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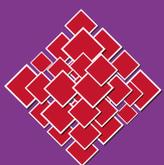
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- ◆ INHA, 2 rue Vivienne, 75002 Paris
- ◆ Métro : Palais Royal - Musée du Louvre (lignes 1 et 7)
- ◆ Sorbonne – 17 rue de la Sorbonne – 75005 Paris
- ◆ Métro : Cluny - La Sorbonne (ligne 10)



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Sepphoris: From Galilean Town to Roman Polis

Sepphoris, or Zippori in Hebrew, the historic capital of the Galilee, is located in the center of the Lower Galilee, 5 km west of Nazareth. The building of Sepphoris as a Roman *polis* at the end of the 1st or beginning of the 2nd c. C.E. attests to the change taking place in the Galilee vis-à-vis Rome and its culture then and in the following period—a change that would transform the urban landscape of Sepphoris into a city no different than other cities that flourished in ancient Palestine in the first centuries C.E. The first lecture will present the finds uncovered at the site over the years and discuss in their light other related topics e.g.; urbanism, private and public space, acculturation, etc.

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The biblical Second Commandment was by and large strictly observed in the Second Temple period, however from the late third century CE on, but mainly in the Byzantine period, archaeological finds unearthed in ancient synagogues reveal that the Jews used figurative images in their art and architecture. The diverse finds uncovered in ancient Sepphoris in recent years provide important information regarding the use of images and figurative art in the Galilean cities, which were populated mostly by Jews. The lecture will examine the nature of these finds, probe their meaning, and explore the possibility of their use by the Jews residing in the city during the second and third centuries CE. In defining limits and restrictions in times of shifting borders, the second lecture will question how far the Jews, or at least certain segments within the Jewish community, were willing to go in adopting foreign influences into their lives in late antique Palestine.

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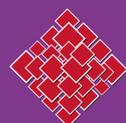
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The archaeological finds unearthed at Sepphoris in recent years provide significant information regarding the city's demographic composition and the cultural relationship between the various communities residing there in the first centuries of the Common Era. The third lecture will present the cult buildings known to date at the site – a Roman temple, a synagogue and two churches – and discuss their implications for the study of the architectural development, social structure, religious behavior, and cultural relationships between Jews and other social segments of society in this late antique city.

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With the Christianization of ancient Palestine, Jews and Christians became neighbors, perhaps by necessity. In practice, however, the Christians were not content with only conquering the land or setting up churches for the followers of their new religion. The ongoing Judaeo-Christian controversy indeed affected the complex relationship between the two communities, especially in those cities or villages where Jews and Christians lived in close proximity. The fourth lecture will examine the unique situation in which Jews and Christians lived beside each other in late antique Palestine, focusing mainly on aspects pertaining to synagogues and churches. A reexamination of the archaeological finds emerging from these two types of buildings is challenging and thought provoking, but also offers an opportunity to explore the wider context of the relations between the two religious communities. It will be argued that the Jews might have had a closer and more amicable day-to-day relationship with their Christian neighbors than one might think.



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