

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies



Programme for Hilary Term 2025



**OXFORD CENTRE FOR
HEBREW & JEWISH STUDIES**

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THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG
Thursdays, 6.00-7.00 pm (UK time)

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. All welcome to attend.

Week 1, 23 January

Professor Paul Franks (Yale University)

Kabbalah of the Post-Kantian Idealists: The Christian Kabbalah Project's Significance for German and Jewish Philosophy

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/mpfWvH1QTYee5Q7y1YGKTW>

Week 2, 30 January

Professor Marcello Fidanzi (Università della Svizzera Italiana)

The Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Material Approach to the Qumran Quest

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dfVFebCQDK5Vzmg5zivng>

Week 3, 6 February

Dr Na'ama Seri-Levi

Mapping Wandering Routes: Exile and Nomadism among Polish-Jewish Refugees during World War II

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LMuH4PI8QBubpmnFw_Qpw

Week 4, 13 February (IN PERSON ONLY)

Dr Michael Rosenfeld (Vrije Universiteit in Belgium)

The multiple identities of Jacob Israël De Haan (1881-1924): Ultra-orthodox, queer, anti-Zionist, Jewish Nationalist (Preview screening of Zvi Landsman's film, *Jacob de Haan: A Voice Out of Time*, followed by Q&A)

Week 5, 20 February

Dr Yoav Ronel (AMES/OCHJS)

Literature and the Humanities: Maya Arad, Matan Hermoni and the Surprising Rise of the Logic of the Market

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/K99il6vSRwezBCkPfdNruQ>

Week 6, 27 February

Professor Eyal Ben-Eliyahu (University of Haifa)

A New Methodology for Studying Tannaitic Literature from a Spatial Perspective

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/a1tzJY7RRgmvclZISwqG5Q>

Week 7, 6 March

Professor Avishai Bar-Asher (Hebrew University)

Middle Eastern Roots of Jewish Esotericism: Restoring the Earliest Commentary on *Sefer Yeşirah* from the Cairo Genizah

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yprU3MwS_TgyX_fle_FWvw

Week 8, 13 March

Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (OCHJS) and Dr César Merchán-Hamann (OCHJS)

Jewish Languages and Book Culture: A New Study of the Immaterial Jewish Heritage

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/fEUh_H6uRiuNZkvz7yv8pg



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.



MODERN HEBREW ULPAN

Weeks 1-8, **Absolute Beginners***, **Lower Intermediates**** and **Upper Intermediates*****

Tutor: Mrs Esther Yadgar

Absolute Beginners: Mondays @ 12:30-13:30 UK Time: For Hilary Term 2025, please register [here](#). The first class will take place on Monday, 20 January.

Lower Intermediates: Mondays @ 14:00-15:00 UK Time: For Hilary Term 2025, please register [here](#). The first class will take place on Monday, 20 January.

Upper Intermediates: Tuesdays @ 12 noon-13:00 UK Time: For Hilary Term 2025, please register [here](#). The first class will take place on Tuesday, 21 January.

All classes will be held via Zoom throughout the term and last one hour. Please contact Ms Priscilla Lange at 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

Please note that language classes are ongoing and do not begin at the beginner's level each term. All are welcome and please note that 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 6.00-7.00 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. The text for study in Hilary Term is the Berakhot Chapter 4. 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.



OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES

APPLICATIONS FOR CLASSES BEGINNING IN HILARY TERM ARE NOW CLOSED.

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 Don Stilo)
- [Judeo-Italian](#) (Dr Marilena Colasuonno)
- [Judeo-Moroccan](#) (Haviva Fenton)
- [Judeo-Neo-Aramaic](#) (Dr Dorota Molin)
- [Judeo-Persian](#) (Dr Ilan Moradi)
- [Judeo-Provençal](#) (Dr Peter Nahon)
- [Judeo-Tat](#) (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)





OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES

Jewish Music Class for Hilary Term 2025

Yiddish Musics: The 20th and 21st Century

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

Yiddish Musics: The 20th and 21st Century

Tutor: Dr Diana Matut

This course will continue to explore the development of Yiddish musics mainly after Second World War.

The entire spectrum of Yiddish (mainly vocal) music making will be considered and organized according to topics such as: nostalgia, belonging and uprootedness; building the canon of Yiddish song performances; contemporary song cultures and cultural translations; Yiddish film music and music in Yiddish films; Yiddish activism; inner-Hasidic developments (women's, religious and children's songs); new Yiddish opera and theatre song – to name but a few.

This year-long course will also include the possibility for participant observation while exploring strategies of Yiddish song writing and/or song translations from or into Yiddish. It will explore, question and debate the “post” of “post vernacular” and “postmodernity”.

We will also welcome at least one guest per term. Invited are song writers, musicians and Yiddish activists.

Knowledge of Yiddish is helpful, but not required to take this course.

Applications for this class are now closed.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Priscilla Lange at academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk





OXFORD SCHOOL OF RARE JEWISH LANGUAGES LECTURE

Week 5
Tuesday, 18 February
6 pm

Professor Nathan Cohen
(Bar-Ilan University)

**Far more than days and dates:
What can we learn from Yiddish calendars (1875–1914)?**

Online via Zoom and in person at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre,
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG

In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ct-qnbMHSHqqrgegVgdU4uw>



OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES in Association with the Middle East Centre, Oxford

Week 5
Wednesday, 19 February 2025
6 pm

**Dr Orit Ouaknine-Yekutieli and
Professor Yuval Yekutieli**
(Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**“And they journeyed from Tamanart” –
Digging Muslim-Jewish Pasts in Moroccan Oases**

Online via Zoom and in person at the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre,
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LHop_p2aQwe9v0YCNQHPsQ





JUDAEO-CINEMA NIGHTS

Mondays of Weeks 2, 4 and 8, 6pm

Room 207, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG.

Refreshments provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Week 2, 27 January *POSTPONED*

The Band's Visit (2007; running time: 1 hr and 27 minutes)

Week 4, 10 February

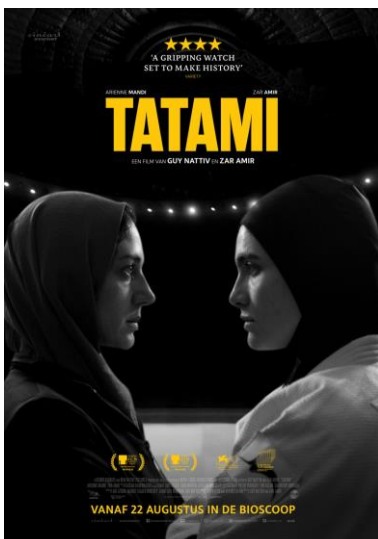
The Band's Visit (2007; running time: 1 hr and 27 minutes)

Free tickets to secure a place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-screening-the-bands-visit-tickets-1244582342289?aff=oddtcreator>



Week 8, 10 March

Tatami (2023; running time: 1 hr and 45 minutes)





**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**

Weeks 1-6, Week 8, Tuesdays from 2 to 3.30 pm
Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatreunless otherwise stated****
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG

Unless otherwise stated**, 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 1, 21 January (via Zoom only)****

David Edwards (New College of Florida)

Josephus at Work in Rome: Material and Embodied Approaches to Composition

Please register at this link to participate via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/isxaITEbRrm_zkeb_6zDjw

Please note that the speaker will not be in Oxford and that he will lecture via Zoom only. If you are in Oxford, please join us in the Lecture Theatre and for tea and biscuits after the lecture.

****Week 2, 30 January (in person only; please see information below)****

Peter Toth (Oxford/The Bodleian Library)

The Hebrew Bible in Greek: Translation and Transmission

Please note that the session will take place from 14:00 to 15:30 in the Bahari Room at the Weston Library. The space is limited to 15 people. To reserve a spot, please contact Prof. M. Piotrkowski at meron.piotrkowski@ames.ox.ac.uk. Spaces will be allocated based on availability, so we encourage early registration.

Week 3, 4 February

No Seminar.

Week 4, 11 February

Geoffrey Herman (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)

Whosoever Desires to Libate the Wine on the Altar Should Fill the Throats of the Rabbis with Wine: The Babylonian Rabbinic Movement: Distinctive and Shared Features within a Sasanian Context

Please register at this link to participate via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZI7wA6zYSbSeqkmxScLtQ>

Week 5, 18 February

Max Leventhal (University of Edinburgh)

The Septuagint as an anti-Ptolemaic ethical code in the Letter of Aristeas

Please register at this link to participate via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/CVFbTxhbR5yF9DH-BvMKng>

Week 6, 25 February

No Seminar.

Week 7, 4 March

Charlotte Hempel (University of Birmingham)

Scrolled Over: Hidden Labour Behind the Dead Sea Scrolls

Please register at this link to participate via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/mnB7fZTDT2K-kesakYkvg>

Week 8, 11 March

Michael Economou (Oxford/Worcester)

Hasmonean Military Landscapes: Geography, Identity, and Ideology

Please register at this link to participate via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/HyhZrAeMRluZ0_eCR9DFLQ



*****NEW READING GROUP*****

READING JEWS IN LATE ANTIQUITY

Hilary Term, 4 meetings

Thursdays 14:00 (Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7) ** (unless otherwise stated)****

In-person: Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG and **online via Zoom:** see link below.

Convenors: Prof. Meron Piotrkowski and Ya'el Nu'emah-Kremer

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of Jews during Late Antiquity, highlighting their multifaceted roles within the broader Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds. Through a close examination of literary and non-literary sources—such as papyri, inscriptions, and Rabbinic texts—we will investigate key themes in the life of Jews and Jewish communities between the Roman and Sassanian worlds, and under the rule of other religious, legal, and social frameworks.

The four sessions of Hilary Term will focus on the following topics:

Week 1, 23 January: Jewish Women and Communal Roles

Week 3, 6 February: The Emperor and the Jews: Between Fact and Fiction

****Week 5, 20 February:** Late Roman Law Codices and the Jews**** (This session will take place from 1pm to 2pm) *****CANCELLED*******

Week 7, 6 March: Violence Against Jews and Jewish Violence (led by Dr. Osnat E. Rance)

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/_YUrrwhyRC-d08jakSxuXw

For more information and to register, please contact Ya'el Nu'emah-Kremer through yael.kremer@ames.ox.ac.uk





MEDIEVAL HEBREW READING GROUP

Weeks 1-4, 6-8
Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am

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

This reading group is an opportunity to practise reading directly from images of medieval Hebrew manuscripts in an informal setting. No advance preparation is required and all skill levels are welcome!

This year we will look at documents and manuscript excerpts from a broad range of the many genres found in medieval Hebrew texts, including scientific, literary, and legal. We will consider their palaeography, language, and historical context, and learn practical skills for reading unfamiliar handwriting, dealing with damaged texts, and interpreting dates and unusual vocabulary.

There will be coffee, tea and cake from 11am in the Common Room of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies for those attending in person.

Please note that in Week 5 the Medieval Hebrew Reading Group will join the Medieval Anglo-Jewish Texts and History seminar (please see further information below); this will not be available for online participants.

For further information about this reading group or for any other queries, please email Dr Joseph O'Hara at joseph.ohara@ccc.ox.ac.uk.

In order to attend this reading group via Zoom, please register here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xxbFantGTrifTi1mS-4P7g>



MEDIEVAL ANGLO-JEWISH TEXTS AND HISTORY

Week 5
Thursday, 20 February 2025, from 9:30 am to 5.00 pm
Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG

Convenors: Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger and Dr Dean Irwin

This group convenes once a term to read together unpublished Hebrew and Latin documents from Medieval England as sources for the history of the Jews before the expulsion of 1290.

ALL WELCOME





SEMINAR ON THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORY

Thursdays, 2.15pm to 4pm
Room 207, Clarendon Institute
Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG

Convenors: Zoë Waxman and Cailee Davis

Week 1: January 23

Kristin Baumgartner (Academic Translator, German)

Translation and Transliteration of Historic Documents: What Researchers Need and What Translators Deliver

Week 3: February 6

Prof. Dan Stone (Royal Holloway, University of London)

The Psychoanalysis of Survival: Rereading Hilde O. Bluhm's 1948 Article, 'How Did They Survive?'

Week 5: February 20

Dr. Christine Schmidt (The Wiener Holocaust Library)

Challenging the Discourse on Age and the Holocaust: Nelly Wolffheim and Archiving the Elderly

Week 6: February 27

Cailee Davis (St. Anne's College, Oxford)

Voices, Past and Present: Generational Patterns in Holocaust Memory and Representation

Week 7: March 6 CANCELLED

Dr. Na'ama Seri Levi (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Mapping Wandering Routes: Using GIS to Analyze Refugee Movements in the Soviet Union during WWII

Week 8: March 13

Prof. Laura Hobson Faure (Université Panthéon-Sorbonne-Paris 1)

Who Will Rescue Us? The Story of the Jewish Children who Fled to France and America during the Holocaust

ALL WELCOME





SEMINAR IN MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT
in association with: The Centre for the Study of the Bible, Oriel College

Wednesdays
Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 at 3:30pm****(unless otherwise stated)**
Online via Zoom****(unless otherwise stated)**

Conveners: Dr Miri Freud-Kandel and Dr Ghila Amati

*****Please note new time*****

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.

Week 2, 29 January

Professor Elad Lapidot (University of Lille) will discuss his book *Jews out of the Question: A Critique of Anti-Anti-Semitism*

To register and join online click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Wo6XiL00TK2RP5NQMUgEdQ>

****Week 4, 12 February (Open to members of the University only; in-person at 12:30pm at the Gibson Building, Faculty of Theology & Religion, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Rd.)**

In a change of format this week join in-person for a roundtable discussion on:

Models of Faith: The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael in the Abrahamic Traditions, part of a series on The Sisterhood? Feminist Critiques of Patriarchy and Inter-Faith Dialogue

To register for a sandwich lunch email: miri.freud-kandel@theology.ox.ac.uk

Week 6, 26 February

Professor Yehuda Mirsky (Brandeis University) will discuss his book *Towards The Mystical Experience of Modernity: The Making of Rav Kook, 1865-1904*

To register and join online click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qUiGrV1VQ2KhJT3HATlzYw>

Week 8, 12 March

Rabbi Dr Alon Goshen-Gottstein (Elijah Interfaith Institute) will discuss his book *Covenant and World Religions: Irving Greenberg, Jonathan Sacks, and the Quest for Orthodox Pluralism*

To register and join online click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kYKGeifYQXyrxZqd6u0LsQ>

All are welcome.





*****NEW SEMINAR*****

SEMINAR IN MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

Mondays, 1pm*(unless otherwise stated)
Weeks 5, 6 and 8

****Week 6, Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre and online via Zoom
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG**

Convenor: Dr Yoav Ronel

This seminar will offer lectures on Modern Hebrew Literature, featuring recent scholarly discussions. While open to the public, one of the seminar's primary goals is to create a forum for ongoing discussions about the current state of Hebrew Literature and its critique. The seminar will primarily take place online, with some lectures offered in a hybrid format.

Week 5, February 17 (Online via Zoom only)

Dr. Ailor Porat

Why is the helicopter like a writing desk? on the unsolvable riddle of Hezy Leskly's Poetry

To register and join online click here:

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

****Week 6, February 24 (Hybrid: in person and online via Zoom)**

Professor Shai Ginsburg (Duke University)

Jews, Literature, World: The Case of Freud's Moses and Monotheism

To register and join online click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/M6yfAgexTcmUrzrtDnhG9w>

Week 8, March 10 (Online via Zoom only)*Please note that this session will start at 2pm*

Professor Oded Nir (CUNY)

Lavie Tidhar as a Historical Novelist: On *Maror* and *Adama* (Online)

To register and join online click here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D_J2eM6ZRk2Sc2_Sj422ag





BOOK LAUNCH

Professor Yaacov Yadgar
(Oxford)

To Be a Jewish State: Zionism as the New Judaism

Week 7

4 March 2025, 17:00

St Anne's College, Seminar Room 9
Woodstock Road OX2 6HS

Booking required: <https://forms.office.com/e/K9wnHKqnKN>

Book launch event: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin (Ben Gurion University) in conversation with the author.

For any queries, please write to: charlotte.guillain@area.ox.ac.uk



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

Biblical Hebrew Reading Group

Weeks, 1-2, 4-7 (no sessions in Weeks 3 and 8)
Mondays, 11:30-12:30** (**unless otherwise stated**)
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Convened by Cian Power

Week 1, 20 January

Arjen Bakker (Cambridge): 1QS 9:26-10:14

Week 2, 27 January

Marcello Fidanzio (USI): 1QIsaa Col. 32. Isa 38, 9-22

Week 3, 3 February

No session.

Week 4, 10 February

Bill Schniedewind (UCLA): 1QHod col. IX, lines 21-31

Week 5, Monday 17 February

Noam Mizrahi (Hebrew University): Isa 42-43 with special attention to Isa 43:22-28

****Week 5, Wednesday 19 February, 9:30–10:30**

Jakob Wöhrle (Tübingen) Genesis 2:4-9

Week 6, 24 February

Mladen Popović (Groningen) and Maruf Dhali (Groningen): 4Q109, Qohelet, and 4Q114, Daniel (no specific verses to prepare)

Week 7, 3 March

Charlotte Hempel (Birmingham): 1QS 6:1c-8a

Week 8, 10 March

No session.

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

For programme updates please see the website:

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



**Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar:
New Research in the Dead Sea Scrolls**

Weeks 1– 8

Mondays, 14:30–16:00 (unless stated otherwise)**

Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College* (unless stated otherwise)**

Convened by Hindy Najman

Consult at the Oriel College porter's lodge for the 4-digit code to enter the Harris Seminar Room & Harris Lecture Theatre.

Please direct any enquiries to ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk

Week 1, 20 January

Arjen Bakker (Cambridge): Offering of the Lips: The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Prayer

Week 2, 27 January

Marcello Fidanzio (USI): The Great Isaiah Scroll: A Biography

*****Week 3, 3–4 February (Monday & Tuesday)**

Judaism in Antiquity: New Sources, New Perspectives

A joint TAU - Oxford workshop

Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College

See OCSB website for full schedule of speakers: [Workshop on 'Judaism in Antiquity: New Sources, New Perspectives' - Centre for the Study of the Bible](#)

Week 4, 10 February

Bill Schniedewind (UCLA): Essene Scribal Practice, Synagogues, and the Proto-MT Tradition

Week 5, Monday, 17 February

Noam Mizrahi (Hebrew University): A Case of Identity: Text, Language, and Interpretation of Isaiah as Witnessed by 4QIsa-g (4Q61)

****Week 5, Wednesday 19 February, 11:00–12:30**

Jakob Wöhrle (Tübingen): “There was no Human to till the Ground”: The Formation and the Religious Historical Background of the Non-Priestly Creation Account Genesis 2-3

Week 6, 24 February

Mladen Popović (Groningen) and Maruf Dhali (Groningen): Using Sciences and Humanities to Study the Materiality of the Dead Sea Scrolls

****Week 6, Tuesday, 25 February, 17:00–19:00**

Knapp Lecture:

Mladen Popović (Groningen) and Maruf Dhali (Groningen): Combining AI, the Sciences and the Humanities to Innovate the Study of Ancient Handwritten Manuscripts

Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College

Please consult at the Oriel College porter’s lodge for the 4-digit code to enter the Harris Lecture Theatre

Followed by reception in the Harris Seminar Room

Joining us online? Register for the Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpde6trT4uHNex6DewNxKBU1EAPccKm6Ko>

Week 7, 3 March

Charlotte Hempel (Birmingham): The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Second Temple Rural Economy

*****Week 8, 10 March**

Workshop on the Dead Sea Scrolls

Organised by Sarah Wisialowski (Oriel) and Wenyue Qiang (St Cross)

Schedule and list of speakers TBD. See the OCSB website for further updates.

For programme updates please see the website:

<https://www.centreforbible.oriel.ox.ac.uk/events/hebrew-bible-old-testament-seminar/>



Ethical Reading Seminar: *Obscurity*

Thursday 10:00–12:00
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Co-conveners: Constanze Güthenke (Corpus) and Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Week 1, 23 January

Paul Franks (Yale)

'Published and Yet Not Published': The German Idealist Struggle to Overcome the Obscurity of Philosophy

Week 2, 30 January

Christoph Marksches (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften/Humboldt-Universität)

Obscurity as driving force in Origen's Bible Philology and Interpretation

Week 3, 6 February

Avigail Manekin (Hebrew University)

Obscure Words and Pseudo-Scripts in Ancient Jewish Magical Texts

Week 4, 13 February

Lea Niccolai (Cambridge)

Neoplatonic unknowns and the limits of *logos*

Week 5, 20 February

Frank Griffel (LMH)

Is There More to Causality than Correlation? Discussions About Evident and Obscure Causal Connections in Pre-Modern Islamic Philosophy and Theology

Week 6, 27 February

Giulia Maltagliati (Cambridge)

Trying Obscurity in Forensic Oratory: Between Rhetoric and Philology

Week 7, 6 March

Avishai Bar-Asher (Hebrew University)

Formatting the Book of Formation (*Sefer Yeşirah*): How Textual Restoration Illuminates the Obscurity of the Major Treatise of Jewish Mysticism

Week 8, 13 March

Felix Christen (Zürich)

Obscurity and the Time of Writing: Towards an Ethics of Philology in Schleiermacher, Nietzsche, and Szondi

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For programme updates please see the website:

<https://www.centreforbible.ox.ac.uk/events/ethical-reading-seminar/>



VISITING FELLOWS

Professor Susanne Marten-Finnis (University of Portsmouth), Leverhulme Emeritus Visiting Fellow

VISITING SCHOLARS

Dr Emily Rose

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