Achievements

- Since its inception the Centre has achieved international recognition and has already hosted multiple events drawing academics to Oxford from across the globe.

- The conferences, seminars, lectures, and workshops bring together some of the most prominent scholars into conversation with promising and passionate students.

- The highest quality of academic conversation is maintained while attendance numbers continue to grow.

- Our programmes address critical questions and promote field-changing work across disciplinary boundaries. A new book series with Oxford University Press provides a channel to publish this work, giving visibility to the enormous relevance of the Bible for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

- The Centre has formed an advisory board and a programme committee, drawing together Oriel’s senior officers, faculty and students from across the University of Oxford.

Current seminars include:
- Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar
- Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar
- Ethical Reading Seminar (in collaboration with Classics)
- Biblical Hebrew Reading Group

The Centre’s upcoming conferences include:
- Anti-Semitism, Philosemitism and Anti-Judaism in Protestant Bible Scholarship
- Liturgical Space and Practices of Reading in Antiquity
- Martyrdom in the Margins: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- Formation of the Subject in Antiquity and Beyond
- Hermeneutic interventions and practices of reading: between modernity and antiquity

Collaborative workshops are lead with our international partners: Freie Universität (Berlin), University of Birmingham, University of Cambridge, Yale University, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Humboldt University (Berlin), Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin), University of Zurich, Princeton University, and Kings College London.

Exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum:
- Ashmolean Museum exhibition entitled Vitality of Judaism in Antiquity: Art, Magic and Text is being planned for 2023 in partnership with our Centre.

Fundraising achievements to date:
- Philanthropic support has been vital in enabling the formation and early success of the Centre.
- An initial investment from Oriel to the Centre was complemented by support from an Alumnus of the College; and ongoing support has been provided by The Knapp Family Foundation.