

OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH  
LANGUAGES LECTURE  
Week 5

Dr Ilana Wartenberg  
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**Judeo-Italian in Hebrew Mathematical  
Treatises from Renaissance Italy**

**Dr Ilana Wartenberg** studied mathematics (B.Sc., M.Sc.), linguistics (M.A.), and history and philosophy of science (Ph.D.), at Tel Aviv University and at Université Paris 7. She specialized in medieval Hebrew science and Hebrew as a language of science, focusing on mathematics, astronomy and the reckoning of the Jewish and other calendars. She held postdoctoral positions at UCL and at the University of Bern, and she is currently a senior researcher and the head of Italia Judaica at the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Centre at Tel Aviv University. She is researching Hebrew scientific treatises and glossaries from the late Middle Ages and the early modern period in peninsular Italy and in Sicily. Of particular interest to her is the wide-spread presence of vernacular and Latin terminology in astronomical and mathematical in Hebrew texts. Her first book *The Epistle of the Number by Ibn al-Aḥdab; the transmission of Arabic mathematics to Hebrew circles in medieval Sicily*, was published by Gorgias Press in 2015. She is completing her second book on Jacob bar Samson's treatise on the Jewish calendar from twelfth-century Northern France.

**Tuesday 21 May 2024**

**6.00 pm (UK time), Online via Zoom and in-person at the  
Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute**

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