

England as the Custodian of the Jewish Past

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I. Norman, Angevin, and Early Plantagenet Periods (1066 – 1290)

1. Ashkenazi Siddur with list of debtors in Judeo-Arabic
2. Valmadonna, no. 1 – Pentateuch, with Targum, and Five Scrolls
3. Sale of land from Jacob the Jew to Walter de Merton
4. Longleat House MS 21 – Hebrew-Latin Dictionary, created at Ramsey Abbey (Cambridgeshire), 13th century

II. Lachrymose History

1. Early blood libels: Norwich (1144), Lincoln (1255)
2. Massacre of the Jews of York (1190)
3. Expulsion under Edward I (1290)

III. No Jews in England: 1290 – 1657

IV. And yet Hebrew learning continued and flourished:

1. Roger Bacon, polymath (c. 1214 – c. 1292)
2. and many others

V. 16th Century

1. Corpus Christi College, est. 1517 – *biblioteca trilinguis*, praised by Erasmus
2. King Henry VIII – Regius Professorships
 - a. Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge (1540)
 - b. Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford (1546)
3. Antoine Rodolphe Chevallier (1523 – 1572), Regius Professor at Cambridge (1569 – 1572)
4. Thomas Bodley (1545 – 1613), founder of the Bodleian Library, Oxford

VI. 17th, 18th, and 19th Centuries

1. John Selden (1584 – 1654), jurist and scholar of Jewish law
2. Edward Pococke (1604 – 1691), chair of Arabic, Regius Professor at Oxford
3. Robert Huntington (1637 – 1701), provost of Trinity College, Dublin
4. Benjamin Kennicott (1718 – 1783), keeper of the Radcliffe Library
5. Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex (1773 – 1843)
6. Moses Shapira (1830 – 1884), agent of the British Museum in Jerusalem

7. John Rylands (1801 – 1888), Manchester industrialist
 8. Enriqueta Rylands (1843 – 1908), founder of the Rylands Library
 9. Alexander Lindsay, 25th Earl of Crawford (1812 – 1880), art collector
 10. Solomon Schechter (1847 – 1915), in England, 1882 – 1902, Cambridge
 11. Charles Taylor (1840 – 1908), master of St John's College, Cambridge
 12. Agnes Lewis (1843 – 1926) and Margaret Gibson (1843 – 1920), Scottish twin sisters, founders of Westminster College, Cambridge
 13. Elkan Nathan Adler (1861 – 1946), bibliophile
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Bodleian (Oxford):

- <http://bav.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/digitized-items-hebrew-manuscripts>

Bodleian, Maimonides, Mishneh Torah:

- <http://maimonides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

British Library, Duke of Sussex Bible:

- <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/duke-of-sussex-bible-add-ms-15252>

British Library, Onqelos:

- http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Or_2363

British Library, Targum Yerushalmi:

- http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Add_MS_27031

John Rylands Library Haggadot:

- <http://openn.library.upenn.edu/Data/0021/html/HebrewMss6.html>
- <http://openn.library.upenn.edu/Data/0021/html/HebrewMss7.html>

Cambridge, Lowe Mishna Manuscript:

- <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-ADD-00470-00001/1>

Cairo Geniza (worldwide):

- <https://fjms.genizah.org/>

Cambridge (general collection and Genizah documents):

- <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/hebrew>
- <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/genizah>

Kennicott Bible (Bodleian, Oxford):

- <http://bav.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/digitized-items-hebrew-manuscripts>
(search for MS Kennicott 1)