

Tracing Jewish History: From Yemen to Yorkshire
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Lecture 1: The Jews of Hellenistic Egypt

- Jews in Egypt
- Alexander the Great
- Ptolemy Kingdom
- Alexandria
- Septuagint – the Bible in Greek
 - o John Rylands Library fragments
 - o Papyrus Fouad 266
 - o Oxyrhynchus fragments
- Nash Papyrus
- Septuagint fragments in the Land of Israel
 - o Qumran
 - o Naḥal Ḥever (near Ein Gedi)
- Codex Sinaiticus / Saint Catherine's Monastery
- Proseuche – forerunner of the Synagogue
- Theodotus Inscription (Jerusalem)
- Onias Temple (Leontopolis / Tell el-Yehudiyeh)
- W. M. Flinders Petrie
- Symbiosis
 - o Ezekiel the Tragedian, *Exagogue*
 - o Philo the Poet, *Jerusalem*

- Philo the Philosopher
- Occupations of the Jews
- Jews as soldiers in the Ptolemaic army

Lecture 2: The Jews of Arabia

- destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E.
- Bar-Kokhba revolt in 132–135 C.E.
- northwest Arabia
 - Tayma
 - al-Ḥijr = Mada'in Ṣalīḥ
 - Dedan = al-'Ula
- Raphaël Savignac and Antonin Jaussen
- Aḥmad al-Jallad (Ohio State University)
- Samuel ibn Adiya, Jewish poet and warrior
- southern Arabia / kingdom of Ḥimyar (modern-day Yemen)
- Sabaic (Ancient South Arabian)
- Jewish inscriptions (including in Hebrew/Aramaic)
- Zoar, Jordan
- Bet She'arim, northern Israel
- Jews in or near Medina, according to the Qur'an and early Islamic sources

Lecture 3: Jews in German Lands: Roman and Holy Roman Empires

- Halbtorn amulet (Pannonia / Austria), c. 200 C.E.
 - Shema in Greek letters
- letter of Constantine the Great, 321 C.E.
- oil lamps with menorah image – Cologne, Trier
- fast forward to the Middle Ages
- Mainz
- Worms
 - cemetery
 - Judengasse
 - synagogue

- o mikveh
 - o Henry IV (r. 1056–1105)
- Speyer
 - o tombstones
 - o synagogue
 - o mikveh
 - o Judengasse
- Rüdiger Huzmann, Bishop of Speyer (1073–1090)
- Worms, Maḥzor (high holiday prayer book), 1272

Lecture 4: The Jews of Medieval England

- William the Conqueror
- Corpus Christi College (Oxford), MS 133 – Ashkenazi prayer book with Judeo-Arabic recording of debts on the blank pages in the back
- Seal of Solomon bar Isaac, found at Arthur’s Seat, Edinburgh, 1850
- Lincoln
 - o Aaron of Lincoln (1125 – 1186)
 - o Jews House and Jews Court, Lincoln
 - o Lincoln Cathedral
 - o Magna Carta (1215)
- *starr* ‘legal document’
- Abraham ibn Ezra
- R. Isaac of Norwich
- “the island at the edge of the earth called Angleterra”
- Valmadonna, no. 1 (MOTB GC 858) – Complete Pentateuch, etc.
- Longleat MS 21, Hebrew-Latin-(French) Dictionary, Ramsey Abbey (Cambridgeshire), 13th century
- York
 - o Jewbury
 - o cemetery
- Canterbury
 - o Jewry Lane

- London
 - o Old Jewry
- Guildford
 - o synagogue
- Nottingham – leases of houses
- Northampton – tombstone
- London – tombstones
- ewer – Suffolk, c. 1250
- Oxford
 - o Merton College, est. 1262
 - o Dead Man's Walk
 - o burial ground
- lachrymose history
 - blood libels
 - massacre at York
- Rabbi Jacob ben Judah Hazzan (London), *Etz Hayyim* (1287)
- expulsion under Edward 1 in 1290

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