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100 Years Ago – The British in the Holy Land

A CMJ Lecture Series to commemorate the historic events of 1917

*All lectures will be at Christ Church, Jerusalem (just inside the Jaffa Gate), and will start at 7.30 pm.
All are welcome. Entrance is free.*

Thursday 9 February 2017

Mishy Harman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and host of the *Sipur Israeli* radio programme)

Samuel Gobat: The Forgotten Bishop.

7.00 p.m. – Cheese and Wine

7.30 p.m. – Lecture

Samuel Gobat was the second Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. His 33-year tenure, from 1846-1879, built on the work of his predecessor, and laid the foundation for much of CMJ's work into the 20th century.

Thursday 9th March 2017

Dr Garth Gilmour (Executive Director of CMJ)

Archaeology in 1920s Jerusalem: Colonialism and Conflict in Mandatory Palestine.

The Palestine Exploration Fund's excavation in Jerusalem from 1923 to 1925 was the first new archaeological project of the British Mandate in Palestine, and it witnessed an explicit and unusually abrupt clash of cultures.

Thursday 6th April 2017

Reverend David Pileggi (Rector, Christ Church Jerusalem)

William Henry Hechler: Herzl's Christian Henchman.

William Hechler, an Anglican priest, was the unacknowledged strength and encouragement alongside Theodor Herzl. Hechler's position as Chaplain to the British Embassy in Vienna enabled him to introduce Herzl to the German Royal Family, and paved the way for the international legitimization of the Zionist Movement.

Thursday 4th May 2017

Yoram Sabo (Film maker)

Moses Wilhelm Shapira.

Moses Shapira was a 19th century Jerusalem antiquities dealer who was accused of selling forged antiquities and manuscripts. Recent evidence, however, suggests that not all his objects were fakes. Yoram Sabo has researched Shapira for thirty years, and produced a documentary film on the subject.

Thursday 1st June 2017

Dr Shimon Gibson (University of North Carolina, and Senior Fellow of the W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem)

The Palestine Exploration Fund and 19th-Century Expeditions to the Holy Land.

The Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF) was founded in London in 1865 to promote research into the archaeology and history, manners and customs and culture, topography, geology and natural sciences of biblical Palestine and the Levant. Dr Gibson, an acknowledged expert in the history of archaeology in the Holy Land, will look at some of the characters and stories of the PEF's early days in Palestine.

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Professor Haim Goren (Tel Hai College)

Conrad Schick and the Holy City.

Conrad Schick was one of the giants of 19th Century Jerusalem, particularly noted for his architecture and scale models of Jerusalem. His buildings include the Mea Shearim neighbourhood, which he was commissioned to design, Hansen House in Talbiyeh, Beit Tabor on Prophets Street, Bikur Holim Hospital, and St Paul's Anglican Church in Shivtei Israel Street. Several of his models are in the Heritage Centre at Christ Church in Jerusalem.

August – no lecture

Thursday 7th September 2017

Professor Shaul Sapir (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Medical Missions in 19th Century Palestine.

Professor Sapir relates how the arrival of Protestants in the 19th century, including the London Society for the Promotion of the Gospel to the Jews (now CMJ), saw the introduction of provision of modern medical care in the Holy Land.

Lectures are planned for 16th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 25th and 26th October, culminating in events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

Details will be made available at a later date.

CMJ was founded in London in 1809, and Christ Church in Jerusalem was dedicated in 1849.

For information, go to www.cmj-israel.org.