

Jews on the Move: Exploring the movement of Jews, objects, texts, and ideas in space and time

Conference programme

Sunday 9th July

16:00-18:00. **BAJS Committee Meeting.**
Senate Room.

15:30-17:00. **Jewish Edinburgh on Foot.**
Optional walking tour of historic Jewish neighbourhoods in Edinburgh. Meet at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Royal Mile. The walk will end at the synagogue in Salisbury Road.

18:30. **Informal dinner in local restaurant.** Tbc.

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**

<p>Medieval travels <u>Chair:</u> Ben Outhwaite</p>	<p>Elizabeth Templeton</p>	<p>Tavim, José Mucznik, Lucia Commachi, Maria Vittoria Fuchs, Uziel</p>	<p>Jews in the archives, moving Jews: results on a project concerning "Portuguese Jewish mediaeval sources" A son of exile: the case of Leone Ebreo through his poetical and philosophical works Isaac the son of Moses of Vienna - a 13th century traveling scholar</p>
<p>Postgraduate funding applications in (post-)Brexit Europe <u>Chair:</u> Marton Ribary</p>	<p>Martin Hall</p>	<p>Mia Spiro & ERI representative</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Social Thought in Rabbinic Literature <u>Chair:</u> Renate Smithuis</p>	<p>Althaus-Reid</p>	<p>Schvarcz, Benjamin Fenton, Miri Feuchtwanger, David</p>	<p>Conflicting political views of Palestinian and Babylonian rabbis: questioning the status of city inhabitants Rabbinic social thought meets medieval migration: responsa literature as a bridge between social thought and everyday life The exegetical transition from the celestial to the terrestrial in post-destruction rabbinic Judaism</p>
<p>Memories of places, spaces, and things <u>Chair:</u> Hannah Holtschneider</p>	<p>Oldham/Porteous</p>	<p>Lieberman, Sue Hirsh, Anna Szczepan-Wojnarska, Anna</p>	<p>Invisible baggage: silent memory and lost history, 1880-1914 Transcendent reunions: vanished places in new spaces Shadows of the success stories</p>
<p>Negotiating collective boundaries: Israeli perspectives on</p>	<p>Baillie</p>	<p>Zion-Waldoks, Tanya Asscher, Omri</p>	<p>The politics of making yourself at home: orthodox women activists in Israel's unhomely rabbinic courts "Philip Roth, come home!" Jewish-American literature in Israeli Eyes</p>

Jews and Jewishness		Sherzer, Adi	The Jewish collective and the Israeli narrative: world Jewry as presented in Israel's first Independence Days
<u>Chair:</u> Ratner	Tsila		
Religion, philosophy, Zionism	Senate	Chertok, Ted	Two case studies in mobility of religious philosophies: S.R. Hirsch and A.J. Heschel
<u>Chair:</u> Egorova	Yulia	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

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

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

Russia, USSR, Far East	Elizabeth Templeton	Segev, Dror	"And There I Stood in Awe, Watching": Zev Wolf-Schur (1844-1910), A European Jew in the Far East
<u>Chair:</u> Finder	Gabriel	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	Martin Hall	Ratner, Tsila	An American tale: Dvora Baron's "America" as a prototype of migration narratives
<u>Chair:</u> Davies	Peter	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	Althaus-Reid	Dal Bo, Federico	Importing mysticism from the Orient: Jewish "Orientalism" in the 11th century travelogue "The Chronicle of Ahima'az"
<u>Chair:</u> Cioatã	Maria	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 Schneidenbach, Esther Bay, Carson	All roads lead to Rome: "Jewish" travel to the centre of the Empire in the later Roman (Amoraic) Period 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 Cohen, Boaz Zaban, Hila	"Torah of the Heart": the metaphors shaping Ahad Ha'am's Conception of the Jewish nation Israeli Holocaust memory in Israeli spaces: a new look at commemoration, memory and space 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 Birnbaum, Yoni Kita, Miyuki	German Jews, the Bible, and acculturation in Victorian England Inclusivism in the works of twentieth century American orthodox poskim 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 Keim, Katharina Urban, Susanne	Beyond a closed box: a Yeminite Pentateuch manuscript, its box binding and production models 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 The Worms Machzor: a book on the move from 'Warmaisa to Jerusalem'
World War II <u>Chair:</u> Larry Ray	Martin Hall	Largillière, Florence Barre, Delphine Dvorkin, Yehuda	Conflicting identities: discourses of French and Italian Jewish veterans faced with racial laws Art in exile, memory of exile? Jewish women refugee artists in France at the dawn of the Second World War The meanings and motives of the transfer of cultural property from the

				British zone of occupation in Germany
Medieval exegesis and travel	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
<u>Chair:</u> Stephen Bowd		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, and other manuscripts	Oldham/Porteous	Zellentín, Holger		The Biblical basis of the rabbinic Noahide Laws: a new approach to an old problem
<u>Chair:</u> Ann Conway-Jones		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	Baillie	Lederhändler, Eli		Military service as a Jewish migration vector
<u>Chair:</u> Maria Diemling		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	Senate	Hartog, Barry		Space and travel in Philo's Legatio ad Gaium
<u>Chair:</u> Peter Hayman		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.
Registration will remain open until 11:00.

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	Elizabeth Templeton	Shrell-Fox, Paul; Palmer, Craig	Jewish Law and Ritual as Explicit Long-Term Evolutionary Strategy to Leave-Descendants
<u>Chair:</u> Hartog	Barry	Katz, Menachem	Moving words - the travels of Talmudic manuscripts
		Israeli, Anat	Mother Babylonia and Fatherland of Israel: the story of Rav Asi and his mother
Education	Martin Hall	Conway-Jones, Ann	Moving between history and theology: teaching early Jewish-Christian relations in the context of Christian ministerial formation
<u>Chair:</u> Keim	Katharina	Cioată, Maria	Dr Moses Gaster's Istoria Biblica on the move
		Bamberger, Annette	French-Jewish youth on the move: a case study of motivations and decision-making processes for undergraduate study in Israel
Jewish Lives, Scottish Spaces	Althaus-Reid	Spiro, Mia	The Dybbuk in the archive: the haunting of Glasgow's Jewish Arts Festival 1951
<u>Chair:</u> Wynn	Natalie	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	Oldham/Porteous	Andreatta, Michela	Chthonic journeys in the Hebrew Baroque: Moses Zacuto's Tofteh 'Arukh

<u>Chair:</u> Stephen Bowd		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	Baillie	Sawyer, John	"Then my people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation": hearing the voice of Isaiah in the diaspora
<u>Chair:</u> Sean Adams		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	Senate	Spurling, Helen	The Representation of the Arabs in Jewish Apocalyptic Literature
<u>Chair:</u> Holger Zellentin		Gordin, Alexander	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

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

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

20th century dislocations: migration and displacement in a museum /heritage context	Elizabeth Templeton	Kochavi, Shir	Jewish heirless cultural property in the aftermath of World War II
<u>Chair:</u> Eva Frojmovic		Findling, Heather	Serge Sabarsky: Renegotiating Austrian Cultural Heritage
		Pieren, Kathrin	The wandering Jew as archetypal (im)migrant? Jewish museums and the migration narrative
		Cohen, Julie-Marthe; Heimann-Jelinek, Felicitas	Handbook on Judaica Provenance and Quovadience Research
Holocaust memory	Martin Hall	Stępień, Monika	The return of Polish Jews to their home towns in light of personal accounts
<u>Chair:</u> Mia Spiro		Cholewinska, Dominika	Divided memory: Polish-Jewish relations during the Second World War
		Williams, Amy	The fictionalisation of the Kindertransports: The loss and rediscovery of the self
		Papier, Sylwia	Representations of the Holocaust in contemporary monodrama: personal family stories on stage

Jews in Ireland, Scotland, and England <u>Chair:</u> Maria Diemling	Althaus-Reid	Wynn, Natalie Sarg, Cristin Morawska, Lucia; Learman, Poppy	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
Travel narratives, travelling archives <u>Chair:</u> Andrea Schatz	Oldham/Porteous	Grazi, Alessandro Zion, Eldad Münz-Manor, Ophir Vasyutinsky, Daria	A journey through time and space: David Levi's search for Jewish identity in his "Il mistero delle Tre Melarancie" Emissaries from the Land of Dreams: depictions of Eretz Yisra'el in 18th century writings of Shadarim Literature, history and the production of travel narratives in Judah Al-Harizi's Tahkemoni and Zachariah Al-Dahri's Sefer Hamusar 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 Cioatã	Baillie	Şamlioğlu Berk, Zehra Kozłowska, Magdalena Egorova, Yulia Reicher, Rosa	- An Alliance impact: agricultural schools and class consciousness within Ottoman Jewry "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 Jews, Muslims, India: ethnographic reflections on security, religion and race 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.

15:00-15:30. **Refreshments.** Rainy Hall.

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	Elizabeth Glenn, Susan Templeton	"The wooden shoe on the other foot": how the Finaly and Beekman Affairs crossed the Atlantic in the 1950s
<u>Chair:</u> Hannah Holtschneider	Weber, Donald	On and Off the Derech: A Family Story
	Grill, Tobias	From West to East: German Rabbis and the "regeneration" of East European Jewry

Jews on the run <u>Chair:</u> Phil Alexander	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 <u>Chair:</u> Stefania Silvestri	Oldham/Porteous	Borysek, Martin Schatz, Andrea Jánošíková, Magdaléna	Jewish communities in a moving world: reflexions on exile, expulsions and the diaspora existence in early modern takknot ha-kahal Exploring links and lineages: Abraham Zacut's Sefer Yuhasin in Cracow "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 <u>Chair:</u> 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 <u>Chair:</u> Larry Ray	Senate	Hultman, Maja Ockova, Katarina Gramstrup, Louise	"Up here in high north": Jewish movements of multiplicity in 1930s Stockholm Uncovering the family secret: temporality, politics and young people learning about their Jewishness in post-socialist Slovakia 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,		Tobias, Michael	The ancestral origins and dispersal of Scottish Jewry

research and resources <u>Chair:</u> Gabriel FINDER	Elizabeth Templeton	Collins, Kenneth Kaplan, Harvey	The Jewish experience in Scotland: writing a new narrative Documenting Jewish immigrants in Scotland
Habsburg Galicia as the space of Jewish migration and mobility <u>Chair:</u> Tim Buchen	Martin Hall	Chebotaurov, 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> Helen Spurling	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 <u>Chair:</u> Phil Alexander	Senate	Stuerzenhofecker, Katja Marx, Farina; Freis, David Richardson, Alasdair	Displaying religious Jews in Jewish Studies classrooms Migration, translation, and the search for ecstasy: Fischl Schneersohn's 'science of man' between modern psychology and Hasidic mysticism Travelling witnesses –students encountering Jewish narratives at Auschwitz Birkenau

END OF CONFERENCE.