

CENTRE FOR JEWISH STUDIES ANNUAL REPORT 2019–20

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 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 Northern UK and Dublin, are currently being boosted by a £410,071 grant for 2018–2022.** This is a grant from a prestigious European Foundation, for European Regional Hubs for Jewish Studies (Manchester being one of the three original centres funded in Europe). The Centre continues to function as an initiator, facilitator and host for external research grants and the research of individual post-doctoral fellows. Members of the Centre were managing research related grants to the total value of £312,479 and of £587,049, 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). 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), 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 (JRRRI) 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), Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History);
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), Prof. Cathy Gelbin (Drama).

Core CJS members within Manchester University: Dr. Moshe Behar (AMES), Prof. Cathy Gelbin (Drama), Prof. Daniel Langton (R&T), Dr. Ewa Ochman (REES), Prof. Alex Samely (R&T), Dr. Katja Stuerzenhofecker (R&T), Dr. Stefania Silvestri.

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), Ms. Sophie Garside (retired from AMES), Ms. Malka Hodgson (retired from AMES), Prof. Yaron Matras (emeritus Linguistics) Prof. Ursula Tidd (emeritus Modern Languages/French).

Affiliated Research Fellows: Dr Katharina Keim (Lund University), Prof Avishalom Westreich (Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem) Dr Renate Smithuis (now Heidelberg, see below), Dr. Rocco Bernasconi (Facoltà di Teologia di Lugano, previously a post-doc in MES), Rabbi Dr. Michael Hilton (London, Leo Baeck College), Prof. Les Lancaster (retired from Liverpool John Moores), Dr. Ion Popa (University of Bucharest), Dr. Marton Ribary (University of Surrey), Rabbi David Rue (Los Angeles Beit Din), Rabbi Dr. Reuven Silverman (retired from R&T), Dr. Marcel Stoetzler (Bangor).

Note: Rabbi David Rue, chief justice of the Beit Din (rabbinical court) of Los Angeles has been made honorary research fellow and is working towards an externally-funded two-volume Hebrew study of the Agunah problem, drawing upon the research carried out by Prof. Bernard Jackson's major research project at Manchester (2004-2009). The results of this will constitute REF-reportable impact of the earlier project; see 7 below.

Externally Funded Post-doctoral positions:

Dr. Stefania Silvestri ("50 Jewish Objects" Fellow from October 2018)

Staffing changes and news:

- The following members were on research leave during the period indicated: Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus (History, 2019-2020);
- Renate Smithuis, lecturer in Medieval Jewish Studies and Principal Investigator of the Catalogue of Codices, Scrolls, and Other Texts in Hebrew Script until September 2019 is now a CJS Honorary Research Fellow.¹

Current PhD students with their topics and supervisors (7): Sherry Ashworth, The Reception of the Book of Esther in Nineteenth Century Novels (Langton and Morse), Julianne Burnett, Was Moses a Magician? (Swanson), Robert Kanter, 'A History of Jewish-Muslim Relations in the UK, c. 1900-1999' (Langton and Dreyfus), Richard Liantonio, The Basis of Divine Pleasure in the Psalms (Swanson), Lawrence Rabone, 'The Triumph of Philo-Semitism over Anti-Semitism and the Jewish-Christian Encounter in England, 1620-1656.' (Langton and Alexander), Emma Berg Saavedra, 'Jewishness, Zakar, and Writing: Yiddishkait as a Textual Identity' (Pearl and Gelbin), Lindy Williams, Gardens in Ezekiel: A Changing Theology of Sacred Space in Response to the Challenge of the Exile (Swanson).

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

Doctoral students who completed 2019–20:

Adi Bharat, Representations of Jewish-Muslim Relations in Contemporary France (McGonagle and Lebrun), 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), Eyal Clyne, Orientalism in Israeli Academia (Erica

¹ See: <https://www.hfjs.eu/hochschule/dozenten/wimis/smithuis.html>

Burman) Izabella Goldstein, Songs of the Jewish Underworld in Pre-World War Two Warsaw (Bithell and Fanning),

3. Objectives and progress made over the 12 month period

Highlights

European Regional Hub for Jewish Studies. 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 (formerly Smithuis, now Alexander), which was renewed for another £90,000 with effect from October 2018.

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 boundaries². A research network meeting of the Northern UK and Dublin Jewish Studies Partnership (whose Hub Manchester is) took place in February 2020 involving Jewish Studies academic staff from Northern UK Partner institutions. Throughout the year we continued to provide a meeting ground for academics in Manchester University 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 and Drama.

Manchester's Centre for Jewish Studies has a strong digital humanities profile. This includes, but is not restricted to, academic outputs. The areas include, Public Engagement Dissemination of Research and Open Access Journal,³ New Research Approaches and Methodologies, Social Media Public Engagement (e.g. "50 Jewish Objects" website blogs, twitter), Cataloguing online, and a Virtual Classroom Modern Language Teaching Pilot. For more details, please see last year's report.

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 (17,856 page views in last 12 months), as does the online journal Melilah (127,434 page views in the last 7 years; see below); Prof. Browning's Manchester Bogdanow Lectures 2015 have had 45,046 views on YouTube to date.⁴ Our channels of communication include website, newsblog, email list and Twitter. We successfully completed 5 years of developing a pioneering a new way to teach modern Hebrew in the class room, with combined face to face and virtual interaction (Modern Hebrew, now located in the University Language Centre and available through LEAP). This constitutes one of the key activities funded by the European foundation mentioned above. The CJS has successfully made the case that both the Fortunoff and Shoah Foundation Holocaust video testimonies collections should be added to the Library's online resources.

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

³ <http://www.melilahjournal.org/>

⁴ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_advxc5DTs

Objectives

Details of progress to date against planned deliverables and milestones:

1. Dr Silvestri continued her work as Research Associate for the “50 Jewish Objects” project (appointed in October 2018), up to her June 2020 maternity leave. Dr Silvestri will return to work in Spring 2021. For some of the details of the work she has been doing see: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-blog/> Dr Silvestri’s brief is to conduct research on, and present to the public, 50 Jewish artefacts at Manchester and other academic partner institutions in the Northern UK, and in due course produce entries for each of them arranged in a narrative thread.
2. Dr Silvestri introduced the 50 Jewish Objects project at the event held at the John Rylands Library (7 November 2019), followed by a presentation by Ms Ruti Worrall, director and composer, and a performance by the Menorah Synagogue Choir, relating to a manuscript of synagogue music, which is one of the 50 Jewish Objects. Blogs and website publications throughout 2019–20⁵. Workshops, displays and performances by artists and performers addressed to the general public in Manchester and Northern Partnership locations, which relate to these objects and arising from the original research which Dr Silvestri has begun to conduct. The second major artwork was commissioned in April 2020 after the artist’s engagement period in Feb-April 2019.⁶ Ms Dale’s workshop was planned at the John Ryland Library for 25 March 2020 but had to be postponed due to COVID-19. <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-events-20/>

There have been five further artists appointed to work on smaller creative projects. Three of these have been completed: (1) 'Jewish Voices: Songs from the Collections' musical manuscript that has been re interpreted by Ruti Worrall, director and composer, and was performed by the Menorah Synagogue Choir (7 November 2019). (2) 'Museum of Me Collage' Artist Helena Tomlin created a piece of work in response to two objects she has selected from the 50 Jewish objects at the John Rylands Library an Esther scroll and a marriage contract. She gave a workshop to the public on 19 February 2020. (3) Kremena Dimitrova. 'Deconstruct: Reconstruct - Turning a 14C Jewish Manuscript into 21C Comic Strips'. For all three projects, see <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-artwork/?SSLoginOk=true>; see the 2020 Newsletter of the British Association for Jewish Studies (pp. 14–16).

3. Two further appointments of artists have been made (Leo Mercer, Twitter poems on selected 50 Jewish Objects – <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-blog/2020/7/15/artists-corner-leo-mercero-blogpost-2.html>; Atar Hadari, poetry on the figure of Jesus from a Jewish perspective, related to Manchester St John’s Gospel fragment – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-hZ6l383ec>) and others are in the pipeline. These artists’ projects involve preparing artwork or displays, conduct workshops, or produce performances that allow a variety of audiences to engage with the “50 Jewish Objects”.
4. The 50 Jewish Objects project has also been showcased as part of a new initiative of the Board of Deputies, supported by RFHE, “Celebrating Jewish Archives in Britain - Hidden

⁵ <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-blog/>

⁶ <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-blog/2020/4/6/interview-with-the-artist-nicola-dale.html>

Treasures”: https://celebratingjewisharchives.org/archives_locations/jewish-and-hebrew-collections-at-the-john-rylands-library-and-manchester-university-library/We enhanced collaboration between Manchester and other Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership institutions, and devoted to research methodology, networking and funding meeting Jewish Material Culture, using as framework the new “50 Jewish Objects” project. The meeting took place in February 2020.

5. Further resource enhancement of research use of the holdings of the John Rylands University Library is an integral part of the “50 Jewish Objects” project. The result will provide selective descriptions of objects within an innovative narrative framework (point 1 above)
6. We hosted, exceptionally in September, 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. The sixth annual Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture was hosted on 28-29 January 2020 delivered by Prof. Dina Porat (Tel Aviv University) and Chief Historian of Yad Vashem, on 'The Holocaust in political life: Israel and Europe in comparison'.
7. The twenty-sixth Sherman Community Lecture was due to be delivered by Miri Freud-Kandel (Oxford) 'Spades and Shovels: Jacobs, Northern Grit, and the Reshaping of British Jewry' in May 2020 but has been postponed due to COVID-19. see table 5.
8. Members of the Centre have continued their vigorous grant application activity, both external and internal funding; see below for some recent successes.
9. The 2019 – 2020 Sherman Conversations were planned for May 2020 on the theme of Beyond ‘Jewish-Muslim Relations’. Due to COVID-19 the event was postponed.
10. PhD projects started during the year Sherry Ashworth ‘The Reception of the Book of Esther in Nineteenth Century Novels’ under Prof. Langton’s supervision.

4. Research Awards and Applications (expand table as necessary)

Title and Duration of Award	Start-Finish Date (or Application Submission Date)	PI and Co-applicants	Awarding Body, Amount
Awarded: “50 Jewish Objects” Fellowship	Oct. 2018–July 2021	Samely, Langton	£135,501 (salary costs £125,464 + £10,037 overheads)
Related Awarded: European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies/Northern UK Jewish Studies Partnership	Sept. 2018–August 2022	Samely, Langton	Prestigious European Jewish Foundation: £410,071 (including the sum in the preceding row)
Awarded: Exploring and Revealing The John Rylands Library’s Persian and Hebrew Collections	Jan. 2019 – Dec. 2020	Alexander (Smithuis)	Prestigious European Jewish Foundation; £90,000

Dutch and French missions in search of corpses, in comparison, 1946-1960	2020-20	Dreyfus	The Netherlands Institute for Advance Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Amsterdam €19,000
Corpses of the Holocaust	2019-20	Dreyfus	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Mandel Centre for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Shapiro Senior Fellowship Amount awarded: \$43000
Post-Holocaust exhumations	2018-20	Dreyfus	USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research \$30,000
The Goering catalogue. A collection of art and of blood', Schuch Production, Paris, for ARTE TV channel	2019-20	Dreyfus	Claims Conference award on documentary film (USD 25000)
Book titled 'Vollrath von Maltzan : De Hitler à Adenauer, un ambassadeur'	2019-20	Dreyfus	Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, Paris. euros 3500 for the publication of JMD's new book
ICUB Young Researchers Fellowship for the period October 2019-September 2020.	2019-20	Popa	Institute of Research (ICUB), University of Bucharest
Understanding 'the other': The nursing profession and Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe	2018-20 (extended to 21 due to COVID-19)	Brooks	Barbara Brodie Fellowship Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Historical Nursing Inquiry, University of Virginia \$3,000

5. Research events organised (expand table as necessary)

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

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKERS	APPROX ATTENDANCE
23-24 Sept 2019	Bogdanow Lectures in Holocaust Studies: 'Illegality: Jews and Other Humans'	3-part lecture series and master class given by Prof. Tony Kushner (University of Southampton)	80
17 Oct 2019	Scriptural Encounter meeting 'Holy Places, principally Jerusalem (extending to Israel/Palestine) and Mecca'.	Led by Prof Philip Alexander (Manchester) and Rabbi Dr Reuven of Manchester Reform Synagogue	30
24 Oct 2019	Short course on Being Jewish in Victorian Fiction. Novel for this session was Daniel Deronda (George Eliot 1876)	Sherry Ashworth	13
31 Oct 2019	Short course on Being Jewish in Victorian Fiction. Novel for this session was Reuben Sachs (Amy Levy 1888)	Sherry Ashworth	5
7 Nov 2019	50 Jewish Objects performance and presentation at the John Rylands Library	Ruti Worrall and the Menorah Choir and Stefania Silvestri	88
14 Nov 2019	Short course on Being Jewish in Victorian Fiction. Novel for this session was Children of the Ghetto (Israel Zangwill 1899)	Sherry Ashworth	6
14 Nov 2019	Scriptural Encounter meeting 'Holy Places, principally Jerusalem (extending to Israel/Palestine) and Mecca'.	Led by Prof Philip Alexander (Manchester) and Rabbi Dr Reuven of Manchester Reform Synagogue	30
17 Nov 2019	Screen & Talk showing of 'Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles'. As part of the UK Jewish Film Festival.	Shown at HOME cinema in Manchester	50-100 (do not have figures at the moment)
12 Dec 2019	Scriptural Encounter meeting 'Holy Places, principally Jerusalem (extending to Israel/Palestine) and Mecca'.	Led by Prof Philip Alexander (Manchester) and Rabbi Dr Reuven of Manchester Reform Synagogue	30

28-29 Jan 2020	Bogdanow Lectures in Holocaust Studies. 'The Holocaust in political life: Israel and Europe in comparison'	3-part lecture series and master class given by Prof. Dina Porat (Tel Aviv University) and Chief Historian of Yad Vashem.	150
12 Feb 2020	CJS and JMRN panel and plenary on "Belonging and alienation in academic practices: Jewish studies and Jewish identities in comparative perspective",	Aaron Hughes (Rochester University), Sami Everett (Cambridge) and Alex Samely (Manchester).	10
19 Feb 2020	Artist Helena Tomlin gave a public workshop on 'Museum of Me Collage' as part of the 50 Jewish Objects project. Manchester Central Library.	Artist Helena Tomlin	8
28 May 2020	Scriptural Encounter meeting. The theme was Islam and Women, looking mainly at issues of witnessing, leadership, and modesty. The meeting was hosted online through Zoom.	Presenter Dr Shuruq Naguib. Organised by Rabbi Dr Reuven of Manchester Reform Synagogue	25
25 June 2020	Scriptural Encounter meeting. The theme was Christianity and Women, looking mainly at issues of witnessing, leadership, and modesty. The meeting was hosted online through Zoom.	Presenters Rev. Dr. Caroline Wickens and Jasmine Devadason.	18
16 July 2020	Scriptural Encounter meeting. The theme was Jewish perspectives on women's leadership, Progressive and Orthodox respectively. The meeting was hosted online through Zoom.	Presenters Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen and Rabba Dina Brawer	47

Non-CJS events

5, 12 and 19 Nov 2019 George Brooke delivered the Schweich Lectures at the British Academy on 'The Dead Sea Scrolls as Archaeological Artefacts'. [Further information](#).

31 Jan 20. [Jean-Marc Dreyfus](#) organised the workshop 'Looted Music, sources and research method', in Paris. [Further information](#).

5 May 20. Moshe Behar organised the Arabic & Middle Eastern Seminar. 'A City in Fragments: inscriptions, signs and graffiti in Ottoman and British-ruled Jerusalem.' Dr Yair Wallach, Senior Lecturer in Israeli Studies, SOAS (University of London).

Planned but postponed (due to COVID-19)

25 Mar 20. Artist Nicola Dale was due to give a public workshop on her work as part of the 50 Jewish Objects project. POSTPONED.

18 May 20. Sherman Community Lecture in Jewish Studies. Miri Freud-Kandel (Oxford) 'Spades and Shovels: Jacobs, Northern Grit, and the Reshaping of British Jewry'. Postponed to Dec 20 and moved online.

19-20 May 20. JMRN Conference 2020: Beyond 'Jewish-Muslim Relations'. The Sherman Conversations 2020. POSTPONED

Screen and Talk showing 'Wall' followed by panel discussion with the director Moran Ifergan, CJS fellow Prof Cathy Gelbin, Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen, UK Jewish Film President Judy Ironside MBE. Scheduled for 22 June 2020, postponed to September 2020 and moved online.

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

Dr Ewa Ochman, SALC, The University of Manchester and Prof Mark Edele, and Dr Julie Fedor from Melbourne University. Dr Mischa Gabowitsch (Einstein Forum, Potsdam) Dr Iryna Sklokina (Centre for Urban History, Lviv, Ukraine) 2017-2019: The Manchester-Melbourne Humanities Consortium Fund, project on 'Memories of War in Post-socialist Space', 2017–2019.

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

- Dr Moshe Behar gave a public Lecture via zoon [in Hebrew]: Middle Eastern Jews before and after 1948. Hosted by Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow. 3 June 2020
- For the "Scriptural Encounters" Group see next point (Social Responsibility)
- The Centre's *Screen and Talk* film series had a public screening in November 2019 <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/screen-and-talk/>
- Artist Helena Tomlin gave a public workshop on 'Museum of Me Collage' as part of the 50 Jewish Objects project. Manchester Central Library in February 2020. <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects-events-20/>

8. Social Responsibility

Our centre organises or supports a number of activities related to our research which aim to make a social responsibility contribution. Our most recent European Hub for Jewish Studies application was designed around a core of activities that have a public engagement and social responsibility pay-off. In addition to ad hoc and individual public engagement events (see points 4 and 7 above, and Appendix below), these included in the reporting period:

- the Shermans Community Lecture on a theme of topical interest to the **Jewish community** agreed with community representatives (see above)

- the **Scriptural Encounters** group which held 7 meetings between October 2019 and August 2020, addressed to a public for the discussion of knowledge and research on sacred scripture traditions, involving participants and discussions leaders from the three faith groups Judaism, Islam and Christianity, and secular participants; (<http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/scriptural-encounter/>)
- Travel bursaries for Manchester UG and PG students to **visit Auschwitz** independently, funded from the Bogdanow and Laski accounts. Students travelled between October 2019 and June 2020. 2 students were funded out of 24 applicants. A 3rd student was awarded the bursary but could not travel due to COVID-19. Their brief reports on their experiences, often extremely interesting or moving, are published: <http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/bogdanow-activities - bogdanow-bequest>
- The provision of fee bursaries to three **Jewish community leadership representatives** or their nominees to learn modern Hebrew as part of their professional development
- We have been supporting the activities of two SALC PhD students, Adi Bharat and Katharine Halls (AMES) who have founded the **Jewish-Muslim Research Network (JMARN)** network. See <https://jmarn.co.uk/> . While being primarily a scholarly forum for researchers in Judaism and Islam and related topics, it also has major implications for public perceptions and social cohesion. We planned to sponsor a major conference organized by them in May 2020 Sherman Conversations event but this event was postponed due to COVID-19.

9. Key Research Publications over the 12 month period

Books	Edited Collections	Journal Articles	Chapters in Books	Reports and Other Outputs
2	1	6	10	4

Centre-edited journal: Melilah – Manchester Journal of Jewish Studies: K Stuerzenhofecker and R Smithuis. (ed.), Gender in Jewish Studies, Melilah Vol. 13 (2019).

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):

Dreyfus, JM., 2020, Vollrath : From Hitler to Adenauer, an Ambassador between two worlds (Vendemiaire 2020). ISBN 978-2-36358-348-2

Langton, D., 2019, Reform Judaism and Darwin: How Engaging with Evolutionary Theory Shaped American Jewish Religion (De Gruyter, 2019).

Academic Journal articles and book chapters:

Alexander, P., 2019, 'The Aramaic Bible in the East' in *Aramaic Studies* 17 (2019): 39-66. ISBN 978-0-7151-1161-1

Alexander, P., 2019, FBA, was a member of the drafting group for a major statement published by the Church of England entitled *God's Unfailing Word: Theological and Practical Perspectives on Christian–Jewish Relations*.

Behar, B., 2020, 'In Search of a Game Changer in Israel/Palestine' in *Contending Modernities : Exploring how religious and secular forces interact in the modern world..* USA, 15 p.

- Behar, B., 2020, 'Competing Marxisms, Cessation of (Settler) Colonialism, and the One-State Solution in Israel/Palestine' in *The Arab and Jewish Questions: Geographies of Engagement in Palestine and Beyond*. Bashir, B. & Farsakh, L. (eds.). New York: Columbia University Press, p. 220-249 29 p.
- Brooke, G., 2019, 'Aramaic Traditions from the Qumran Caves and the Palestinian Sources for Part of Luke's Special Material' in *Vision, Narrative, and Wisdom in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran* (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 203-220.
- Dreyfus, JM., 2020, wrote two policy papers for the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, New York. On the SNCF politics of memory towards its past in the Holocaust.
- Gelbin, C., 2020, 'From Sexual Enlightenment to Racial Antisemitism: Gender, Sex and Jewishness in Weimar Cinema's Monsters' in *Monsters and Monstrosity in Jewish History: From the Middle Ages to Modernity*. Idelson-Shein, I. & Wiese, C. (eds.). London: Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, p. 118-133
- Healey, J., 2019, "'Aramaeans' and Aramaic in Transition — Western Influences and the Roots of Aramaean Christianity", in *Research on Israel and Aram: Autonomy, Independence and Related Issues. Proceedings of the First Annual RIAB Center Conference, Leipzig, June 2016. Research on Israel and Aram in Biblical Times I (Orientalische Religionen in der Antike 34; Untersuchungen zu Aram und Israel I)* (eds. Angelika Berlejung and Aren M. Maeir), Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck, 2019. 433-446. ISBN 978-3-16-157719-2
- Healey, J., 2020, "Contracts from the Judean Desert", in *T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism 2* (eds Daniel M. Gurtner and Loren T. Stuckenbruck), London/New York: T. & T. Clark, 2020. 160-163. ISBN 978-0-5676-6094-7
- Healey, J., 2020, "Nabataea", in *T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism 2* (eds Daniel M. Gurtner and Loren T. Stuckenbruck), London/New York: T. & T. Clark, 2020. 531-533. ISBN 978-0-5676-6094-7
- Healey, J., 2020, "Palmyra", in *T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism 2* (eds Daniel M. Gurtner and Loren T. Stuckenbruck), London/New York: T. & T. Clark, 2020. 580-582. ISBN 978-0-5676-6094-7
- Healey, J., 2019, "Religion and Law in the Ancient Edessa/Urfa Region during the Period of the Abgarid Kings and in the Early Roman Period", in *Harran ve Çevresi Arkeoloji* (eds. Mehmet Önal, Süheyla İrem Mutlu and Semih Mutlu), Şanlıurfa, Şurkav Yayınları, 2019. 231-240. ISBN 978-975-7394-55-6
- Healey, J., 2020, "Late Antique Near Eastern Context: Some Social and Religious Aspects" [with Muntasar F. al-Hamad], in *The Oxford Handbook to Qur'anic Studies* (eds Mustafa Shah and Muhammad Abdel Haleem), Oxford: O. U. P., 2020. 81-96. ISBN 978-0-19-969864-6
- Healey, J., 2020, "The Sacred Mountain of Ugarit and Alalakh? Mount Kasion and Related Issues", in *Alalakh and its Neighbors: Proceedings of the 15th Anniversary Symposium at the New Hatay Archaeology Museum, June 10-12, 2015* (Ancient Near Eastern Studies Supplement Series 55) (eds K. A. Yener and T. A. Ingman), Leuven: Peeters Press. 307-16. ISBN 978-90-429-3893-9
- Healey, J., 2019, "The Pre-Christian Religions of the Syriac-speaking Regions", in *The Syriac World* (ed. Daniel King), London, Routledge, 2019. 47-67. ISBN 978-1-138-89901-8

- Ochman, E., 2020, 'When and why is the forgotten past recovered? The Battle of Warsaw, 1920 and the role of local actors in the production of memory', *Memory Studies*, vol. 13, no. 2, 2020, pp. 176–190.
- Popa, I., 2020, "Nationalism, Conspiracy Theories, and Antisemitism in the Transylvanian Greek Catholic Newspaper Dumineca on the Eve of the Holocaust (1936–1940)" was published in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Volume 34, Issue 1, Spring 2020, pp. 63–79 <https://academic.oup.com/hgs/article-abstract/34/1/63/5860652?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
- Popa, I., 2020, "Experiences of Jews Who Converted to Christianity before and during the Holocaust: An Overview of Testimonies in the Fortunoff Video Archive" was published in *S:I.M.O.N. Soah: Intervention. Methods. Documentation.*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2020), pp. 75-86 <https://simon-ojs.vwi.ac.at/index.php/simon/article/view/163>
- Popa, I., 2020, review of Diana Dumitru, *The State, Antisemitism, and Collaboration in the Holocaust: The Borderlands of Romania and the Soviet Union* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018), was published in *Antisemitism Studies*, vol. 4, no 1 (Spring 2020), pp. 190-196 <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2979/antistud.4.1.10?seq=1>
- Samely, A., 2020, 'How Coherence Works: Reading, Re-Reading and Inner-Biblical Exegesis' in *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 9:2 (2020), 130-182.

10. Statement of planned activities for the next 12 months

- *List the planned deliverables and milestones.*

2020-21 will see the continuation 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 started in October 2018 and to which Dr Stefania Silvestri was appointed (funded from the new European Regional Hub of Jewish Studies grant, see above). Initial blogs and website publications will continue to be published in 2019-20. Draft entries for the final publication will continue to be produced.
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 continue to be commissioned from 2020-21.
3. Our fifth post-graduate research-training workshop for UK advanced doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers will take place in June 2021. 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. Plans for research visits and workshops to be conducted by Dr Silvestri are under way for Leeds, Glasgow and Bangor.
5. The seventh annual Bogdanow Holocaust Lecture Series, to be given by László Nemes film director and screenwriter. The 2021 Bogdanow series will include a screening of his 2015 debut feature film, *Son of Saul*, followed by lectures and a masterclass. February 2021.
6. The twenty-seventh Sherman Community Lecture (speaker to be determined in consultation with the Education Committee of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester).

7. Continuing support for Modern Hebrew teaching and its virtual classroom pilot (see above), enhanced by SALC fee bursaries.
8. Continued grant application activity, both external and internal funding.
9. Dr Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz (PhD, UCL) will join the Centre for Jewish Studies as a postdoctoral researcher for 2020-22. Her project is called 'One Step Further on your Jewish Journey': An Ethnographical Study of the History of Limmud'. The appointment is externally funded.

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 1-2) for the significant number of Manchester University students who take our broad range of Jewish Studies courses. As planned, levels 1 and 2 of Modern Hebrew were offered this year (2019–20).

Overview of Jewish Studies undergraduate course units offered in 2019/20

Introduction to Judaism - 17

Holocaust Theology - 27

Women and Gender in the Biblical World - 24

Jewish Philosophy and Ethics - 6

Ethical Issues and the Bible - 8

Beginners' Hebrew - 6

Intermediate Hebrew - 5

The History and Sociopolitics of Palestine/Israel (1882-1967) - 27

Biblical Hebrew - 3

Screening the Holocaust - 30

War, Memory and Politics of Commemoration in Eastern Europe - 25

Themes in the Histories of Arab and Jewish Nationalism -14

Religion, Culture and Gender - 35

Religion, Ethics and the Environment (includes lectures on Judaism) - 17

Interpreting Religion (lecture on Holocaust Theology included) - 8

Historical controversies in the Study of Israel/Palestine - 25

World Music Ensemble: Klezmer - 8

Jews among Christians and Muslims - 6

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