

# Jewish Stories and the National Heritage

A one-day workshop organised by the Jewish  
Country Houses project in partnership with  
the National Trust

Polesden Lacey, Great Bookham, Dorking,  
Surrey RH5 6BD

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Polesden Lacey, Copper-Beech Room

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- 10.00 -10.30      **Registration and Coffee**
- 10.30 – 10.40      **Welcome and introduction**  
Tom Stammers, Durham University and Silvia Davoli, University of Oxford
- 10.40 -12.15      **Session 1: Exploring 'Jewish' Houses and Collections**  
*Chair: Oliver Cox (University of Oxford)*  
John Hilary (Independent researcher, biographer of the Messel family and Nymans)  
George Roberts (Curator, Mottisfont)  
Penelope Hines (Curator, Willow Road)  
Susie Batchelor (Head of Audiences and Collections, Gunnersbury Park and Museum)  
Florian Medici (Assistant Curator, Château de Seneffe, Belgium)
- 12.15 - 13.00      Sandwich Lunch
- 13.00 -13.45      **Keynote Talk**  
*Chair: Abigail Green (University of Oxford)*  
David Feldman (Professor of History, Birkbeck, and Director of the Pears Institute): 'Anti-Semitism as Heritage'
- 13.45-14.45      **Session 2: Difficult and Contested Histories**  
*Chair: Jaclyn Granick (Cardiff University)*  
Victoria Bevan (Curator, Polesden Lacey)  
Neil Watt (House & Collections Manager, Mount Stewart)  
Jonathan Wallis (Curator, Ormsby Hall)
- 14.45 - 15.00      Tea
- 15.00 - 16.15      **Session 3: Widening Perspectives: the NT and Beyond**  
*Chair: Nino Strachey (National Trust)*  
Charlotte Holmes (Curator, Back to Backs)  
Marcus Roberts (J-Trails)  
Alison Cooper (Curator, South West)  
Hester Abrams (Willesden Cemetery)
- 16.15-17.00      Tour of Polesden Lacey with the Curators