

WORKSHOP ON THE JEWISH RECEPTION OF JOSEPHUS IN THE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURIES IN EASTERN EUROPE

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In this third workshop, participants are invited to examine the uses of Josephus in rabbinic, maskilic and early Zionist contexts, raising, among others, questions such as these:



- How did Josephus figure in debates on the renewal of Jewish religious, cultural and political life in Central and Eastern Europe? How was he cited in controversies over assimilation?
- How did Kalman Shulman's Hebrew translations of the Life, Jewish War and Antiquities shape the reception of Josephus in Eastern Europe?
- What were the implications of educational and popular uses of Josephus?
- What was the impact of the lively contacts between Eastern and Western Europe on the dynamics of the reception of Josephus?

MONDAY 6 JANUARY

1.00-2.00	Lunch for Speakers
2.00-2.15	Introduction
2.15-3.00	Shmuel Feiner, Bar-Ilan University <i>Kalman Schulman's Josephus and the Counter-History of the Haskalah</i>
3.00-3.45	Lily Kahn, University College London <i>Kalman Schulman's Hebrew translation of Josephus' Jewish War</i>
3.45-4.15	Tea
4.15-5.00	Yotam Cohen, Ben-Gurion University <i>"One of the Greatest of the Ancient Scholars and Recorders of History": The Image of Josephus Flavius in the Worldview of the Jewish Maskilim</i>
5.00-5.45	Eliezer Sariel, Ohalo College, Shaanan College <i>Orthodox Use of a Hellenistic Historian: Rabbi Isaac HaLevi's Approach to the Writings of Josephus</i>
5.45-6.15	Discussion of themes and issues
6.15-6.45	Drinks
7.00-7.45	Dinner

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

8.30-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-9.45	Steven Bowman, University of Cincinnati <i>Josephus and Yosippon in the 19th century</i>
9.45-10.30	Tessa Rajak, University of Oxford <i>Masliansky on Josephus: Observations by a Religious Maskil</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-11.45	Rosa Reicher, University of Heidelberg <i>The Writings of Josephus and its Significance for the Renewal of the Jewish Youth in the Jewish Youth Movement</i>
11.45-12.30	Concluding Remarks
12.30-1.30	Light lunch for speakers