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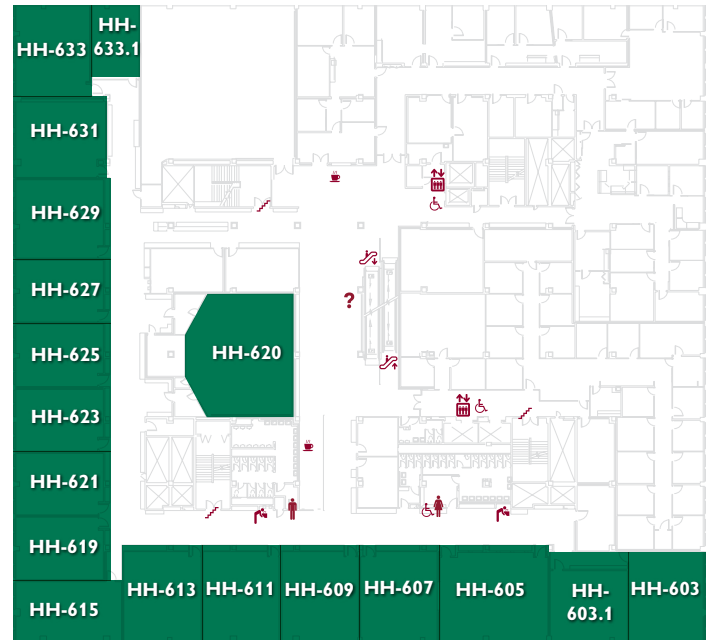
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Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, I am delighted to welcome you to our campus and classrooms!

The Azrieli Institute opened its doors four years ago and we have accomplished much to be proud of. We regularly provide research support for our graduate students and faculty members who are engaged in the academic study of Israel; we have created the first and only Israel Studies undergraduate program (Minor) in Canada; and we have welcomed post-doctoral and visiting faculty fellows to continue their work using our facilities. Indeed, we hope to see many of you come back to visit us in the future in some capacity!

The academic program of this year's Annual Meeting provides a forum for the major intellectual debates that continue to define and advance the field of Israel Studies. In addition to the regular working sessions, the program also features a number of special events devoted to the multi-disciplinary exploration of the theme of sustainability as well as the presentation of several contemporary Israeli documentary and feature films.

I invite you to peruse the program book and identify the scholars, the topics and ideas that you would like to engage during the Annual Meeting.

I would like to thank the members of the AIS 2015 Program Committee as well as the senior executive of the Association, Dr. Menachem Hofnung (President), Dr. Ilan Troen (Vice-President), Dr. Amnon Cavari (Executive Officer), and Dr. Ilan Ben-Ami (Treasurer), for their dedication and support as we have built the conference program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Csaba Nikolenyi".

Csaba Nikolenyi

Professor, Department of Political
Science
Director, Azrieli Institute of Israel
Studies
Concordia University



Dear Conference Participants and Guests,
It is my great pleasure to welcome you all – long-term AIS members and those who are attending for the first time – to our Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies at the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

Since its creation in 1984, the AIS has grown considerably and is now consisting of hundreds of scholars in five continents and dozens of countries. This meeting is made possible only through the support, volunteer work and good spirit of our members. We are looking forward to engaging and scholarly enriching meeting aimed to broaden research and understanding of various aspects tied to Israeli history, social life, politics, culture and arts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our devoted members who have worked tirelessly to make this conference possible. Many special thanks to Professor Csaba Nikolenyi, the Academic Director of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies and the 2015 AIS Program Chair. I like to express further thanks to Jennifer Solomon for her careful and efficient administrative coordination. The Program Committee

members and Csaba Nikolenyi as its Chair had to review hundreds of panels and paper proposals and did a masterful job. They deserve our deepest gratitude.

It is also my pleasure to thank the AIS officers, the Vice President, Professor Ilan Troen, the Treasurer, Dr. Ilan Ben Ami, and Dr. Amnon Cavari, the Executive officer. All three were very essential in bringing this meeting into fruition.

I hope that you will enjoy the meeting and that your interaction with your colleagues from many different countries will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding.

I look forward to meeting you during our time in Montreal.

Prof. Menachem Hofnung

President, Association for Israel Studies (AIS)

Department of Political Science
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



Whether a first time or a returning visit, welcome to Concordia University and our beautiful city of Montreal!

We're very happy to host the 31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS), and excited to welcome scholars and researchers from around the world.

This year, AIS will convene on the topic of Sustainable Israel. Advances in sustainability, as they relate to Israel, have significance for communities everywhere.

The University is well-situated to host this meeting, given our rising international prominence in both Israel Studies and sustainability – with ample overlap between the two.

Concordia's Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies is creating a dynamic understanding of Israel through different lenses. The first of its kind in Canada, the Institute draws on an array of fields, such as science, commerce and environmental studies.

The structure of cross-cultural, multi-disciplinary scholarship also holds true when it comes to sustainability at Concordia.

Concordia was recently selected as the executive secretariat of Future Earth, a globe-spanning United Nations project. The initiative marks a big step toward getting climate experts on the same page. And it's only the beginning.

At Concordia, you'll find centres devoted to resource and energy conservation, zero-impact infrastructure and sustainable business development. We have projects that include an urban farm, a greenhouse and a sustainability fund.

This program book will provide more depth into the exciting projects taking place at Concordia's Azrieli Institute – and campus wide – and how they play into this 31st Annual Meeting of AIS.

Welcoming you again to Concordia.
Great to have you here!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Shepard'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Alan Shepard
President
Concordia University



Welcome to Concordia University and the 31st Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.

This year's theme Sustainable Israel: A Changing Society in the 21st Century fits particularly well with our research mandate.

At Concordia, our research is driven by sustainability, identity, technology, health, and other issues that affect our lives. We believe that it is at the intersection of these research disciplines that we can drive the innovative solutions for a more sustainable future.

As a truly multi-disciplinary research centre, the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies is an amazing example of our research mission in action. The centre brings together academics from wide ranging fields such as archaeology, history and religion with economics, art and literature in order to contribute new ideas and voices to Israel Studies. It is also an important source of support for the next generation of scholars through funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are dedicated to the study of Israel in all its facets.

Thank you for joining us for this important event. I hope that your time in Montreal and Concordia is fruitful both professionally and personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Carr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Graham Carr
Vice-President, Research and
Graduate Studies
Concordia University



Welcome to Concordia University!

As Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, I am delighted to welcome the 31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies.

Our Faculty is dedicated to fostering a strong commitment to interdisciplinarity and Israel Studies plays a key role in promoting this vision. Our faculty members cultivate dynamic collaborations with Israeli partners in a wide variety of disciplines such as Political Science, Religion, and Sociology, among others. With the Azrieli Institute's compelling efforts to provide quality graduate student training and support, we are contributing in a major way to research and scholarship in Israel Studies.

The theme of the conference Sustainable Israel is also close to our heart. In the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University, we are leading the way in sustainability teaching and scholarship with many interdisciplinary initiatives. We are looking forward to hearing from the participants of the conference about the cutting edge approaches to a sustainable Israel.

The Faculty of Arts and Science is a federation of 27 units and over 18,000

students working together to produce innovative research, provide quality teaching and service, and ensure excellence in carrying out our academic mission. This is an opportunity for us to learn and engage in a stimulating discussion.

I hope you will enjoy your time at Concordia. I wish you a most fruitful annual meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'André Roy'.

André Roy
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY

MOVIES

Room H-763

Body Language

(Written and directed by Doïna Harap in collaboration with Iolande Cadrin Rossignol)

Produced by Doïna Harap, a Montreal documentary maker, this film deals with the subject of visually "reading" the body language of the terrorist. It is the first documentary to date which incorporates neuroscientists, autism specialists and psychoanalytic thinking concerning the developmental problem that terrorists bond through violence and are not developing empathy early in their lives. The documentary specifically portrays airport security at Ben-Gurion International Airport. The detection of terrorists attempting to penetrate airport security is crucial for tourism sustainability.

This film will be screened on Tuesday, June 2 at 9:15 am and will be followed by a discussion with Ms. Harap and Dr. Nancy Hartevelt Kobrin, Psychoanalyst, Arabist and Counter Terrorist Expert as well as Fellow at The American Center for Democracy.

Children of the Sun

(Directed by Ran Tal)

Born into the utopian dream of the early kibbutz movement, the "children of the sun" were destined to fulfill the hope for a new way of life.

This film will be screened on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 am and on Tuesday, June 2 at 3:30 pm.

Iraq N' Roll

(Written and Directed by Gili Gaon)

In an attempt to bridge time, space and culture, Israeli rock musician Dudu Tassa takes on the original music of his grandfather who was one of the leading musicians in the early 20th century in Iraq. A grandson and the weight of history – a story about the power of music and its ability to heal a family's pain.

This film will be screened on Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm.

Sustainable Israel: A View from the Sky with DUBY TAL

The presentation features new cinematic and photographic work by DUBY TAL, Israel's celebrated aerial photographer, about the Israeli environment, the new energy project and plans for the rehabilitation of the south of the Jordan river. The presentation is followed by a discussion with Mr. TAL.

This event will take place on Monday, June 1 at 11:00 am.

The Human Turbine

(Written & Directed by Danny Verete)

The attempts to harness wind and solar energy for the benefit of the residents of the Palestinian village of Susia. Working through action, rather than through protest, a group of determined individuals demonstrates how they are figuratively and literally lighting up lives.

This film will be screened on Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 pm and on Monday, June 1 at 2:00 pm.

Shattered Rhymes: the Life and Poetry of Erez Bitton

(Written & Directed by Sami Shalom Chetrit)

The film is a cinematic portrait of Jewish-Moroccan Israeli-based renowned poet Erez Bitton, and of his acclaimed poetry. A successor of the legacies of North-African poetizing and a pioneering predecessor of Mizrahi poetry in Israel, Bitton travels through the important landmarks of his, his family's, and his generation's, lived histories, shares from his experiences as a blind person, and reads from his musical, critical, multifaceted poetry.

This film will be screened on Monday, June 1 at 9:30 am and at 3:45 pm. Following the second viewing of the film, a discussion will take place with Sami Shalom Chetrit, Dr. Amor and Dr. Freiwald.

Zero Motivation

(Directed by Talya Lavie)

A unit of female Israeli soldiers at a remote desert base bide their time as they count down the minutes until they can return to civilian life. The presentation is made possible by the Israel Film Center at JCC Manhattan, Zeitgeist Films and Films We Like.

This film will be screened on Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30 pm.

EXHIBITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Sustainable Architecture Exhibit **Room H-701**

Envisioning the Israel of Tomorrow: Technion Presents Student Projects in Sustainable Architecture and Design

Join us for a fascinating exhibition of cutting-edge projects on sustainable architecture by students at Technion!

Itai Peleg-Pilozof, Exhibit Advisor

Camille Bedard, Exhibit Curator

The official opening of this exhibit will take place on Monday, June 1 at 10:30 am (during the first coffee break).

Discussion with Nora Gold **Room H-767**

"Fiction-Activism: Why I Wrote a Novel about Anti-Israelism on Campus (rather than a Non-fiction Book)"

Dr. Nora Gold is a writer, activist, and the creator and editor of the prestigious online literary journal, *JewishFiction.net*. Her first book, *Marrow and Other Stories*, won a Canadian Jewish Book Award and was praised by Alice Munro. Her more recent book, *Fields of Exile*, is the first novel about anti-Israelism on campus, and it has received enthusiastic praise from Cynthia Ozick, Ruth Wisse, Irwin Cotler, Phyllis Chesler, Steve Stern, Thane Rosenbaum, Nava Semel, Naim Kattan, and Alice Shalvi. Dr. Gold, for ten years a tenured professor, is now the Writer-in-Residence and an Associate Scholar at the Centre for Women's Studies in Education (CWSE) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto, where she also coordinates the Wonderful Women Writers Series. In addition, Gold has co-founded three Canadian Zionist organizations and she holds both Canadian and Israeli citizenship. For more details, visit noragold.com.

This event will take place on Monday, June 1 at 11:00 am.

"Israel Archive Network: Primary Sources at Your Fingertips" **Room H-763**

Dr. Hezi Amiur, Israel Curator, National Library of Israel.

The National Library of Israel in cooperation with the Prime Minister's office is currently developing a new and revolutionary project: an open-access central portal for Israeli archives. Cultural, political, social life and other aspects of Zionism, the pre-State Yishuv and the State of Israel are accessible at your fingertips.

Millions of digital objects and metadata from hundreds of archives around Israel are available, while a state-of-the-art search engine allows you to perform smart searches across collections.

The future is here!

This event will take place on Tuesday, June 2 at 11:00 am.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Monday, June 1st	9:00 – 10:30 am Session A	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Session B	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Session C	3:45 pm – 5:15 pm Session D
Panel 1	MA1 Israeli Literature in Search for Lost Landscapes	MB1 Teaching Contemporary Israel: Methods and Approaches	MC1 Boycotting Higher Education in Israel: Is the Revival of Academic Discourse Still Possible?	MD1 Roundtable: David Ben-Gurion: A New Biography by Anita Shapira
Panel 2	MA2 The Arabs in Israel: Changing Identities in Times of Crisis	MB2 The Status of Jerusalem, US Constitutional Law and Identity	MC2 The Zionist Project	MD2 Israel in South Lebanon's Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part II
Panel 3	MA3 Building Backroads to Coexistence: Promoting Arab-Jewish Cooperation Through Indirect Approaches to Peace Education	MB3 Israeli Immigrants in Germany	MC3 Israel in South Lebanon's Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part I	MD3 Dreams, Challenges and Solutions for Israel's Sustainable Development
Panel 4	MA4 Palestinian Human Rights	MB4 Political Theology of Religious Zionism and Settlers' Rabbis	MC4 Mizrahi and Arab Identity and the Politics of Being in Contemporary Israel	MD4 Religious Society in Israel – Influences and Challenges
Panel 5	MA5 Germany and Israel: What Kind of Relationship?	MB5 Rethinking Home and Space through Arts and Literature	MC5 The Ethics of Sustainability in Israeli Art and Architecture	MD5 Cultural Reconstructions of the Shoah
Panel 6	MA6 Educational Issues: Israel Studies and the BDS Movement	MB6 Issues in Contemporary Israeli Policies	MC6 Cinematic Explorations of Identity in Israel	MD6 Perspectives on the Two-State Solution
Panel 7	MA7 Foreign Economic Policy: Issues and Cases	MB7 The Evolution of Israeli Military Strategy	MC7 New Directions in Holocaust Research	MD7 The Israeli Kibbutz, a Sustainable Institution for the Future?
Panel 8	MA8 Roundtable: New Directions in Research on Israeli Settlements in the Post-1967 Period	MB8 Ben-Gurion's Vision of the New State	MC8 Writing from Israel: Literature and Poetry	MD8 Issues of Gender in Education and Israel Studies
Panel 9	MA9 Elementary Particles in David Ben-Gurion's Leadership – Public, Politics and Concepts	MB9 Roundtable: What Can Indigenous Knowledge Teach Us About Peacebuilding and Reconciliation?	MC9 Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality	

Tuesday, June 2nd	9:00 – 10:30 am Session A	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Session B	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Session C
Panel 1	TA1 The Road to the 1947 Palestine Partition Plan	TB1 Israeli and Hebrew Culture	TC1 Israeli Foreign & Security Policy
Panel 2	TA2 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Gahal Party: New Perspectives on Menachem Begin's Leadership	TB2 Roundtable: The Origins of Israel Mythology: Neither Canaanites Nor Crusaders, book by David Ohana	TC2 Between Politics and Religion – The Case of Israel's Religious Right and Settlement Supporters
Panel 3	TA3 The Female Standpoint on Politics: An Ethno-National and Generational Perspective	TB3 U.S.-Israel Relations	TC3 Israel's Mythology
Panel 4	TA4 Blurring the Green Line: Political, Economic and Social Consequences	TB4 American Jewry and Israel	TC4 Gender in Israeli Art, Society and Politics
Panel 5	TA5 Israel and the European Union: Social and Political Issues	TB5 Reflections on the Israeli Legal System and Its Judiciary	TC5 Geopolitical Issues Facing Jerusalem
Panel 6	TA6 Political Leaders and the Media in the Digital Age	TB6 Integration and Sustainability in Israeli Society	TC6 Foreign Policy
Panel 7	TA7 Pre-State Zionist Attitudes and Ideals	TB7 Roundtable: "Are the Actions of the Promoters of Academic BDS Ultimately Also Attacking Israel Studies?"	TC7 Society & Economy in Mandatory Palestine
Panel 8	TA8 Visions of Israeli Education	TB8 Roundtable: The Israeli Elections of March 2015: Assessing the Consequences	TC8 Anglo-Israeli Cooperation
Panel 9	TA9 Roundtable: The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: American Attitudes Towards Israel and Their Implications for the Peace Process	TB9 Israel's Emerging Security Challenges	TC9 Roundtable: Israeli Society in the Twenty-First Century: Immigration, Inequality, and Religious Conflict, book by Calvin Goldscheider
Panel 10	TA10 Israel Studies in the Arab World		TC10 A New Look on Israeli Politics in the 1950s

Wednesday, June 3rd	9:00 – 10:30 am Session A	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Session B
Panel 1	WA1 Urbanisation and Development Policies in Israel	WB1 Approaches to the Study of the Conflict
Panel 2	WA2 Immigration	WB2 Seeking Asylum in Israel
Panel 3	WA3 Roundtable: Scholarship, Identity, and Advocacy: Diasporic Jewish Scholars and Israel	WB3 The Question of Jewish Nationalism and Sustainability
Panel 4	WA4 Towards a Green Culture in Israel? Sustainable Development & Environmentalism in Israel	WB4 Arabs and Jews in Israel: Coexistence, Cooperation and Challenges
Panel 5	WA5 Contemporary Israeli Politics	WB5 Zionism, Challenges & Alternatives
Panel 6	WA6 The Conflict: Discourse and Perceptions	WB6 Civil-Military Relations
Panel 7	WA7 Public Diplomacy: What Role for Israeli Hasbara?	
Panel 8	WA8 Life in Pre-State Palestine	

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 2015

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration is open to all delegates

Room H-705

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Special Events – See pages 10-11 for full details

Room H-763

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Graduate Student Workshop

Room H-767

1:00 – 6:00 PM

AIS Board of Directors' Meeting

Room H-769

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Program Committee Meeting

Room H-762

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Business Center 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Room H-762

Special Events will take place all day.

SESSION A

9:00 – 10:30 AM

ROOM H-613 MA1

Israeli Literature in Search for Lost Landscapes

Chair: Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

Mimi Haskin, Kibbutzim College of Education

"Are you a Jew or an Arab?" The Jewish-Arab Stance in Hebrew Literature

Tamar Merin, The Open University of Israel

The Purloined Poem: Lea Goldberg in Dialogue with U.N Gnessin in: Letters from an Imaginary Journey

Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

The Nomadic World of Alex Epstein

ROOM H-544 MA2

The Arabs in Israel: Changing Identities in Times of Crisis

Chair: Itamar Radai, University of Haifa

Itamar Radai, University of Haifa

Current Arab Socio-Political Trends in Israel

Nohad Ali, Western Galilee Academic College and University of Haifa

The Maelstrom of Identities among the Palestinian Arabs in Israel

Ronni Shaked, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Arabs in Israel - Political Radicalisation Since 1993

Yusri Hazran, The Open University of Israel

Arab Uprisings and Arab Minority in Israel: The Christians as a Case Study

ROOM H-603-1 MA3

Building Backroads to Coexistence: Promoting Arab–Jewish Cooperation Through Indirect Approaches to Peace Education

Chair: Asaf Zohar, Trent University

Stuart Schoenfeld, Trent University

Challenges of Cultivating Peace through Environmental Education in the Eastern Mediterranean

Amal Elsana-Alhjooj, ICAN, McGill University

Advancing Coexistence, Civil Society and Social Justice in the Middle East: The 20 year ICAN Experience

Asaf Zohar, Trent University

Building Backroads to Coexistence: The Case for Indirect or Anti-conflict-resolution Approaches

Shawna Novak and Arnold Noyek, Canada International Scientific Exchange Program, CISEPO University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and York University

A Bi-Level Model of Global Cooperation: Strengthening Arab and Israeli Health Care Systems through Knowledge Transfer Networks

ROOM H-603 MA4

Palestinian Human Rights

Chair: Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Discussant: Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading

Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull

Israeli Democracy and the Rights of Its Palestinian Citizens

Omri Grinberg, University of Toronto

Moving Rights and Subjectivities: Palestinian Fieldworkers in Israeli Human Rights NGOs

Anat Leibler, Bar-Ilan University

1967 Census in the Palestinian Territories - Infrastructures of Demographic Classifications: State Statistics, Surveillance, and Citizens' Rights

ROOM H-562 MA5

Germany and Israel: What Kind of Relationship?

Chair and Discussant: Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University

Danielle Eshel, Tel Aviv University

Science in Immorality - Scientific Institutions in Israel in the First and Second Decade of the Foundation of Israel

Jenny Hestermann, Fritz Bauer Institut, Frankfurt

Overcoming the Past? The 1973 Visit of Willy Brandt as a Turning Point in the German-Israeli "Special Relationship"

Ekaterina Usova, Institute for Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

1965: Establishment of Israel-West Germany Diplomatic Relations Within the Context of the Cold War

ROOM H-564 MA6

Educational Issues: Israel Studies and the BDS Movement

Chair: Laura Cutler, American University

Discussant: Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University

Elan Ezrachi, The Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education (Melitz)

The Changing Trends of Educational Travel to Israel: From an Ideological Narrative Based Experience to a Post-modern Exploration of a Complex Reality

Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Israeli Identity Crisis and the Field of Israel Studies

Mohammed Wattad, University of California at Irvine
When Freedom of Expression Says "No": Against the Boycott on Israeli Academic Institutions

ROOM H-607 MA7

Foreign Economic Policy: Issues and Cases

Chair: Lorne Switzer, Concordia University

Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University

The Test of Maritime Sovereignty: The Establishment of the Zim National Shipping Company and the Purchase of the Kedmah, 1945–1952

Na'ama Sheffi, Sapir College

Anat First, Netanya Academic College

Borders and Banknotes: The National Perspective

Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Political Economy of Israel's International Aviation Agreements

Yiyi Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Knowledge Transfer Model between a Sustainable Israel and China that Benefits other Middle East Countries

ROOM H-611 MA8

Roundtable: New Directions in Research on Israeli Settlements in the post-1967 Period

Chair: Joel Migdal, University of Washington

Oded Haklai, Queen's University

Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa

Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

Shaiel Ben-Ephraim, University of Calgary

ROOM H-540 MA9

Elementary Particles in David Ben-Gurion's Leadership – Public, Politics and Concepts

Chair: Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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David Ben-Gurion and the Zionist-Israeli "Ghetto Discourse"

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Republicanism and Messianism in Ben-Gurion's Political Thought

Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Leadership at Eye Level: David Ben-Gurion and the Israeli Public

10:30 – 10:50 AM – COFFEE BREAK

Sponsored by the Centre for Israel & Jewish Affairs (CIJA)
Official opening of the Architectural Exhibit H-701
(See Special Events pages for full details)

SESSION B

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ROOM H-544 MB1

Teaching Contemporary Israel: Methods and Approaches

Chair and Discussant: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

Barry Berger, University of Haifa and College Emek Yezreel
Teaching "Contemporary Israel" Using Internet Dialogues: A Case Study and Template for Further Application

Rachel Fish, Brandeis University
Teaching Contemporary Israel: Professional Development for Israel Educators

Anette Koren, Brandeis University

Teaching Contemporary Israel: An Analysis of Syllabi

ROOM H-613 MB2

The Status of Jerusalem, US Constitutional Law and Identity

Chair and Discussant: Joel Migdal, University of Washington

Pinna Lahav, Boston University Law School
Who Decides the Status of Jerusalem? Zivotofsky v. Kerry

Michael Zank, Boston University
Zionism as Status-Quo Rectification: The Case of Jerusalem as the Eternally Undivided Capital of Israel

Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The American Diaspora in Israel: Intersecting Identity, Ideology and Politics

ROOM H-562 MB3

Israeli Immigrants in Germany

Chair: Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University

Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University
Israeli Immigration to Germany 1949 to the Present

Karine Lamarche, Université de Toulouse
From Kreuzberg to Belleville. Comparing Israeli Emigration Dynamics in Paris and Berlin

Hadas Cohen, WZB, Social Science Research Center, Berlin
Israelis in Berlin – New Reconciliation or a Disavowal of the Past?

ROOM H-611 MB4

Political Theology of Religious Zionism and Settlers' Rabbis

Chair: Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Isaac Hershkowitz and Moshe Hellinger, Bar-Ilan University
Rabbi Z.Y. Kook and his Disciples: Models of a "Jewish Democracy"

Ilan Fuchs, University of Michigan
Political Education in a Religious Setting: the Development of the Emunah Curriculum

Amir Mashiach, Orot Israel College and Ariel University
The Concept of Labor as an Ideology and a Theology within Religious Zionist Thought

ROOM H-607 MB5

Rethinking Home and Space through Arts and Literature

Chair: Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

Discussant: Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Amit Assis, McGill University

Grasping Land and its Other in S. Yizhar: Poetics and Politics

Bina Freiwald, Concordia University

Seeking a Sustainable Diaspora-Israel Relation: Jonathan Garfinkel's Ambivalence: Crossing the Israel/Palestine Divide and Erna Paris's The Garden and the Gun

Dvir Tzur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Place, Border Crossing, Identity and Mysticism: The Case of Two Contemporary Israeli novels

Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University

Performance, Disability, and Zionism in the Work of Tamar Borer

ROOM H-540 MB6

Issues in Contemporary Israeli Politics

Chair: Itamar Radai, University of Haifa

Discussant: Massoud Egbarieh, Beit Berl Academic College

Rami Zeedan, New York University

Pre-election Poll Reliability: Complexity of Predicting the Vote in Tribal Local Elections - the Case of Arab Local Authorities in Israel

Baris Kesgin, Susquehanna University

'Forward' Israel to New Roles: Ariel Sharon and the Making of Kadima

ROOM H-603 MB7

The Evolution of Israeli Military Strategy

Chair: Rebecca Kook, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jamie Levin, University of Toronto

The Most Moral Army in the World: The Shifting Israeli Discourse Surrounding the Use of Force from 1947-Present

Ami Pedahzur, University of Texas at Austin

Military Entrepreneurs and the Evolution of Israel's Special Operations Forces

Oz Frankel, New School for Social Research

'Buy a Part of the Phantom!' The Air Force and the Americanization of Israeli Society

Yael Teff-Seker, Technion Israel Institute of Technology

Marine Planning in Israel: Characteristics and Dilemmas

ROOM H-564 MB8

Ben-Gurion's Vision of the New State

Chair: Norrin Ripsman, Concordia University

Discussant: Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Rafi Mann, Ariel University

Inferior Entertainment or a Nation Building Tool: David Ben-Gurion and the Cinema

Avi Shilon, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Ben-Gurion's Late Perspective about Israel's Future

Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Bar-Ilan University

Nation and Natural Environment in Zionist Socialism and in Ben-Gurion's Mamlachtiyut

ROOM H-603-1 MB9

Roundtable: What Can Indigenous Knowledge Teach Us About Peacebuilding and Reconciliation?

Chair: Karl S. Hele, Concordia University

David Newhouse, Trent University

Jennifer Dockstator, Trent University

Mark Dockstator, First Nations University of Canada

Asaf Zohar, Trent University

12:30 – 1:55 PM – LUNCH

SESSION C

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ROOM H-603-1 MC1

Boycotting Higher Education in Israel: Is the Revival of Academic Discourse still Possible?

Chair: Asaf Zohar, Trent University

Howard Adelman, Trent University

An Ethical Analysis of the BDS Movement Targeting Academia

Cary R. Nelson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Can We Boycott Institutions, Rather Than Individuals?

Asaf Zohar, Trent University

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, BDS Campaign in Canada:

Critical Reflections on BDS Initiatives in Faculty and Student Associations

Gabriel N. Brahm, Northern Michigan University

The Thought of Boycotts or the Israel Fetish

ROOM H-611 MC2

The Zionist Project

Chair: Harold Waller, McGill University

Discussant: Derek Penslar, University of Toronto/Oxford

Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel
The Uganda Debate as a Watershed in the History of Zionism

Rotem Rozental, Binghamton University
The Sustainable Photographic Archive: The Jewish National Fund and the Shaping of a National Body

Rona Yona, New York University
Experimenting Internationalists: Socialist Zionism and the Mobilization of the Diaspora, 1923-1932

ROOM H-613 MC3

Israel in South Lebanon's Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part I

Chair: Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College

Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa
Israel in South-Lebanon 1985-2000: Theoretical Perspectives

Sagi Torgan, IDF Command and Staff College
Understanding the Gap Between Military Achievements and Strategic Decisions: Decision Making Process in the Creation of the Security Zone in South Lebanon

ROOM H-562 MC4

Mizrahi and Arab Identity and the Politics of Being in Contemporary Israel

Chair and Discussant: Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University

Meir Amor, Concordia University
Against Reification: Politicization of Mizrahi Existence in Israeli Society

Sami Shalom Chetrit, Queens College (CUNY)
Zaguri Imperia and the Mizrahi Renaissance

Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University
On Arab Labor and Jewish Identities

ROOM H-544 MC5

The Ethics of Sustainability in Israeli Art and Architecture

Chair: Loren Lerner, Concordia University

Loren Lerner, Concordia University
Knafo Klimor Architects' "The Fields of Tomorrow" Israel Pavilion at Milano Expo, 2015: The Challenges of Embodying Agricultural Sustainability in an Architectural Concept

Itai Peleg-Pilozof, Independent Scholar
Tensions, Challenges and Regulation in the Israeli Sustainable Design Process. Design Strategies for a Changing Society, Demonstrated from the Urban Scale to Light-Weight Agricultural Structures

Carol Zemel, York University
Peripheral Vision: Re-Si(gh)ting Israel in the Art of Y.J.Dadoune

Shelley Hornstein, York University
Overfed and Undernourished: Cultural Cartographies of Memory after Dani Karavan

ROOM H-603 MC6

Cinematic Explorations of Identity in Israel

Chair: Louise Hecht, Palacky University

Anat Gilboa, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
*Ran Tal's Documentary Film 'Children of the Sun': The Persistence of the Individual in a Collectivist Culture ****

Eric Goldman, Yeshiva University
Late Summer Blues, Blooz L'Hofesh Hagadol, 1988: A Motion Picture Study

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Egyptians Are Coming: Cinematic and Literary Incursions from Israel's Southern Neighbor

Rachel S. Harris, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Women Waving Guns: Does Feminism Meet the IDF on the Israeli Screen? ****

This movie will be screened in our movie room. Please see page 10 for further information.

ROOM H-564 MC7

New Directions in Holocaust Research

Chair: Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest

Discussant: Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford

Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

Fatal Attraction: Four Constructions of the Holocaust in Israeli Politics

Ami Pedahzur, University of Texas at Austin

Kristallnacht - A New Database and Research Approach

Meng Yang, Freie Universität Berlin and Peking University

Holocaust Education in China

ROOM H-607 MC8

Writing from Israel: Literature and Poetry

Chair: Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University

Discussant: Bina Freiwald, Concordia University

Omri Ben-Yehuda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Three Traumas; Three Prospects: Mizrahi Poetry and Politics

Amir Locker-Biletzki, Independent Scholar

On Two Heroes: Mark Milman and Aron (Jimmy) Shemi

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute

Mordecai Shalev's Method of Literary Criticism

Aviv Ben-Or, Brandeis University

Shaping Hebrew Culture in Arabic: Sammy Michael's Arabic Fiction of the 1950s

ROOM H-540 MC9

Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality

Chair: Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

Discussant: Galia Golan-Gild, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Rebecca Kook, Fany Yuval, and Ayelet Harel-Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Local Government and Gender Inequality; Comparative Strategies and Policies

Ayelet Harel-Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(Co-author Shir Daphna-Tekoah, Ashkelon Academic College)

Gendering Conflict Analysis – Israeli Female Combatants in Conflict Zones

SESSION D

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

ROOM H-611 MD1

Roundtable: David Ben-Gurion: A New Biography by Anita Shapira

Chair: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

Discussant: Anita Shapira, Tel Aviv University

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

Jonathan Gribetz, Princeton University & Stanford University

Michael Stanislawski, Columbia University

Derek Penslar, University of Toronto/Oxford

ROOM H-613 MD2

Israel in South Lebanon's Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part II

Chair and Discussant: Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College

Yagil Henkin, IDF Command and Staff College

The Evolution of the IDF Doctrine in Lebanon's "Security Zone"

Nimrod Hagiladi, IDF Command and Staff College and University of Haifa

Implementing a New Operational Doctrine - IDF's Deterrence Operations in Lebanon: Operation Accountability (1993) and Operation Grapes of Wrath (1996)

Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College

Between Civil and Military Law: IDF Inquiry Committees on Northern Front Cases

ROOM H-544 MD3

Dreams, Challenges and Solutions for Israel's Sustainable Development

Chair: Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest

Irina Nastasa-Matei, University of Bucharest

Romanian Zionist Views on Israel's Sustainable Development

Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest

The Israeli Cultural Identity and its Bearing on Israel's Sustainable Development

Alexandra Ionescu, University of Bucharest

Strategies of Development and Policies of Citizenship in Israel

ROOM H-607 MD4

Religious Society in Israel – Influences and Challenges

Chair: Reuven Gafni, Yad Izhak Ben Zvi

Discussant: Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University

Sara Levinger, University of Haifa

Women as Religious Arbiters

Asaf Yedidya, Efrata College of Education

The Movement for Torah's Judaism, 1966-1975 – An Attempt to Establish a Midstream Religious Movement in Israel

Hagar Lahav, Sapir College

'It's complicated' : Secular-believer Jews in Israel

Zeev Herzog, Tel Aviv University

The Cult Reform in the Kingdom of Judah: Archaeology Challenges the Interpretation of Biblical Stories

ROOM H-564 MD5

Cultural Reconstructions of the Shoah

Chair: Max Bergholz, Concordia University

Uri Dorchin, Zefat Academic College

Idol in the Ark? Popular Music, "Shoah Songs" and the Israeli Media

Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford

"It will not be said that our youth marched like sheep to the slaughter": Writing about Resistance in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust

Amy Weiss, Adelphi University

A Forever Green, "Evergreen" Afforestation Project: American Protestant' Holocaust Memorial in Ein Hashofet

ROOM H-540 MD6

Perspectives on the Two-State Solution

Chair: Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies

Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull

Breaking the Israeli-Palestinian Deadlock – Parameters for Two State Solution

Guy Ziv, American University

Generals vs. Politicians: Conflicting Israeli Messages Regarding a Two-State Solution

Jacob Abadi, U.S. Air Force Academy

Jordan's King Hussein's Initiative and the Peace Treaty with Israel: Overcoming Domestic Pressures

Galia Golan-Gild, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Spoiling and Coping with Spoilers in Israeli Peace Negotiations

ROOM H-603 MD7

The Israeli Kibbutz, a Sustainable Institution for the Future?

Chair: Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa

Arnon Ben Israel, Kaye Academic College

Toward Sustainable Agriculture: Attitudes and Perceptions regarding Agriculture among Rural Communities in Northern Negev

Tal Elmaliach, University of Haifa

The Kibbutz as a Sustainable Society: The First Hundred Years, the Next Hundred Years

Ranen Omer-Sherman, University of Louisville

The Sustainable Kibbutz: Beyond Privatization

ROOM H-562 MD8

Issues of Gender in Education and Israel Studies

Chair: Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University

Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University

Israel Studies at Ohio State

Pnina Abir-Am, Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center

Women Scientists in the First Decade of the State and Today: Sustainability of 3 Work-Family Models

Tali Tadmor-Shimony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
From a National Mission to a Gendered Profession: The Status and Image of Zionist Education, 1880s-1960s

5:20 – 5:40 PM – COFFEE BREAK

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015

Room H-110 5:45 – 7:00 pm

Greetings

Alan Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University

Menachem Hofnung, President, Association for Israel Studies

Csaba Nikolenyi, Program Chair, Concordia University

His Excellency Ambassador Rafael Barak, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Canada

Keynote Address: "Israel, Human Rights, Global Anti-Semitism"

The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, MP

Irwin Cotler is a Member of the Canadian Parliament, Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada, and an international human rights lawyer.

7:10 pm

Buses leaving for banquet dinner in front of the Henry F. Hall Building's main entrance

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Banquet Dinner and Award Ceremonies

(By paid tickets only)

Music by Jason Rosenblatt Quartet

Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue
425 Metcalfe, Westmount

Awards Presented:

ALS-Israel Institute Lifetime Achievement Award

ALS-Israel Institute Young Scholar Award

Yonathan Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies

Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies

Baruch Kimmerling Prize for Best Graduate Paper

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Business Center 9:00 am – 4:00 pm H-762

Special Events will take place all day.

SESSION A

9:00 – 10:30 AM

ROOM H-613 TA1

The Road to the 1947 Palestine Partition Plan

Chair and Discussant: Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gerhard Wolf, University of Sussex

The M-Project, US Post-war Demographic Planning, and the Plan to Partition Palestine in 1947

Dan Bitan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Impact of the Cold War on the Plan to Partition Palestine in 1947

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

The Conflicting Impact of the Holocaust on the 1947 Partition Plan

ROOM H-501 TA2

50th Anniversary of the Founding of Gahal Party: New Perspectives on Menachem Begin's Leadership

Chair: Amir Goldstein, Tel Hai Academic College

Arye Naor, Hadassah Academic College and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Menachem Begin's Version of Liberal Nationalism

Maya Mark, Tel Aviv University

The Long Lost Battle: Menachem Begin and the Emergency Legislation

Amir Goldstein, Tel Hai Academic College

Haaretz Newspaper, Menachem Begin and the Ruling Alternative

ROOM H-562 TA3

The Female Standpoint on Politics: An Ethno-National and Generational Perspective

Chair and Discussant: Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

Prina Lahav, Boston University Law School

Golda and the Youth Movement of the 1960s

Ebtesam Barakat, Bar-Ilan University

"I cannot behave according to the rule of the sheikhs"

Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

An Invitation to Sociology of Generational Units: Perspectives on Feminisms in Israel

Moria Ran Ben-Hai, Bar-Ilan University

Struggles of Women's Organization in Israel Throughout the 20th Century on the Issue of Personal Status in Jewish Law: An Ethno-national and Generational Perspective

ROOM H-557 TA4

Blurring the Green Line: Political, Economic and Social Consequences

Chair: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Invisible Settlement: Integrating Palestinian Informers in Israel

Alon Burstein, Concordia University

One Nation, Under God: Exploring Differences in Religious and Secular Violent Palestinian Activity

Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

The Rise and Fall of the Zionist Ultimate Place: Moral Geography in Israel

ROOM H-607 TA5

Israel and the European Union: Social and Political Issues

Chair: Asaf Shamis, Columbia University

Discussant: Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dov Maimon, The Jewish People Policy Institute

The Emerging Flow of Aliyah from Europe: How the New Olim Adapt to and How They Are Changing Israel

Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London

The Zionist Right and European Fascism

Gerald Steinberg, Bar-Ilan University

European Union Institutions and Relations with Israel: The Roles of the European External Actions Service, EEAS, The Maghreb-Mashreq, "MaMa" Working Group, the European Council and the European Parliament, EP

Alan Craig, University of Leeds

The Hard Edge of EU Soft Power: EU-Israel Trade Relations in the Aftermath of the Failed 2014 Israel-Palestine Negotiations

ROOM H-513 TA6

Political Leaders and the Media in the Digital Age

Chair: Yakub Halabi, Concordia University

Rivka Markus, The Knesset

The Members of the Knesset As Consumers of Information

Guy Freedman, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Political Messages on Twitter: The 113th Congress during Operation Protective Edge

Zipi Israeli, Tel Aviv University and The Institute for National Security (INSS)

Media and Crises in Democratic Societies: The Case of Operation "Protective Edge"

ROOM H-611 TA7

Pre-State Zionist Attitudes and Ideals

Chair: Menachem Rotstein, Concordia University

Discussant: Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Tamir Goren, Bar-Ilan University

The Jews of Jaffa and the Annexation Claim 1936-1939

Nimrod Lin, University of Toronto

Zionist Attitudes Towards the Legislative Council, 1922-1936

Louise Hecht, Palacky University

Jewish Colonialism in the Middle East: Ludwig August Frankl's Journey of 1856

Liora Halperin, University of Colorado at Boulder

Widows and Witnesses: Women and Violence During the 1st Aliyah Period

ROOM H-507 TA8

Visions of Israeli Education

Chair: Moshe Gershovich, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Discussant: Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute

East and West in Ben Zion Dinur's Historiographical and Educational Thought and Practice

Elad Neemani, Tel Aviv University

The Public Discussion regarding the IDF Efforts to Establish Military Majors in High Schools in the Early Fifties

ROOM H-540 TA9

Roundtable: The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: American Attitudes towards Israel and their Implications for the Peace Process

Chair: Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Theodore Sasson, Middlebury College and Brandeis University

Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington

Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

ROOM H-520 TA10

Israel Studies in the Arab World

Chair: Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

Menna Z. Abu Khadra, Cairo University

Israel Studies at Egyptian Universities. Cairo University as a Test Case

Marwa Maziad, University of Washington

Israel-Watchers in the Arab Media. The Case of Egypt

Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

The Institute for Palestine Studies: From Enemy Studies to Post-Enemy Studies?

Jonathan Gribetz, Princeton University and Stanford University

The PLO Research Center

10:30 – 10:50 AM - COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ROOM H-507 TB1

Israeli and Hebrew Culture

Chair: Yuval Jobani, Tel Aviv University

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute

Rereading Bialik's "Giluy Ve'Kisuy ba'Lashon" as a Vision of Hebrew Education

Hemi Sheinblat, Tel Aviv University

"White Noise of Stars and Stripes": The Americanization of Israeli Acoustic Space 1960-1967

Doron Timor, Tel Aviv University

Student Culture in Israel 1948-1967

Ofer Berenstein, University of Calgary

Against Most Odds – Sustaining Israeli Comic-Book Culture by Persistence and Patience

ROOM H-557 TB2

Roundtable: The Origins of Israel Mythology: Neither Canaanites Nor Crusaders, book by David Ohana

Chair: Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

David Ohana, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Yael Halevi-Wise, McGill University

Ilan Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

ROOM H-613 TB3

U.S.-Israel Relations

Chair: Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

Shaiel Ben-Ephraim, University of Calgary

Kids Turn into Goats: Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Territories and the Johnson Administration

Ziv Rubinovitz, Emory University

Trust and Distrust in the US-Israel Relations and Middle East Peacemaking since 1967

Mitchell Bard, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE)

Is U.S. Support for Israel a Prerequisite for Israel's Sustainability?

ROOM H-611 TB4

American Jewry and Israel

Chair: Calvin Goldscheider, Brown University

Discussant: Amy Weiss, Adelphi University

Avidan Milevsky, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Factors Impacting Successful Transition for American Adolescent Immigrants to Israel

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College
America, Religion, and Israel: Jews, Evangelicals, and Others

Theodore Sasson, Middlebury College and Brandeis University
Impact of Demographic Change on the Relationship of American Jewry and Israel

ROOM H-540 TB5

Reflections on the Israeli Legal System and Its Judiciary

Chair: Lior Eisenfeld, Independent Scholar

Discussant: Aviad Hacoen, Shaarey Mishpat Academic Center

Liat Fridgoot-Netzer, Sapir College and The Open University of Israel
Ethos in a Changing Society through the Mirror of the Law: from Eichmann to Yigal Amir

Gadi Hitman, Beit Berl Academic College
Dror Harel, Bar-Ilan University
Hate Crimes - Methodological, Theoretical & Empirical Difficulties a Pragmatic & Legal Overview

ROOM H-562 TB6

Integration and Sustainability in Israeli Society

Chair: Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jamila Elnashef, Tel Aviv University
"Passing" Between Two Spaces: Muslim-Arab Female Teachers in Jewish Schools

Giovanni Matteo Quer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Common Challenges of Israel and Europe: A Sustainable Model for Coping with Radical Diversity?

Michal Tamir, Shaarei Mishpat College of Law
Bedouin Dispersion in Israel: Between Sustainable Development and Social, (non) Recognition

ROOM H-520 TB7

Roundtable: "Are the Actions of the Promoters of Academic BDS Ultimately Also Attacking Israel Studies?"

Chair: Asaf Romirowsky, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Asaf Romirowsky, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

Rachel Fish, Brandeis University

Cary R. Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

ROOM H-513 TB8

Roundtable: The Israeli Elections of March 2015: Assessing the Consequences

Chair: Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

ROOM H-501 TB9

Israel's Emerging Security Challenges

Chair and Discussant: Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Joseph Constance, Saint Anselm College
Sustaining Israel's Security: Forging a New Grand Strategy Amidst Regional Collapse and Changing International Attitudes 2010-2015

Yang Yang, Shanghai International University
Israel and the Hot Issues in the Middle East

Ari Ofengenden, Brandeis University
Biosecurity, Dystopia and Flourishing in the Age of Globality

12:30 – 1:55 PM LUNCH

AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Open to all members (including light lunch)

12:45 – 1:45 pm Room H-767

MINI-PLENARIES

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Room H-520

Mini-Plenary I

Sustainability in Israel

Moderator: André Roy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University

Valerie Brachya on *Sustainability Outlook for Israel 2030*, Center of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and is a lecturer at the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and the Herzliya Interdisciplinary College.

Tamar Gavrielli on *Urban Sustainability*, Director of the Sustainability Research Center of the Jerusalem Institute and a consultant to the Israel Ministry of Interior Planning Administration.

Yael Marom on *Servicing*, Head of International projects unit at the Jerusalem Institute and the Coordinator of the international project on servicing funded by the European Commission.

MINI-PLENARY II

Room H-767

Trilogy of Abraham: Using Health and Science as Win-Win Modalities Towards Brotherhood

A plenary discussion with Dr. Richard Deckelbaum, Director, Institute of Human Nutrition at Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

3:00 – 3:20 PM - COFFEE BREAK

SESSION C

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ROOM H-557 TC1

Israeli Foreign & Security Policy

Chair: Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Victimhood and Israeli Politics: The Emergence of an Hegemonic Discourse

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

The War of Media Narratives: Deterring Deterrence?

Ilan Danjoux, Independent Scholar

What Does Terror Look Like? Using Political Cartoon to Define Terrorism

Irit Keynan, Or Yehuda College of Academic Studies

Trauma and Israel's Response to Crisis

ROOM H-562 TC2

Between Politics and Religion – The Case of Israel's Religious Right and Settlement Supporters

Chair: Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Messianic Religious Zionism Confronts Israeli Territorial Compromises

Eric Fleisch, Brandeis University

The Role of NGOs in the Battle over Silwa

Ilana Shpaizman, University of Texas at Austin

Against All Odds: Policy Entrepreneurs in East Jerusalem

Yoel Wachtel, Georgetown University

From the National to the Personal - Rav Kook 80 Years After His Death: New Perspectives and Recent Trends in Research and Followers' Interests

ROOM H-540 TC3

Israel's Mythology

Chair: Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

Discussant: Amit Assis, McGill University

Yuval Benattia, The Open University of Israel

"The Ruined House" – The Myth of the Home in Modern Israeli Literature: Reading the Novel "The Ruined House" by Reuven Namdar

David Ohana, Ben-Gurion Research Institute
The Mythical Order of Zionist Modernity: the Case of Gershom Scholem

Assaf Turgeman, University of Haifa
Myth, History and Mythistory: The Mythologization of Israel and the Discourse about New Anti-Semitism

ROOM H-507 TC4

Gender in Israeli Art, Society and Politics

Chair: Norma Joseph, Concordia University

Tami Jacoby, University of Manitoba
Eco-feminist Narratives in Israeli Women's Organizing

Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar-Ilan University
From Feminist Activity to Conscious Feminism? An Examination of the Religious Zionist Woman

Aziza Khazoom, Indiana University at Bloomington
Themes of Innocence and Sophistication in the Life Narratives of Polish and Iraqi Jewish Women

Lea Fima, McGill University
Masculine Identity in the Israeli Army as Represented in Uri Barbash's Film One of Us, 1989

ROOM H-611 TC5

Geopolitical Issues Facing Jerusalem

Chair: Meir Kraus, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Yitzhak Reiter, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Challenging the Status Quo at the Temple Mount/Al-Haram al-Sharif

Lior Lehrs, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Peace Talks on Jerusalem: A Review of the Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations Concerning Jerusalem

Amnon Ramon, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
How Did Jerusalem's Arabs Become "Residents" and Not "Citizens"?

Marik Shtern, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Spaces of Encounter in the Contested City: Palestinians and Israelis in West Jerusalem's Shopping Malls

ROOM H-607 TC6

Foreign Policy

Chair: Norrin Ripsman, Concordia University

Discussant: Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Guangmeng Chen, Center for Israel Studies, Chongqing, China
Israeli Think Tanks and their Role in Israel's Foreign Policy

Marat Grebennikov, Concordia University
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Rob Pinfold, King's College London
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Diplomats and Lobbyists: Advocating for Israel, 1948–1976 A Reassessment

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Society & Economy in Mandatory Palestine

Chair: Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University

Discussant: Nimrod Lin, University of Toronto

Nimrod Hagiladi, University of Haifa and IDF Command and Staff College
Emergency Economy in Palestine during the Second World War

Ephraim Kleiman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Harry Dexter White and the Establishment of Israeli Currency

Susanna Klosko, Brandeis University
Wandering Jews: The American Consulate and Naturalized American Jews in Late Ottoman Palestine

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Anglo-Israeli Cooperation

Chair: Etta Bick, Ariel University

Reuven Gafni, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi
Loyalty or Independence? National Prayers in Honor of Non-Jewish Personalities in Eretz Israel During the British Mandate Period

Arnon Golan, University of Haifa
The Use by Israelis of Former British Military Bases During and Following the 1948 Wartime Emergency

Steven Wagner, University of Oxford and McGill University
Anglo-Zionist Intelligence Cooperation and Competition from 1915 to 1947 and the Road to Statehood

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Chair: Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

Rebecca Golbert, UC Berkeley School of Law

Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College

Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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ROOM H-613 TC10

A New Look on Israeli Politics in the 1950s

Chair: Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University

The Interaction between the Academic Leadership and the Political Leadership During Israel's First Decade

Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University

Anger, Revenge and the Art of Government: Re-evaluating Reprisal Raids in the 1950s

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

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SESSION A

9:00 – 10:30 AM

ROOM H-611 WA1

Urbanisation and Development Policies in Israel

Chair: Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Oren Kalman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Development Policy of the Israeli Governments and their Approach toward Private Industry in the State's First Years – the Paper Plant in Hadera as a Case Study

Oren Shlomo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and The Open University of Israel

Urban Systems and Services as Political Arenas in post Oslo East Jerusalem

Josef Van Wijk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Construction of Urgency Discourse around Mega-projects

Amelia Weinreb, University of Texas at Austin

Image, Narrative and Landscape of Israel's Development Towns

ROOM H-540 WA2

Immigration

Chair: Barry Berger, University of Haifa

Discussant: Keren LG Snider, University of Haifa

Olena Bagno Moldavsky, University of Toronto and The Institute for National Security (INSS)

Mobilizing for Protest: Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities Compared

Robin Harper, York College (CUNY)

A Question of Time for Temporary Labor Migrants in Israel

Yuri Keum, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Labour Migration and "Illegal" Workers: The Case of Israel

ROOM H-613 WA3

Roundtable: Scholarship, Identity, and Advocacy: Diasporic Jewish Scholars and Israel

Chair: Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington

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Oded Haklai, Queen's University

Mira Sucharov, Carleton University

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

ROOM H-544 WA4

Towards a Green Culture in Israel? Sustainable Development & Environmentalism in Israel

Chair: Arnon Ben Israel, Kaye Academic College

Rafi Groszlik, Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Citizenship-Consumerism? The Cultural Meanings of Organic Food Consumption in Israel

Tanhum Yoreh, University of Cambridge

Halakhah and Environmental Protection in Israel

Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa
A Forgotten Practice of Nation Building: Bracha Avigad and the Development of "Authentic" Israeli Botany

Benny Furst, Ministry of Environmental Protection
Environmental Campaigns in Israel and their Spatial Impacts

ROOM H-603-1 WA5

Contemporary Israeli Politics

Chair: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ilan Danjoux, Independent Scholar
Measuring the Success of Israeli Political Cartoons

Asaf Shamis, Columbia University
The Rise of Israeli Conservatism

Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Stories of Israel

Efraim Inbar, Bar-Ilan University
The New Strategic Equation in the Eastern Mediterranean

ROOM H-603 WA6

The Conflict: Discourse and Perceptions

Chair: Ilan Ben-Ami, The Open University of Israel

Discussant: Dana Gold, University of Western Ontario

Rocco Giansante, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Temporal and Topological: Two Ways of Living Israel/Palestine

Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary
A Most Pliable Shylock: Reiterations of The Merchant of Venice in the Discourse of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Paul Scham, University of Maryland
The Redivergence of the Narratives: How Israelis and Palestinians are Farther than Ever from Understanding Each Other

ROOM H-607 WA7

Public Diplomacy: What Role for Israeli Hasbara?

Chair: Lorna Roth, Concordia University

Gal Hadari, University of Haifa
Public Diplomacy in Army Boots: The Crisis of Israeli Hasbara

Ron Schleifer, Ariel University
Propagandizing Hasbara

Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies
The Israeli E-Audience Between the "New" and the "Old Media"

ROOM H-605 WA8

Life in Pre-State Palestine

Chair: Arnon Golan, University of Haifa

Discussant: Liora Halperin, University of Colorado at Boulder

Ira Robinson, Concordia University
A Mandate Life: Shmuel Asher Kaufman, 1927-1947

Laura Wiseman, York University
Qelipat Tapuah Zahav - Agnon's 'Orange Peel'

Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Do'ar ha-Yom and the Arab Question

Moshe Naor, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
The Ethnic Problem and the Arab Question in Mandatory Palestine

SESSION B

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Approaches to the Study of the Conflict

Chair: Tami Jacoby, University of Manitoba

Discussant: Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Dana Gold, University of Western Ontario
The Link Between Institutions and the Mind: An Application to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Yakub Halabi, Concordia University
Potential Israel-Hamas-PA Cooperation in the Gaza Strip

Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington
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Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies
Community Media's Potential for Enhancing Democratic Processes and Conflict Resolution: Community TV Organizations in Israel as a Case Study

ROOM H-540 WB2

Seeking Asylum in Israel

Chair: Morton Weinfeld, McGill University

Keren LG Snider, University of Haifa
Threatened by Asylum Seekers: Longitudinal and Transverse Analysis among Residents of Tel Aviv, Israel and Perth, Australia

Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading
A Political Voice in a (Hostile) Polity - Conceptualising the Case of Asylum Seekers in Israel

Shai Tagner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Romatré Univeristy
Struggling between Jewish and Democratic: The Foundations of Asylum Regime in Israel

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The Question of Jewish Nationalism and Sustainability

Chair: Lorenzo DiTommaso, Concordia University

Discussant: Hagar Lahav, Sapir College

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar-Ilan University
How to Sustain Jewish Culture in the Age of Nationalism?

Aviad Hacoen, Shaarey Mishpat Academic Center
Jewish Sustainability in the Jewish State – Is it Real or Was it a Dream?

Yuval Jobani, Tel Aviv University
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Anne Perez, University of California, Davis
Apostasy of a Prince: Hans Herzl and the Boundaries of Jewish Nationalism

ROOM H-544 WB4

Arabs and Jews in Israel: Coexistence, Cooperation and Challenges

Chair: Rami Zeedan, New York University

Massoud Eghbarieh, Beit Berl Academic College
Arabs in Israel: Challenges on the Rise

Hillel Gruenberg, Jewish Theological Seminary
Yesh 1972--The Jewish-Arab Student Left's Rise to Power in Haifa and how the GSS Helped Make it a Reality

Mtanes Shihadeh, Mada al-Carmel-Arab Center for Applied Social Research
The Israeli Policy towards the "Arab economy"

Liora Norwich, Brandeis University
Fault Lines: The Dynamics of Arab Ethno-nationalism in the Jewish Nation-State

ROOM H-603-1 WB5

Zionism, Challenges & Alternatives

Chair: Naftali Cohn, Concordia University

Discussant: Arie Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rina Cohen Muller, INALCO, Paris
The Yordim - Those who Choose to Leave the Promised Land

Anri Oiwane, Doshisha University, Japan
Aspiring to "Co-existence" by following the Zionist Idea and Judaism as Moral Code: The case of Judah L. Magnes and Henrietta Szold

Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest
Sustainable Zionism in Europe in the 21st century

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Civil-Military Relations

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Etta Bick, Ariel University
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Kobi Michael, Ariel University and Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
Coping with Terror: A Learning Challenge of the Civil and Military Echelons in a Democratic State

Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University
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Randall Geller, University of Toronto
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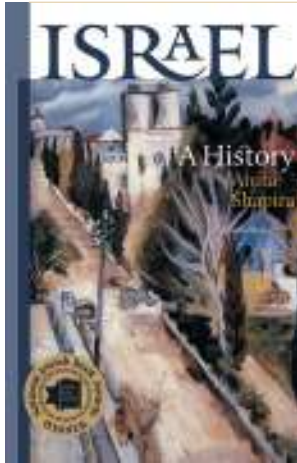
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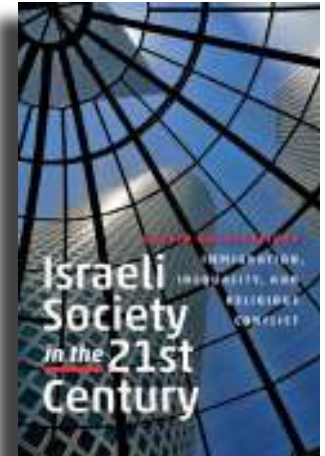
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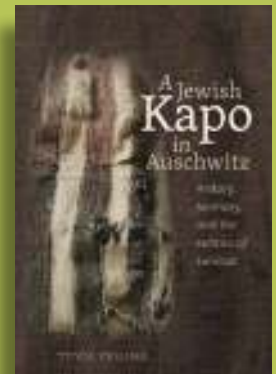
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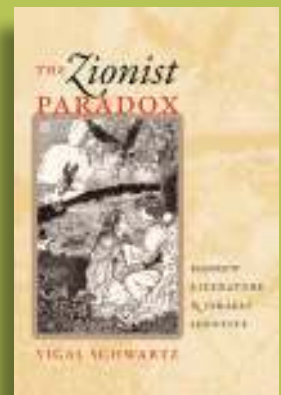


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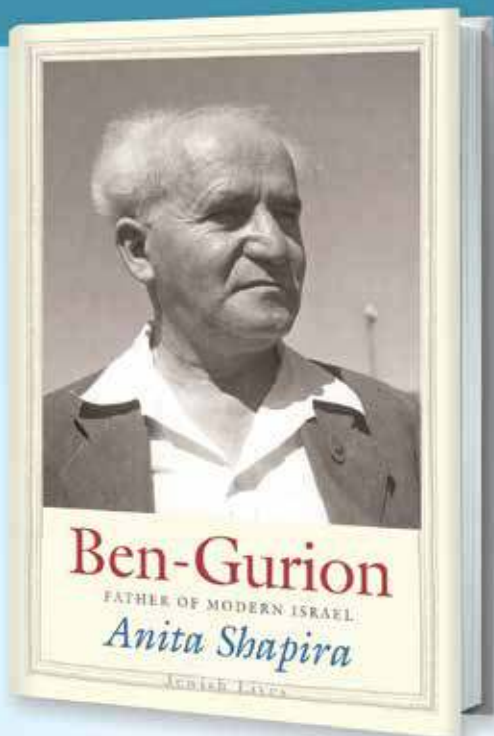
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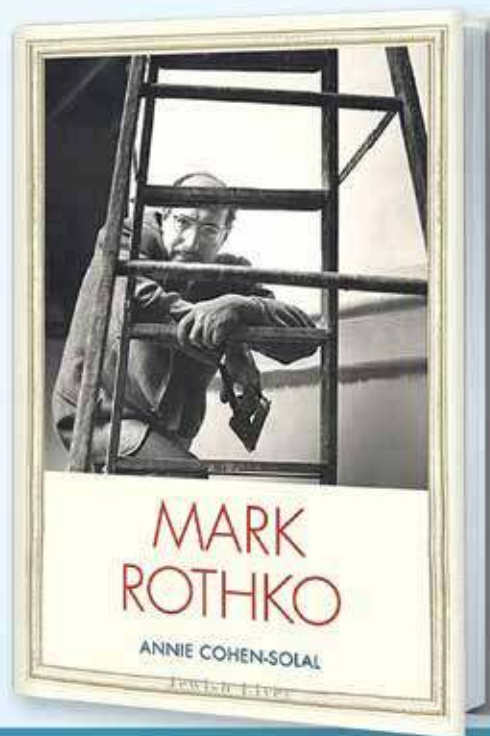


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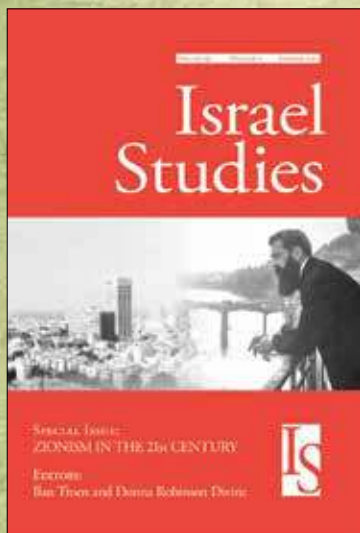
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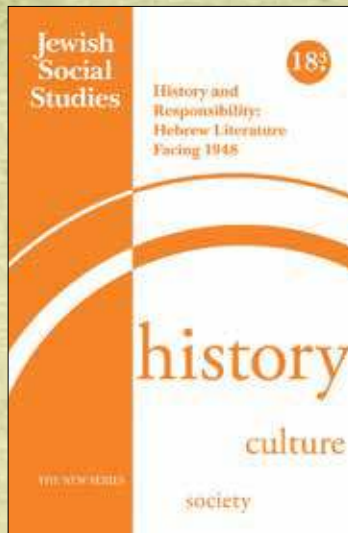
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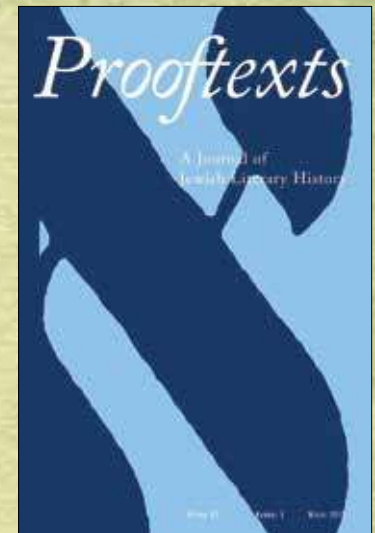
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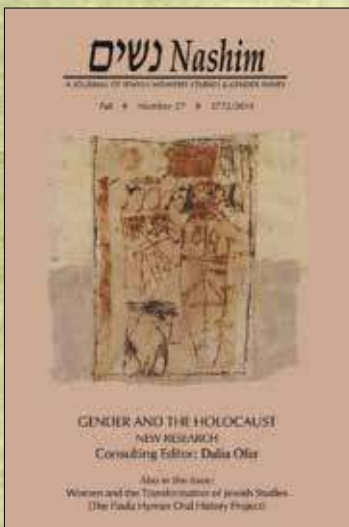
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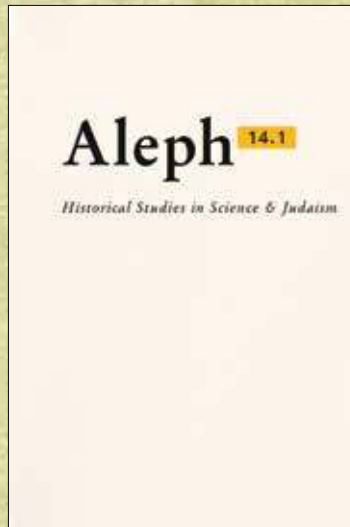


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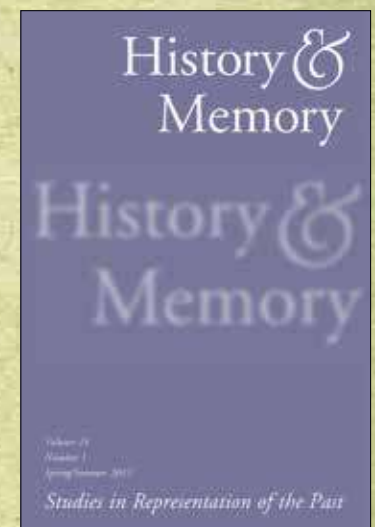


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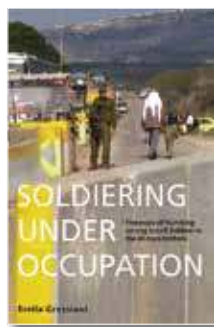
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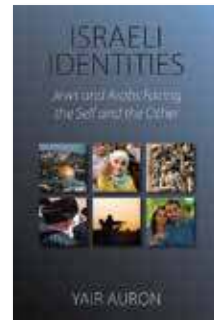
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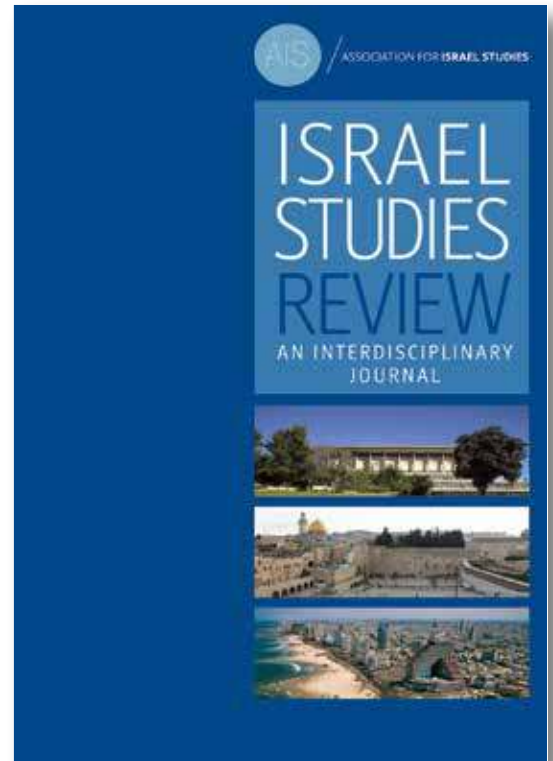
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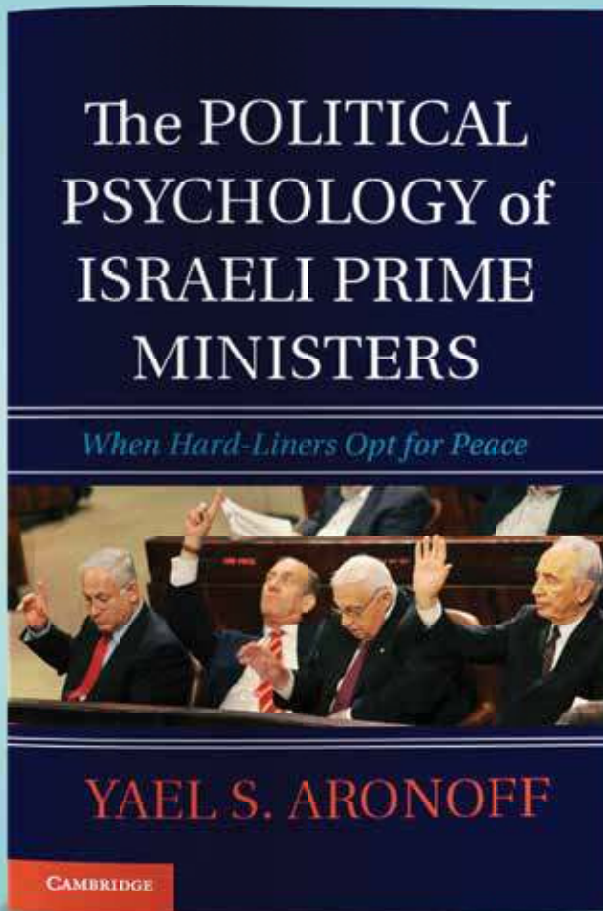
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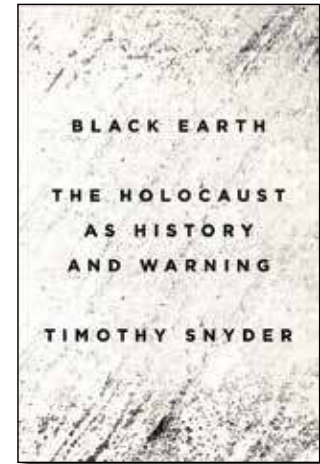
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