

BAJS Annual Conference: World in Crisis: Reflections and Responses from Antiquity to the Present

Monday 5 July 2021

09:00-10:15 Opening		Introduction: Helen Spurling and Claire le Poll				
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		<i>Kinship and Crisis</i>	<i>Religious Crisis in the Medieval Period: From law to liturgy</i>	<i>Yiddish Responses to the Khurbn</i>	<i>'Orthodox' facing Crisis 16th-21st Centuries</i>	<i>Antisemitism and Activism</i>
10:30-12:00	Session 1	Laura Quick: 'Zerubbabel: Kings and Rings in Ancient Judaism' Neil James: 'David's Sons of Captive Women: How the Bavli expands the meaning of the term yefat to'ar' Andor Kelenhegyi: 'Managing a Crisis Manager: Rabbinic strategies in dealing with the liminality of King David'	Vera Leininger: "'Deus to vult!' A Crisis of the Powerless: The Perception of the First Crusade in the Medieval Jewish Narratives and Jewish Liturgy' Noam Hoffmann: 'Maimonides: Crisis, Messianism and Law' Avraham Yaskovich: 'Crisis and Repair: Excommunication and Reception of Returning Apostates in Jewish and Syrian Christian Legal Texts'	Jack Woods: 'Superstitious beliefs in the Polish Ghettos: A Reaction to Nazi Occupation' Simo Muir: 'Jewish Performing Arts in Axis-allied Finland: Contesting established historiography' Tamara Gleason: 'Our Golden Chain is broken': Responses to the Holocaust from the Yiddish speaking community in Mexico'	Joseph Citron: 'Kabbalistic proto-Orthodoxy in response to the Crisis of early Modernity: the agenda of the Shelah' Naftali Loewenthal: 'Yehad and (the crisis of) Zionism' Kate Miriam Loewenthal: 'Contemporary British Orthodoxy in Response to Domestic Crisis'	Marcel Stoetzel: 'What is 'left-wing' about 'left-wing antisemitism'?' Adam Sutcliffe: 'Reason in Crisis: Anti-Antisemitism and Academic Responsibility in Historical Context' Dani Kranz: 'Towards Understanding Anti-Antisemitism Activism in Germany'
12:00-12:15	Post-Session Networking	The online space will remain open for 15 minutes following the session for additional questions and conversation				
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13:00-14:30	Session 2	Charlotte Hempel: 'Crisis as Diversion Tactic: The Silence on the Impurity of Gentile Lands in the So-Called Marriage Crisis Narrative in Ezra-Nehemiah' Rebecca Harrocks: 'Intermarriage and the Crisis of the Foreskin' Laila Clemen: 'An Intermarriage Crisis in Midrash Torat Cohanin (Sifra) to Leviticus'	Martin Borysek: 'Crisis and Consensus in Jewish Communities of early modern Venetian Confu' Eyal Davidson: 'Brothers or Strangers? The attitude of Jewish literature in the Land of Israel toward the Marranos in the 16th century' Maria Diemling: 'Early Modern Jewish Responses to Plague'	William Pimlott: "'Second Hand Englishmen": The British Yiddish Press and its Opposition to Anglicisation' Alex Grafen: 'The Yiddish Little Magazine in Britain' Vivi Lachs: 'Lisk's fictional reflections on an East End in Crisis'	Richard Brown: 'Crisis and Camaraderies: Co-construction and High Hasidism in the 1916 French-letters of Franz Rosenzweig and Eugene Rosenstock-Huussy' Ohila Amati: 'The crises of Judaism in the Modern Era: Between Rav Kook and Nietzsche' Daniel M. Herskowitz: 'Karl Löwith's Secularization Thesis and the Jewish Reception of Heidegger'	Joanna Spyra: 'Eliminating Threats to the State of Argentina: Jewish Degeneration in Time of Crisis' Anne Kershen: 'Representations of the Jew in caricature and cartoon over the centuries' Lev Topor: 'Russian Antisemitism - Towards Normalization: The Tsar, Stalin and Putin'
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15:15-16:45	Session 3	Yifat Monnickendam: 'Rabbis Responding to Romans Responding to Greeks' William Horbury: 'Martyrium Pionii on Jewish-Christian Polemic: Two Aspects of a Crisis' Eyal Baruch: 'Material Aspects of Jewish-Samaritan Identity Struggle during the Roman and Byzantine Period'	Andrea Schatz: 'Transmission and Rupture in Early Modern Historical Writing' Efrat Lederlein-Gilboa: 'Historiography in a world of crisis' Yohanan Kapach: 'Tradition and Crisis in the Yemen Community: Coping with the Consequences of the Deportation from Sana'a in the 17th century'	Paula Ansaldo: 'Between Two Worlds: Yiddish theatre and its role in Buenos Aires Jewish life (1930-1960)' Zehavit Stern: 'Broken Words: Intertwined Yiddish Poetry and the Crisis of Expression' Matthew Creighton: 'Freud's work as a corpus in crisis'	Danielle Dron: 'Identity Crisis; or, Identity as Crisis: Benjamin Disraeli in Hebrew Translation' David Leitner Cohen: 'The phenomenology of religion in crisis: a Jewish turn to dialectic philosophy' Matthew Creighton: 'Freud's work as a corpus in crisis'	Natalie Wynn: 'The 1904 Limerick Boycott: A Jewish Crisis?' Dena Attar: 'Ezra Laniado's portrayal of Mosul's Jews in crisis' Michael Miller: 'The African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem: a Black "Jewish" response to a world in crisis'
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17:00-18:00	BAJS Annual General Meeting					
18:00-18:30	Refreshment Break					
18:30-19:30	Online Lecture	Windy Najman				

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		<i>Contact and Conflict with Hellenic Culture</i>	<i>Apocalypticism from the Emergence of Islam to the Crusades</i>	<i>Aspects of Zionism</i>	<i>Diasporic Jewish History: Theory and Response</i>	<i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis I: Memorialisations</i>	<i>Challenges for Rabbinic Leadership</i>
09:00-10:30	Session 4	Moshe Pinchuk: 'The Creation in Genesis contra Hesiod's Theogony' Elizabeth Stell: 'Anxious Deaming: Dreaming in Exile in the Exagogue of Ezekiel' Hanne Irene Kirchheimer: 'Judea in Crisis: Foreign Influence and Societal Changes in Antiquity'	Helen Spurling: 'The Language of Crisis in Apocalyptic Texts of Late Antiquity' Katharina Keim: 'Apocalypticism at the Emergence of Islam' Sebastiano Crestani: 'Jewish eschatological expectations during the Crusades: a response to a period of crisis and persecutions'	Rose Stair: 'Old age and ageing in the cultural Zionist imagination' Katarzyna Martinovic: 'Culture, literature, and the Polish context of the activity of the Zionist-oriented Jewish youth in interwar Poland' Amir Goldstein: 'Jabotinsky, Anti-Semitism and its Dangers'	Francois Guesnet: 'Crisis as a Factor in Diasporic Jewish History: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches through the Lens of Intercession' Jeremy Smilg: 'Anglo-Jewry and the Crisis of the Revolutionary Era, 1789-1815' Lilla Leichter: 'Global Challenges - Local Responses: The controversial status of the Jewish elite in rural communities around the turn of the 20. century in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy'	Eva Projmovic: 'Introduction to the strand "Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis" Tony Kushner: 'Remembering Racisms in a World in Crisis' David Tollerton: 'British Holocaust Memorialisation, Counter-Extremism, and Jewish History: Contested Contexts and Crises'	Lilac Torgeman: 'A Crisis of Modernity: Rabbi Nathan Amram vs. the Amsterdam Piskim' Roniel Atia: 'On Rabbinic Leadership in the Jewish Community of Tripoli in the Late Nineteenth Century and Educational Change in View of Modern Thought' Melech Westreich: 'Cohabiting in Morocco in the 20th Century: The Response of Jewish Law Scholars'
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11:15-12:45	Session 5	Martin Goodman: 'Herod and the Collapse of the Roman Republic' Judith Güssinger: 'Flavius Josephus' Works: A Reaction to the Crisis of Roman-Jewish Relations' Haggai Oshanesky: 'On Both Sides of the Field'	Tali Artman Partock: 'The Figure of Joseph in Rabbinic Literature' Ruth Kara-Iannov Kaniel: 'Two Messianic Symbols: Davidic and Josephic archetypes' Reuven Kipperwasser: 'Neutralising Messianic Impulses in Rabbinic Traditions'	Svenja Bethke: 'Becoming nationalist, becoming visible? The emergence of Zionist dress as a response to crisis, 1880s until 1948' Matan Boord: 'From Crisis to Hegemony: Labor Zionist Masculinity in Mandate Palestine' Yair Wallach: 'Hebrew and the Earthquake of Zionism'	Netta Schramm: 'Radical Reformation, critical rupture, or paradigm shift? An attempt at considering Yitz Greenberg's post-Holocaust theology in Kuhlman terms' Rosa Reichner: 'Gershom Scholem and Holocaust: A Reflection of Inner Disunity between Berlin and Jerusalem' Miriam Feldman Kaye: 'Re-constructing Crisis in Hélène Cixous and Jacques Derrida: Philosophical and Ethical Dimensions of Jewish Continental Writers'	Toni Griffiths: 'Fragile Histories: exploring the memory, history and heritage of small Jewish communities in Britain' Malgorzata Wloszycka: 'Memory work and the challenges for the memorialisation of the Holocaust in present Poland' Michal Shaul: 'Yiddish Club: An Old Boys-Club Undermining the Order of the Synagogue?'	Tamas Biro: 'Cognitive approaches to rituals, to rabbis and to rebbes' Raphael Cohen-Almagor: 'Male Circumcision in the Name of Tradition and Good Health' Michal Shaul: 'Yiddish Club: An Old Boys-Club Undermining the Order of the Synagogue?'
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		The Temple and Responses to its Destruction	Responding to the Violence of 1391	Response to Crisis in Eastern Europe	The Holocaust	Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis III: Museum Crisis and Critique	PGR/ECR Career Development Session
14:00-15:30	Session 6	Hallel Baitner: 'Greater than the Former? Continuity and Innovation in the Architectural Depictions of the Second Temple' Andrew Higginbotham: 'Crisis of Faith in Post-Temple Judaism' Tzachi Cohen: 'Getting out of crisis is in the hands of the children'	Hartley Lachter: 'Kabbalah and Calamity in the Middle Ages: Accounting for Jewish Historical Misfortune in Medieval Kabbalistic Texts' Guillermo Lopez Juan: 'Adapting to a New Reality: Converso responses to the pogroms of 1391 in Medieval Iberia, the Case of Valencia' Israel Sandman: 'Fall and Restoration Narratives in the Autobiographical Introductions of Two Hebrew Monographs from Castile'	Claire Le Fol: 'A theatrical response to crises in Belarusian history: the Jewish character in the three versions of Komedia (1787, 1920, 1990)' Yoon Peled: 'The Bund's Theory of Neutralism' Netta Ehrlich: 'Patterns of Jewish Crisis Responses in 20th century Eastern Europe'	Tehila Darmon Malka: 'Patriarchy in Crisis: Fathers and Fatherhood during the Holocaust' Judith Vöcker: 'Warsaw's Jewry under foreign law during the Nazi occupation of Poland' Rachel Kovacs: 'If You Can't Go Over, Go Under or Around: Hilliard, Herman, and Surviving St Ottilien'	Kathrin Pieren: '[Jewish] museums as products of crises' Griselda Pollock: 'Still to come': Gender and Jewish heritage in the virtual feminist museum' Isabelle Mutton: 'Representing the Holocaust in National Memorials: An ambivalence towards Jewish tradition?'	Led by Dr Katharina Keim (BAIS PGR/ECR Representative), this session will be an opportunity for PGRs and ECRs to gather together to discuss their experiences of academic life and research in Jewish Studies over the last two years, offer mutual support, and have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss challenges.
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		Crisis and Comparative Literature	Interpreting Abrahamic Crisis Narratives	Approaching Crisis through German-Jewish Writings	Photography Capturing Crisis	Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis IV: Museum history and politics in the Israeli context	Teaching and Children's Publications in Times of Crisis
16:15-17:45	Session 7	Rebekah Van Sant-Clark: 'Making the Desert Bloom: Between Isaiah and Yehuda Amichai's Jews in the Land of Israel' Giora Holzman: 'Tower of Babel (Migdal Babel) Crisis: Language, History, Myth and Reality' Oren Yirmiya: 'Forgetting the Torah, Losing Halakha: Aggadah, Wisdom and the Crisis of Tradition in Franz Kafka's On Parables and Tractate Shabbat 138b-139a'	Zvi Shimon: 'Migration as Response to Crisis vs Ideological Migration in the Abraham Narrative' David Gottlieb: 'The Akedah and Jewish Responses to Crisis' Miriam Sklarz: 'Joseph Kimhi's Threefold Priesthood Polemic'	Amy Hill Shevitz: 'Keeping the Faith: Edith Hahn Rosenzweig and the Legacy of German Jewry' Edmund Chapman: 'Defending Oneself as a Jew': Arendt, Antisemitism and Language' Paulian Petric: 'The Language of the Self: An Inquiry into the Relationship between Identity and Language in the German Jewish Literature of the 20th century'	Larry Ray: 'The Crisis of Exile, Jews and Photography' Rebekka Grossmann: 'Remnants of the Multi-National Moment: The Crisis of Humanist Photography in 1940s Mandate Palestine' Steven Weiss Samols: 'The Photobook as History: Bergasse 29 and the Making of Freud as a Symbol of Jewish Persecution'	Shir Gal Kochavi: 'Collecting as Activism: The Bezalel Museum's response to the Holocaust' Hilda Nisimi: 'The Holocaust in the IMJ: A Microcosm of the Jewish-Israeli Identity Discourse'	Isabelle Headrick: 'Teaching through the Tempest: The Experiences of the Teachers and School Directors of the Alliance Israélite Universelle during the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1906-1911' Fabian Hennig: 'Schoolbooks on Jewish History in 19th century Germany' Oshrat Revivo: 'A Story of War and Peace: The role of Israeli children's periodicals during the security crises of the 60s and 70s'
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18:30-19:30	Keynote Lecture	Stefanie Schüler-Springorum					
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		Rabbinic Sources that Define Historical Crisis Situations	Antisemitism: Informal Discussions	Crisis in American Art and Literature	Contested Spaces in British Jewry	Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis V: Museum and display politics in the Israeli context	Perspectives on Family, Gender and Sexuality
09:00-10:30	Session 8	B.Z.Rosenfeld: 'Yehewb Words in Roman Palestine (200-400 CE): יהיב, ויהיב' H. Perlmuter: 'Yehewb Words in Roman Palestine (200-400 CE): יהיב, ויהיב' Hillel Gershoni: 'Tannaitic Materials found only in the Babylonian Talmud: Tractate bava Batra as a case study'	This session is reserved for informal discussion and support around dealing with antisemitism in an HE setting. The session is facilitated by members of the BAJS committee and will address concerns raised by those in attendance which may range from experiences on campus to questions around teaching on antisemitism. This is a confidential and supportive space. You may also request a private conversation if that is preferable.	Anat Koplowitz-Breier: "Balancing my own and other's needs" (M. Piercy): Ecological Crisis in poems by Jewish American Women' Shiri Zuckerstaetter: 'In-between the Lines: The (Covert) Hebrew of Modern Jewish American Literature' Chloe Julius: 'A Crisis of Scholarship: On the 1990s Reappraisal of the Category of Jewish Art'	Hannah Ewence: 'British Jewish suburbanisation' Joshua Lander: 'Imploding Britishness in Alison Macleod's <i>Unexploded</i> ' Joseph Finlay: 'Chief Rabbis and Rabble Rousers: The mid-1980s Crisis of Black-Jewish relations in Britain'	Zvi Orgad: 'The Artistic Jew in the Display of the Untermyung Prayer Room' Leor Jacobi: 'Homecoming and Healing: Hebrew Scrolls Donations from the Mainz Martinus Bibliothek'	Yitshak Cohen: 'The Proposed Domestic Partnership Law: circumvention of the religious marriage law' Avishalom Westreich: 'Religious Identity, Law and Politics: The Challenge of Reproductive Technologies' Mie Astrup Jensen: 'LBQ Jewish Women in England and Israel'
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		Crisis and Response through Psalms and Poetry	Texts on Crisis in the Second Temple Period	American-Jewish Identities	Migration to Britain	Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis VI: Libraries/archives and Crisis	Jewish Marriage outside the State Rabbinate in Contemporary Israel
11:15-12:45	Session 9	Amos Geula: 'The Growth of Legendary Literature of the Sages (Aggadah) and Liturgical poem (Piyyut) in the Land of Israel against the Background of a National Crisis' Arnon Atzmon: 'Midrashic Response to Crises: The Case of Midrash Tehillim' Nathan Eddy: 'Images of Shadows: Ambiguous wholeness in the poetry of Dan Pagis, George Herbert, and the Book of Psalms'	Sarah Wislowski: 'Times of Crisis: The Impact of Prayer on Time' Wenyan Qiang: 'Restoring יהיבא ויהיבא: The Law of Kingship in the Temple Scroll' Ari Silbermann: 'Boundary-Work and Crisis: The Meaning of נזיר from the Bible to Second Temple Judaism as a Test-case'	David Juenger: 'Judaism in Crisis: American Jewish Congress' struggle over Jewish values and anti-racist politics after the Holocaust' Lilian Türk: 'Spiritual Crisis and Innovation in American-Jewish Anarchism' Nadia Beider: 'Partial Jewish Identities and Religious Hybridity'	Mia Spiro: 'Jewish Jack: The Whitechapel Murders and Fear of the Jewish Migrant' Apolonia Kuc: 'Polish Jews as a part of Jewish eastern European immigrants' community in London in the late 19th century' Abi Exelby: 'Jewish Refugee Survivor Women and their families, 1939-1950'	Short Presentations: Cassy Sachar Stefania Silvestri Rana Tahan Dawn Waterman	Ruth Halperin-Kaddari: 'Non-State Marriages in Israel: A Legal and Historical Analysis' Elisheva Rosman: 'Private marriage in Israel as a Religious Feminist Strategy' Ofra Fuchs: 'Negotiating Tradition and Change: Marriage outside the State Rabbinate in Contemporary Israel'
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		Grammar, Calendars and Manuscripts	Approaches to Biblical Crisis	Exploring Activism	Researching Jews and Muslims as figures of alterity in contemporary Europe	Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis VII: Round Table Discussion	Multidisciplinary Tools for Resolving Worldwide Conflicts in the Jewish Family: Between Jewish law and Civil law
14:00-16:00	Session 10	Benjamin Williams: 'What did the Rabbis know about Grammar? Exegesis and Grammatical Gender in Late Antiquity' Sacha Stern: 'Rabbanite Uses of New Moon Sighting in the 9th-10th Centuries' Nadia Vidar: 'Calendars from the Cairo Genizah as a dating tool for palaeography' Ani Awetayan: 'Lost Judeo-Arabic Medical Manuscripts of Matenadaran Collection'	Eleanor Vivian: 'The Female Body in Crisis? Applying Metaphor Theory to the Depictions of Infertility in the Hebrew Bible' Idan Breier: '"We have heard report of it; Our hands are limp" (Jer 6:24): The Judean Kingdom in Crisis - reflections and responses' Thea Gomeiaux: 'Job in Crisis: A Jewish Response' Lucas Iglesias Martins: 'Irony as a response to Jonah's prophetic crisis'	Valentin Sandulescu: 'Mobilization in Times of Crisis: The Jewish Community in Interwar Romania and its response to the Rise of Nazism' Jacob Ages: 'Hubert Butler and the 1930's Jewish Refugee Crisis' Katja Stuerzenhecker: 'Revisiting Kurt Lewin's action research for a world in crisis' Jessica Kempner: 'The Current Refugee Crisis and Holocaust Education'	Yulia Egorova: 'Encounters with difference: negotiating the tropes of 'Jewish-Muslim relations' in the UK' Sami Everett: 'Jewish-Muslim dialogue in Paris: conscious and unconscious elisions and confusions' Ben Gidley: 'Rethinking encounters'	Jewish heritage activism, collecting, and museum formation - are they/were they a (creative) response to crisis? Panelists: Eva Frojmovic Felicitas Hejmann-Jelinek Tony Kushner Kathrin Pieren Griselda Pollock	Benjamin Shmueli: 'Combating Get Refusal via Civil Strategies' Hadas Raichelson: 'The Criminalization of Get Refusal' Tzipi Yagelnik-Frishtik: 'Economic Domestic Violence against Spouses in Private, Family, Jewish and Criminal Law' Hila Geffen-Spitz: 'A Guide for the Perplexed: Journeys of Common Law Couples Towards Extraction of Rights, in Light of the Privatization of the Common Law Marriage Institution' Respondent: Avishalom Westreich
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		Crisis and Translation	Music and Conflict	Concepts of the State of Israel	Lithuania in the Twentieth Century	Philanthropy	
16:45-17:45	Session 11	Ulrich Naikhat Bornstein: '"Mourn, Israel! Sons of Israel, mourn!": Hurwitz, Coleridge and the Translation Crisis' Sandra Juhász and Tamas Biro: 'Struggling with the Hebrew Language: Gratulatory poems by 17th century Hungarian students'	Gal Manor: 'Bereavement Songs for Israeli Soldiers: Commemoration, Popular Music and Protest' Isabel Frey: 'Negotiating Jewish Sound: Reforming Prayer Melodies in a Reform Community'	David Feuchtwanger: 'S.Y. Agnon on the Crisis between Freedom and Organization as reflected in his "Book of State"' Ulrich Ben Zvi: 'Living the Crisis: Redrawing the Relationship between Religion and State in 'A Jewish and Democratic State'	Dovile Cypalait: 'The foreign passport as a way to investigate the social portrait of the emigrant: The case of Interwar Lithuania and Jewish Emigration' Isaac Hershkowitz and Amir Mashlach: 'Bibliomancy among Yeshiva students during the Holocaust'	Riki Galia: 'Cultural Orientations Driving Ethnic Philanthropy: An example from an immigrant entrepreneur philanthropist in pre-state Jewish Palestine' Amir Akiva Segal: 'The encounter of transnational immigrants and the workplace: the case of Jewish migrants from North America to Israel working in fundraising'	
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