In this talk, Professor Brand discusses laws concerning Jewish communities in England following their settlement after the Norman Conquest of 1066 until their Expulsion in 1290. He will focus on the charters of King Henry II and his successors in the mid to late twelfth century that governed the status and activities of members of the Jewish community, royal legislation at the end of the twelfth century that regulated money lending activities, and legislation in the thirteenth century that put social controls on Jewish communities and governed social contact between Jews and Christians. He also will discuss the lack of formal legislation surrounding the Expulsion.

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