From Amsterdam to Istanbul: Fundraising and Jewish Refugee Relief in the Seventeenth Century

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Speaker: Professor Adam Teller, Brown University
Date: 22 May 2019
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Birkbeck, University of London, Clore Lecture Theatre, Clore Management Centre, Torrington Square, London WC1E 7JL

Free event: [Book your place](#)

This lecture examines the ways in which Jews across Europe and Asia co-operated in helping the tens of thousands of their co-religionists displaced by the mid-seventeenth century wars in eastern Europe. A broad economic network coalesced which took money raised in communities as far distant as Amsterdam, Hamburg, Vienna, and Mantua and channelled it to where it was needed most - Poland-Lithuania, the Ottoman Empire, and even Iran. The focus of the talk will be the Jews of Italy in general, and of Venice in particular, who were at the heart of the network, coordinating the fundraising, giving support to the refugees at home and abroad, and co-operating with the Jews of Istanbul in ransoming the thousands of Jewish
captives brought to the slave markets there.


This lecture is one of a series exploring themes from the exhibition, *Jews, Money, Myth* at the Jewish Museum London (19 March – 7 July), developed in collaboration with the Pears Institute for the study of Antisemitism.

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