

Manchester JudaicaFest 2008

Sunday July 20th

- 1.00-1.45 Lunch: Mumford Room
1.45-3.30 **Opening and BAJIS Session 1:** Room 4/5
Philip Alexander (University of Manchester), In Defence of Normativity in the Study of Judaism
Seth Kunin (University of Durham), Normativity in Judaism: An Essentialist Myth? A Neo-Structuralist Critique
- 3.30-4.00 Break: Cold drinks Room 8
4.00-5.30 **BAJIS Session 2:** Room 4/5
Sarah Pearce (Parkes Institute for the Study of Jewish/non-Jewish Relations, University of Southampton), On “the life which we live in the body”:
Philo of Alexandria and ‘normative Judaism’
Sacha Stern (UCL), Qumran Sectarianism and the Calendars
- 6.00-7.00 Dinner: Mumford Room
7.30-9.00 **BAJIS Formal Opening Session:** Harwood Room
Martin Goodman (University of Oxford), Sectarianism and the Temple in the Late Second Temple Period and its Aftermath

Monday July 21st

- 8.00-9.00 Breakfast: Mumford Room
Publishers in Room 8 all day
9.00-10.30 **BAJIS Session 3:** Room 4/5
Alexander Samely (University of Manchester), Working out a literary typology for the Pseudepigrapha, Qumran texts, and rabbinic works: An AHRC research project at Manchester and Durham
Dan Levene (University of Southampton), Normative Magical Jews in Babylonia?
- 10.30-11.00 Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room
11.00-12.30 **BAJIS Session 4a:** Room 4/5
George Wilkes (University of Cambridge), Is it Helpful to Identify a Normative Jewish Law of War?
Daniel Davies (University of Cambridge), Philosophy on the Margins of Judaism
- 1.00-1.45 Lunch: Mumford Room
1.45-2.00 **Globalisation: Opening and Welcome Address**
2.00-3.30 **Globalisation Session 1:** Room 9
Sander L. Gilman (Emory University), Jewish Culture in the Age of Globalization
Yael Halevi-Wise (McGill University) The Representation of Sepharad in Modern World Literature
- 2.00-3.30 **BAJIS Session 5:** Room 4/5
Maria Diemling (Canterbury Christ Church), Judaism at the Margins: Conversion as a Pre-Modern Jewish Choice
Gabriel Mancuso (Boston College) From Father to son: The Transmission of Jewishness in Modern Venice (1850-1950)
- 3.30-4.00 Tea Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room
4.00-5.30 **BAJIS Session 6:** Room 4/5
Ben Elton (LSJS), Setting the Border of Acceptability in the Modern era: The

Role of Belief

Marc Saperstein (Leo Baeck College), 'Normative Judaism' in the Crisis of War: Evidence from the Pulpit

Globalisation Session 2: Room 9

Michal Ben Ya'akov (Efrata College for Education), Shifting and Drifting: North African Migrations and Cultural Identities in a Global Community

Moshe Behar (University of Manchester), After 'Arab Jews'

6.00-7.00 Dinner: Mumford Room

7.30-9.00 **BAJS Session 7:** Room 9

Philip Alexander, Digitising the Manchester Genizah Fragments

Tuesday July 22nd

8.00-9.00 Breakfast: Mumford Room

Publishers in Room 8 all day

9.00-10.30 **BAJS Session 8:** Room 4/5

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Hannah Holtschneider (University of Edinburgh), Are Holocaust Victims Jewish? Looking at Photographs in British Holocaust Exhibitions

Globalisation Session 3: Room 9

Rosana Kohl Bines (Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro) Samba & Shoah – Ethnic, Religious and Social Diversity in Brazil

Milton Shain (University of Cape Town) Jewish Cultures, Identities and Contingencies: Reflections from the South African Experience

10.30-11.00 Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room

11.00-12.30 **BAJS Session 9:** Room 4/5

Ruth Rosenfelder (City College, London), Whose Music? Ownership and Identity in Jewish Music

Daniel Boyarin (University of California at Berkeley), 'The Son of Man' and the Genealogy of Rabbinic Judaism

Globalisation Session 4: Room 9

Xun Zhou (University of Hong Kong) Mikvah in Beijing

Ephraim Nissan (University of Manchester), What is Global, and What is Local? Attitudes in Italy in the First Decade of the New Millennium

1.00-1.45 Lunch: Mumford Room

1.45-3.30 **Opening and JLA Session 1:** Room 4/5

Shamma Friedman (JTSA and Bar-Ilan University), The Multiple Promulgation of the Torah

Daniel Boyarin (University of California at Berkeley), Endless Pleasure; Endless Strife: Monological Dialogue in the Talmudic Sugya

2.00-3.30 **Globalisation Session 5:** Room 9

Marc Saperstein (Leo Baeck College) Training European Progressive Rabbis in the 21st Century: Do Changing Students Need a Changing Curriculum?

Amos Israel-Vleeschhouwer (Tel Aviv University) Halacha and Globalization: Conceptual Impacts, Multi-Player Interaction and Halachic Re-organization of the Jewish 'Community'

3.30-4.00 Tea Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room

4.00-5.30 **JLA Session 2:** Room 4/5

Elliot Dorff (American Jewish University, Los Angeles), Jewish Law in the Conservative/Masorti Movement Since 1975

Daniel Sinclair (Tel Aviv College of Management Academic Studies and Fordham University), The Natural Law Jurisprudence of R. Moses Samuel

Glasner (1856-1925)

Globalisation Session 6: Room 9

Cathy Gelbin (University of Manchester) Constructing the Global Shtetl:
Golem Texts and Jewish Cultural Identities

Efraim Sicher (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and Linda Weinhouse (Community College of Baltimore County), Under Postcolonial Eyes:
Figuring Out the Jew in a Globalized Culture

6.00-7.00

Dinner: Mumford Room

7.30-9.00

JLA Formal Opening Session: Harwood Room

Panel Discussion on Religious Jurisdictions in Israel and the Diaspora, with
Nahum Rakover (former Deputy Attorney General of the State of Israel)

Sherman Cohn (Georgetown University)

Hussan Mahmoud

Bernard Jackson (University of Manchester)

Wednesday July 23rd

8.00-9.00

Breakfast: Mumford Room

Publishers in Room 8 all day

9.00-10.30

JLA Session 3a: Room 2

Elimelekh Westreich (Tel Aviv University), Interactions Between the
Rabbinical Courts of Morocco and the State of Israel

Yuval Sinai (Netanya Academic College and Bar-Ilan University), Halakhic
Traditions enabling the coercion of the *get* in Oriental Jewish communities
– A Possible Solution for the Problem of Agunot?

Ayelet Segal (Bar-Ilan University), The Halitzah Contract – A Prenuptial
Agreement to Protect the Wife from Iggun and Blackmail

JLA Session 3b: Room 3

Avinoam Rosenak (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), The Limits of Halakhic
Philosophy in Light of the Philosophy of Education

Shai Wozner (Tel Aviv University), The Basis of Rabbinic Precepts

Itamar Warhaftig (Bar-Ilan University), Torah and Democracy

Globalisation Session 7: Room 4/5

Ruth Mandel (UCL) Selective Multiculturalism: Jews, Turks and Russians in
Berlin

Jeffrey Peck (Georgetown University), The Americanization of Jewish Life in
Germany Today

10.30-11.00

Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room

11.00-12.30

JLA Session 4a: Room 2

Avinoam Cohen (Bar-Ilan University), Evidence in Jewish Law: *haPeh She'assar vs. Miggo*

Ilan Fuchs (Bar-Ilan University), Women as Witnesses in Jewish Law

Michael Wygoda (Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem), The Legitimacy of Majority
Decisions in Criminal Trials

JLA Session 4b: Room 3

Ruth Lamdan (Tel-Aviv University), Law, Local Regulations and Reality:
Women's Life in Jewish Communities following the Expulsion from Spain

Leah Bornstein-Makovetsky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), The Attitude
of the Halakhic authorities to the phenomena of *hazakah* of the Rabbinate
and Unfair Competition of Rabbinate in the Communities of the Ottoman
Empire During the 16th-18th Centuries

Globalisation Session 8: Room 4/5

Jean-Marc Dreyfus (University of Manchester), Towards a Globalised Holocaust Memory?

Susan Jacobs (Manchester Metropolitan University) Anti-Semitism and Other Forms of Racism: The British Context in a Globalising World

12.30-1.00

Globalisation Plenary Session

1.00-2.00

Lunch: Mumford Room

2.00-3.30

JLA Session 5a: Room 4/5

Steven H. Resnicoff (DePaul University, Chicago), Da'at Torah and Censorship

Aviad Hacoen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), The Limits of Freedom of Speech and Knowledge

Johnny Solomon (London), Rabbi Hayyim David Halevy as the Orthodox poseq for the non-orthodox

JLA Session 5b: Room 2

Samuel Wolfman (University of Haifa), Live Donor Transplantation and the Incompetent Donor: Viewpoint of the Jewish Law

Abraham Ofir Shemesh (Ariel Center University of Samaria), Punishments for Dogs' Damages According to Jewish Law. 0Amy Birkan, Tana'aic Legislation in Cases of Causative Damage and Its Implications for the Notion of Responsibility

Amy Birkan (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Tannaitic Legislation in Cases of Causative Damage and its Implications for the Notion of Responsibility

JLA Session 5c: Room 3

Leib Moscovitz (Bar-Ilan University), On the Internal Unity of Jewish Law in Rabbinic Literature

Itay Lipschits (Academic Center of Law & Business, Ramat-Gan), Consultation among Judges

Aviad Y. Hollander (Bar-Ilan University), The Limited Power of Formalistic Argumentation in Halakhic Decision Making: Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach and Rabbi Shlomo Goren as case studies

3.30-4.00

Tea Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room

4.00-5.30

JLA Session 6a: Room 4/5

Melanie Landau (Monash University), An examination of extra-legal arguments in *Ein Tenai Be'nissuin*

Yehezkel Margalit (Ono Academic College), "Freedom of Contract" in Halachic Family Law? – A Comparison of the Babylonian and the Palestinian Talmudim

Shoshana Borocin-Knol (University of Manchester), *Tsorekh hashah'ah* and regulations regarding women and divorce

JLA Session 6b: Room 2

Yitzchak Roness (Bar-Ilan University), Halakha, Ideology and Interpretation - Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli on The Status of Defensive War

George R. Wilkes (University of Cambridge), Military Exemption and the Authority-Obligation Gap: Solutions for a Legal-Political Conundrum in the Rabbinic Imagination

Israel Z. Gilat (Netanya Academic College), "Conquest by War": Influences on personal status

JLA Session 6c: Room 3

Ron S. Kleinman (Ono Academic College Law School), The Halakhic Validity of Civil Law in the State of Israel: Halakhah and Ideology

Yosef Rivlin (Bar-Ilan University), The Proposed Amendments to the Israeli Law of Inheritance from the Viewpoint of Jewish Law

Joseph Fleishman (Bar-Ilan University), When is it Legitimate to sell one's daughter, and for What Purpose?

6.00-7.00

Dinner: Mumford Room

7.45

"The Lopian Gross Barnett Seminar", at the Whitefield Synagogue (transport from the conference provided)

Chief Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen (Haifa), The Authority of the Rabbinical Court to Terminate a Marriage

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin (Efrat), Solutions to the Agunah Issue

Thursday July 24th

8.00-9.00

Breakfast: Mumford Room

9.00-10.30

JLA Session 7a: Room 9

Jonathan Burnside (University of Bristol), Towards a Biblical Jurisprudence

Ari Solon (University of São Paulo, Brazil), The Loving Father: Different Perspectives on Luke's Parable of the Prodigal Son

JLA Session 7b: Room 8

Hillel Gamoran (University of Washington), Should a Penalty for Late Repayment of a Debt Be Forbidden as Interest?

Larry Rabinovich (New York), Rashi's Metrology: Weights, Coins and Currencies from Cologne, Constantinople and the Classical Past

Tehilla Beeri (Bar-Ilan University), A Solution to the "Mamzer" Problem Afforded by Recent Medical Advance

10.30-11.00

Break: Cold drinks Room 8, hot drinks (pay bar) Common Room

11.00-12.30

JLA Session 8: Room 9

Michael Broyde (Emory University), A Proposed Tripartite Prenuptial Agreement

Avishalom Westreich (University of Manchester), 'Umdena as a Ground for Marriage Annulment: Mistaken Transaction or Terminative Condition?

Nechama Hadari (University of Manchester), So what kind of a *get* do you call *this*?