

CENTRE FOR JEWISH STUDIES THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL REPORT 2017–18

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)
EAJS (European Association for Jewish Studies)
ECR (Early Career Researcher)
ERC (European Research Council)
JRRI (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 cultures and Jewish/non-Jewish relations in the widest sense. The Centre's activities, in particular in doctoral and early career researcher training (see Table 5), innovative modern Hebrew teaching and cross-institutional collaboration in the North of the British Isles, are currently being boosted by a £269,381 external grant, to be continued in 2018–22 by another £410,071 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 included two British Academy post-docs. Members of the Centre were managing research related grants to the total value of £494,808 and of £738,269, if the non-research component of the European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies grant is included. This includes the funding for one dedicated CJS post-doc (Silvestri), but does not include additional external funding tied to three other post-docs affiliated to the CJS (£455,953). 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), visiting academics (including a Faculty of Humanities Simon Visiting Professorship), and the online journal *Melilah* edited from the Centre. It maintains an effective, up-to-date and comprehensive website (<http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/>) complemented by a twitter presence. The Centre brings together staff at home in different divisions of the School and different Schools of the University, and supports and collaborates with the John Rylands Research Institute (JRRI) in promoting the important research resources of the Library.

2. Management and membership

Co-directors: Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T), Prof. Alex Samely (R&T), Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T)
Administrator (part-time): Mrs. Laura Mitchell

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), Prof. Cathy Gelbin (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), Ms. Sophie Garside (AMES), Prof. Cathy Gelbin (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; see below).

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), Dr. Marton Ribary (Leo Baeck College Librarian, London), Rabbi David Rue (Los Angeles Beit Din), Rabbi Dr. Reuven Silverman (retired from R&T), Dr. Marcel Stoetzler (Bangor), Dr. Stefania Silvestri.

Visiting Affiliated Academics:

Prof. Brad Sabin Hill (Washington) was affiliated to the Centre during his tenure as Faculty of Humanities Simon Visiting Professor in June-July 2018.

Externally Funded Post-doctoral positions:

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 2017 - 31 Aug 2018, \$20,000.)

Dr. Maria Cioată (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, R&T, also CBS): *Moses Gaster (1856-1939): Eclectic Collector* (1 Sept 2014–31 March 2018; £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. Stefania Silvestri (Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the JRRI, Hebraica Project PI Smithuis; to become the “50 Jewish Objects” Fellow from October 2018)

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

Staffing changes and news:

- Philip Alexander was Honorary Professor at the School of Divinity, University of St Andrews.
- George Brooke was Smilde Fellow at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
- The following members were on research leave or will be on leave during the period indicated: Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History, January 2018–January 2019); Prof. Cathy Gelbin (January 2018 - January 2019).
- Mr Bill Williams died during the reporting period.

Current PhD students with their topics and supervisors (10): Adi Bharat, Representations of Jewish-Muslim Relations in Contemporary France (McGonagle and Lebrun), Julianne Burnett, Was Moses a Magician? (Swanson), Fabienne Cheung, Identity in play: Michel Leiris, Georges Perec, and Marcel Bénabou (Tidd and Brillaud), Dominika Cholewinska-Vater, Contested loyalties in war: Polish-Jewish relations within the Anders Army' (Ochman and Dreyfus), 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), Samuel Rogers, Ethnic Ethics: Hearing

Jesus' Teachings in Luke as a Minority in Antiquity (Oakes and Klutz), Emma Berg Saavedra, 'Jewishness, Zakar, and Writing: Yiddishkait as a Textual Identity' (Pearl and Gelbin), 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 2017–18:

Peter Baesick Choi graduated July 2018 with a thesis on Leviticus in the Dead Sea Scrolls (Brooke), Marton Ribary graduated in July 2018 with a thesis on Legal abstraction in Roman and Rabbinic law (Samely, Parkin and Giglio).

3. Objectives and progress made over the 12 month period

European Hub for Jewish Studies. The reporting period contained the final year of funding received into the University of a 2.5-year total of £269,381 by an external European foundation. The grant is for some of the Centre's activities in the period January 2016–August 2018. The Centre has been awarded a further 4 years of funding of £410,071 for the period September 2018-August 2022.

Catalogues, Research dissemination of John Rylands Holdings: Collaboration with the John Rylands Research Institute continues to be strong, with work funded by a £120,000 Rylands Hebraica grant ongoing (Smithuis), which was renewed for another £90,000 with effect from October 2018. The British Academy post-doctoral research on Gaster (Keim, Cioată) also continued. Prof. Brad Sabin Hill (Washington), who was Simon Visiting Professor in June-July 2018, produced catalogues of Moses Gaster's printed Hebrew and Yiddish books held at the John Rylands, after earlier writing the Research Guide to the Marmorstein Collection following his visit to the Centre last year (November 2017).¹

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 has significantly increased beyond the University's boundaries.² A research network meeting took place in June 2018 involving Jewish Studies academic staff from Northern UK Partner institutions, although attendance was weaker than in earlier years (we are rethinking the model for these meetings for 2019). The School's Research Grant Writer, Dr Aaron Mcgaughey, and Research Manager, Ms Raksha Parma, as well as Mr Ed Salter, presented funding information at the meeting. 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, French and Drama, and a meeting of Manchester CJS members to discuss future strategy took place 9 May 2018.

Manchester's Centre for Jewish Studies has a strong digital humanities profile. This includes, but is not restricted to, academic outputs. The following aspects and techniques should be mentioned:

1. *Dissemination of Research:* Podcasts (CJS Bogdanows, CJS Shermans);³ Open Access journals (CJS *Melilah*; see under 9);⁴ Online exhibitions (CJS Manchester and Zionism exhibition);⁵ Social media (CJS twitter and newsblog accounts), linking to open source scholarship in PURE.

¹ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2017/12/5/research-guide-marmorstein-collection.html>

² See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/>

³ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/past-activities/>

⁴ See: <http://www.melilahjournal.org/>

2. *New Research Approaches and Methodologies*: Cataloguing online (e.g. Rylands Hebraica catalogue); Metasites (CJS Laski online web listing); Digitising existing publications as e-texts (CJS Old Series of Melilah);⁶ 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);⁷ 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).
3. *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.⁸

National and international presence of the CJS, early career researchers and miscellaneous: CJS staff continue their strong research publication profiles in preparation REF 2020 (see Appendix), and CJS scholars maintain a strong academic and public profile (some details in section 7 below). Our website has again attracted international attention (20,000 page views in last 12 months), as does the online journal *Melilah* (108,303 page views in the last 6 years; see below). Our channels of communication include website, newsblog, email list and Twitter. We successfully completed 3 years of developing a pioneering a new way to teach modern Hebrew in the class room, with combined face to face and virtual interaction. This constitutes one of the key activities funded by the European foundation mentioned above.⁹ and also contributed to the training of 3 Manchester University PG students. Contributors from Manchester to the British Association for Jewish Studies (BAJS) Conference 2018 included Dominika Cholewinska-Vater, Katharina Keim, Marcel Stoetzler, Adi Bharat and Edmund Chapman.

Objectives stated in previous year's report and provide details of progress to date against planned deliverables and milestones

1. The CJS activities throughout 2017–18 were significantly enhanced and expanded by the award of a £269,381 grant for the period Jan 2016–Aug 2018 from a private European foundation (see above under 1). In early 2018, Manchester was awarded a second tranche of this grant. We remain the sole UK representative of the European Regional Hubs (one of seven in Europe, and the largest). We are the Hub of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership, linking with academics from Leeds, Durham, Edge Hill, 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.
2. The fourth research meeting of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership took place 27 June 2018.
3. The third doctoral and post-doctoral research training workshop took place on 26-28 June 2018 in the Graduate School. It included a hugely successful mock exercise for making a large grant AHRC application, supported by SALC Research Office staff (see above). We were able to provide 17 travel stipends for participants from the Northern Partner institutions and other UK Universities. This event was recognized by the North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership.

⁵ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/manchester-and-zionism/>

⁶ See: <http://www.melilahjournal.org/p/index-original-series.html>

⁷ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/darwins-jews-online-reader/>

⁹ See: <http://www.melilahjournal.org/p/index-original-series.html>

⁹ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/darwins-jews-online-reader/>

⁹ See: <http://literarydatabase.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/>

⁹ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/modern-hebrew/>

4. Following the success of our new Hub application (from September 2018), we were able to enhance SALC MA Programmes by awarding for a third year CJS-funded MA fee bursaries for the MA Religions and Theology with a Jewish Studies focus.

5. The first “Sherman Conversation” (Sept 2017), on “Judaism and Gender Studies”, which for the first time replaced the formal four-day Sherman lecture series with a more conversational, research-oriented day-long format, attracted prominent international experts in Jewish gender studies. It proved that the new format works well, and that Manchester doctoral and early career researchers find it extremely beneficial. A volume with papers arising from the event is planned, as issue of the Manchester Jewish Studies journal *Melilah* (eds. K. Stuerzenhofecker, R. Smithuis, H. Morse).

6. We organized the twenty-fourth Sherman Lecture, presented by Prof Asaf Siniver (University of Birmingham), and the fourth Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series, presented by Prof. Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa) to great topical interest (the Polish law against claiming that Poland was responsible or complicit in Nazi crimes). We make the Bogdanow lectures available as podcasts: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-lectures-2018/>

7. Scholarly publications by all members continued apace (see 9 below and Appendix).

8. Two of our emeritus members were presented with Festschrift volumes at international conferences in the reporting period: Brooke and Healey.

4. Research Awards and Applications

TITLE OF AWARD OR PROJECT	START-FINISH DATE (OR DATE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION)	PI AND CO-APPLICANTS	AWARDING BODY, AMOUNT
Hebrew manuscripts catalogue revision and digitization; Inventories and Cataloguing; in collaboration with the JRRJ	2015-2018	Smithuis, Alexander	A prestigious European Jewish foundation, £120,000
<i>Related:</i> Post-Doc Appointment in Israel and/or Palestine Studies (see note i)	2015–18	Behar, Banko	Pears Foundation, £142,000
The Doubting Jew: Atheism, Jewish Thought and Interfaith Relations Source of funding: AHRC Leadership Fellow	2016–17	Langton	AHRC Leadership Fellowship £139,964
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
<i>Related:</i> 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)
Simon Visiting Professorship in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, nominated and hosted by the Centre for Jewish Studies	June–August 2018	Prof. Hill (sponsored Samely, Langton)	Faculty of Humanities at the University of Manchester, £3400

Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, Paris, research mission in Lithuania	2017-2018	Dreyfus	Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, €1600 (£1400)
Corpses of the Holocaust: The Treatment of Corpses as Described in the Video Testimonies of the USC Shoah Foundation	2017-2018	Dreyfus	USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, €30,000 (£26,300)
Postdoctoral Fellow: 'Rescue, Indifference and Everything Else In-between: The Catholic Church and the Holocaust in Romania, 1938-1948'	1 Sept 2017 - 31 Aug 2018	Popa	Saul Kagan Claims Conference, \$20,000 (£15,710)
Katz Center Visiting fellowship" Nature between Science and Religion: Darwin's Jews	Sept 2017– Jan 2018	Langton	University of Pennsylvania, \$30,000 (£23,565)
Abulafia's Secrets of the Torah in the Kabbalistic Library of Pico della Mirandola (1463-94)	2017-2018	Smithuis	British Academy Small Grant, £10,000
The Manchester Agunah Research Project: Collecting evidence of impact	Oct 2017 – July 2018	Langton	SALC Impact Support Fund, £1500
Lives and Afterlives of Letters	2017-2018	Keim (lead applicant)	SALC Research Network Fund, £2495
Lives and Afterlives of Letters	October 2017 – June 2018	Keim (co-applicant)	JRRI Collaboration Grant , £2959
'New Memory Actors in Post-Socialist Space, Before & After Crimea', The Manchester-Melbourne Humanities Consortium Fund	May 2018 and June 2018	Joint PI Ochman (with Mark Edele and Julie Fedor, Melbourne University)	£2395 (Manchester) \$ AUS 7500 (Melbourne)
Censorship under Communism	2017–18	Gelbin Co-I (with Prof. S. Parker)	Manchester-Melbourne Consortium Fund £4900 contributed by UoM
<i>Awarded: "50 Jewish Objects" Fellowship</i>	<i>Oct. 2018– July 2021</i>	<i>Samely, Langton</i>	<i>135,501 (salary costs £125,464 + £10,037 overheads)</i>
<i>Related Awarded: European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies/Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership</i>	<i>Sept. 2018– August 2022</i>	<i>Samely, Langton</i>	<i>Prestigious European Jewish Foundation: £410,071 (including the sum in the preceding row)</i>

<i>Awarded: Exploring and Revealing The John Rylands Library's Persian and Hebrew Collections</i>	<i>Jan. 2019 – Dec. 2020</i>	<i>Alexander (Smithuis)</i>	<i>Prestigious European Jewish Foundation; £90,000</i>
<i>Awarded: To publish a book on Modern Mizrahi Thought in the 20th Century</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>Behar</i>	<i>The Euro-Mediterranean Institute for Inter-Civilization Dialog (NIS 36,000, c. £6610)</i>

Notes:

(i) Related funding: Dr Lauren Banko held 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 (*starred items advertised to the public; see 8 below)

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

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKERS	APPROX ATTENDANCE
4 September 2017	Sherman Conversations 2017 "Judaism and Gender Studies"	With Judith Baskin, Ruth Gilbert, Lisa Fishbayn Joffe and Melissa Raphael. Chaired by Katja Stuerzenhofecker	25
24 October 2017, 7 Nov 2017, 14 Nov 2017	*Holocaust Reading Group Open to the Public: "The History of Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust"	Jean-Marc Dreyfus	4
8 November 2017	*The Balfour Declaration, Reflections for the Centenary	Philip Alexander, Lauren Banko, Moshe Behar, Jean-Marc Dreyfus	40
13 November 2017	*Screen & Talk showing of Wilfrid Israel: The Essential Link	Q&A with Ruth Barnett and Jean-Marc Dreyfus	101
21 November 2017	*Screen & Talk showing of Remember Baghdad	Q&A with Fiona Murphy and Moshe Behar	184
6 Dec 2017	*CJS and Manchester Met History Seminar. 'The Holocaust, British Jews and Antisemitism: The 'Jew Murderer' and the Murder of the Jews.'	Tony Kushner (University of Southampton)	50
29 – 30 January 2018	*Bogdanow Lectures in Holocaust Studies: 'Bystanders and the Holocaust in Poland'	2-part lecture series and master class given by Prof. Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa)	100 (daily for lectures)
1 Feb 2018	*CJS and AMES seminar 'Jewish and Greek Communities in Egypt'	Najat Abdulhaq (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)	20

26 April 2018	*Sherman Community Lecture in Jewish Studies 2018 "25 years of Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Reasons for Failure and Prospects for Success"	Asaf Siniver (University of Birmingham)	60 (North Manchester venue)
26-28 June 2018	Third Postgraduate Research Training Workshop and Research Meeting of the Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership, University of Manchester.	Moshe Lavee (Haifa), Brad Sabin Hill (Washington), Alana Vincent (Chester), Eva Frojmovic (Leeds), Jessica Keady (Wales Trinity Saint David), Philip Alexander, Daniel Langton, Alex Samely, Elisa Tersigni	50
27 June 2018	Screen & Talk screening: "T4, un medecin sous le nazisme" ", followed by Q&A	Jean-Marc Dreyfus, advisor to the film's director, moderator: Katja Stuerzenhofecker	20
28 June 18	Collection Encounter at the John Rylands Library: Research in the Hebrew Printed Book	Brad Sabin Hill (Simon Visiting Professor)	12

6. International links (Academic and non-academic) with universities and non-academic

International links:

- Daniel Langton was programme chair and Katz Center Fellow: Project: Nature between Science and Religion. Katz Center Fellowship, **University of Pennsylvania**, \$30,000; Sept - Dec 2017
- George Brooke was Smilde Fellow at the **University of Groningen**, the Netherlands, and gave a series of lectures on *The Dead Sea Scrolls and Comparative Studies* which were live-streamed and watched by an audience of over 400 worldwide
- George Brooke was presented with Docteur ès Sciences des Religions honoris causa by the **Université de Lausanne** (June 2018)
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus contributed to the organisation of **INOgs in Marseille** (<http://inogs.com/conferences/>), 'Genocide and Mass Violence: diagnosis, treatment, and recovery? Humanities, social and medical sciences facing extreme violence' at Medical Faculty of **Aix-Marseille University** (France), 4-7 July 2018, with 150 participants. He convened the workshops on the Holocaust and organised two cultural events (the tour of Marseille in the Holocaust and the visit to Les Milles camp memorial).
- Alex Samely took part in a networking meeting of European Regional Hub Directors at the **National Library of Israel in Jerusalem**, 8–10 January 2018, with participants from a number of central and eastern European countries, as well as Israel.

7. Public engagement, media coverage and potential socio-economic impact (for details see Appendix)

Public Engagement Activities

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

- Twenty-fourth Sherman Lecture, presented by Prof Asaf Siniver (University of Birmingham) <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/sherman-lecture-2018/>

- Fourth Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series, presented by Prof. Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa) <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-lectures-2018/>
- We have regular collaborations for public engagement, as well as research, purposes with 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 “Wilfrid Israel: The Essential Link”, followed by Q&A with Ruth Barnett and Jean-Marc Dreyfus, HOME, Manchester 13 Nov 2017, “Remember Baghdad”, followed by Q&A with Fiona Murphy and Moshe Behar, HOME, Manchester, 21 Nov 2017.¹⁰

Examples of media coverage and impact include (full list in the Appendix):

- Jean-Marc Dreyfus consultant on 'The Barbie Trial, 30 years ago', Philippe Picard and Jérôme Lambert, broadcasted 22 November 2017, **France 2**.
- Jean-Marc Dreyfus consultant on the **independent TV documentary** 'La guerre du numéro 5', Olivier Benamou, Siècle Production, broadcast September 2017.
- Ion Popa's book, *The Romanian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust* (Indiana University Press, 2017) was reviewed in the **Times Literary Supplement** 27 February 2018.

8. Social Responsibility

Our centre organises or supports a number of activities related to our research which aim to make a social responsibility contribution. In addition to ad hoc and individual public engagement events for local Jewish and other faith group communities (see points 4 and 7 above, and Appendix below), these include:

- the Shermans Community Lecture on a theme of topical interest with the **Jewish community** agreed with community representatives (see above)
- auditing fee bursaries which allow three **Jewish community leadership representatives** or their nominees to learn modern Hebrew as part of their professional development
- individual interventions of Centre members in current debates to promote social cohesion in the UK in the context of religious literacy, such as (1) Prof. Langton's earlier membership of the **Archbishop of Canterbury's Jewish Forum**, as well as his contributions to the development of Religious Studies A-Level curriculum, and (2) Prof. Samely's 2018 **policy@manchester blog** in *On Cohesion*, 'Could religious tradition be the antidote to fundamentalism?' (<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=37483>)
- For events that were open to the public and advertised to the local community through our blog and newsletters please see the starred ones in table 5.

9. Key Research Publications over the 12 month period (see also Appendix B)*

Publications associated with active members that make a contribution to the work of the Centre. This enumeration is indicative rather than comprehensive. Please see the detailed list in the Appendix.

Books	Edited Collections	Journal Articles	Chapters in Books	Reports and Other Outputs
2	3	4	7	2

¹⁰ See: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/screen-and-talk/>

Key Selected Publications (see Appendix for fuller list):**Authored Books**

Cathy Gelbin and Gilman, S. L., *Cosmopolitanisms and the Jews* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press 2017)

Ion Popa, *The Romanian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust* (Indiana University Press, 2017)
(Reviewed in the Times Literary Supplement 27 February 2018)

Edited Volumes

Cathy Gelbin and Gilman, S. L. (ed.) *Jews on the move. Modern cosmopolitanist thought and its others* (London: Routledge 2018)

George J. Brooke, Adrian Curtis, Muntasir al-Hamad, Rex Smith (eds.), *Near Eastern and Arabian Essays: Studies in Honour of John F. Healey* (JSS Supplement 41; Oxford: OUP, 2018)

Journal

Cathy Gelbin, D. Rechter. and D. Wildmann (eds.) *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book: The Journal for the Study of German-Jewish History and Culture* (Oxford University Press 2017)

10. Statement of planned activities for the next 12 months

1. 2018-19 will see the beginning of a suite of new Centre for Jewish Studies activities, to be funded from the above-mentioned grant of £410,071 for the period Sept 2018 – Aug 2022 (see above under 1): These will include:
 1. The “50 Jewish Objects” three-year research and public engagement Project, which starts in October 2018 and to which Dr Stefania Silvestri has recently been appointed (funded from the new European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies grant, see above). Initial blogs and website publications are expected from 2018–19.
 2. Workshops, displays and performances by artists and performers directed at the general public in Manchester and Northern Partnership locations, which relate to these objects and arising from the original research which Dr Silvestri will conduct. These will be commissioned from 2018–19.
 3. Our fourth post-graduate research-training workshop for UK advanced doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers. Feedback questionnaires from the earlier events were overwhelmingly and enthusiastically positive, and our event was considered pioneering in its mix of career advice, research “Current Trends” talks, and opportunities for one-to-one advice.
 4. Enhanced collaboration between Manchester and other Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership institutions, and a revamped network meetings of academics in the Northern British Isles Jewish Studies Partnership, using the framework of the new “50 Jewish Objects” project.
 5. Further resource enhancement of research use of the holdings of the John Rylands University Library: this is part of the rationale of the “50 Jewish Objects” project. The result will provide selective descriptions of objects within an innovative narrative framework.
 6. To host the fifth annual Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series. The speaker will be Prof. Tony Kushner (University of Southampton), on “Illegality: Jews and Other Humans”, 23 – 24 September 2019.
 7. Organising the twenty-fifth Sherman Community Lecture (speaker to be determined in consultation with the Education Committee of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester).
 8. Continuing support for modern Hebrew teaching, located within LEAP from 2018–19, its pioneering combination of class room and online interactive delivery of teaching and student activities. Auditing fee bursaries and fee waivers (for students elsewhere in the UK) are available.
 9. Continued grant application activity, both external and internal funding (SALC RSF, RNF, JRII).

10. PhD projects starting include two funded ones: Katherine Halls will start her project under the supervision of Dr Behar, entitled: Marriage and Gender in the Egyptian Jewish Community, 1919-1960 Source of funding: AHRC (£4k fees + £14,500 maintenance p.a.) and UoM Presidential Award (£1k). Project dates: 2018–2021; PhD student Lawrence Rabone will start his project under the supervision of Prof. Langton, entitled: The Triumph of Philo-Semitism over Anti-Semitism and the Jewish-Christian Encounter in England, 1620-1656 Source of funding: AHRC (£4k fees + £14,500 maintenance p.a.) and UoM Presidential Award (£1k). Project dates: 2018–2021.

11. Resources

Office

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

Library

The Bill Williams Jewish Studies Library is accessible on request. 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.

12. 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, levels 1, 2 and 3 of Modern Hebrew were offered this year (2017–18). Next year there will be level 1 and 2 courses.

Overview of Jewish Studies undergraduate course units offered in 2017/18

1. Introduction to Judaism - 16
2. Holocaust Theology - 34
3. Biblical Hebrew Texts
4. Bible in Ancient and Modern Worlds – 29
5. Jewish Philosophy and Ethics – 17
6. Ethical Issues and the Bible - 19
7. Modern Hebrew Language Level 1 - 7
8. Modern Hebrew Language Level 2 - 2
9. Modern Hebrew Language Level 3 - 1
10. Israeli Media -2
11. The Question of Palestine/Israel (1882-1967) - 22
12. History & Politics of the Middle East and North Africa – 44
13. Screening the Holocaust - 29
14. Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany: Comparisons, Contrasts, and Entanglement – 28
15. Arab and Jewish Nationalisms - 23

- 18. Religion, Ethics and the Environment (which has a substantial Judaism section)
- 19. Women and Gender in the Biblical World – 21
- 20. Religion, Culture and Gender (Jewish and Christian perspectives) - 36
- 21. Armed Struggle and Ideology in Palestine and Israel, 1929-2001 - 21
- 22. War, Memory and Politics of Commemoration in Eastern Europe - 18

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- 23. Interpreting Bible and Second Temple Jewish Texts - 4
- 24. Jews among Christians and Muslims - 9

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). Two bursaries have been allocated for the academic year beginning Sept 2018.

Postgraduate research training

The third postgraduate research-training event took place on 26-28 June 2018 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. 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.