

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Abbreviations:

AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council)
BA (British Academy)
BAJS (British Association of Jewish Studies)
CBS (Centre for Biblical Studies)
CJS (Manchester Centre for Jewish Studies)
EAJIS (European Association for Jewish Studies)
ECR (Early Career Researcher)
ERC (European Research Council)
JRRRI (John Rylands Research Institute)
MES (Middle Eastern Studies)
PGR Postgraduate Research
R&T (Religions and Theology)
REES (Russian and East European Studies)
REF (Research Excellence Framework)
SALC (School of Arts Languages and Cultures)

1. Introduction and background

The major themes of the research of the Centre remain the broadly defined exploration of Jewish/non-Jewish relations. This theme embraces anti-Semitism and the Holocaust (Dreyfus, Tidd, Gelbin, Langton); Jewish-Christian relations (Langton, Smithuis); Jewish-Muslim relations (Smithuis); Jewish-Arab relations (Behar, Banko); Jewish/non-Jewish philosophy (Samely). The Centre's activities, in particular in PGR training (see Table 5), innovative Hebrew teaching and cross-institutional collaboration in the North of the British Isles, are currently being boosted by a £269,381 external grant.

The Centre continues to function as an initiator, facilitator and host for external research grants and the research of individual post-doctoral fellows, which now include two British Academy post-docs (Keim and Cioatã). Members of the Centre were managing research related grants to the total value of £594,263, and of £837,724 if the European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies grant, which contains non-research funding, is included. In addition to this there is external funding tied to 3 post-docs affiliated to the CJS, most of whose applications were supported pre-submission by CJS staff. The Centre maintains a high international profile for the research of Manchester University academics by aggregating and maximizing awareness of their activities, projects, grants and publications, as well as by its public lecture series (disseminated as podcasts), seminar series and the online journal *Melilah* edited from the Centre. It maintains an extremely effective, up-to-date and comprehensive website¹ complemented by a twitter presence. The Centre brings together staff who are located in different divisions of the School and different Schools of the University, and supports and collaborates closely with the John Rylands Research Institute (JRRRI) in promoting the important research resources of the Library, including publications which describe research potential of specific collections.

2. Management and membership

Co-directors: Prof. Alex Samely and Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T)

¹ <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/>

Seminar Series Convener: Dr Lauren Banko

Administrators: Mrs. Laura Mitchell; Mr Marton Ribary

Planning committee: Prof. Alex Samely (R&T), Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T), Dr. Moshe Behar (AMES), Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History), Ms. Sophie Garside (AMES), Dr. Cathy Gelbin (German, later Drama), Dr. Renate Smithuis (R&T, who co-edits the journal *Melilah* with Prof. Langton)

Core CJS members within Manchester University: Dr. Moshe Behar (AMES), Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History), Dr. Dan Garner (R&T), Ms. Sophie Garside (AMES), Dr. Cathy Gelbin (German, later Drama), Ms. Malka Hodgson (AMES), Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T), Prof. Yaron Matras (Linguistics), Dr Ewa Ochman (REES), Prof. Alex Samely (R&T), Dr. Renate Smithuis (R&T), Prof. Ursula Tidd (French), Dr Katja Stuerzenhofecker (R&T).

Members who are retired or emeritus: Prof. Philip Alexander, FBA (emeritus R&T), Prof. George Brooke (emeritus R&T), Dr. Adrian Curtis (retired from R&T), Prof. John Healey, FBA (emeritus MES), Prof. Bernard Jackson (emeritus R&T), Mr. Bill Williams (retired from R&T).

Affiliated Research Fellows: Dr. Rocco Bernasconi (Facoltà di Teologia di Lugano, previously a post-doc in MES), Dr. Susie Jacobs (Manchester Metropolitan), Rabbi Dr. Michael Hilton (London, Leo Baeck College), Dr. Adi Kuntsman (Manchester Metropolitan University), Prof. Les Lancaster (retired from Liverpool John Moores), Dr. Ion Popa (Yad Vashem, Jerusalem), Rabbi David Rue (Los Angeles Beit Din), Rabbi Dr. Reuven Silverman (retired from R&T), Dr. Marcel Stoetzler (Bangor), Dr. Stefania Silvestri (Manchester).

Externally Funded Post-doctoral positions:

Dr. Maria Cioată (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, R&T, also CBS): Moses Gaster (1856-1939): Eclectic Collector (1 Sept 2014 – 31 Dec 2017; £211,133)

Dr. Katharina Keim (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, JRRI): British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship award The Samaritan Correspondence of Dr Moses Gaster: Texts, Analysis, and Contexts (Oct 2015–Oct 2018; £229,110)

Dr. Ion Popa (Saul Kagan Claims Conference Postdoctoral Fellowship, R&T): Rescue, Indifference and Everything Else In-between: The Catholic Church and the Holocaust in Romania, 1938-1948. (1 Sept 2016 - 31 Aug 2017, \$20,000.)

Dr. Stefania Silvestri (Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the JRRI, Hebraica Project, Dr Smithuis)

Related: Dr. Lauren Banko (Pears Fellow 2015–18 in Palestine/Israel Studies; see 4 below)

Staffing Changes and news:

The following members were on research leave or will be on leave during the period indicated: Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History, September 2016–September 2017), Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T, September 2013–Aug 2017).

Prof. George Brooke took retirement during the reporting period and is now Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis Emeritus

Current PhD students with their topics and supervisors (12):

Julianne Burnett, Was Moses a Magician? (Swanson),

Fabienne Cheung, Identity in play: Michel Leiris, Georges Perec, and Marcel Bénabou (Tidd and Brillaud),

Peter Choi, The Reception of Leviticus in Second Temple Jewish Literature (Brooke),

Dominika Cholewinska-Vater *Contested loyalties in war: Polish-Jewish relations within the Anders Army'* (Ochman and Dreyfus),
 Eyal Clyne, *Orientalism in Israeli Academia* (Erica Burman),
 Heiner Georgi, *Matthew 23: Matthew's Gospel and its portrayal of the Galilean Rabbi Jesus of Nazareth as a Teacher of Oral Law* (Oakes and Wright),
 Izabella Goldstein, *Songs of the Jewish Underworld in Pre-World War Two Warsaw* (Bithell and Fanning),
 Richard Liantonio, *The Basis of Divine Pleasure in the Psalms* (Swanson),
 Marton Ribary, *Legal abstraction in Roman and Rabbinic law* (Samely, Parkin and Giglio),
 Samuel Rogers, *Ethnic Ethics: Hearing Jesus' Teachings in Luke as a Minority in Antiquity* (Oakes and Klutz),
 Tereza Ward, *Social and Religious Jewish Non-conformity: Representations of the Anglo-Jewish Experience in the Oral Testimony Archive of the Manchester Jewish Museum* (Langton and Williams),
 Lindy Williams, *Gardens in Ezekiel: A Changing Theology of Sacred Space in Response to the Challenge of the Exile* (Swanson).

Note: Several PhD students hold competitive School and/or externally funded studentships.

Doctoral students who completed 2016–17 (3):

Victoria Biggs, *Nakba in Israel and Holocaust in Palestine: Literature, Storytelling, and the Opening Up of Taboo Histories* (Taithe and Jeffers);
 Janek Gryta, *The Politics of Memory and Jewish Heritage: Warsaw - Krakow - Lodz after 1989* (Gelbin and Ochman);
 Edmund Chapman, *Afterlives: Benjamin, Derrida and Literature in Translation* (de Groot and Spencer).

3. Research Activities

Summary and Award of European Hub for Jewish Studies

The reporting period contained the first period of funding received into the University of a 2.5-year total of £269,381 by a prestigious European foundation. The grant is for some of the Centre's activities in the period January 2016–August 2018.

Catalogues, Research dissemination of John Rylands Holdings

Research Institute continues to be strong, with work funded by a £120,000 Hebrew manuscript grant ongoing (project led by Dr Smithuis) and the 2015 - 2018 British Academy post-doc success (Keim) being cases in point. In large part funded by the European Hub grant, we have furthermore published research guides for materials held at the Rylands (see 'Digital Humanities', below).

Information exchange and informal mentoring of staff research applications

Again as a result of European Hub grant funding, our extremely successful facilitation of research dialogue across discipline boundaries and University subject areas continues, and has significantly increased beyond the University's boundaries. A research network in Jewish Studies in the Northern British Isles met for the first time in Manchester in June 2016. At that meeting, Jewish Studies academics from eight other institutions from Dublin to St Andrews, discussed common interests and concerns in the planning of research applications, and explored mutually beneficial ways to collaborate, with the SALC Research Manager, Ms Paula Dalzell, in attendance. Throughout the year we continued to provide a meeting ground for academics to share formal information, exchange informal advice, and experiment with ideas across a number of different subjects within SALC, in particular between members in AMES, R&T, History, German and REES. We also acted as a central information point on University research, listing 19 events hosted by other centres on our website. This complements very effectively the formal processes of grant application stimulation and review by SALC Research Directorate, as our continuing grant successes demonstrate (details under 4).

Digital Humanities

Manchester's CJS is fast becoming a major hub for digital humanities resources for research and teaching in Jewish Studies and related subjects. Among the 2016–17 changes to this menu of resources are the online research guides to Rylands holdings, including:

- Jews and Judaism in the Methodist Collection (Drs Andy Crome and Simon Mayers)²
- Haskalah / Jewish Enlightenment Collection (Dr Rebecca Wolpe)³
- Anglo-Israel Collection (Dr Azriel Bermant)⁴
- We have commissioned a new research guide on materials relating to Marmorstein Collection, relating to Wissenschaft des Judentums⁵
- We published student reports on Bogdanow-funded visits to Auschwitz⁶
- We offered a workshop for staff and postgraduates in Northern Jewish Studies Partnership on Digital Humanities (11 January 2017).

All this continues a strong tradition of the digital presence of Manchester's Centre for Jewish Studies academic outputs. They have included the following aspects and media:

- I. Dissemination of Research: Podcasts (CJS Bogdanows, CJS Shermans, research seminars); Open Access journals (CJS Melilah; see under 8); Online exhibitions (CJS Manchester and Zionism exhibition); Social media (CJS twitter and newsblog accounts), linking to open source scholarship in escholar (later PURE).
- II. New Research Approaches and Methodologies: Cataloguing online (e.g. CJS Rylands Hebrew catalogue); Meta-sites (CJS Laski online web listing); Digitising existing publications as e-texts (CJS Old Series of *Melilah*); Gathering, digitising, tagging/indexing large amounts of primary sources or MSS (Rylands Genizah); Digitizing and indexing/tagging audio (CJS Oral testimony archives at Manchester Jewish Museum); Creating new e-resources using the model of existing publications (e.g. CJS Darwin's Jews Online reader); Creating new e-resources that are only possible as DH projects, such as multi-media digital archives and databases (e.g. CJS Samely typology project)

² See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2016/12/20/research-guide-jews-and-methodism.html>

³ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2017/3/31/research-guide-haskalah-collection.html>

⁴ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2017/6/13/research-guide-anglo-israel-collections.html>

⁵ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2016/12/9/archival-fellowship-wissenschaft-des-judentums.html>

⁶ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-activities#bogdanow-bequest>

- III. Language Teaching: Integrated use of smart board and video-conferencing technologies (GotoMeeting and swivl robot) and smartphone technologies for the dissemination of and interaction with the teaching of Hebrew beyond the classroom.

National and international presence of the CJS, early career researchers and miscellaneous

CJS staff continue their strong research publication profiles in preparation REF 2021, and CJS scholars maintain a strong academic and public profile (some details in section 7 below), including our early career researchers, e.g. Maria Cioata was awarded the teaching recognition certificate 'Fellow of the Higher Education Academy' (recognition reference PR122082). Our website has again attracted international attention (20,000 page views in last 12 months), as does the online journal *Melilah* (61,000 page views in the last 5 years; see below). Our channels of communication include website, newsblog, email list and Twitter. We successfully completed a first eighteen months of developing a pioneering a new way to teach modern Hebrew in the class room, with both face to face and virtual interaction. This constitutes one of the key activities funded by the European foundation mentioned above, also contributing to the training of 3 Manchester University post-graduate students. Contributors from Manchester at the British Association for Jewish Studies (BAJS) Conference 2017 included Marci Freedman, Stefania Silvestri, Katharina Keim, Maria Cioată, Philip Alexander, Katja Stuerzenhofecker, and Renate Smithuis.

Progress on planned objectives

1. The CJS activities throughout 2016–17 were significantly enhanced and expanded following the award of a £269,381 grant for the period Jan 2016–Aug 2018 from a private European foundation (see above under 1). Manchester is eligible to apply for a grant renewal for another three years subsequently [now awarded, Jan 2018]. This award appoints Manchester's Centre for Jewish Studies as one of only three original European Regional Hubs of this kind (and the sole UK Hub).
2. It led to the foundation of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership, which brings together for academic collaboration Jewish Studies academics from Leeds, Durham, Edge Hill, Liverpool Hope, Chester, Bangor, Nottingham, Trinity College Dublin, Edinburgh and St Andrews. See <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/> The Manchester CJS co-directors are the co-chairs of this Partnership network.
3. The second and third NUKJS partnership research meetings meetings took place 11 January and 5 July 2017. The first took the form of a workshop on Digital Humanities and Impact and included a presentation by Dr. Guyda Armstrong (Faculty of Humanities, Manchester, Digital Humanities), the latter a research meeting on "themed calls" with support from Dr. Jonathan Memel (SALC Grant Writer).
4. As planned, the CJS hosted an event to enhance doctoral and post-doctoral training in the disciplines of Jewish Studies on 4-6 July 2017, and we were able to provide 17 travel stipends for trainee participants from the Northern Partner institutions, the rest of the UK and one European institution. This event took place in the Manchester University Graduate School and was recognized by the North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership.
5. As planned, the Centre supported MA teaching in the School by advertising and awarding the second tranche of three MA fee bursaries for the MA programme in Religions and Theology with a Jewish Studies focus.
6. We have continued to provide informal advice to ECRs and candidates for post-doctoral positions, by providing pilot research projects (Prof. Langton with Azriel Bermant, see above under "Catalogues"), and supported individuals in the submission applications for grants of all kinds, including large projects (eg Prof. Langton on behalf of Dr Katja Stuerzenhofecker) and post-doctoral fellowships (Behar for Dr Roman Vater, successful Leverhulme ECF [Cambridge]; Smithuis for Dr David Lemler); see table 4 above for successful or pending applications.

7. Our dissemination of research expertise to the wider public and/or the Jewish community through our seminar series was enhanced by their dissemination as podcasts on our website. The mixed classroom/distance learning environment for modern Hebrew attracted 3 participants from the local Jewish community.
8. We have organized as planned the twenty-third community Sherman Lecture, presented by Dr Abigail Greene (Oxford), and the third Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture, presented by Dr Vicki Barnett (The Washington Holocaust Memorial Museum). Following its usual policy, the CJS has published the latter lectures as podcast: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-lectures-2017/>
9. Scholarly publications by all members continued apace (see 8 and Appendix).

4. Research Awards or Projects During 2016–17 include the following

TITLE AND DURATION OF AWARD	START-FINISH DATE (OR DATE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION)	PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR AND CO-APPLICANTS	AWARDING BODY, AMOUNT
Thank Offering Senior Fellowship	2016–17	Dreyfus	British Academy/Leverhulme, £45,760
AHRC Leadership Fellowship	2016–2017	Langton	AHRC, £136,000
Collaborative PhD fellowship with Manchester Jewish Museum	2014–2017	Langton	A prestigious European Jewish foundation, £42,000
Hebrew manuscripts catalogue revision and digitization; Inventories and Cataloguing; in collaboration with the JRRI	2015-2018	Smithuis, Alexander	A prestigious European Jewish foundation, £120,000
The agunah ('chained wife') problem in contemporary Jewish society: two- volume Hebrew-language publication	2015-2017	Rue	Gardner Family Trust, £10,000
Related: Post-Doc Appointment in Israel and/or Palestine Studies (see note i)	2015–18	Behar, Banko	Pears Foundation, £142,000
Research component of the above European Regional Hub grant: resource enhancement projects - pilot cataloguing/research projects using John Rylands University Library collections related to Jewish Studies	Jan 2016– Aug 2018	Langton, Samely	Prestigious European Jewish Foundation: £25,920
Related: European Regional Hub for Jewish Studies funding: total funding £269,381 (see main text)	Jan 2016– Aug 2018	Langton, Samely	Prestigious European Jewish Foundation: £269,381 (including the sum in the preceding row)
Travel grant, Lithuania	July 2017	Dreyfus	Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, 1600 euros (£1400)
Hebrew Manuscript Production between East and West: A pilot study of two Yemenite manuscripts	1 Oct 2016-31 July 2017	Silvestri	Research Support Fund of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, £3000

Note: (i) Related funding: Dr Lauren Banko holds a Pears Post-doctoral position in Israel/Palestine Studies, May 2015-2018; Behar; funder Pears Foundation, £142,000; the appointment was open as to specialization, and the appointee's research is on the history of Palestinian Arabs, which is why it is classed as "related".

5. Research events organised

See <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/past-activities/> for details

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKERS	APPROX ATTENDANCE
26 October 2016	"Children During the Holocaust", The University of Manchester and IWM North (part of Imperial War Museums)	Convened by Jean-Marc Dreyfus	65
30 – 31 January 2017	Bogdanow Lectures in Holocaust Studies: 'The Church and the Holocaust' Levinas and the Disruption of Knowing,	3-part lecture series and master class given by Dr. Vicki Barnett (Washington Holocaust Memorial Museum)	70 (daily)
2016-2017	CJS Research Seminar Series: 5 seminars	10 Nov 2016: Carlo Aldrovandi (Trinity College, Dublin), 24 Nov 2016 Ruvy Ziegler (Reading), 9 Feb 2017 Ilana Webster-Kogen (SOAS), 9 March 2017 Sammy Smooha (University of Haifa), 23 March 2017 Jacob Eriksson (University of York), 27 April 2017 Brian Klug (Oxford), 11 May 2017 Amnon Aran (City University London), 25 May 2017 Stacey Gutkowski (King's College London)	20–35 per event
21 March 2017	'Jews as Exiles and their Representations after 1933' and 'German Jews and the Cosmopolitan Ideal in Exile from National Socialism'	Sander Gilman (Emory University), and Cathy Gelbin (Manchester),	c. 60
27-29 June 2016	Astaire Seminar Series "The Other Within - The Hebrew and Jewish Collections of the John Rylands Library"; conference under the auspices of the John Rylands Research Institute	Key speakers: Ben Outhwaite (Cambridge), Miriam Wagner (Cambridge), Emile Schrijver (Amsterdam), Reinhard Pummer (Ottawa). 3-day programme of papers, with collection encounters and public lecture, convened by Katharina Keim	c. 85
4 - 5 July 2017	Second Postgraduate Research Training Event and Research Meeting of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership, University of Manchester First Postgraduate Research Training Event and Research Meeting of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership, University of Manchester (A. Samely)	Session presenters included: Brad Sabin Hill (Washington, D.C.), Prof. George Brooke, Dr. Sophie Wagenhofer (Acquisitions Editor Religious Studies, De Gruyter, Berlin), Prof. Yaron Matras (Manchester), Prof. Alex Samely (Manchester), Dr. Moshe Behar (Manchester), Max Dunbar (CEO of Manchester Jewish Museum), Prof. Tom Lawson (Northumbria), Dr. Holly Morse (Manchester), Dr. Stefania Silvestri (Manchester), Dr. Alana Vincent (Chester), Dr. Janette Martin (John Rylands Library, Manchester), Prof. Philip Alexander, Jonathan Starbrook (Faculty of Humanities Research Manager)	50

6. International links (Academic and non-academic)

Prof. Langton: The Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at Pennsylvania University has approved the year long research programme for 2017, Nature between Science and Religion: Jewish Culture and the Natural World, designed by Daniel Langton (Manchester) and David Shyowitz (Northwestern). See <http://katz.sas.upenn.edu/fellowship-program/next-year> .

Dr Smithuis: collaborates with Dr Arthur Kiron the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, regarding a digitisation project, and with Dr Aviad Stollman at the National Library of Israel, Jerusalem, with regard to the Manchester Hebraica project (see above 4).

Dr Ochman (2015-present) Participant in the international project State Sponsored History led by Ghent University. Also collaborating with colleagues from Seoul University, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies. I have applied for a grant to Global Research Network: National Research Foundation of Korea. Project Title: 'Varieties of Post-socialist transformation in Eastern Europe and Asia: Implications for South-North Korean Integration'. Unsuccessful. Also, Joint PI with Dr Julie Fedor (Melbourne University); 'The history of Soviet war memorials'; Manchester-Melbourne Humanities Fund, \$ AUS 5,000 (successful)

Dr Cioatã continued to work with colleagues at the New Europe College (Bucharest) and with Prof. Anissava Miltenova at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Sofia) University.

Prof. Bernard Jackson, Executive Committee, The Jewish Law Association (international)

Dr Dreyfus is member of the research team 'Equipo de investigación SUBTIERRO/BELOW GROUND', CSIC, Madrid; and research associate with Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, Sciences Po Paris

7. Public engagement, media coverage and potential socio-economic impact

As a Centre we have hosted and disseminated the following public engagement events:

- Twenty-third Sherman Lecture, presented by Dr Abigail Greene (Oxford): <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2017/3/19/sherman-community-lecture-2017-new-date.html>
- Third Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series, presented by Dr Vicki Barnett (The Washington Holocaust Memorial Museum): <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-lectures-2017/>
- CJS seminars were recorded and uploaded for public access at: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/research-seminars-2015-16/>
- We have regular collaborations for public engagement, as well as research, purposes with the Imperial War Museum North (centred around teacher training, see table 5) and the Manchester Jewish Museum (public talks and collaborative doctoral research).
- We engage with local schools, e.g. 30 Jan 2017 – From Tablet to Table: The History of Book from the Ancient World to the Present, Drs Stefania Silvestri and Katharina Keim. Widening Participation Event: Aspire Programme at William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, UK.
- Screen & Talk public film programme: We host a public film event programme. Recent screenings include "Germans and Jews" followed by Q&A with Dr Cathy Gelbin, 9 Nov 2016, HOME, Manchester, "Zero Motivation" followed by Q&A with Dr Moshe Behar. 20 Oct 2016, Cineworld, Didsbury; "Sacred Sperm", followed by Q&A with Dr Alana Vincent and Prof. Philip Alexander, HOME Manchester, 5 July 2017

Radio and TV appearances:

Cathy Gelbin appeared in the German-French TV channel ARTE documentary Golem: Die Legende vom Menschen (The Legend of the Human), which aired on 23 September 2016.

Jean-Marc Dreyfus contributed to a radio programme on testimonies of the Holocaust, broadcasted on 8 November 2016, for the commemoration of the Paris terror attacks.

Moshe Behar 28 November 2016: A radio interview on Egyptian-Israeli relations to Scotland's Sputnik News

Jean-Marc Dreyfus co-wrote 'Les restitutions', with Catherine Bernstein, France 3, 19 January 2017

Jean-Marc Dreyfus consulted for '21 rue La Boétie', Virginie Linhardt, broadcasted France 5, 11 March 2017

Jean-Marc Dreyfus consulted for 'The Barbie Trial, 30 years ago', Philippe Picard and Jérôme Lambert, to be broadcast December 2016

Jean-Marc Dreyfus consulted for 'La guerre du numéro 5', Olivier Benamou, to be broadcast September 2017

Newspaper articles:

The work of Moshe Behar on Arab-Jewish thought features in this long essay in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, Oct 2016

Public lectures and presentations:

Moshe Behar presented a paper titled 'Partition and the Study of Israel/Palestine' at the Israel Studies as a Global Discipline Conference, 28-29 May 2017, University of Oxford.

Moshe Behar presented a paper on 'Ottoman Jewish views on nominal semitism' at the international conference 'Zionism and Antisemitism,' organised by the Pears Institute for the study of Antisemitism, 24-26 May 2017, University of London.

Moshe Behar, 15 Jan 2017: Public lecture in Tel Aviv, Israel, "The Mizrahi Left: 1896-present"

Daniel Langton gave a presentation on 'Atheism, Scepticism and the Judeo-Christian Tradition' at the annual Religions & Theology Postgraduate Study Day. 9 June 2017, 6.207 University Place.

Yosef Garfinkel (Hebrew University), in collaboration with the CJS and the Jewish Historical Society of England, the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society 'The Quest for the Historical King David: New Light from Khirbet Qeiyafa and Khirbet El Rai'. 7.00-9.30pm, Mon 22 May 2017, Manchester Jewish Museum.

Moshe Behar gave a paper at Ben Gurion University on a debate between the Marxists of Israel/Palestine following the 1967 war. 4 April 2017.

Alex Samely gave a workshop on 'Zionism and Messianism' for A-level students of religious studies under the auspices of OxNet and the North West Theology and Religious Studies Centre, organised by Pembroke College, Oxford. 21 March 2017, University Place, Manchester.

Maria Cioata gave a presentation on 'Rev. Dr. Moses Gaster and his library: collecting, discovering and sharing', Humanities in the City, Manchester History of the Humanities Research Network, 13 March 2017.

Maria Cioata will give a presentation Moses Gaster's *Istoria Biblica on the Move*, Annual Conference of the British Association of Jewish Studies, Edinburgh, 10-12 July 2017

Daniel Langton gave a paper entitled 'The Doubting Jew: Some Observations on Jewish Engagement with Atheism' to the Jewish Studies research seminar. 5pm, 22 March 2017, King's College London.

Marcel Stoetzler gave a talk on 'Capitalism, Antisemitism and Stupidity: On Horkheimer and Adorno's Dialectic of Enlightenment' at the Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism lunchtime seminar. 1pm, Thu 2 March 2017, Dreyfus Room, 26 Russell Square, London

Moshe Behar gave a lecture entitled 'The First Ashkenazi-Mizrahi Controversy on the "Arab Question"' at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, 23 Jan 2017.

Cathy Gelbin gave a paper entitled 'Woman, Internationalist, Jew: Alice Rühle-Gerstel (1894-1943) on the Stalinist Purges' at a conference on German-Jewish Women's Writing in the Early 20th Century and in Exile, held under the auspices of the OWRI Project at King's College London, 20 October 2016.

Cathy Gelbin gave a talk entitled 'The Golem in German-Speaking Popular Culture' at the Jewish Museum in Berlin on 13 December 2016. Further information.

- Philip Alexander gave a talk entitled 'Jewish Magic illustrated by Jewish Amulets in the Rylands Library' at the Manchester Jewish Museum. 31 October 2016.
- Katharina Keim presented a paper on 'Manuscript and Text: The Book of Joshua in the Samaritan Tradition' at the Society of Biblical Literature conference in San Antonio, Texas, 19-22 November 2016.
- Renate Smithuis gave a presentation on the Hebrew manuscripts project at the British Library's conference on Digital Humanities. 21 November 2016.
- Stefania Silvestri 20 Nov 2016 – The Jewish Ghetto of Venice: Its History, Culture and Women, at "Jews of Venice: 500 Years since the Establishment of the Jewish Ghetto in Venice". Oxford University Chabad Society, Oxford, UK.
- Stefania Silvestri 26 Sept 2016 – HeSMaC: Catalogue of the Manuscripts in Hebrew Scripts from the John Rylands Library, at "COMSt: Lookind Back – Looking Ahead", Universität Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut, Hamburg, Germany.
- Stefania Silvestri 18-21 July 2016 – Le'azim, tafsir, translations, instructions: vernacular additions in Hebrew script. A glance at the manuscripts from the John Rylands University Library, at SHARP 2016 "Languages of the Book", Paris, France.
- Stefania Silvestri 27-29 June 2016 – Codices, Scrolls, Amulets - Creating an Online Catalogue and Digital Platform for the Manuscripts in Hebrew Script at the John Rylands Library (with Dr Renate Smithuis and Nienke Valk), at "The Other Within - The Hebrew and Jewish Collections of the John Rylands Library", John Rylands Library, Manchester, UK.
- Philip Alexander ('Belief v Practice in Judaism and Christianity') Limmud, Liverpool, 6 November 2016.
- Daniel Langton ('Isn't Atheism an Appropriate Response to the Shoah?'). Limmud, Liverpool, 6 November 2016.
- Daniel Langton gave a paper to the Jewish Historical Society of England entitled 'Wandering Jews in England's Green and Pleasant Land' at 7pm on Thu 20 October 2016, UCL, London.
- Renate Smithuis gave a paper entitled 'Donning Borrowed Clothes: Judah Halevi and Shi'i Theology' at a BIPS workshop on 'Interactions of Muslim Intellectuals and Institutions with those of other Faiths in the Medieval Persianate World' at the British Academy in London. 7 September 2016
- Katharina Keim presented a paper on 'The Samaritan Correspondence of Dr Moses Gaster' at the ninth Congress of the Société d'études Samaritaines (31 July to 5 August) at the Protestant Theological Faculty at Charles University in Prague.
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 18 July 2017, Institut Français, München, and Akademie für Politische Bildung, Institut Français, panel : 'The Holocaust in France' (commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup)
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 2 July 2017, round table at the Shoah Memorial, Paris 'Regards d'ailleurs sur le nazisme' (Foreign views on national-socialism)
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 18 May 2017, lecture in the French ministry of Foreign Affairs on the book 'The reports from Berlin'.
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 27 October 2016, Jüdischen Bibliothek, Hannover, Germany, 'Hass im Internet – Fremdenhass und Antisemitismus online'.
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 22 October 2016, Battle of Ideas, Barbican Centre, London, presentation at the panel 'Antisemitism Revisited'.
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 25 September 2016, Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris, presentation at the round table: 'L'engagement des femmes dans les réseaux de sauvetage' (Women in rescue networks)

Knowledge transfer:

Bill Williams and PhD student Tereza Ward have established a new blog called 'Fragments', featuring the historical miscellanea left behind by everyday people living in Manchester, including Jews. March 2017

PhD student Marton Ribary has written a post for 'The Talmud Blog' on the interface of Digital Humanities and the study of Rabbinic Literature. March 2017

Panel discussions:

Jean-Marc Dreyfus contributed to a panel on 'Antisemitism Revisited' at the Battle of Ideas, Barbican Centre, London, 22 October 2016.

HOME, Manchester, "Zero Motivation" followed by Q&A with Dr Moshe Behar, Cineworld, Didsbury, 20 Oct 2016.

HOME, Manchester, "Sacred Sperm", followed by Q&A with Dr Alana Vincent and Prof. Philip Alexander, 5 July 2017

Additional public engagement activities

Stefania Silvestri published five catalogue entries (used also as exhibition captions) for the exhibition "Venice, The Jews and Europe. 1516-2016" (Venice, Doge's Palace, 19 June-13 November 2016).

8. Key Research Publications over the 12 month period

Additional Category: Academic Journal produced at CJS	Books	Edited Collections	Journal Articles	Chapters in Books	Reports and Other Outputs
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Centre-edited journal: *Melilah – Manchester Journal of Jewish Studies*: D. Langton (ed.), *Atheism, Scepticism and Challenges to Monotheism*, *Melilah* Vol. 12 (2016).

Melilah is an academic, interdisciplinary, peer reviewed and open access Journal edited from the Centre. For the journal's website, see: <http://www.melilahjournal.org/>

Books authored or edited by current and recent CJS Fellows or associates (selection):

1. Katharina Keim, *Pirqei deRabbi Eliezer: Structure, Coherence, Intertextuality*. AJEC 96 (Leiden: Brill, 2017)
2. Jean-Marc Dreyfus, *Les rapports de Berlin: André François-Poncet et le national-socialisme* (Reports from Berlin: André François-Poncet and national-socialism) (Paris: Fayard, 2016).
3. George J. Brooke and Renate Smithuis (eds), *Jewish Education from Antiquity to the Middle Ages: Studies in Honour of Philip S. Alexander*, *Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity* 100 (Brill, 2017)
4. Maria Cioată (co-ed.), *Is There a Text in this Cave? Studies in the Textuality of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Honour of George J. Brooke*. Editor with Ariel Feldman, Charlotte Hempel (Leiden: Brill, 2017).

Academic Journal articles and book chapters:

- Lauren Banko, 'Claiming identities in Palestine: Migration and Nationality under the Mandate,' *Journal of Palestine Studies*, vol. 46, Winter 2017, 26-43.
- Simon Mayers, "'Monuments" to the Truth of Christianity: Anti-Judaism in the Works of Adam Clarke', *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library*, 93:1 (Spring 2017).
- Moshe Behar, '1911: The Birth of the Mizrahi–Ashkenazi Controversy' in *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 16:2 (2017), 312-331. This was published in the special section, guest-edited by Dr Behar, entitled 'Fusing Arab Nahda, European Haskalah and Euro-Zionism: Eastern Jewish thought in late-Ottoman and post-Ottoman Palestine'.
- Richard Fay and L. Davcheva, 'Zones of interculturality and linguistic identity: Tales of Ladino by Sephardic Jews in Bulgaria', 24-40, in P. Holmes et al, eds, *Intercultural dialogue: Questions of research, theory and practice* (London: Routledge, 2016).
- Cathy Gelbin and Sander L. Gilman, eds, *Jews on the Move: Particularist Universality in Modern Cosmopolitanist Thought*, *European Review of History* 23:5/6 (Routledge Journals, 2016).
- Adrian Curtis, 'From People and Book to Text in Context: Volumes that Speak Volumes, in John Jarick (ed.) *SOTS at 100: Centennial Essays of the Society for Old Testament Study* (London: Bloomsbury, 2017).
- Adrian Curtis, 'To map or not to map? A biblical dilemma', in John Barton (ed.), *The Hebrew Bible: a Critical Companion* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2016), 557-573.
- George Brooke, 'Modelling Jeremiah Traditions in the Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls. A Response to Eibert Tigchelaar,' in *Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, and Transformation* (ed. H. Najman and K. Schmid; JSJSup 173; Leiden: Brill, 2017), 307–18.
- George Brooke, 'Patterns of Presthood, Priestliness and Priestly Functions in Second Temple Period Texts,' *Judaïsme ancien – Ancient Judaism* 4 (2016).
- George Brooke, 'New Perspectives on the Significance of the Scrolls for the New Testament and Early Christian Literature,' *Dead Sea Discoveries* 23 (2016): 267–79. Further information
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus, 'Une mauvaise réputation: le docteur Julius Hallervorden et sa collection de cerveaux dans la République Fédérale d'Allemagne' (A bad reputation: Dr. Julius Hallervorden and his collection of brains in the Fédéral Republic of Germany), *XXme Siècle Revue d'Histoire*, 131, July-September 2016, 139-150.
- Alex Samely, 'Jewish Studies and Reading' in G. Langer and C. Cordoni (eds.), 'Let the Wise Listen and Add to Their Learning'. *Festschrift for Günter Stemberger on the Occasion of his 75th Birthday* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016), 757–789.
- Alex Samely, "Educational Mechanisms in Ancient Jewish Literature. An Overview of Unknowns", in G. Brooke and R. Smithuis (eds.), *Jewish Education from Antiquity to the Middle Ages: Studies in Honour of Philip S. Alexander* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), pp. 147–200
- Moshe Behar, 'Past and Present Perfect of Israel's One-State Solution' in *Israel and Palestine Alternative Perspectives on Statehood*, John Ehrenberg and Yoav Peled, eds (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 243-270.
- George Brooke, 'The Visualisation of the Sacred at Qumran,' in *Sybil, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy* (ed. J. Baden, H. Najman and E.J.C. Tigchelaar; JSJSup 175; Leiden: Brill, 2017), 225–40.
- George J. Brooke, 'Choosing between Papyrus and Skin: Cultural Complexity and Multiple Identities in the Qumran Library' in Mladen Popović, Myles Schoonover and Marijn Vandenberghe, eds., *Jewish Cultural Encounters in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern World* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 119-135.
- George J. Brooke, 'What is Editing? What is an Edition? Towards a Taxonomy for Late Second Temple Jewish Literature,' *Insights into Editing in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East: What Does Documented Evidence Tell Us about the Transmission of Authoritative Texts?* (ed. R. Müller and J. Pakkala; CBET 84; Leuven: Peeters, 2017), 23–40.

George J. Brooke, 'Isaiah in Some of the Non-Scriptural Dead Sea Scrolls' in F. Wilk & P. Gemeinhardt (eds), *Transmission and Interpretation of the Book of Isaiah in the Context of Intra- and Interreligious Debates* (Peeters: Leuven, 2016), 243-60.

George Brooke, 'MS 1909: 1QRule of Blessings (1Q28b) frg. 25a, 1QSb V 22–25,' in *Gleanings from the Caves: Dead Sea Scrolls and Artefacts from the Schøyen Collection* (ed. T. Elgvin with K. Davis and M. Langlois; LSTS 71; London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016), 273–281.

Michael Hilton, 'In Memory of Rosemary' in *Terror, Trauma and Tragedy: Rabbinic Responses*, Jonathan Romain and David Mitchell, eds (Movement for Reform Judaism: London, 2016), 41-46.

9. Statement of planned activities for the next 12 months

Among the planned research and other activities, partly following the plan we set out when gaining the above-mentioned grant of £269,381 grant for the period Jan 2016–Aug 2018 (see above under 1), are the following:

1. The third post-graduate research training event for UK doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers. Feedback questionnaires from the first events were overwhelmingly positive. Illustrative comments include: “Enjoyed pretty much everything”, “Very, very useful and interesting”, “Excellent idea and well executed”, “Wonderful workshop with generous and passionate speakers”, “This event is the single most useful training opportunity (including last years) in my time as postgraduate and postdoctoral research”, “It was one of the best experiences during my PhD”, “It was extremely useful! Combination of practical and academic information was unique. The best workshop I've ever attended”, “This is the only practical event which I came across in the UK that combines academic and non-academic experience”, “Hugely useful event. Unique, specific and practical.” Most said that they rated the event as “very important” to them and all said that they would recommend it to a friend. The PDF of the (23 question) feedback forms is available upon request.
2. Research network meeting academics with the Northern Jewish Studies partners (probably in June 2018).
3. Further resource enhancement projects dealing with holdings of the John Rylands University Library.
4. To host the fourth annual Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series. Speaker will be Prof. Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa) speaking on “Bystanders and the Holocaust in Poland”, 29-30 January 2018.
5. To host the first “Sherman Conversation in Jewish Studies”, a workshop on Jewish Studies and Gender in September 2017 (convened by Dr K. Stuerzenhofecker)
6. To organise the twenty-fourth Sherman Community Lecture, details to be announced.
7. Providing support for a new level 3 Hebrew language course, and for the continuation of levels 1 and 2 Hebrew language (with fee bursaries for non-credit participants nominated by the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester; open to non-credit participation from Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership universities), pioneering a combination of class room and online interactive delivery of teaching and student activities.
8. Continued grant application activity, both external and internal funding (SALC RSF, RNF, JRR).
9. Continued research seminar series (for the provisional programme see: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/research-seminars/>)
10. Apply for new grant from European Hub funder after August 2018.

10. Resources

Office

Centre's administrator Laura Mitchell works in a shared office space with retired staff and CJS fellows.

Library

The Bill Williams Library is currently inaccessible. Books and other materials are still in boxes after the move to a new location within Samuel Alexander. The completed catalogue of the holdings is published on the Centre's website.

Website

The website is updated on a regular basis and continues to list and archive entries on publications and events. The video recordings of the annual Bogdanow Lecture series in Holocaust Studies are also made available for the public on our website.

11. Teaching Summary

Hebrew language teaching

The Centre is committed to maintain the availability of credit-bearing Hebrew language teaching (levels 1-3) for the significant number of Manchester University students who take our broad range of Jewish Studies courses. As planned, level 1 (8 students) and 2 (2 students) Hebrew were offered this year (2016–17). Next year there will be level 1, 2 and 3 courses.⁷

Overview of Jewish Studies undergraduate course units offered in 2016/17 (including student numbers)

1. Introduction to Judaism – 27
2. Introduction to the History of Jewish-Christian Relations – 25
3. Holocaust Theology – 26
4. Introduction to Biblical Hebrew - 5
5. Modern Hebrew Language Level 1 – 3
6. Modern Hebrew Language Level 2 - 2
7. Modern Hebrew Language Level 3 - 3
8. Israeli Media - 3
9. The History of Palestine/Israel (1882-1967) – 33
10. Colonialism, Imperialism and Identity in Palestine 1860-1948 – 20
11. Jewish Philosophy and Ethics – 28
12. Religion, Ethics and the Environment (which has a substantial Judaism section) – 25
13. Religion, Culture and Gender (Jewish and Christian perspectives) - 41
14. Screening the Holocaust – 30
15. Gender, Sexuality, Race – 21
16. Introduction to Judaism - 25

MA level: Total of enrolments in Jewish Studies postgraduate classes: 9

Details:

17. Introduction to Biblical Hebrew – 3
18. Jews among Christians and Muslims – 6

⁷ www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/modern-hebrew/

Fee bursaries for MA students in Jewish Studies

These bursaries are offered for MA students in Religions and Theology who choose Jewish Studies as their main study focus (support for 3 bursaries in academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18, respectively). Three bursaries have been allocated to deserving candidates for the academic year beginning Sept 2017; two plan to begin PhDs next year.

Postgraduate research training⁸

The second postgraduate research-training event took place on 4-6 July 2017 at the University of Manchester. Around 25 PhD students and post-doctoral researchers (17 travel stipends) from the Jewish Studies Partnership institutions and other universities in the wider UK and continental Europe participated in a range of training and information sessions, including advice sessions on funding applications, public engagement and REF2021, career planning for library, museum and publishing sectors, tips for submitting for publication, as well as a series of sessions on Current Trends in Jewish Studies and (i) Cultural Studies, (ii) Israel Studies, (iii) Social Science, and (iv) Holocaust Studies. (Last year we covered Jewish Studies and Biblical Studies, Screen Studies, Israel Studies and anti-Semitism studies.) There was also a public showing of the film *Sacred Sperm* at a prominent Manchester screen venue (HOME), followed by expert panel discussion. The programme can be found at www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/

The event has received emphatically positive feedback from participants for both years. A majority applied for financial assistance but from the verbal and written feedback it seems likely that a partial bursary would be adequate for next year. Another change in response to feedback will be to extend the programme.

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⁸ www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/