

The Institute for Jewish Studies

The Institute for Jewish Studies, established in 2015 within the Faculty of Philology at the University of Münster, is dedicated to research and teaching on the cultural history of Judaism from Late Antiquity to the present day, encompassing the diverse Jewish cultural and linguistic regions. Its principal areas of focus include the history of Jewish religion, literature, art and book culture in the Middle Ages and in the modern and contemporary periods.

Organization

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Location and registration

Symposium

Raum SP4 106
Schlossplatz 4, 48149 Münster

Lunch & Dinner

Foyer
Johannisstraße 1, 48143 Münster

Registration at Mareike Lübke
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by 2 November 2026.

JEWISH BOOK CULTURE

Symposium to Honour Prof. Dr. Katrin Kogman-Appel



4 NOVEMBER 2026
8.45 AM – 6.00 PM

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PROGRAMME

Opening

8.45 – 9.00 **Welcome**
Regina Grundmann, Münster

Greetings

Ze'ev Strauss, Göttingen,
Deputy Chairman of the Fachverband
Judaistik Jüdische Studien
Jüdische Theologie in Deutschland e.V.

Panel I **Chair** Friederike Schöpf, Münster

9.00 – 9.45 **What Is the History of the Jewish Book?**
David Stern, Cambridge, MA

9.45 – 10.30 **Towards an Ecology of Graphic Elements
in Jewish Print**
Avriel Bar-Levav, Raanana

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.45 **From Communal to Tiny Codex:
The Migration and Transformation
of an Ashkenazi Tradition**
Sarit Shalev-Eyni, Jerusalem

11.45 – 12.30 ***"I Have Gone Astray Like a Lost Sheep":
Unsettled Ashkenazi Scribes in Northern Italy***
Ilona Steiman, Münster

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch** at Johannistr. 1

Panel II **Chair** Rainer Barzen, Münster

14.30 – 15.15 **An Ashkenazi Scribe in 13th-Century
Iberia? Rashi's Commentary on the Bible
from the Colombina and Lázaro Galdiano
Libraries**
Javier del Barco, Madrid

15.15 – 16.00 **The Dominance of the Sephardic Script
since the Invention of Printing**
Emile Schrijver, Amsterdam

16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 – 17.15 **Fictions and Facts Concerning Jewish
Receptions of Michelangelo's Moses**
Gerd Blum, Münster

19.00 **Lunch** at Johannistr. 1

