### Monday 27 June

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<td>1:15 – 2:00pm</td>
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| 2:00 – 2:30pm | Session 1 — Jewish Books: Production and Reception  
Chair: Katharina Keim  
Emile Schrijver (University of Amsterdam)  
“The seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Amsterdam center of Jewish book production as represented in the holdings of the John Rylands Library.” |
| 2:30 – 3:00pm | Marci Freedman (University of Manchester)  
“So many Fables and ridiculous Absurdities’: Protestant Readers and Benjamin of Tudela’s Book of Travels” |
| 3:00 – 4:00pm | Coffee Break & Collection Encounter (Hebrew printed books) |
| 4:00 – 4:30pm | Dotan Arad (Bar Ilan University)  
“Leadership, Religious Life, and Welfare: The Musta'rib Community of Cairo in the Late 16th Century according to Genizah Documents” |
| 4:30 – 5:00pm | Esther-Miriam Wagner (University of Cambridge and Woolf Institute)  
“19th-c. mercantile correspondence of the Cairo Genizah” |

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| 9:30 – 10:00am | Renate Smithuis, Stefania Silvestri (University of Manchester) and Nienke Valk (University of Amsterdam)  
“Codices, Scrolls, Amulets – Creating an Online Catalogue and Digital Platform for the Manuscripts in Hebrew Script at The John Rylands Library” |
| 10:00 – 10.30am | Ilana Tahan (British Library)  
“The Hebrew Manuscript Digitisation Project at the British Library” |
| 10:30 – 11:00am | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 11:30pm | Agata Paluch (Freie Universität Berlin)  
“The transmission of ‘kabbalah’ and ‘practical kabbalah’ in multiple-text Hebrew manuscripts” |
| 11:30 – 12:00pm | Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv University)  
“Magic and Divination in the Rylands Genizah Collections” |
| 12:00 – 12:30pm | Miruna Belea (University of Manchester)  
“Charms in the Gaster Collection. A magical reading of Jewish canonical and extra-canonical textual elements.” |
| 12:30 – 1:30pm | Lunch at Café Rylands |
| 1:30 – 2:00pm | Brad Sabin Hill (George Washington University Libraries)  
“Moses Gaster’s Printed Books” |
| 2:00 – 2:30pm | Reinhard Pummer (University of Ottawa)  
“Moses Gaster and Samaritan Studies” |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Coffee Break & Collection Encounter (Hebrew manuscripts) |
| 3:30 – 4:00pm | Dagmara Budzioch (Maria Curie-Sklodowska University) |
“Two illustrated scrolls of Esther from the Gaster Collection and their relationship with other popular types of megillot.”

4:00 – 4:30pm Eva Frojmovic (University of Leeds) “Imagining the Self in the Rylands Haggadah (Hebrew MS 6): intersections of social status, gender, and religious identities in fourteenth-century Aragon”

4:30 – 5:00pm Stewart Brookes (King’s College London) “Not My Brother’s Keeper: The Rylands Haggadah (Hebrew MS 6) as a Test-Case for Extending the DigiPal Framework”

5:00 – 6:00pm Free time

6:00 – 7:00pm Public Keynote Lecture
   Sarit Shalev-Eyni (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) “New Light from Manchester on Hebrew Illuminated Manuscripts: The John Rylands Collection and its Significance”

7:30pm Conference Dinner (for all registered conference delegates)

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### Wednesday 29 June

**Session 7 — Prayer**

Chair: Stefania Silvestri

10.00 – 10:30am Aron Sterk (University of Lincoln) “An early 18th century English Translation of the Spanish and Portuguese Prayer Book probably made for a Woman (Gaster MS 1596)”

10:30 – 11.00am Coffee Break

**Session 8 — Bibles**

Chair: Philip Alexander

11:00 – 11:30am Benjamin Williams (King’s College London) “The Annotated 1525 Rabbinic Bible in The John Rylands Library and its Jewish and Christian Readers”

11:30 – 12.00pm Javier Del Barco (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)) “Forms and Uses of Glossed Hebrew Bibles in the Late Middle Ages”

12:00 – 12:30pm Ben Outhwaite (Cambridge University) “‘Finished with the help of the Creator’: personal Bibles from the Cairo Genizah”

12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch at Café Rylands

**Session 9 — Autobiography and Memoir**

Chair: Michael L. Miller

1:30 – 2:00pm Gila Hadar (Haifa University) “The Autobiography of Reina Cohen of Salonika”

2:00 – 2:30pm Gershon Hundert (McGill University) “A Newly Discovered (at the John Rylands Library) Portion of the Memoirs of Dov Ber Birkenthal”

2:30 – 3:00pm Maria Cioată (University of Manchester) “Remembering the beginnings of the Romanian Jewish Settlement Samarín: Friedrich Horn’s Nationaltraum der Juden”

3:00 – 3:30pm Coffee Break

**Session 10 — Illuminated Manuscripts II**

Chair: Katharina Keim

3:30 – 4:00pm Zsofia Buda (British Library) “Opening the Curtain: a Preliminary Study of the Ashkenazi Rylands Haggadah”

4:00 – 4:30pm Sara Offenberg (Bar Ilan University) “The Lady and the Knight: On Unique Iconography in the Haggadah of John Rylands Library, Ms. 7”

4:30 – 5.00pm Discussion and close.