

BIAJS Conference 2022: Unfolding Time: Texts – Practices – Politics (Draft Programme)

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TUESDAY, 5 July						
17.30–19.00	Time in the Plural: Why Time Studies Matter In Jewish Studies – A Round-Table (online) – Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Lynn Kaye, Max Strassfeld					
SUNDAY, 10 July						
14.30–16.00	A Guided Visit to <i>The House of Life</i>, Willesden (with registration) – Nadia Valman					
MONDAY, 11 July						
8.30	Registration opens (Foyer) – Refreshments (Great Hall)					
9.15	Session 1	'Life-Writing' in Bible and Midrash	Times in Prayer, Prayers in Time	Affect and Memory: In Dialogue with Walter Benjamin and Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi	Jewish Heritage in the UK Context I	'New Antisemitism' and Anti-Antisemitism
	K0.18	K0.20	K0.19	Council Room	River Room	
	Chair: Sonia Gollance	Chair: Hindy Najman	Chair: Orr Scharf	Chair: Amy Hill Shevitz	Chair: Yulia Egorova	
	Hannah Kate Capey , 'Are you having a laugh?': Impossibility, Denial, and Ambiguity in the Abraham and Sarah Cycle	Tzachi Cohen , From when does one recite Shema in the evening? Relative Time, Universal Time, Temple Time and Family Time in Mishnah Berachot 1:1	Liza Michaeli , The Jewish Agon, in Holding	Alan Benstock , Connecting Jewish Collections with Jewish Communities: A Case Study of Leeds City Museum	Joseph Finlay , Must Antisemitism Always Go Up? Counting Antisemitism in Britain Over Time	
	Benjamin Williams , From Gladiators to Fisticuffs: Updating Late-Antique Pugilistic Imagery in Midrash Tanhuma ha-Nidpas	Sarah Wisialowski , Time for Renewal: How Daniel 9 Changes History	Tsiona Lida , The Ascent of Fallen Jews: Affect and Historical Memory in Walter Benjamin and Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi	Eva Frojmovic , Paradoxes of Jewish Heritage in Solomon A. Hart's Album of Sketches (Leeds University Library)	Chana Morgenstern , The IHRA, Antisemitism and Palestinian Solidarity Organizing in UK Universities	
	Natalie C. Polzer , The Story Cycles of R. Eliezer and R. Akiva in Avot de-Rabbi Natan, Versions A and B: Proto-Biography or Redactional Coincidence?	Hanoch Ben-Pazi , A Prayer for the Future to Come: The Paradigm Shift in the Concept of Time according to Franz Rosenzweig		David Newman , Preserving Religious Heritage: A Tale of Four Synagogues and their Closure	Adam Sutcliffe , The Politics of Anti-Antisemitism at British Universities	
10.45	Refreshments (Great Hall)					
11.00	Welcome – Andrea Schatz (Great Hall)					
11.30	Session 2	Participating in the Story: Trans-temporal Enactments	Historical and Eternal Times in Literature and Jewish Thought	Narrating Nation Time	Jewish Heritage in the UK Context II	Whither Now?
	K0.18	K0.19	K0.20	Council Room	River Room	
	Chair: Joan Taylor	Chair: Oleksii Chebotarov	Chair: Yair Wallach	Chair: Eva Frojmovic	Chair: Mia Spiro	
	Jiani Sun , Narrative, Time, and Presence: A Reading of the Plague Cycle in Pseudo-Solomon	Miriam Feldmann Kaye , The Sabbath as 'Eternal Time' in Modern Jewish Philosophy: Abraham Joshua Heschel in Light of the Phenomenology of Edmund Husserl	Adi Mahalel , The Burrows and Chains in the Hebrew and Yiddish Works of Ayalti	Anna Douglas , Shirley Baker's 'Jewish Heritage'	Alissa Symon , Israel and Diaspora Jews: A Changing Relationship	
	Meyrav Levy , Cognitive Participation in the Exodus Through Medieval Illuminated Mahzorim	Gilad Sharvit , History and Eternity: Rosenzweig on Repetition	Miriam Neiger , Between Hungarian and Hebrew: The Poetic and the Political in Avigdor Hameiri's Translation of Imre Madách's Play <i>Az ember tragédiája</i>	Bronya Tritschler , Langside (Glasgow) as Heritage	Robert Cohen , Jewish Journeys to Palestinian Solidarity – Surely, It's About Time	
	Samira Mehta , Collapsing Time and Combining Histories: Michael Twitty's <i>Seder</i> Blending Israelite and African American Slavery	Daniel M. Herskowitz , Franz Rosenzweig on Mission, Empire, and Redemption	Gareth Evans-Jones , Hen Wlad Newydd (Old New Country): The 'Zionist Temporality' of Judith Maro in a Welsh Context	Shannon Kirschner , Clifford's Tower – Heritage Reshaped	Hannah Ewence , A Timely Debate? Jewish Studies and Decolonisation	
			Orr Scharf , End Point or Beginning? 1948 as the Harbinger of Multidimensional Temporality			

13.00	LUNCH (Great Hall)					
14.00	Session 3	Unsettling Temporalities	Digital Mapping and Analysis in Jewish History	Sound, Rhythm and Time	Jewish Life in Britain	BIAJS Antisemitism Working Group: Open Meeting
		K0.18	K0.20	K0.16	Council Room	River Room
		Chair: Paul Joyce	Chair: Sietske van der Veen	Chair: Esther Schor	Chair: William Pimlott	
		Rebekah Van Sant-Clark , Weaving Displacement into the Past in the Book(s) of Esther	Anna Pobudejska , Translating the Enlightenment: Quantitative Analysis of Translations in the Polish Haskalah	Vanessa Paloma Elbaz , The Sonic Cycles of Time in Moroccan Jewish life	Pam Fox and Amy Hill Shevitz , Seaside Holiday, Mountain Vacation: The Culture of Jewish Resorts in Britain and the United States	
		Sherry Ashworth , On Time and Reading the Book of Esther	Oleksii Chebotarov , Mapping Jewish Transmigration in Late Imperial East-Central Europe: Spatial Dimensions of Migration Governance, Networks and Transit Experiences	Miranda Crowds , Frozen in Time? Contemporary European Jewish Cultural Heritage Displays and Construction of Jewish Temporal Stasis	David Newman , The Role and Impact of Lithuanian Rabbis in Twentieth-Century UK	
			Elli Fischer , Tracing the Institutionalization of Hungarian Yeshivot through Subscription Lists	Netta Schramm , Sound Beliefs: Yeshayahu Leibowitz, Ovadia Yosef, and Irving Greenberg's Performative Legacies		
15.30	Refreshments (Great Hall)					
16.00	AGM (Safra Lecture Theatre)					
	Keynote Lecture (Safra Lecture Theatre)					
17.15	Vivian Liska , 'The End or the Beginning': The Interval Between Past and Future in German-Jewish Modernism					
	Chair: Andrea Schatz					
18.15	New Scholars Reception (Great Hall)					

9.00

Session 4

Scribal Interventions

Calendars, History and
Historiography in Islamic and
Byzantine ContextYiddish Changing with the Times:
Yiddish Publishing and Textual
CultureMigrants, Refugees, Settlers:
Changing Forms of Longing and
BelongingJewish Country Houses in
Pan-European Perspective

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River Room

Safra Lecture Theatre

Council Room

Chair: **Laliv Clenman**

Luba Charlap, The Masora Activity as a Revolutionary Action and Its Textual, Interpretive, and Narrative-Halachic Implications

Marc Michaels, Time Can Be a Cruel Mistress: The Transmission of the Masoretic Scribal Manual Sefer Tagin

Moshe Pinchuk, The Talmud Yerushalmi of Bologna - A Possible Vorlage of the Leiden Manuscript

Chair: **Sacha Stern**

Nadia Vidro, How many Jewish Calendars?

Fred Astren, Medieval Jews and the Hijri Era

Saskia Dönitz, Yosippon in a New Garb: Rewriting a Historiographic Classic

Nuray Ocakli, Romaniot Jews of Kastoria in the mid-15th Century Ottoman Registers: Life in Kastoria and the Journey to a New Life in Constantinople

Chair: **Ben Gidley**

William Pimlott, British Yiddish and Its Decline

Vivi Lachs, The Changing East End of Katie Brown's Edited Yiddish Sketches 1930-40s

Sonia Gollance, 'A Tombstone that will Last for Generations': Time and Trauma Memorialization in Tea Arciszewska's *Miryeml* (1958)

Chair: **Hannah Ewence**

Yair Wallach, Rethinking Jewish Ashkenazi Migration to the Levant - through the Categories of Integration and Acculturation

Kinga Czechowska, Between Hope and Despair: Polish Jews and British Policy towards Palestine in 1930

Matteo D'Avanzo, The Ethiopian Jews under Italian Fascist Rule

Chair: **Eva Frojmovic**

Colette Bellingham, Reading The Red Book: Ferdinand de Rothschild and the Country House Album

Silvia Davoli, A Little Known Salonnrière Juive: Ernesta Stern (1854-1926)

Sietske Van der Veen, A Rothschild Legacy in Utrecht: Hélène van Zuyle van Nyevelt-de Rothschild and the Rebuilding of De Haar Castle

Cyril Grange, The Expropriation of the Castle and Winery of Moncontour and the Integration of Its Jewish Seigneur in the Locality

Discussant: **Laura Leibman**

10.30

Refreshments

Keynote Lecture (Safra Lecture Theatre)

11.00

Sacha Stern, Living in Multiple Time-Frames in Ancient and Medieval Jewish SocietyChair: **Paul Joyce**

12.00

LUNCH

(12.15 – EAJJS: AGM)

13.00

Session 5

A Plurality of Meaning:
New Approaches to Reading Sex and
Gender in Rabbinic TextsStudying the Heavens with
Christians to Keep Jewish Time on
EarthJewish-Christian Relations and
Jewish Activism in the United StatesExperiences of Time During and
After the HolocaustMuslim-Jewish Encounter,
Diversity and Distance in Urban
Europe – A Round-Table

K0.18

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River Room

Safra Lecture Theatre

Council Room

Chair: **Charlotte Hempel**

Neil Janes, The Yefat To'ar: A Coerced and Liminal Halakhic Category

Tali Artman-Partock, How Can we Use Rabbinic Literature to Support Sexual Abuse Victims?

Laliv Clenman, A Woman Would Marry a Woman: Reading Lesbian Marriages in Torat Cohanim

Chair: **Nadia Vidro**

Israel M. Sandman, The Easter Cycle in Medieval Sephardic Calendar Monographs

Tzvi Luboshitz, Counter-Hebraism: Christianity in the Eyes of a Jewish Kabbalist

Pavel Sládek, Astronomy, Kabbalah and Calendar in Ashkenaz, 1550–1650

Chair: **Jaclyn Granick**

Irina Rabinovich, Interfaith Marriage Goes Wrong: Belle Kendrick Abbott's *Leah Mordecai*

Rachel Kovacs, Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with Your G-d: Herbert Lehman as Statesman, Humanitarian and Champion of Social Justice

Amy Fedeski, Iranian Jewish Migration to the United States and the (Re-)Making of American Refugee Policy, 1978-1984

Chair: **Shirley Gilbert**

Jennifer Putnam, Timelessness: Prisoner Experiences of Time in Nazi Concentration Camps

Steven Samols, Picturing the Holocaust: A Photobook by Survivors in the Immediate Postwar Period

Robert Thompson, 'To work with Jews, not only for Jews': Christian Encounters with Holocaust Survivors in Post-War Relief

Tom Eshed, Sovereignty Out of Time and Space – The Initiative to Confer an Israeli Citizenship upon Holocaust Victims in the 1950s

Chair: **Yulia Egorova**

Alyaa Ebbiary
Daniella Shaw
Arndt Emmerich
Élodie Druetz
Ben Gidley

14.30	Refreshments					
15.15	Session 6	The state of Jewish tangible heritage in Ukraine: Buildings, monuments, museums and libraries A Joint BIAJS-JHSE Panel	Failure, Crisis, Redemption: Kabbalistic and Polemic Temporalities	Times and Technologies of Education and Celebration	Pandemic Times	15.45pm – Unfolding Time: A Visit to the Treasures of the British Library (with registration) Ilana Tahan
		Safra Lecture Theatre	Council Room	K0.18	K0.20	
		Chair: Eva Frojmovic	Chair: Tali Artman-Partock	Chair: Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz	Chair: Kate Miriam Loewenthal	
		Welcome: Miri Rubin	Hillel Feuerstein , Regressive Words – Failing Cosmogeny	Ofer Livnat , Teaching and Disseminating Computations Creatively: Medieval Jewish Calendar Manuals	Liat Steir-Livny , Israeli-Jews in the Current Health Crisis: Covid-19 and Holocaust Representations in Israeli Media and Social Media	
		Eugeny Kotlyar , Jewish Heritage in Independent Ukraine: Discovery, Study, Preservation and Presentation – Thirty Years of Experience and Challenges	Hartley Lachter , Temporal Spirals: Cosmic Cycles and Jewish History in Medieval Kabbalah	Shalom Morris , Miriam Mendes Belisario's <i>Sabbath Evenings at Home</i> and Sephardic Print Culture in Mid-Nineteenth Century England	Anat Feldman , Religion, Health, and Politics: Charedi Society in Israel during the COVID-19 Period	
		Sofia Dyak , Jewish Heritage and Diversity in Lviv	Miriam Sklarz , The scepter shall not depart from Judah... until the coming of Shilo": Nahmanides's Polemic Regarding the Time of the Messiah's Advent	Sari R. Alfi-Nissan , The Light Within Me: Celebrating the Self Through Jewish Holidays in the iGen Era		
		Maksym Martyn , Judaica in Lviv: Underestimated Heritage		Nadia Beider , Jewish School Choice in Europe		
		Vitaly Chernovandenko , Ukraine's Hebraica Collections in International Perspective				
		Nadia Ufimtseva , Judaica Objects in Ukrainian Museums				
		Interlocutors: Mia Spiro and Eva Frojmovic				
		(Ukrainian scholars will participate remotely.)				
17.00	Reception and Awards (Great Hall) – Welcome: Marion Thain (Faculty of Arts & Humanities) and Marat Shterin (Theology & Religious Studies)					
18.30	Conference Dinner (with registration)					

9.00

Session 7

Rethinking Time and Space in the Second Temple Period

Male and Female Pietism in Relation to Time

Whose History and Memory? Reshaping the Past for the Present

Postgraduate and Early Career Research: Developing an Academic Career – A Round-Table

Jews and Progressive Activism from Liberal into Illiberal Times, c. 1893-1939

River Room

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Council Room

Safra Lecture Theatre

Chair: **Philip Alexander**

Chair: **Andrea Schatz**

Chair: **Adam Sutcliffe**

Chair: **Susannah Rees**

Chair: **Jaclyn Granick**

Charlotte Hempel, Qumran in Time and Place – Beyond the Watershed Paradigm

Joseph Citron, In Search of Lost Time: Paradigms of Time in Isaiah Horowitz's Shelah and the Kabbalistic Literature of the Early Modern Period

J.J. Kimche, A Revolution in Time: The Historicist Moment in Jewish Philosophy

Steven Samols (Thesis Completion and Grant Applications)

Ellery Gillian Weil, The 'Old Woman' and the New: The Progressive Era and the Rise of the Jewish Women's Movement

Naomi Hadad and Eshbal Ratzon, A New Edition of 4Q31

Kate Miriam Loewenthal, Haredi Women, the Pandemic, and Time

Karolina Sierzputowska, The Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition and the Politics of Memory

Rebekah van Sant-Clark (Thesis Completion and Grant Applications)

Paul J. Weinbaum, Jewish Internationalism and Public Health: Ludwig Rajchman, The League of Nations Health Section and the Creation of a Transnational Health Organization 1919-1939

Joan Taylor, Gender, Time and Space in the Second Temple and Early Synagogue Complexes: Reflections on Josephus

Naftali Loewenthal, Times of Prayer in Habad Hasidism in Spiritual and Social Context

Karen Skinazi, Narrative Time: The Rise of Mizrahi and Sephardi Historical Fiction

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz (Publishing the First Monograph)

Hannah Ewence and Mia Spiro (Tenure-Track Positions and Teaching Fellowships)

Peter Bergamin, The Contradictions of Liberal British Zionists: Paul and Romana Goodman as Case Study

10.30

Refreshments

11.00

Session 8

Marriage and Divorce: Halakhah and the Secular State

Power, Authority and their Limits in Italian Kabbalah

Christian Constructions of Jewishness and Jewish Time

Shaping and Sharing Time in Practice

Private Passions and Public Commitments: Belonging, Activism and Citizenship in the Lives of the Anglo-Jewish Elite, c.1830-1980

River Room

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Council Room

Safra Lecture Theatre

Chair: **Ruth Sheldon**

Chair: **Pavel Sládek**

Chair: **Karin Skinazi**

Chair: **Ellery Gillian Weil**

Chair: **Silvia Davoli**

Wendy Filer, Searching for Stable Legal Solutions to Personal Status Across Time and Legal Space: The Case of *Lindo v Belisario* (1795-1796)

Noam Lev-El, Antiqui et Moderni in Sixteenth-Century Kabbalah: Constructing Authority in a Time of Absent Knowledge

Julia Pohlmann, Naturalizing the *Imagined Jew*: Re-evaluating Concepts of Jewishness in Jewish and Non-Jewish responses to the Jewish Naturalization Act of 1753

Mie Jensen, 'Thank you for being a badass queer Jew. Mazel tov and l'chaim': Queer Jewish Women's Practices in Contemporary England

Isobel Muir, The Lasting Esteem of the People? An investigation of the Legacy of Sir Joseph Duveen, Lord Millbank (1869-1939) as British Cultural Philanthropist

Avishalom Westreich, The Civil Revolution of Jewish Family Law in Israel

Eugene D. Matanky, Popularizing, Regulating, and Institutionalizing Kabbalah in Early Modern Italy: The Career of Menahem Azariah da Fano

Jana Hunter, 'A thick layer of time': Travelling to Prague's Jewish Quarter c. 1840-1920

Max Munday, Constellations of Jewish Pasts, Presents and Futures in Practice-Based research

Jaclyn Granick, Local and Transnational Activism of Elite Jewish Women in the 20th Century

Melech Westreich, Coerced Divorce of the Wife: Jewish Law in Tunisia in the Modern Era

Avi Kallenbach, How Not to Respond to a Book: Digressive Hebrew Marginalia in Early Modern Italy

James Renton, Navigating the Jewish Time of the Renaissance and Enlightenment

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz, 'A taste of the world to come': Time and Timelessness at Limmud Conference

Discussant: **Laura Leibman**

12.30

LUNCH

Concluding Roundtable (Safra Lecture Theatre)

13.30 – 14.30

After Progress? Temporalities and Counter-Temporalities in Jewish Studies – Fred Astren, Irene Zwiep, Andrea Schatz

Chair: **Julian Weiss**

15.30 – 17.00

15.30 A Literature Walk through London's Jewish East End
Nadia Valman and Vivi Lachs (with registration)

16.00 David Hillman's Stained Glass Windows: A Guided Visit to St John's Wood Synagogue
David Newman (with registration)