

# Virtual - Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism (OSI-MCJ) July 5-8, 2020



Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford  
in conjunction with the  
Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CONVENORS (FOLLOWED BY PANEL #1)**

Sunday, July 5  
9:00am - 10:30am EST (US)  
2:00pm - 3:30pm BST (UK)  
4:00pm - 5:30pm IDT (Israel)



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## PANEL #1 – Secularism and Faith

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Chair: Hartley Lachter

Presenters:

**Daniel Herskowitz**

The Löwith-Blumenburg Secularisation Debate, and the Jewish Reception of Martin Heidegger

**Miri Freud-Kandel**

Faith in Lockdown: Building Blocks to a Contemporary Jewish Theology

Respondents: Leora Batnitzky & Tamar Ross

## PANEL #2 – Material and Visual Culture – Past and Present

Sunday, July 5

11:30am - 1:00pm EST  
4:30pm - 6:00pm BST  
6:30pm - 8:00pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 847 9376 1591  
Password: 069046

Chair: Jodi Eichler-Levine

Presenters:

**Doron Bar**

Changes in Jerusalem's Jewish Sacred Space: The Sanctification of *Kivrei Tzadikim* in Three of the City's Cemeteries

**Fabrizio Lelli**

Using Technology to Address Diverse Audiences: The Jewish Museum of Lecce During the Covid-19 Pandemic as a Case Study

Respondents: Jodi-Eichler Levine & Rudolph Klein

## MONDAY, JULY 6

## PANEL #3 – Ideology and Practice in the First Half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Monday, July 6

8:30am - 10:00am EST  
1:30pm - 3:00pm BST  
3:30pm - 5:00pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 874 5041 0312  
Password: 646343

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Presenters:

**Natalia Aleksion**

Jewish Religious Practice Among Jews in Hiding or Passing as Non-Jews during Holocaust

**Rose Stair**

On the Role of Age in *Jungjüdisch* Zionist Thought and Visual Culture: Lesser Ury and Martin Buber in dialogue

Respondents: Markus Krah & Alicja Maślak-Maciejewska

## PANEL #4 – Gender and Orthodoxy

Monday, July 6

11:00am – 12:30pm EST  
4:00pm – 5:30pm BST  
6:00pm – 7:30pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 844 6959 4461  
Password: 126423

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Presenters:

**Rivka Neriah Ben-Shahar**

Negative Spaces in the Triangle of Gender, Religion, and  
New Media: A Case Study of the Ultra-Orthodox  
Community in Israel

**Lyndsey Taylor-Guthartz**

The Three Pioneers:  
The First Women to Receive Orthodox Ordination

Respondents: Samuel Heilman & Dalia Marx

## TUESDAY, JULY 7

## PANEL #5 – Bioethics and Covid-19

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am – 10:30am EST  
2:00pm – 3:30pm BST  
4:00pm – 5:30 pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 810 8868 5759  
Password: 636096

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Presenters:

**Keenan Davis**

Big Tent Bioethics: Turning to the Rabbinic Tradition for a  
Better Pluralism

**Alan Jotkowitz**

Rabbinic Responses to Triage: The Case of Covid-19

Respondents: Arye Edrei & Ronit Irshai

## PANEL #6 – Mysticism and Hasidism

Tuesday, July 7

11:30am – 1:00pm EST  
4:30pm – 6:00pm BST  
6:30pm – 8:00pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 833 6189 8386  
Password: 334107

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Presenters:

**Leore Sachs-Shmueli**

Fear: The Prominent Emotional Feature of Prohibitions in  
Kabbalah

**Naftali Loewenthal**

Charismatic Hasidim in Contemporary Habad

**Wojciech Tworek**

Nostalgia, Canonization and the Messianic Renewal:  
The Case of the Chabad Hasidic Movement

Respondents: Michael Berger & Hartley Lachter

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

### PANEL #7 – Israel, Diaspora, and Race

Wednesday, July 8

9:00am – 10:30am EST

2:00pm – 3:30pm BST

4:00pm – 5:30pm IDT



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Meeting ID: 892 6330 5269

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Chair: Adam Ferziger

Presenters:

**Sara Hirschhorn**

The Impact of the 1967 (6 Day) War on Diaspora Jewish Life

**Michael Miller**

The African Hebrew Israelites and the Building of Peace with Israel

Respondents: Sylvia Barack Fishman & Lea Taragin-Zeller



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Markus Krah (University of Potsdam)  
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Dalia Marx (Hebrew Union College)  
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