

WORKSHOP ON THE JEWISH RECEPTION OF JOSEPHUS IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES IN WESTERN EUROPE

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

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In this second workshop, participants are invited to turn to a range of cultural contexts, including the Yiddish Enlightenment, the Haskalah movement, and the Wissenschaft des Judentums, raising, among others, questions such as these:



- How did Jewish intellectuals relate to the traditional acceptance of Josephus, whose tales continued to be republished throughout the nineteenth century, and how did they take up contemporary scholarly approaches to Josephus?
- How did Josephus help them promote a new understanding of history between religious notions of exile and redemption and secular concepts of revolution and progress?
- How did the ascendancy of the new Classical Philology among humanistic disciplines shape the Wissenschaft movement's approach to Josephus?
- What was the impact of contemporary political and cultural challenges on the academic and popular reception of Josephus in Western and Central Europe?

MONDAY 17 JUNE

1.00-2.00	Lunch for Speakers
2.00-2.30	Introduction
2.30-3.15	Jacob Abolafia , University of Cambridge <i>Josephus, Josephism, and Spinoza's Critique of the Hebrew Republic</i>
3.15-4.00	Bart Wallet , University of Amsterdam <i>Historiography, Ideology and Religious Controversies: Jacques Basnage and Menahem Amelander Continuing Josephus in the Eighteenth Century Dutch Republic</i>
4.00-4.30	Tea
4.30-5.15	Jonathan Elukin , Trinity College, Hartford <i>Josephus and the Miracle of Jewish History</i>
5.15-5.30	Break
5.30-6.15	Oded Steinberg , University of Oxford <i>Alfred Edersheim - Another 19th century "Jewish" observation of Josephus?</i>
6.15-7.00	Drinks
7.00-8.00	Dinner
8.00-8.45	Tessa Rajak , University of Oxford <i>Josephus travels with the Montefiores</i>
8.45-9.30	Sarah Pearce , University of Southampton <i>Josephus in the Jewish Chronicle: 1840-1900</i>

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

8.30-9.15	Breakfast
9.15-10.15	Oswyn Murray , University of Oxford <i>Josephus and the History of the Jews from Whiston to Graetz</i>
10.15-11.00	Coffee
11.00-11.45	Marcus Pyka , Franklin College Switzerland <i>Josephus, Graetz, and the Seductions of Gendered Respectability</i>
11.45-12.30	Alexandra Zirkle , University of Chicago <i>Modeling a Jewish Exegetical Imagination: Nineteenth-Century Peshat and Heinrich Graetz's Commentaries on Kohelet and Song of Songs</i>
12.30-1.00	Concluding Remarks
1.00-2.00	Light lunch for speakers

Monday, January 7

- 12.30 - 1.30 LUNCH FOR SPEAKERS
- 1.45 - 2.00 Introduction
- 2.00 - 2.30 Edith Parmentier, University of Angers
Herod's death rewritten by Eusebius
- 2.30 - 3.00 Joan Taylor, King's College London
Josephus on the Essenes: Hippolytus, Porphyry and Eusebius
- 3.00 - 3.30 Rivkah Fishman-Duker, The Hebrew University
Josephus in Byzantine Chronicles: An Overview
- 3.30 - 4.00 TEA
- 4.00 - 4.30 Steven Bowman, University of Cincinnati
Foundational Tales and Polemic in Sefer Yosippon
- 4.30 - 5.00 Saskia Doenitz, Goethe University Frankfurt
From Heroes to Villains – Maccabees and Hasmoneans in Sefer Yosipp
- 5.00 – 5:30 Nadia Zeldes, The Hebrew University
The Renaissance Quest for Jewish History: Diffusion, Interpretation, an
- 5:30 - 6.00 DRINKS
- 6.00 - 8.00 DINNER
- 8.00 - 8-30 David Taylor, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
The reception of Josephus in Syriac Christianity
- 8.30 - 9.00 Karen M. Kletter, Methodist University
Anxiety or Influence?: the legacy of Josephan apologetic in the High Mi

Tuesday, January 8

- 8.30 - 9.00 BREAKFAST
- 9.00 - 9.30 Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University
Allusions to Josephus in Abravanel's Writings
- 9.30 - 10.00 Daniel Stein Kokin, University of Greifswald
"That Noble and Famous Jew": Josephus and His Writings in the Renai
- 10.00 - 10.30 Kate Adcock, Oxfordshire County Council
Josephus, Augustine, Sabellicus: the Duke of Norfolk's petition from the
- 10.30 - 10.45 COFFEE
- 10.45 - 11.15 Jesús de Prado Plumed, Ecole pratique des hautes études
"Y lo que acerca de los Hebreos suele ser de autoridad": Josephus as a
- 11.15 - 11.45 Meir Ben Shahr, The Hebrew University
Jaddus the High Priest and Alexander the Great – Fact or Fiction? Reliç

- 11.45 - 12.15 Gohei Hata, Tama Art University (retired)
William Whiston's Josephus in the first edition published in 1737
- 12.15 - 12.45 Katja Vehlow, University of South Carolina
Fascinated by Josippon: Four translations into the vernacular by Hans ,
- 12.45 - 1.00 Concluding remarks
- 1.00 - 2.00 LIGHT LUNCH FOR SPEAKERS

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Schwytzer, Georg Wolff, Peter Morwen, and James Howell