator’s Tell: Translation Technique, Verbal Syntax, and the Myth of OG Daniel 4-6’s Semitic Vorlage

10:30 - 11:30
Alison Salvesen (University of Oxford)
Symmachus: An Anomaly among Ancient Translators of Scripture?

11:45 - 12:45
Stefan Schorch (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
The Role and the Value of the Samaritan Versions for the Textual History of the Samaritan Pentateuch

14:30 - 15:30
Pablo Torijano (Complutense University of Madrid)
Textual Criticism and Its Impact on the History of Religion and Language: Some Examples in Kings

15:45 - 16:45
Jan Joosten (University of Oxford)
Textual turbulence in the story of David’s succession (1 Kgs 1-2)

16:45 - 17:00
John Screnock (University of Oxford)
Response and Closing Remarks

All are welcome, but pre-registration is required

Please fill out the quick registration form here (Registration Form).
PUBLIC FORUM
14 May, 6.15pm at the Clarendon Institute

‘The Origins of Biblical Texts’
[The first in a series of six public forums, The History of the Bible from Qumran to Today]

Professor Jan Joosten (Oxford), Dr John Screnock (Oxford) and Professor Stefan Schorch (Halle).

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OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE ON MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
in partnership with the Berman Center, Lehigh University

30 June – 5 July 2019

The 6th Annual Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism will focus on the theme of "Jerusalem and Babylon: Past and Present". Participants will explore this concept as it has evolved in the course of Jewish history, thought, and culture throughout the globe – including comparisons with the rich Christian articulations on the topic. A focus of the discussion will be on the ways in-depth analysis of this notion offers tools for examining the burgeoning contemporary dynamic in which new parallel centres of Jewish civilization have arisen as original, powerful, yet highly distinctive models.

[Closed event]

HEBREW MANUSCRIPT STUDIES SUMMER WORKSHOP

This year’s Summer Workshop on Hebrew Manuscript Studies: Codicology, Palaeography, Art History will be held from 1 to 12 July at the Weston Library in Oxford.

[Closed event]

MUSICA JUDAICA: JEWISH MUSIC BETWEEN ORAL AND WRITTEN TRADITIONS. THE 19TH CENTURY IN CONTEXT

CONFERENCE
14 - 15 July 2019
at the Clarendon Institute

(Details to be announced)
VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Trinity Term 2019

Visiting Fellows
(OSAJS Mishnah project)

Marcello Cattaneo (Princeton University)
Professor Anthony Grafton (Princeton University)
Dr Kirsten Macfarlane (University of Cambridge)
Professor Richard Cohen (Hebrew University)
Professor Yosef Kaplan (Hebrew University)
Dr Thomas Roebuck (University of East Anglia)
Dr David Sclar (Harvard University)
Dr Dirk van Miert (Utrecht University)

Visiting Scholars

Dr Peter Bergamin
Dr Neta Bodner (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Professor George Carras (Washington and Lee University)
Dr Aya Elyada (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Dr Yael Fisch (Tel Aviv University)
Dr Tuukka Kauhanen (University of Helsinki)
Professor Sara Lipton (Stony Brook)
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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