



Jewish Studies MA Thesis Topics 2016-2023

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Lore, Art & Literature

- Crucifixes in the Wind: Itzik Manger's Use of Christian Motifs in His Published and Unpublished Poetry (Supervision: Dr Helen Beer)
- The Witch and the Jew: The Conception of the Other in Czech and Slovak Folklore (Supervision: Dr François Guesnet)
- The Journal Renesans and the Rebirth of Art and Literature in Yiddish London (Supervision: Dr Helen Beer)
- In KTU 1.114 ('The Drunkenness of Ilu'), Why does Yarihu act like, or appear as, a dog, and what is the relationship between this episode and the dog hair in the remedy? (Supervision: Prof Willem Smelik)
- Dressing-up for the Camera: Fashioning Studio Portrait Photographs in London's Jewish East End, 1898-1914 (Supervision: Prof Michael Berkowitz)
- A Blueprint for House of Anita: An Interpretive Analysis (Supervision: Prof François Guesnet)

Ancient History

- Masculinity and Femininity in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Evaluating Ben Sira, Jubilees and the Hodayot (Supervision: Prof Sacha Stern)
- The Mistranslation of Greek Loanwords from the Mishnah to the Gemorah (Supervision: Prof Mark Geller)
- Halakhic Midrash at Qumran (Supervision: Prof Sacha Stern)
- Patterns in the Biblical Onomasticon (Supervision: Prof Sacha Stern)
- Tiberian Cantillation Marks in Mishnah MSS from the Cairo Genizah (Supervision: Prof Sacha Stern)
- Schools of the 1290 Expulsion: A Historiographical Exploration of Changing Perspectives (Supervision: Prof Sacha Stern)

Early Modern & Modern History, Holocaust

- Holocaust Representation in American Newspapers (Supervision: Prof Shirli Gilbert)
- Medical Care for Jewish Displaced Persons in the American Occupation Zone in Austria 1945-1954 (Supervision: Prof Michael Berkowitz)
- A View from the Mosul Margins (Supervision: Dr Seth Anziska)
- Conflicting ideologies and the politics of education in the schools of the Jewish Colonization Association in rural Argentina 1893 - 1916 (Supervision: Dr François Guesnet)
- The Nazione Ebraica of Naples in the Age of Absolutism (1740–1747) (Supervision: Dr François Guesnet)
- An Analysis of the Contemporary Media Response to the Limerick Boycott in 1904 (Supervision: Prof Shirli Gilbert)
- What Was the Role Played by Sidney Webb in the Passfield White Paper Crisis? (Supervision: Prof Michael Berkowitz)
- A Life-Saving Trip to China in Desperation: The Experience of Jewish Refugees in Shanghai During World War II (Supervision: Prof Michael Berkowitz)
- Towards a New Perspective on the Persistence and Suppression of Marranism in Seventeenth-Century Amsterdam (Supervision: Prof François Guesnet)

Politics

- To What Extent did the Bush Administration Adhere to its Stated Policy on the Arab-Israeli Conflict in the Months before 9/11 (Supervision: Prof Neill Lochery)
- Fashioning Peace: The Impact of the Oslo Peace Process on Textiles and Garment manufacturing between Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories 1993 – 2000 (Supervision: Dr Seth Anziska)
- The Impact of Soviet Jewish Aliyah in shaping Israel's governments and its policies towards the peace process from 1988 onwards (Supervision: Prof Neill Lochery)
- The Abraham Accords: An Economic Success (Supervision: Prof Neill Lochery)

Language

- Knowledge of Yiddish, Hebrew, and Other Languages in Interfaith Families (Supervision: Lily Kahn)
- Queering the Contemporary Shtetl: Forging Community through Yiddish Language in Queer Spaces as a Continuation of a Yiddishkeit Legacy (Supervision: Dr Sonia Gollance)
- Is Ugaritic a Dialect of Amorite? (Supervision Prof Lily Kahn)
- Jerome's Possible Reliance on the Septuagint for the Translation of Old Iranian Loanwords in the Hebrew Bible (Supervision: Prof Lily Kahn)

Religious Studies

What is the prevalence and significance of ecstatic experience in Judaism 18th-21st Century? (Supervision: Dr Naftali Loewenthal)

Between Religious Object and Amulet History and the Development of the Mezuzah (Supervision: Prof Mark Geller)

Moshe in Crisis: towards a consciously reflexive Maimonidean Image (Supervision: Dr Tali Loewenthal)

Abraham Maimonides: Under the Maimonidean Legacy (Supervision: Prof Tali Loewenthal)

An Examination of Literature by Ex-Orthodox Jews (Supervision: Dr Tali Loewenthal)