The Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies seeks to fill a Visiting W2 professorship in Jewish Art on a temporary basis for one semester, starting April 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

The professor’s chair in Jewish Art at the Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies serves as a fundamental building block toward an integrative conception of Jewish Studies. The successful candidate will be tasked with representing the entire spectrum of Jewish Art as a field of study. Therefore, one prerequisite for the position is a broad range of expertise in cultural history, which will enable the candidate to analyze artistic activity within Jewish cultures methodologically with respect to theoretical discourses, as well as to discuss transcultural interrelations and the relationship between majority and minority, or the question of internal vs. external definitions of Jewish Art.

This professorship is intended to contribute toward the positioning and further development of the academic field of Jewish Art within the international context, in both teaching and research. Experience in museology and Jewish museological history are desired, as well as a close cooperation with Heidelberg University in teaching and research, e.g. through the Heidelberg Center for Cultural Heritage (HCCH).

The following are required qualifications:

- In addition to the general employment regulations of § 47 LHG [state higher education law of Baden-Württemberg], a completed program of university studies and doctoral degree in Judaic/Jewish Studies with a concentration in Jewish Art, or Art History with a Judaic focus.
- Very good knowledge of Hebrew.
- A profound knowledge of recent theories in cultural studies.

Interested parties are asked to send their application in the form of a PDF including the usual documents by January 17, 2023 via e-mail to: Prof. Werner Arnold, Rector of the Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies, rektor@hfjs.eu.

The Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies is committed to equal opportunity and diversity. Applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants.