

## Friday 13 June Wiener library

9.00 - 11.00 The War and the Search for a Jewish Homeland

**Esther Yankelevitch** (University of Haifa), *The Jewish Migration Committee in Palestine during the First World War*

**Peter Lawson** (Open University, London), *Palestine in the Poetry of Isaac Rosenberg and Siegfried Sassoon*

**Anat Kidron** (University of Haifa), *Towards Consolidating a Zionist National Consciousness during the First World War*

11.00 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 1.00 Experience, Memory and Memorialisation

**Stephanie Seul** (University of Bremen), *The German-Jewish Press as a Source for the Jewish War Experience 1914-1918*

**Edward Madigan** (Royal Holloway, UL), *'No Shofar, just the Terrific Sound of the Cannon': Anglo-Jewish Engagement with Military Service, 1914-1918*

**Gerald Lamprecht** (University of Graz), *The Commemoration of Austrian Jewish War Heroes 1914 - 1938*

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.00 Roundtable Session

Looking Back to the Future of the Jewish Experience of the First World War

**Edward Madigan** (Royal Holloway, UL), **Gideon Reuveni** (University of Sussex), **David Cesarani** (Royal Holloway, UL)

Conference conveners:

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## The Jewish Experience of the First World War

International Conference, London,

11 - 13 June 2014

### Programme

#### Wednesday 11 June

Jewish Museum, Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert St, London NW1 7NB  
T: 020 7284 7384

1.45 Opening Remarks - **Gideon Reuveni** and **Edward Madigan**

2.00 - 3.30 For Home and Country

**Vanda Wilcox** (John Cabot University, Rome), *Jewish Soldiers in the Italian Army, 1915-18*

**Sarah Panter** (Leibniz-Institute of European History, Mainz) *Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The Experiences of Jewish Soldiers in Europe and the USA during the First World War*

**David Cesarani** (Royal Holloway, UL), *'The Jew Boy Can Fight Alright!' Reappraising the Experience of Jews in Britain during the Great War*

3.30 - 4.00 Break

4.00 - 5.00 Rabbinical Interpretations of War

**Stuart Cohen** (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan), *"War is Different." Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook on the halakhic exceptionalism of War, 1915-1916*

**Marc Saperstein** (Kings College London), *American Rabbis as the US Enters the War: April 1917*

7.30 Keynote Lecture at the JW3

341-351 Finchley Road, London T:020 7433 8988

**Derek Penslar** (University of Oxford), *The First World War and Modern Jewry*



## Public Lecture at the JW3

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### The First World War and Modern Jewry

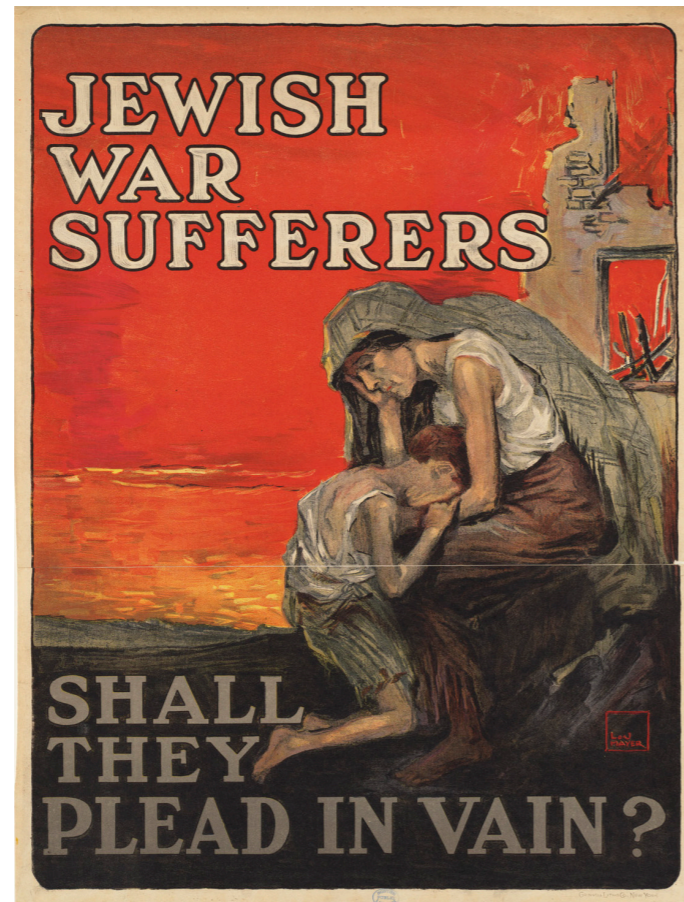
Derek Penslar

Nearly one and a half million Jews served in the armed forces of the Allied and Central Powers during the First World War. Many fought because they had no choice, but others served willingly, eager to demonstrate their loyalty, courage, and worthiness for acceptance. This lecture will focus on the conflict Jewish soldiers felt between duty to their country and solidarity towards fellow Jews across the battle line. This tension continued to haunt Jewish veterans into the interwar years, fueling responses as varied as Zionism, communism, and desperate patriotism.

This public lecture is part of a conference on the 'Jewish Experience of the First World War.'

By bringing together junior and more established scholars from a range of different disciplines, the conference aims to provide the setting for an in-depth discussion on the place and multifaceted meanings of the First World War for our understanding of the Jewish experience of the modern era.

Derek Penslar, FRSC is a comparative historian with interests in the relationship between modern Israel and diaspora Jewish societies, global nationalist movements, European colonialism and post-colonial states. In 2012, he became the first Stanley Lewis professor of Israel studies at the University of Oxford. He is a member of the Department of Politics and International Relations and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, and a fellow of St Anne's College. Prof. Penslar's areas of research expertise include modern European Jewry, Zionism and Israel.



## Thursday 12 June, London Jewish Museum

9.30 - 11.00 Jewish Women at War

**Andrea Sinn** (UC Berkeley), *On the Home Front: Jewish Women During the Great War*

**Martina Steer** (University of Vienna), *National Consciousness, Jewish Identity, and Gender Solidarity: German-Jewish Women and World War One*

**Ruth Nattermann** (Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich), *The Female Side of War: Experience and Memory of the Great War in Italian-Jewish Women's Ego-Documents*

11.00 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.30 Gender and Total War

**Nils Römer** (University of Texas at Dallas), *The First World War and the (En)Gendering of Jewish Tradition*

**Marie-Christin Lux** (Technical University, Berlin), *Gender and Experiences of War in Writings of French Jewish Intellectuals: The Correspondence of Robert and Alice Hertz*

12.30 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 The Jewish Family at War

**Sharon Gordon** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *The Warburg Brothers and Jewish Integration into National Politics*

**Carl-Eric Linsler** (Technical University, Berlin), *Jewish Family History as a Comparative Approach to the Jewish Experience of the First World War*

**Catherine Taylor** (Head Archivist, The Waddesdon Archive at Windmill Hill), *A Family at War: the Rothschilds and the First World War as Told in their Correspondence*

3.30 - 4.00 Break

4.00 - 5.30 Occupation and the War on the Eastern Front

**Björn Siegel** (University of Sussex), *"Bringing Light to the East:" Jewish Education in Times of War*

**Philipp Nielsen** (Max Planck Institute, Berlin), *Eastern Promises: Jews and the German Occupation of Poland between 1914 and 1918*

**Emma Or-Tal Zohar** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *1916 as a Turning Point in the Jewish Political and Cultural Life in Poland*

7.00 - 8.00 Evening session at the Wiener Library

29 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DP, T: 020 7636 7247

**Edward Timms** (University of Sussex), *Karl Kraus's The Last Days of Mankind as a German-Jewish Tragi-Comedy*. Followed by reading from *The Last Days of Mankind* by **Chris Staines**