Judah Halevi's Pilgrimage: The View from the Diwan

Tuesday 10 May 2016
17:00-18:00
Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity

Judah Halevi's pilgrimage to Jerusalem (1140–41), has been illuminated in vivid and earthy detail thanks to discoveries in the Cairo Genizah. Halevi's religious intentions in making the pilgrimage have been understood in various ways, usually on the basis of passages in his theological treatise. His poetry about the pilgrimage has generally been interpreted in the light of the treatise. This lecture will explore the pilgrimage poems and a letter from the Genizah in an attempt to get a more direct look into Halevi's heart than can be expected from a theological treatise.

followed by a wine reception