

# Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

## Programme for Hilary Term 2024



# 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)**

### Week 1, 18 January

Dr John Screnock, 'To What Text(s) Does the Book of Esther Refer? Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying about Intertextuality in Esther'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsduygpjSpE9LgkAko87TkSy2RKsFg60CB>

### Week 2, 25 January

Rabbi Dr Lisa Grushcow, 'The Bush was Not Consumed: A Rabbinic Reception History of Exodus 3:1-4'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvC-GrrTouGdAjsRiGxpOsuCCzPVmtpwyz>

### Week 3, 1 February - **CANCELLED**

~~Dr Harald Samuel, 'Manoello Giudeo – Hebrew Poetry in the Trecento'~~

### Week 4, 8 February

Professor Jean Baumgarten, 'Translating, editing, and printing mystical prayers (*Tikkunim*) in Old Yiddish'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwud-CuqDsiHtY56p0GAcNn75ahB4gjk3ZI>

### Week 5, 15 February

Dr Mei-Tal Nadler, "To grant a second chance to something which could never have had one": *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdu6opjgoGtD7saYwByTFNYpnn-Skph-T>

### Week 6, 22 February

Professor Gideon Bohak, 'The *Pishra de-Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa*: A Babylonian Jewish Anti-Witchcraft Spell and Its Historical Significance'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcOygrjLiEt1TjijUS7nyyqrqTecFQvK94>

### Week 7, 29 February - **CANCELLED**

~~Dr Danjing Ma, 'The Rise and Decline of the Jewish Community in Kaifeng'~~

### Week 8, 7 March

No lecture. Please see conference programme on 'Enterprise, Engagement, Integration: Jews of Seventeenth-Century Britain and the Empire', 5-8 March, online & Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute



## 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](mailto: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 Hilary Term 2024, please register at [this link](#).

*Lower Intermediates:* Thursdays @ 11:30 UK Time: For Hilary Term 2024, please register at [this link](#).

*Upper Intermediates:* Thursdays @ 13:00 UK Time: For Hilary Term 2024, please register at [this link](#).

**Tutor: Mrs Esther Yadgar**

All classes will be held via Zoom throughout the term. Please contact Ms Priscilla Lange at [academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk](mailto:academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk) if you have any queries.

\***Absolute Beginners:** Learning the alphabet, speaking, reading and writing, continuing simple verbs and short sentences

\*\***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](mailto:normansolomon@btinternet.com)



## OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES

APPLICATIONS FOR CLASSES BEGINNING IN HILARY 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 Trinity 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 at 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

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

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

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

The second part of this course on the History of Yiddish Music will explore how Yiddish song developed after the Early Modern Period. It will also tackle the question of sources for musical practices of the Yiddish-speaking world after 1800, including instrumental music.

It was this period which also saw the rise of Yiddish music as a global phenomenon and the development of new centres of Yiddish musical creativity. We will explore the diverse cultures of Yiddish music as social and music history.

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

The first day of class for this course will be Monday, 15th January 2024.

For information, visit our website [here](#).

*Applications are no longer accepted for this course.*





## OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURE

**Week 7**  
**Tuesday, 27 February**  
**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 Jean Baumgarten  
(Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, CNRS-EHESS, Paris)  
'Jewish Mysticism in the 17th-18th century Ashkenazi Society: Translating the Zohar in  
Old Yiddish'

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfuCtpz8jHdGiwhNK3IxR-  
ebTNAhZ3Qgj](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfuCtpz8jHdGiwhNK3IxR-ebTNAhZ3Qgj)



## HEBREW MOVIE NIGHTS

6pm, Catherine Lewis, Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute, Oxford OX1 2HG  
Refreshments provided  
Everyone welcome to attend

We are starting a new fun tradition at the Centre - movie nights in Hebrew (with English  
subtitles)

### **WEEK 4, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7**

FOOTNOTE (Running time: 107 minutes):

### **WEEK 5, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14** *(change from previously advertised film)*

Turn Left at the End of the World (running time: 110 minutes)

### **WEEK 7, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28** *(change from previously advertised film)*

*A Matter of Size* (running time: 1hr and 30 minutes)





## CONFERENCE

### 'Enterprise, Engagement, Integration: Jews of Seventeenth-Century Britain and the Empire'

### OXON-OVIS: Oxford Virtual International Symposium Tuesday-Friday March 5-8, 2024

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies  
Clarendon Institute, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre

**Organiser:** Dr Emily Rose

Virtual conference streamed at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute (Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG) and online via Zoom.  
Please join us if you are in Oxford.

For the full details of the programme, please consult our website [here](#)

#### **Tuesday March 5, 2024**

**2:00pm [9am EST]**

Please register at this link in order access today's sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeuqrTwvHtxvsp17ONh8gNkLny3N3O9p>

#### **Wednesday March 6, 2024**

**2:00-3:15pm [9:00 EST]**

Please register at this link in order access today's sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsd-6vpzotGNPqCUzB-CWvP5CgB5LQ5Fuv>

#### **Thursday March 7, 2024**

**2:00-3:15pm [9:00 EST, 8am CST]**

Please register at this link in order access today's sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoc-CppjsjH9drZD0mf6Twhyg8b4e82ywu>

#### **Friday March 8, 2024**

**2:00-3:30pm [3pm CET, 9am EST]**

Please register at this link in order access today's sessions:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfuivrD4sGNN\\_d6mV0X9\\_UoVIM\\_I\\_aSOW](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfuivrD4sGNN_d6mV0X9_UoVIM_I_aSOW)



**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**

**Tuesdays from 2 to 3.30 pm  
Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre  
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG**

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 (followed by coffee, tea and biscuits in the Common Room, situated in the basement of the Clarendon Institute).

**Convenor:** Meron Piotrkowski

**Week 2, January 23**

Prof. Meron Piotrkowski (Wolfson/OCHJS)

'Survival: The Jews of Egypt after 117CE'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

**Week 4, February 6**

Dr. Zsuzsanna Szanto (FU Berlin) (*Please note that the speaker will be not be in Oxford*)

'From *Ioudaioi* to *Hebraioi*: The Evolution of Ethnic Designations in Graeco-Roman Egypt'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

**Week 5, February 13**

Prof. Tal Ilan (FU Berlin)

'How New Papyri Influence our Knowledge on the Jews of Egypt in the Late-Roman/Byzantine Period'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

**Week 6, February 20 (First GRINFIELD LECTURE)**

Prof. Sébastien Morlet (Sorbonne Université)

'Textual Plurality and Manuscripts: The Views of Ancient Commentators'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

**Week 7, February 27**

Prof. Livia Capponi (University of Pavia) (*Please note that the speaker will be not be in Oxford*)

'Sejanus and the Jews of Rome and Egypt'

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

**Week 8, March 5**

**British Museum Day Trip** with Paul Collins (Keeper, later Mesopotamia at the British Museum)

Lecture by Jan Dietrich (Bonn) and Hindy Najman (Oriental Institute)

'Paradigms: Heavenly, Liminal and Earthly, a Comparative Study'

*Details and registration instructions TBD.*



# GRINFIELD LECTURES ON THE SEPTUAGINT 2022–24

SÉBASTIEN MORLET

Professor of Greek language and literature,  
Sorbonne Université

## “The Plurality of the Biblical Text - Past and Present”

(*Second Series*)

6<sup>th</sup> Week, Hilary Term 2024

All lectures will be presented in a hybrid format which will be accessible both online (see below for links) and in person in the venues indicated below.

Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2.00–3.30 p.m.

### 1. Textual plurality and manuscripts: the views of ancient commentators

*Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Walton Street, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre*

*(Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period, followed by tea in the Common Room)*

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclfu-vqzgsEtEQtcpA3Emb12Eqojf-FXz2>

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 5–6.30 p.m.

### 2. The plurality inside the text: ancient views on the coherence or incoherence of the Biblical text

*Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Walton Street, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre (followed by a drinks' reception)*

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUode2rrj8vEtUGgNAYwSl3tXmBxIM9btwK>

Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4–6 p.m.

### 3. The Bible inside the plurality of texts: its relation to other texts according to ancient commentators

*Oriel College, Harris Lecture Theatre (please consult at Porter's lodge to gain 4-digit code for access)*

*(Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar)*

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoce2rqzorH9wJL11B2ufd0r2ZLO99BXbB>

Prof. Sébastien Morlet's research is devoted to ancient Jewish and Christian texts written in Greek, with a focus on their relation to Greek *paideia* and philosophy. He is the author of *La Démonstration évangélique d'Eusèbe de Césarée. Étude sur l'apologétique chrétienne à l'époque de Constantin* (2009), *Christianisme et philosophie : les premières confrontations* (2014), *Les Chrétiens et la culture : conversion d'un concept* (2016) and *Symphonia. La concorde des textes et des doctrines dans la littérature grecque jusqu'à Origène* (2019). He is preparing the volume «2 Règnes» (2 Kingdoms) in the Bible d'Alexandrie series.



## MEDIEVAL HEBREW READING GROUP

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am  
Weeks 2-8

**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](mailto:joseph.ohara@ames.ox.ac.uk).

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcOupqT8tG9eEn6gTSjgyQeHB0w-jMpG2>



## SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

Mondays, 2.15pm  
Clarendon Institute, Room 207

**Convenors:** Zoë Waxman, William Jones

### **Week 1, 15 January**

Barnabas Balint (University of Oxford)

'Remembering the Camps: Hungarian Jewish Women in Allendorf, August 1944-March 1945'

### **Week 3, 29 January**

Mara Keire (University of Oxford)

'Conducting Emotionally Demanding Research: A Primer'

### **Week 5, 12 February**

William Jones (University of Oxford)

'Visualizing Vulnerability: Exploring Male Experiences of Sexual(ized) Violence in the Concentration Camps'

### **Week 6, 19 February**

Jennifer Evans (Carleton University)

'Ties that Bind: Photography, Kinship, and the Post Holocaust Camera'

## **Week 7, 26 February**

Noë Bordeau (Carleton University)

'Trans\* Performances of Gender During the Holocaust: Expanding Historical Narratives'

**ALL WELCOME**



## **OXFORD HOLOCAUST STUDIES READING GROUP**

**Thursdays of even weeks, 2pm**

**Clarendon Institute, Room 207**

***\*\*The Holocaust Studies Reading Group is open only to university students and visiting fellows.\*\****

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](mailto:barnabas.balint@magd.ox.ac.uk) or [cailee.davis@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cailee.davis@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) if you wish to be added to the circulation list.

### **Week 2 (25<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday, 2pm) – Holocaust Memorial Day**

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2024, we would like to invite everyone to a discussion on this year's theme, the fragility of freedom. Join us as we explore testimonies from different conflicts of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, exploring commonalities related to freedom, oppression, and other experiences of persecution.

### **Week 4 (8<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday, 1:30pm *\*note earlier time*) – Presentation from Masters Student: Jonathan Marrow**

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

### **Week 6 (22<sup>nd</sup> February, Thursday, 2pm) – Letter Writing and the Holocaust: Reflections on a Source**

This week we will be joined by Charlie Knight, a doctoral candidate at the Parkes Institute for the Study of Jewish/Non-Jewish Relations, University of Southampton. Charlie will deliver a brief talk on letters and letter-writing during the Holocaust and how these rich and varied sources continue to contribute to the study of the Holocaust.

### **Week 8 (7<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday, 2pm) – Youth & Gender in Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Join us for a preview of an upcoming Special Issue of the *European Review of History* on youth and gender in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. For this reading group, we will consider the introduction and a selection of the papers, discussing the turn in recent historiography towards children's experiences of armed conflict.

Katharina Seibert and Barnabas Balint, 'Rallying Europe: Young women and men searching for a life and a future', *European Review of History* (2024)

Abstract: “The turmoil of the mid-twentieth century saw young people mobilised for action across Europe in an unprecedented manner. Concurrently, against the backdrop of the struggle between democratic and authoritarian projects, war and fragile peace, young people increasingly became a target of state legislation, (mass) organisations and other institutions. From the end of the First World War to the aftermath of the Second World War, Europe witnessed fundamental changes in the social regimes that determined societal power distribution. This special issue approaches the first half of the 20th century through the lens of age and gender as interdependent categories of analysis. In doing so, we reveal how adult perceptions of youth and gender framed young men and women’s lives and their roles in society. Vice versa, we explore how these perceptions collided with youth agency, probing the specific age- and gender-related dynamics of empowerment and organization. By zooming in on the concrete young actors and the institutional settings that limited their scope of action, processes of wayward appropriations will be contrasted with institutionalised attempts to control and lead “the young”. As such, we contribute to a global academic discussion on age, gender, the lifecycle, and intersectionality.”



## **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, 24 January**

Yaniv Feller (Florida University) will discuss his new book *The Jewish Imperial Imagination: Leo Baeck and German-Jewish Thought* (Cambridge, 2023)

In order to attend this seminar, please register at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKcuyhpzooHNI\\_1MRjRZDFkcrwvwpNBbqA](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKcuyhpzooHNI_1MRjRZDFkcrwvwpNBbqA)

### **Week 4, 7 February**

Orit Avishai (Fordham University) will discuss her new book *Queer Judaism: LGBT Activism and the Remaking of Jewish Orthodoxy in Israel* (NY, 2023)

In order to attend this seminar, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdO6qrjgtHNLLOGBO65PlaITTtCMCM5Wb>

### **Week 6, 21 February**

Miri Freud-Kandel (University of Oxford) will discuss her new book *Louis Jacobs and the Quest for a Contemporary Jewish Theology* (The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization/Liverpool University Press, 2023)

In order to attend this seminar, please register at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuc-iurj8oEt0HWkRE4I\\_uEGA6nsKCSRAp](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuc-iurj8oEt0HWkRE4I_uEGA6nsKCSRAp)

**Week 8, 6 March**

Lea Taragin Zeller (Hebrew University) will discuss her new book *The State of Desire: Religion and Reproductive Politics in the Promised Land* (NY 2023)

In order to attend this seminar, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscOCrpzwjGtTi69BkefRQZnomlJI0ywGG>

All are welcome.



# PROGRAMME OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION AND THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE

## Biblical Hebrew Reading Group

Weeks 1-8  
Mondays 11:30-12:30 pm  
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

**Convenor:** Dr Cian Power

### Week 1 (15 Jan.)

[No session]

### Week 2 (22 Jan.)

John Screnock (Wycliffe Hall) - *Psalm 96*

### Week 3 (29 Jan.)

John Ritzema, *Psalm 18:7-16*

### Week 4 (5 Feb.) **CANCELLED**

~~Harald Samuel (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), *1 Chr 14:8-17* (*// 2 Sam 5:17-25*)~~

### Week 5 (12 Feb.)

Ruthanne Brooks (St John's), *Proverbs 9:1-6, 13-18*

### Week 6 (19 Feb.)

Dorota Molin (Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies), *Exodus 15: 1-2, 6-13*

### Week 7 (26 Feb.)

Wenyue Qiang (St Cross), *Num 30:3-9; Deut 23:22-24; Ecc 5:1-4*

### Week 8 (4 Mar.)

Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Jan Dietrich (Universität Bonn), *TBD*

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](mailto:ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

For programme updates please see the website:

<https://www.centreforbible.ox.ac.uk/events/biblical-hebrew-reading-group/>





**HEBREW BIBLE/OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR**  
**Joint Seminar between Theology and Religion (Oxford) and the Seminar on**  
**Middle Eastern Linguistics and Philology (FAMES, Cambridge)**

**“New Approaches to Hebrew Philology”**

Weeks 1-8, Mondays 14:30-16:00

**Convenors:** Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin, and Hindy Najman

**Week 1 (15 Jan.)** Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7  
Opening marks by Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin, and Hindy Najman

Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge)

‘Remarks on the Biblical Hebrew Yiqtol Form’

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

<https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod-qprjwrGdYH6yQBabiqFINYgAyKJ7Qf>

**Week 2 (22 Jan.)** Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room

Vladimir Olivero (Cambridge)

‘The Importance of the Ancient Versions for the Description of Biblical Hebrew’

**\*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** 16:00-17:00, Harris Seminar Room

Julia Rhyder (Harvard)

‘The Ark between Two Kingdoms: Memories of the Ark in the Pre-exilic Period Details’

*Followed by tea and coffee in the Harris Seminar Room.*

**Week 3 (29 Jan.)** Online Only (Zoom Call hosted at Cambridge)

Christian Locatell (Cambridge)

‘Syntax and Hermeneutics: Relative Clauses and the Tiberian Accents’

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

<https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkfumpzrIrGd16Py18ZGcc-D31YclvYWR->

**Week 4 (5 Feb), *CANCELLED***

Harald Samuel (Göttingen)

*Linguistic Variety in Qumran and the Quest for a Literary Standard Language*

**Week 5 (12 Feb.)** Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7

Ambjörn Sjörs (Cambridge)

‘Notes on Tense Shifting in the Psalms’

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

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**Week 6 (19 Feb.)** Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room

Dorota Molin (Oxford/Cambridge)

‘Word Order: Stylistic, Dialectal and Diachronic Variation’

**Week 7 (26 Feb.)** Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7

Ian Atkinson (Cambridge)

**Poetic Structures and Word Order in Biblical Hebrew**

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<https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/9156895161>

**Week 8 (4 Mar.)** Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room

**Roundtable Discussion** – chaired by Ben Kantor, Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin and Hindy Najman

If you have any questions about the sessions running in **Cambridge**, please be in touch with **Paul Noorlander** ([pnn23@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pnn23@cam.ac.uk)).

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## **The Ethics of Textual Criticism**

In association with Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar and  
the Ethical Reading Seminar

Weeks 1-8

Thursdays 10:00-12:00

Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College unless otherwise specified\*.

**Convenors:** Hindy Najman, Constanze Güthenke, and Tristan Franklino

**Week 1 (18 Jan.)** Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College (please note change of venue)

Tristan Franklino (Oxford)

'On whose authority? Editing ancient and medieval Latin texts – some examples'

**\*(19 Jan.)** Friday, 14:00–15:30, Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles (please note change of day, time and venue)

Irene Peirano Garrison (Harvard)

'Latin grammar in the age of philology'

**Week 2 (25 Jan.)**

Alison Salvesen (Oxford)

'Hebrew authority, textual criticism, and translation technique: Symmachus and the Megilloth'

**Week 3 (1 Feb.) *ONLINE VIA ZOOM ONLY***

Harald Samuel (Göttingen)

'Textual criticism of Hebrew texts in different textual cultures'



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**Week 4 (8 Feb.)**

Colleen Curran (Galway)

'A new transmission of Aldhelm's *Carmen de uirginitate*'

**Week 5 (15 Feb.)**

Chiara Meccariello (Exeter)

'Papyri and textual criticism: textual microhistories, materiality, and the prioritisation of text'

**Week 6 (22 Feb.)**

Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv)

'Editing nasty texts: *Gzar-dina de-Yeshu* ('The Sentencing of Jesus') as a test-case'

**Week 7 (29 Feb.)**

Daniel Wakelin (Oxford)

'Editing the Everyday in Middle English'

Week 8 (7 Mar.)

Carmen Cardelle de Hartmann (Zurich)

'Marginalized authors, anonymous texts: the problems of attribution'

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## Varieties of Judaism Lecture Series

Weeks 1-8, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00  
Robert Beddard Room, Oriel College

**Convenors:** Hindy Najman, Meron Piotrkowski, and Alison Salvesen

**Week 1 (17 Jan.)**

'Introduction: Diversity and Unity in the Study of Ancient Judaism'

Hindy Najman (Oriel)

**Week 2 (24 Jan.)**

'Israel in Egypt and the Torah in Greek'

Alison Salvesen (AMES)

**Week 3 (31 Jan.)**

'Crisis and Response in the World of the Maccabees'

Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)

**Week 4 (7 Feb.)**

'Renewed Scripture and Community in the Dead Sea

Hindy Najman (Oriël)

**Week 5 (14 Feb.)**

'The Jews and their Temples'

Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)

**Week 6 (21 Feb.)**

'Philosophical Reading and the Practice of Law in Philo of Alexandria'

Hindy Najman (Oriël)

**Week 7 (28 Feb.)**

'Conceptions of the supernatural: between prayer, 'magic', and Scripture'

Dorota Molin (Wadham/Oriël/AMES)

**Week 8 (6 Mar.)**

'Between Exegesis and Materiality: Synagogues and Rabbis'

Hindy Najman (Oriël) and Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)

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An opportunity to meet and catch up with others working in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.



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