

Monday 10th July

08:30-09:00. **Registration.** Foyer.
Registration will remain open until 11:00.

09:00:10:30. Welcome by Dr Hannah Holtschneider and Dr Peter Hayman. Elizabeth Templeton Room.

Keynote Lecture by Professor Charlotte Hempel. Elizabeth Templeton Room.

Chair: Professor Timothy Lim.

People and Ideas on the Move: the evidence from Qumran.

The settlement by the north western shore of the Dead Sea occupied by a Jewish movement from the 1st c. BCE onwards has for a long time been seen as indicative of the move of a small Jewish community into isolated withdrawal away from Jerusalem. More recently such a perception has been challenged both by archaeologists and experts on the literature from Qumran. This paper will suggest that, by contrast, the Scrolls tell us a great deal about the temple, the establishment, scribal practices and elites. Even if there was a move from Jerusalem then much of the culture and learning moved with those Jews from Jerusalem to the Judean Desert making Qumran, paradoxically, an outstanding resource on key aspects of Second Temple Jerusalem intellectual and religious life.

10:30-11:00. **Refreshments.** Rainy Hall.

11:00-12:30. **Session 1**

Medieval travels	Elizabeth Templeton	Tavim, José Mucznik, Lucia	Jews in the archives, moving Jews: results on a project concerning "Portuguese Jewish mediaeval sources"
<u>Chair:</u> Ben Outhwaite		Commachi, Maria Vittoria	A son of exile: the case of Leone Ebreo through his poetical and philosophical works
		Fuchs, Uziel	Isaac the son of Moses of Vienna - a 13th century traveling scholar
Postgraduate funding applications in (post-)Brexit Europe	Martin Hall	Mia Spiro & ERI representative	The training event is dedicated to Postgraduate and Early Career Research members. A short presentation about how North American and British funding policies compare, followed by a talk about the UK's changing funding landscape and its European context. The short presentations aim to generate discussion about funding structures and strategies, and how to approach funding applications in (post-)Brexit Europe. Senior members of the Association are most welcome to join the discussion.
<u>Chair:</u> Marton Ribary			

Social Thought in Rabbinic Literature Chair: Renate Smithuis	Althaus-Reid	Schvarcz, Benjamin	Conflicting political views of Palestinian and Babylonian rabbis: questioning the status of city inhabitants
		Fenton, Miri	Rabbinic social thought meets medieval migration: responsa literature as a bridge between social thought and everyday life
		Feuchtwanger, David	The exegetical transition from the celestial to the terrestrial in post-destruction rabbinic Judaism
Memories of places, spaces, and things Chair: Hannah Holtschneider	Oldham/Porteous	Lieberman, Sue	Invisible baggage: silent memory and lost history, 1880-1914
		Hirsh, Anna	Transcendent reunions: vanished places in new spaces
		Szczepan-Wojnarska, Anna	Shadows of the success stories
Negotiating collective boundaries: Israeli perspectives on Jews and Jewishness Chair: Tsila Ratner	Baillie	Zion-Waldoks, Tanya	The politics of making yourself at home: orthodox women activists in Israel's unhomely rabbinic courts
		Asscher, Omri	"Philip Roth, come home!" Jewish-American literature in Israeli Eyes
		Sherzer, Adi	The Jewish collective and the Israeli narrative: world Jewry as presented in Israel's first Independence Days
Religion, philosophy, Zionism Chair: Yulia Egorova	Senate	Chertok, Ted	Two case studies in mobility of religious philosophies: S.R. Hirsch and A.J. Heschel
		Patterson, David	From Galut to Galui: Exile, revelation, and a tenuous redemption in Jewish thinking about Jewish history
		Katz, Malka	The Israeli religious Zionists' attitude to the traditions of Mizrahi and Sephardi Immigrants - ethnicity, religiosity, and national identity

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13:30-15:00. **Session 2**

Russia, USSR, Far East <u>Chair:</u> Gabriel FINDER	Elizabeth Templeton	Segev, Dror	"And There I Stood in Awe, Watching": Zev Wolf-Schur (1844-1910), A European Jew in the Far East
		Shulman, Nelly	The image of the Jewish autonomous Region in Russian-language USSR media of the 1930s
		Belsky, Natalie	Contested identities in displacement: Jewish evacuees and refugees on the Soviet Home Front during the Second World War
Jewish literature <u>Chair:</u> Peter Davies	Martin Hall	Ratner, Tsila	An American tale: Dvora Baron's "America" as a prototype of migration narratives
		Rabinovich, Irene	Rebekah Hyneman's private and religious poetry: a portrait of the artist in exile
		Koplowitz-Breier, Anat	A Jewish poet on the move: movement and dislocation in Shirley Kaufman's poetry
Pilgrimages and other journeys <u>Chair:</u> Maria Cioată	Althaus-Reid	Dal Bo, Federico	Importing mysticism from the Orient: Jewish "Orientalism" in the 11th century travelogue "The Chronicle of Ahima'az"
		Freedman, Marci	Tomb tours to the Holy Land: exploring Jewish pilgrimages in the Middle Ages
		Griffiths, Toni	England's Medieval Jews and Travelling with the Dead
Jewish travel in the Roman world <u>Chair:</u> Helen Spurling	Oldham/Porteous	van 't Westeinde, Jessica	All roads lead to Rome: "Jewish" travel to the centre of the Empire in the later Roman (Amoraic) Period
		Schneidenbach, Esther Bay, Carson	The migration background of Jews in ancient Rome Twice Beyond the Euphrates: immigration, social capital, and Josephus' account of the Second Temple's beginnings

Memory, the nation, and Jerusalem <u>Chair:</u> David Patterson	Baillie	Zered, Eliran	"Torah of the Heart": the metaphors shaping Ahad Ha'am's Conception of the Jewish nation
		Cohen, Boaz	Israeli Holocaust memory in Israeli spaces: a new look at commemoration, memory and space
		Zaban, Hila	Transforming the Holy City: cultural and spatial effects caused by Western Jews moving to Jerusalem
Jews in Britain and America <u>Chair:</u> Mia Spiro	Senate	Breuer, Edward	German Jews, the Bible, and acculturation in Victorian England
		Birnbaum, Yoni	Inclusivism in the works of twentieth century American orthodox poskim
		Kita, Miyuki	Conveying justice to the South: American Jews in the Civil Rights Movement

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15:30-17:00. **Session 3**

Books, manuscripts, and archives <u>Chair:</u> Andrea Schatz	Elizabeth Templeton	Silverstri, Stefania	Beyond a closed box: a Yeminite Pentateuch manuscript, its box binding and production models
		Keim, Katharina	The sale and export of Samaritan manuscripts to Western collections in the early twentieth century: a comparative analysis of the Samaritan collecting of Moses Gaster, E.K. Warren, and William E. Barton
		Urban, Susanne	The Worms Machzor: a book on the move from 'Warmaisa to Jerusalem'
World War II <u>Chair:</u> Larry Ray	Martin Hall	Largillière, Florence	Conflicting identities: discourses of French and Italian Jewish veterans faced with racial laws
		Barre, Delphine	Art in exile, memory of exile? Jewish women refugee artists in France at the dawn of the Second World War
		Dvorkin, Yehuda	The meanings and motives of the transfer of cultural property from the British zone of occupation in Germany

Medieval exegesis and travel <u>Chair:</u> Stephen Bowd	Althaus-Reid	Viezel, Eran	Exegesis which move and the paradox of the plain meaning: a melancholy reading of Jewish exegesis on the Pentateuch in the Middle Ages
		Sklarz, Miriam	The forefathers' journeys mark their descendants' path - from passivity to activism in Nachmanides' typological exegesis
		Geula, Amos	Journeys of the author of Seder Eliyahu Rabba in the Diaspora of Israel - real or fiction?
The Hebrew Bible, codices, and other manuscripts <u>Chair:</u> Ann Conway-Jones	Oldham/Porteous	Zellentini, Holger	The Biblical basis of the rabbinic Noahide Laws: a new approach to an old problem
		Outhwaite, Ben	On the biography of Samuel b. Jacob, scribe of Codex Leningradensis
		Sandman, Israel	Constants and variables within faithful manuscript transmission
Jews in/and the military <u>Chair:</u> Maria Diemling	Baillie	Lederhendler, Eli	Military service as a Jewish migration vector
		Finder, Gabriel	Jakob Rosenfeld: a Jewish doctor in Mao Zedong's People's Liberation Army
		Breier, Idan	Jews on the move 2005: Hanan Porat's use of the Bible to Describe the evacuation of Gush Katif
Jewish Space and Travel in Roman Alexandria <u>Chair:</u> Peter Hayman	Senate	Hartog, Barry	Space and travel in Philo's Legatio ad Gaium
		Adams, Sean	Movement and Travel in Philo's Migration of Abraham: The Adaptation of Genesis and the Introduction of Metaphor
		Rajak, Tessa	Josephus and Alexandria

17:15-18:15. *Launch of Festschrift for Philip Alexander.* Elizabeth Templeton Room.

18:15-19:00. **Wine Reception.** Quad. Welcome to the School of Divinity and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences by Professor Paul Foster, Head of the School of Divinity.

19:00-21:00. **Dinner.** Rainy Hall.

Tuesday 11th July

08:30-09:00. **Registration.** Foyer.
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09:00-10:30. **Keynote Lecture by Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett.**
Elizabeth Templeton Room.
Chair: Dr Eva Frojmovic.

Expanded geography: an epilogue to the history of Polish Jews at POLIN Museum.
An estimated 70 percent of the world's Jewish population can trace its history to the historical territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, today Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania, and neighboring regions. This territory was once home to the largest Jewish community in the world. Today, as a result of mass emigration, from the second half of the nineteenth century, and the Holocaust, it is home to the smallest. Facing the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes on the site of the Warsaw ghetto and prewar Jewish neighborhood, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews presents the thousand-year history of Jews living in this territory. That history is not complete without the story of those who left. The epilogue, which is now being developed, explores the following questions: Where did Jews from this territory go? What did they take with them? How does the legacy of the civilization created by Polish Jews shape their lives today?

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11:00-12:30. **Session 4**

Jewish Law, and the Talmud Chair: Barry Hartog	Elizabeth Templeton	Shrell-Fox, Paul; Palmer, Craig Katz, Menachem Israeli, Anat	Jewish Law and Ritual as Explicit Long-Term Evolutionary Strategy to Leave-Descendants Moving words - the travels of Talmudic manuscripts Mother Babylonia and Fatherland of Israel: the story of Rav Asi and his mother
Education Chair: Katharina Keim	Martin Hall	Conway-Jones, Ann Cioată, Maria Bamberger, Annette	Moving between history and theology: teaching early Jewish-Christian relations in the context of Christian ministerial formation Dr Moses Gaster's Istorica Biblica on the move French-Jewish youth on the move: a case study of motivations and decision-making processes for undergraduate study in Israel

Jewish Lives, Scottish Spaces Chair: Natalie Wynn	Althaus-Reid	Spiro, Mia	The Dybbuk in the archive: the haunting of Glasgow's Jewish Arts Festival 1951
		Holtschneider, Hannah	The rabbi and the archive: Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches and Scotland's Jewish history
		Alexander, Phil	From Vitebsk to Glasgow: a tale of two cantors
Early modern journeys Chair: Stephen Bowd	Oldham/Porteous	Andreatta, Michela	Chthonic journeys in the Hebrew Baroque: Moses Zacuto's Tofteh 'Arukh
		Aguilar, Susan	Seder Nashim: text and context in a 16th century Sephardic diaspora prayer book for women
		Smithuis, Renate	Donning borrowed clothes: Judah Halevi, Ibn Kammuna and Shi'i Theology
The Bible, and art Chair: Sean Adams	Baillie	Sawyer, John	"Then my people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation": hearing the voice of Isaiah in the diaspora
		Tzion, Orit	The dispute prophet - a look at two Hebrew biblical inscriptions in two pieces of Christian art
		McDonald, Chad	A "remarkable turn": St Paul's Cathedral and the Holocaust sculptures
Apocalyptic texts, astronomy, epitaphs Chair: Holger Zellentin	Senate	Spurling, Helen Gordin, Alexander	The Representation of the Arabs in Jewish Apocalyptic Literature Astronomical texts from Iranian and Sephardic regions among the Jewish scholars of late medieval Constantinople
		Saar, Ortal-Paz	Emotions in late-antique Jewish epitaphs: Palestine and the Diaspora

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13:30-15:30. **Session 5.**

<p>20th century dislocations: migration and displacement in a museum /heritage context <u>Chair:</u> Eva Frojmovic</p>	<p>Elizabeth Templeton</p>	<p>Kochavi, Shir Findling, Heather Pieren, Kathrin Cohen, Julie-Marthe; Heimann-Jelinek, Felicitas</p>	<p>Jewish heirless cultural property in the aftermath of World War II Serge Sabarsky: Renegotiating Austrian Cultural Heritage The wandering Jew as archetypal (im)migrant? Jewish museums and the migration narrative Handbook on Judaica Provenance and Quovadience Research</p>
<p>Holocaust memory <u>Chair:</u> Mia Spiro</p>	<p>Martin Hall</p>	<p>Stępień, Monika Cholewinska, Dominika Williams, Amy Papier, Sylwia</p>	<p>The return of Polish Jews to their home towns in light of personal accounts Divided memory: Polish-Jewish relations during the Second World War The fictionalisation of the Kindertransports: The loss and rediscovery of the self Representations of the Holocaust in contemporary monodrama: personal family stories on stage</p>
<p>Jews in Ireland, Scotland, and England <u>Chair:</u> Maria Diemling</p>	<p>Althaus-Reid</p>	<p>Wynn, Natalie Sarg, Cristin Morawska, Lucia; Learman, Poppy</p>	<p>The migration of an ideology: liberal Judaism in Ireland, 1946-1967 Scottish Jewish "Madness": an examination of Jewish admissions to the Scottish Royal Asylums of Glasgow and Edinburgh and the impact on Jewish identity, spaces and places Galkoff's and the secret life of Pembroke Place: moving people, moving places</p>

Travel narratives, travelling archives <u>Chair:</u> Tessa Rajak	Oldham/ Porteous	Grazi, Alessandro	A journey through time and space: David Levi's search for Jewish identity in his "Il mistero delle Tre Melarancie"
		Zion, Eldad	Emissaries from the Land of Dreams: depictions of Eretz Yisra'el in 18th century writings of Shadarim
		Münz-Manor, Ophir	Literature, history and the production of travel narratives in Judah Al-Harizi's Tahkemoni and Zachariah Al-Dahri's Sefer Hamusar
		Vasyutinsky, Daria	How the private archive and library of Avraham Harkavy made their way to Kiev and what came out of it
Jewish-Muslim encounters, religious studies <u>Chair:</u> Maria Cioată	Baillie	Şamlıoğlu - Berk, Zehra	An Alliance impact: agricultural schools and class consciousness within Ottoman Jewry
		Kozłowska, Magdalena	"I saw strange things and strange Jews, who we are not aware of": Jews from Islamic countries seen by Polish Jews in the 1920s and 1930s
		Egorova, Yulia	Jews, Muslims, India: ethnographic reflections on security, religion and race
		Reicher, Rosa	Gershom Scholem: Scholar between Atheism and Secularism
Optional visit to the Centre for Research Collections in the Main Library, George Square	Meet in the Foyer at 13:30	During this session, you will have a rare chance to go behind the scenes at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Research Collections (CRC), home to the University's historic collections, spanning rare books, museum objects, musical instruments, fine art and archives. Louise Williams, Archivist at Lothian Health Services Archive (LHSA), will introduce you to some of our treasures and lead a tour of the places researchers don't normally get to see. You'll have the opportunity to view star collection items related to Jewish Studies 'up close' (including a story of emigration to Scotland in the 1930s) and visit a store and conservation studio, learning how staff preserve the treasures of the CRC. In a visit to the Digital Imaging Unit, you'll see University collections reaching global audiences and technology helping evidence of the past be understood in new ways.	

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15:30-17:00. **Keynote Lecture by Professor Hana Wirth-Nesher.** Elizabeth Templeton Room.

Chair: Professor Peter Davies

To move, to translate, to write: Jewish American immigrant voices.

An immigrant's geographical journey is followed by a linguistic and cultural one, where translation both to and from the mother tongue and culture becomes a daily preoccupation. Since not every word or concept is translatable, immigrant writers are often drawn to untranslatability, which they dramatize as moments of estrangement. This lecture will examine the significance of diverse forms of the untranslatable in the works of Jewish immigrant writers who wrote both in English and in Yiddish, among them Isaac Raboy, Lamed Shapiro, Mary Antin, Henry Roth, and Isaac Bashevis Singer.

This keynote is part of the Astaire Seminar Series in Jewish Studies.

17:00-18:00. **BAJS AGM.** Elizabeth Templeton Room.

18:00-20:00. **Dinner.** Rainy Hall.

Wednesday 12th July

09:00-10:30. **Keynote Lecture by Professor Tony Kushner.** Elizabeth Templeton Room.

Chair: Dr Tim Buchen

Jewish Refugees and Other Forced Migrants: From Exodus 1947 to Lampedusa

In the 1930s and 40s, tens of thousands of Jews tried to reach Palestine by sea, many against the wishes of the British mandatory authorities. Today, the number of migrants trying to reach Europe across the Mediterranean has run into the millions. This keynote will explore the continuities and parallels, as well as differences, between the two movements and especially the idea of migrants being 'illegal'. More generally it asks whether Jewish refugees from Nazism can be better understood in a longer tradition of forced migration in and beyond the twentieth century or whether their experiences were exceptional.

10:30-11:00. **Refreshments.** Rainy Hall.

11:00-12:30. **Sessions 6**

Religion in America and Europe <u>Chair:</u> Phil Alexander	Elizabeth Templeton	Glenn, Susan Weber, Donald Grill, Tobias	"The wooden shoe on the other foot": how the Finaly and Beekman Affairs crossed the Atlantic in the 1950s On and Off the Derech: A Family Story From West to East: German Rabbis and the "regeneration" of East European Jewry
Jews on the run <u>Chair:</u> Hannah Holtschneider	Martin Hall	Jones, Rory Rohatyn, Dennis Ben-Horin, Michal	The wandering revolutionary Jew? The emigration, exile and identity of Rosa Luxemburg (1871-1919) What made Einstein run? Story on the move: Seghers and Benjamin between biography and fiction
Objects and Memory <u>Chair:</u> Kathrin Pieren	Althaus-Reid	Wallen, Jeffrey Newmark, Serena Nezer, Orly	The migration of objects and the trusteeship of memory Berlin to Melbourne: Jewish German modern art photography in transit The Jewish experience and ceramics

Early modern Jewish communities Chair: Stefania Silvestri	Oldham/ Porteous	Borysek, Martin	Jewish communities in a moving world: reflexions on exile, expulsions and the diaspora existence in early modern takknot ha-kahal
		Schatz, Andrea	Exploring links and lineages: Abraham Zacut's Sefer Yuhasin in Cracow
		Jánošíková, Magdaléna	"Peaceful, safe, and quiet was my home": transforming self-portrayals through the case study of Eliezer Eilburg
The land of Israel in Midrash and medieval texts Chair: Helen Spurling	Baillie	Pearce, Sarah; Salvesen, Alison Cordoni, Constanza	Israel in Egypt: Jewish identity in an Egyptian setting, from Elephantine to the Cairo Geniza The land of Israel in late midrash
Spaces, places, memories Chair: Larry Ray	Senate	Hultman, Maja	"Up here in high north": Jewish movements of multiplicity in 1930s Stockholm
		Ockova, Katarina	Uncovering the family secret: temporality, politics and young people learning about their Jewishness in post-socialist Slovakia
		Gramstrup, Louise	A moving memoir of a Jewish journey: developing understanding of religious identities by engaging with textual "others"

12:30-13:30. **Lunch.** Rainy Hall.

13:30-15:00. **Session 7**

Scotland's Jews: migration, research and resources Chair: Gabriel Finder	Elizabeth Templeton	Tobias, Michael	The ancestral origins and dispersal of Scottish Jewry
		Collins, Kenneth	The Jewish experience in Scotland: writing a new narrative
		Kaplan, Harvey	Documenting Jewish immigrants in Scotland

Habsburg Galicia as the space of Jewish migration and mobility <u>Chair:</u> Tim Buchen	Chebotarov, Oleksii Janik-Freis, Elisabeth Moskalets, Vladyslava	Borderland as a point of passage: movement of Jewish migrants from the Russian Empire through Habsburg Galicia La trata de blancas – Trafficking in Jewish women from Galicia to South America, 1880–1914. Challenging the common pattern: migration of Galician Jewish elites at the edge of the 20th century	
Jews in America <u>Chair:</u> David Patterson	Althaus-Reid	Kuchirko, Oksana Sakal, Vered Shalev, Alon	"Americanization" and liberalisation of United States Jewry in the middle of the 19th century (based on diaries) Land of the free - the encounter between Judaism and Liberalism in the New World The "Yeshiva" comes to America
Migration, the press, and genealogy <u>Chair:</u> Yulia Egorova	Oldham/Porteous	Sperber, Haim Wallman, Adrienne McCarthy, Angela; Evans, Nicholas	Yiddish newspapers and mass immigration, 1897-1924 Forging new Jewish identities, reclaiming Jewish pasts: spiritual and physical journeys of Jewish genealogists Jewish epitaphs in global perspective
Religious texts, and liturgy <u>Chair:</u> Louise Gramstrup	Baillie	Roos, Avraham Horakova, Jana Borts, Barbara	Taking the Pesach Haggadah through time and space: why so many flies in English Haggadot? 19th century discussions about the Talmudic origin of Hevra Kaddisha in German-speaking areas The Shabbos journey of the Jew: entering the synagogue and stepping into Shabbat

Travelling writers, rabbis, and mystics Chair: Phil Alexander	Senate	Szwabowicz, Magda	Between two mother(land)s - the visits of Hebrew writers from Poland to Eretz Israel and their repercussions
		Marx, Farina; Freis, David	Migration, translation, and the search for ecstasy: Fischl Schneersohn's 'science of man' between modern psychology and Hasidic mysticism
		Richardson, Alasdair	Travelling witnesses –students encountering Jewish narratives at Auschwitz Birkenau

END OF CONFERENCE.