• However, the pressure of Jews to get their money back was due to the financial pressure the King placed on the Jews due to tallage
• Jewish religion was considered the wrong religion and can see the increased presence of conversion and ritual sacrifice
• Their weal was exploited by the crown
• Complex web that existed between cultural and religious life, protection and persecution and toleration
• Christians were very interested in getting money- everyone always involved in financial agreements
• Jews were able to charge interest on their loans which played an important economic role in the medieval economy but the King could take this wealth and take their land after death
• Jews were to medieval eyes untrustworthy, deceitful and damned

Seminar Notes:

• 1066- Jews being arriving from France in the Norman Conquest
• Religious minority
• Jewish money can lend money with interest and Christians are forbidden from doing this- meaning Jews can play a huge economic role in England
• Archeological evidence- synagogue, mykbar (specific Jewish baths in every community)
• Noticeable in society due to their dress, possible pointy hats ect.
• 1190- York 150 Jews massacred because they would rather die than convert to Christianity
• Usary- lending money and charging interest