

John Rylands Research Institute conference
'The Other Within' - The Hebrew and Jewish Collections of the John Rylands Library
 27-29 June 2016
 John Rylands Library, Manchester

Monday 27 June	
1:15 – 2:00pm	Opening of conference and welcome
Session 1 — Jewish Books: Production and Reception	
Chair: Katharina Keim	
2:00 – 2:30pm	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)
Session 2 — Cairo	
Chair: Renate Smithuis	
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"

Tuesday 28 June	
Session 3 — Digital Humanities and Hebraica Collections	
Chair: Elizabeth Gow	
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
Session 4 — Magic	
Chair: Philip Alexander	
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
Session 5 — Moses Gaster's Collections and Scholarship	
Chair: Maria Cioată	
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)
Session 6 — Illuminated Manuscripts	
Chair: Marci Freedman	
3:30 – 4:00pm	Dagmara Budzioch (Maria Curie-Skłodowska 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)

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 Birkenenthal"
2:30 – 3:00pm	Maria Cioată (University of Manchester) "Remembering the beginnings of the Romanian Jewish Settlement Samarin: Friedrich Horn's <i>Nationaltraum der Juden</i> "
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.