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**ISRAEL AND THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

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WORDS OF WELCOME

AIS PRESIDENT

September 2025



Dear scholars,
Welcome to the beautiful city of Haifa!

These are trying times for Israel and for the field of Israel studies. Israel is experiencing unprecedented turmoil. During the past year, it had to fight on seven fronts. The war against Hamas has exacted a heavy price at home and abroad. Fifty-nine hostages are still captive in Gaza, and as I write these lines, we do not see the end of this prolonged war. This war affected Jews all over the world. Many Jewish students and lecturers do not feel secure on campuses. In addition, questionable bills and policies of the present government have resulted in countless demonstrations and have kept the Israeli courts busy.

As before, the AIS Executive, AIS Board and its various committees will continue to promote Israel studies in the world and to support you in case of need. We are fully aware that these are difficult times. We are here for you to help and support in case of need.

I am very pleased to continue our cooperation with EAIS. Many EAIS members participate in this conference and our members take part in EAIS conferences. This is a win-win for both associations.

Some twenty universities have an institutional membership with our association. I encourage you to engage your universities to have institutional memberships with the AIS. This will help you with your work and will obviously help the work of our association.

We want to increase our membership across the globe and support all scholars who research and teach all fields pertaining to Israel studies. We welcome people from all continents, all nationalities and all religions.

This conference received an unprecedented number of abstracts and now contains an unprecedented number of sessions – over 160! I am extremely grateful to David Barak-Gorodetsky, Tal Elmaliach and Anina Selve who did the heavy lifting of organising this complex conference. They worked tirelessly to organise this very important conference.

Thank you!

I also thank President Mohammed Wattad for his kind proposal to host our 2026 AIS Annual Conference at the Ramat Gan Academic College. The AIS Executive and Board looks forward to working with Mohammed and his team in organising our next conference.

This is my second and last year as your President. These were challenging years. It goes without saying that I will continue to be part of the AIS family.

I wish us all a peaceful, productive and enjoyable conference, and a safe trip back home after the conference.

See you next year in Ramat Gan!

With all good wishes, yearning for peaceful times,

Sincerely

Professor Raphael Cohen-Almagor
President, Association for Israel Studies
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CONFERENCE CHAIRS

41st Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies



Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great honor to welcome you to the 41st Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, hosted this year by the University of Haifa. We gather at a moment of extraordinary complexity—both within Israel and in its relationship with the international community. This year's conference theme, Israel and the International Community: Challenges and Prospects, invites us to explore Israel's shifting global position through multiple lenses and disciplinary perspectives.

The past year has seen events of profound consequence, most notably in the wake of the October 7th attacks and the war in Gaza, and their far-reaching political, social, and diplomatic repercussions. These events have not only challenged Israel internally but have also transformed its interactions on the world stage. They compel us to rethink assumptions, revisit frameworks, and expand the boundaries of inquiry in Israel Studies.

This conference reflects our collective effort to address these challenges in all their complexity. From diplomacy and security to culture, sociology, law, and global public opinion, the sessions gathered here demonstrate the extraordinary range and relevance of our field. They also remind us that Israel's story—like its people—is multifaceted, deeply embedded in local contexts, yet always in conversation with global currents.

We are proud to have received submissions that examine not only pressing current events but also broader historical and comparative perspectives. The depth and diversity of this year's program affirm the vitality of Israel Studies as a dynamic academic enterprise.

We extend our sincere thanks to the University of Haifa for its generous hospitality and its enduring commitment to academic freedom and intellectual engagement. We are also deeply grateful to our partners—the Association for Israel Studies, the Haifa Municipality, the Jewish National Fund, and the Israel Institute—for their invaluable support in making this conference possible. May this gathering serve as a space for critical thought, productive debate, and meaningful exchange.

Warm regards,

Dr. Tal Elmaliach

Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky

Conference Chairs, AIS 2025, University of Haifa

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

AIS Annual Conference, Haifa



Dear colleagues, scholars, and friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the University of Haifa for the opening of the Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS). We are honored to host this distinguished gathering of scholars whose work is vital to deepening the understanding of Israel in all its richness and complexity.

The University of Haifa occupies a unique position in Israel—geographically, socially, and intellectually. Located between the Carmel mountains and the Mediterranean Sea, our campus reflects our broader mission: to serve as a bridge between the diverse communities that make up Israeli society. As the leading research university in northern Israel, we are proud to serve not only as a hub of academic excellence but as a meeting point for pluralism and dialogue.

Our student body is among the most diverse in the country, bringing together Jews and Arabs, Muslims, Christians and Druze, immigrants and native-born Israelis. This diversity shapes our academic life and fuels our commitment to fostering inclusive and engaged scholarship.

The University of Haifa is deeply committed to the field of Israel Studies. Through our faculty, research centers, and interdisciplinary programs, we are proud to contribute to the study of Israeli history, politics, society, and culture. Hosting the AIS conference is both a privilege and a reflection of our dedication to advancing thoughtful, rigorous inquiry into the Israeli experience.

I hope this conference sparks new insights, enduring collaborations, and meaningful conversations—on campus and beyond.

Welcome to Haifa, and welcome to the University of Haifa.

Warm regards,

Prof. Gur Alroey

President, University of Haifa

MAYOR'S GREETINGS



Dear Guests,

It is with deep pride and heartfelt appreciation that I welcome you to the City of Haifa for the Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, hosted by the University of Haifa.

There could be no more fitting place for this important gathering than Haifa. At a time when Israeli society faces profound internal and external challenges, Haifa continues to stand as a beacon of coexistence, stability, and mutual respect.

Here, between the mountains and the sea—shared living is not a slogan but a lived reality. Jews and Arabs, secular and religious, immigrants and veterans, all contribute to the vibrant fabric of this city. They study

together, work together, and build a shared future together.

Haifa is a living example of what is possible when we choose understanding over division, and partnership over polarization. It is a city that not only embodies diversity but nurtures it, with dignity, purpose, and hope.

I extend my deepest appreciation to the Association for Israel Studies, to the many scholars who have come from around the world, and to the University of Haifa, a cornerstone of our city and a leader in promoting academic excellence, freedom of inquiry, and social responsibility.

During your stay, I hope you will take the opportunity to experience the beauty of Haifa, from its breathtaking views and cultural richness to its innovation, history, and spirit of openness. May this visit leave you inspired to return in the future, not only for academic exchange, but also for leisure, to enjoy the charm, hospitality, and unique character of our city.

May this conference be a source of insight, meaningful dialogue, and lasting connection, and may you experience the beauty, complexity, and warmth of Haifa and its people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Yona Yahav". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Yona Yahav

Mayor of Haifa



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2025 AIS AWARD WINNERS

The Association of Israel Studies is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2025 annual awards:

PROF. ITAMAR RABINOVICH
CO-WINNER
of the AIS Lifetime Achievement Award

PROF. MICHAL SHAMIR
CO-WINNER
of the AIS Lifetime Achievement Award

DR. TANYA ZION-WALDOKS
CO-WINNER
of the Gad Barzilai Early Career Award

DR. NECHUMI YAFFE
CO-WINNER
of the Gad Barzilai Early Career Award

Honorable mention for the Gad Barzilai Early Career Award goes to
Dr. Ian McGonigle

DR. RIVKA NERIYA-BEN SHAHAR
CO-WINNER
of the Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies for her book *Strictly Observant: Amish and Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women Negotiating Media*, (Rutgers University Press, 2024).

OMRI SHAFER RAVIV
CO-WINNER
of the Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies for his book *The Landlords: The Israeli Government and the Palestinians, 1967-1969*, (The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism).

Honorable Mention for the Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies goes to:

PROF. JONATHAN M. GRIBETZ
for his book *Reading Herzl in Beirut: The PLO Effort to Know the Enemy*, (Princeton University Press, 2024).

PROF. ORIT ROZIN
for her book *Emotions of Conflict: Israel 1949-1967* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

DR. SIMCHA GUETA-BOKOVSA
WINNER
of the Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies for her dissertation *Hatzor HaGalilit: Shaping Local Identity in a Development Town (1949-1977)* (Tel Aviv University).

Honorable Mention for the Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies goes to:

DR. MORDECAI MILLER
for his dissertation *Interactions Between Kabbalah and Political Ideologies Amongst Jewish Orthodoxy in the State of Israel in the Late 20th Century and Early 21st Century* (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev).

ALISA ABRAMOV
WINNER
of the Kimmerling Award for Best Graduate Paper for her paper *Leadership of the Mountain Jews in the North Caucasus and Its Eastern Regions and the Zionist Movement (1900-1925): The Struggle for Aliyah and Settlement*.

DR. NIVA GOLAN-NADIR
RECIPIENT
of the AIS Research Grant for her research *Israeli public elementary school principals in the context of state-religion relations*.

Liat Daudi
CO-RECIPIENT
of the AIS Dissertation Completion Grant for her dissertation *An Ethnography of Waste Disposal in Israel: Masculinity, Ethnonationalism, Labor Relations and Environment* (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev).

EINAT KRAMER
CO-RECIPIENT
of the AIS Dissertation Completion Grant for her dissertation *Between Theology and Environmental Practice: The Development of Environmental Discourse and Action in Israel through the Lens of Shemitah Amid the Climate Crisis* (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the awardees.

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP

Chair: **Amit Levy**, (University of Haifa)

Welcome and Opening Conversation

Zohar Segev, Dean of Humanities (University of Haifa)

Publishing in Israel Studies – A Conversation with Managing Editors

Nimrod Lin (Tel Aviv University), Managing Editor, Journal of Israeli History

Oren Kalman (Ben-Gurion University), Managing Editor and Deputy Editor, Iyunim:

Multidisciplinary Studies in Israeli and Modern Jewish Society

Postdoctoral and Career Opportunities: Panel and Hands-on Session

Lily Eilan (University of Heidelberg)

Netta Schramm (Ben-Zvi Institute / Ben-Gurion University)

Matan Boord, Harvard University / Bar-Ilan University

THE SOUL OF HAIFA: IDENTITY, HERITAGE AND URBAN RENEWAL

Public Event at University of Haifa, Sammy and Aviva Ofer
Observatory, 30th floor, Eshkol building

Exhibition on The Soul of the City: Changing Images of Haifa in Historical Photo Books

Curator: **Nir Ratzkovsky**, Program in Cultural Studies, University of Haifa

Schedule

18:30 Reception and Light Dinner

19:00 Program

Chair: **Yossi Ben-Artzi**, Department of Israel Studies, University of Haifa

The Vision for Haifa and the Challenges of Its Implementation

Ariel Wurtzman, Architect and Outgoing City Engineer, Haifa Municipality

Urban Renewal in Haifa: Citywide Challenges and Opportunities

Irit Zaretsky-Harel, Department of Architecture, School of Design and Education,
University of Haifa

Has Haifa's Unique Architectural Heritage Been Preserved Amidst the Rush
for Development?

Walid Karkabi, Architect and former Head of the Preservation Department,
Haifa Municipality

The event will be held in Hebrew

AIS 2025 TIMETABLE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

07:30 - 18:30	Registration and Exhibition Open
08:30 - 10:00	Session MA
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Session MB
12:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break and General Assembly
14:30 - 16:00	Session MC
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00	Session MD
18:00 - 18:30	Break
18:30 - 19:30	AIS Award Ceremony
19:30 - 20:30	Welcome and Keynote with Ambassador Itamar Rabinovitch
20:30 - 21:30	Banquet (for ticket holders only)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

07:30 - 16:30	Registration and Exhibition Open
08:30 - 10:00	Session TA
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Session TB
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:30	Session TC
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 - 16:30	Session TD
16:40 -	Departure for Haifa Walking Tours (RSVPs required)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

08:00 - 17:00	Registration and Exhibition Open
08:30 - 10:00	Session WA
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Session WB
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break and Women’s Caucus
13:30 - 15:00	Session WC
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	Session WD
17:00 -	Conclusion of Conference

SESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY SESSION SCHEDULE

Room	Sessions take place in the Hecht School for the Arts, except for Eshkol Tower 2901, 1419 and 1520			
207	MA:01	MB:01	MC:01	MD:01
	Roundtable on International Courts	Roundtable on US-Israel Relations	RT: Antisemitism and Antizionism	RT on Israeli Public Diplomacy
209	MA:02	MB:02	MC:02	MD:02
	Public Policy	The Impact of Israeli History	U.S. Influence	JNF-KKL Panel
E2901	MA:03	MB:03	MC:03	MD:03
	RT: Muslim-Jewish Relations in Europe	Digital Tools and Historical Discourses	Strategic Thought and Foreign Policy After Oct 7	Feeling Emotions in the Yishuv and Israel
E1419	MA:04	MB:04	MC:04	MD:04
	Israel in Fiction, Film and Religious Discourse	The Gaza Strip and Military Culture	Perspectives on Women and War	Airports, Activism and Migrant Landscapes
206	MA:05	MB:05	MC:05	MD:05
	Focusing on Israeli Culture	Migration and Belonging	Pilgrims, Tourism	Israeli State Institutions
201	MA:06	MB:06	MC:06	MD:06
	Urban Transformations	In the West Bank	Antisemitism and Identity	Environmental History
322	MA:07	MB:07	MC:07	MD:07
	Diaspora Responses to October 7	The Galilee during the Mandate	The War and Israel-Asia Relations	Israeli Cinema
E1520	MA:08	MB:08	MC:08	MD:08
	Contested Spaces	International Relations	Press, Poetry and Passage	Culture and Current Politics
19	MA:09	MB:09	MC:09	MD:09
	Hityashvut Ovedet	Lobbying and Philanthropy	Imagining Israel	Syria-Israel Relations
208	MA:10	MB:10	MC:10	MD:10
	Who Are We Now?	The Israeli Right	Haredi Society	Psychosocial Perspectives
323	MA:11	MB:11	MC:11	MD:11
	Curtains Up, Walls In	Technology, Security and Sustainability in War	Headlines and Heroines	Israel Institute Session on Grants
324	MA:12	MB:12	MC:12	MD:12
	Archival Tables	Distress in Children's Literature	Mass Jewish Immigration	Lived Experiences in Contemporary Israel
317	MA:13		MC:13	MD:13
	Informal Healing		Rethinking Israeli Defense	Book RT: "Expressivist Religious Zionism"

TUESDAY SESSION SCHEDULE

Room	Sessions take place in the Hecht School for the Arts, except for Eshkol Tower 2901, 1419 and 1520			
207	TA:01	TB:01	TC:01	TD:01
	Book Roundtable: "The Pan-Arab Struggle"	Arab Society in Israel in the Shadow of War	Resilience in the Kibbutz Community	Class Formation and Economic Transformation in Israel
209	TA:02	TB:02	TC:02	TD:02
	Antisemitic Discourse in Politics and the Academy	Kibbutz identity after October 7, 2023	From Vision to Realpolitik	From Damascus to Teheran
E2901	TA:03	TB:03	TC:03	TD:03
	Diplomacy and Diaspora in Transnational Politics	From Protest to Pedagogy	The Post-Euphoria Decade	Populism, Power in Israeli Politics
E1419	TA:04	TB:04	TC:04	TD:04
	Post-October 7 Realities	Public Education in Israel	Brazil and Israel	Literary Reflections
206	TA:05	TB:05	TC:05	TD:05
	Governance, Protest and Accountability in Israel	Service, Sacrifice and Identity	From Wounds to Healing	Media, Polarization and Public Discourse
201	TA:06	TB:06	TC:06	TD:06
	Narratives of Conflict and Coexistence	Revisiting the Israeli Right	Craft, Colonialism and Visual Culture	Bedouin and Druze Communities
322	TA:07	TB:07	TC:07	TD:07
	Political Participation of Youth	Women, Religion, Rabbis	Governance, Society and Reconciliation	War is Magnificent to Those Who Never Tried It
E1520	TA:08	TB:08	TC:08	TD:08
	India and Israel	Druze, Bahā'ī, and Buddhist Perspectives	The Politics of Denial and Israel's Marginal Voices	Israel as Anchor in Jewish Diasporic Contexts
19	TA:09	TB:09	TC:09	TD:09
	Representing Israel and its Others in War and Protest	Mizrahi/Sephardi Struggles in Early Israel	Zionism, Exile and Remembrance	Theatre and City
208	TA:10	TB:10	TC:10	TD:10
	State Practices of Exclusion	National Photobooks of Israel	Transformation in Higher Education	Religion and Jewish-Arab Dynamics
323	TA:11	TB:11	TC:11	TD:11
	Israeli Innovation Worldwide	Emergency Preparedness in Israel	Responses in Asia to Israel and Israel Studies	Putting Children First
324	TA:12	TB:12		TD:12
	The Female Caregiver and Patient	When Crisis Meets Leadership		Law and Constitutional Culture
317				TD:13
				Solidarity and non-Solidarity

WEDNESDAY SESSION SCHEDULE

Room	Sessions take place in the Hecht School for the Arts, except for Eshkol Tower 2901, 1419 and 1520			
207	WA:01	WB:01	WC:01	WD:01
	Nation-Building and Inequality	"What do Women Merit?"	"How did the Ashkenazim become Israelis?"	Roundtable on the Yemenite Children Affair
209	WA:02	WB:02	WC:02	WD:02
	Reform Judaism	Mapping the New Terrain of Antisemitism	Book RT: "Women's Zionism Worldwide"	AI, Ethics and Innovation
E2901	WA:03	WB:03	WC:03	WD:03
	The Israeli Urban Landscape	Science Fiction, Memory and the Arts	Kibbutzim Resilience	International Law and Transitional Justice
E1419	WA:04	WB:04	WC:04	WD:04
	Israeli Journalism	The Israeli Presidency	Israel Between the Caucasus and South Asia	Book RT: Birthrates in the Yishuv and Israel
206	WA:05	WB:05	WC:05	WD:05
	Educational Policy	Arab and Druze Women in Israel	Navigating DEI Challenges in Israeli Academia	Arab Educational Pathways
201	WA:06	WB:06	WC:06	WD:06
	Mental Health	Women, Power and Structural Change	Statecraft and Perceptions of Israel	Messianic Politics versus Territorial Claims
322	WA:07	WB:07	WC:07	WD:07
	Performing Power and Femininity	Political Encounters in Mandatory Palestine	Architecture of Change and Ethics of Space	The Making of the 'New Jew'
E1520	WA:08	WB:08	WC:08	WD:08
	American Jewish Communities	Citizenship and Integration	Shlichim (Emissaries)	Arab-Jewish Relations in Wartime
19	WA:09	WB:09	WC:09	WD:09
	Hybrid Identity through Language	Kibbutz Spaces and Symbols	Digital Narratives	Türkiye, Africa and the Kurds
208		WB:10	WC:10	WD:10
		Justice for the Victims of Sexual Crimes	Symbols and Elusiveness of Peace	Family - Social Transformations
323		WB:11	WC:11	WD:11
		Students and Teachers	Queerness, Language and Nation	From Satire to Streaming, Stadiums to Screens
324		WB:12		WD:12
		Labor and Power		State's Rights and Responsibilities
317		WB:13		WD:13
		Alternative Political Visions		Haredi Identity

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE TEAM

THE HAIFA TEAM

Conference Co-chairs: **David Barak-Gorodetsky** and **Tal Elmaliach**

Conference Producers: **Lilach Agra** and **Dror Zakai**

Conference Brochure Designer: **Marina Bugaev**

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Over 18,000 students from a wide range of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds are enrolled at the University of Haifa, the largest research university in northern Israel, and the most pluralistic institution of higher education in the country. Founded in 1963, the University of Haifa received full accreditation in 1972 and, since then, has created and developed a world-class institution dedicated to academic and research excellence.

Through an accelerated growth strategy, the University has established Israel's first "Multiversity" – a multi-campus institution that promotes extensive interdisciplinary studies and partnerships. The Multiversity is designed to improve access to higher education in northern Israel, better prepare students for a dynamic job market and serve as a catalyst for economic expansion and strengthening Israel's northern region.

As a thriving academic centre, the University comprises 6 faculties, 64 departments, 17 schools and 54 research centres and institutes. The University has gained an international reputation in a variety of fields, including public health, security studies, holocaust research, cancer research, neurosciences, bioinformatics, marine sciences, education and epigenetics. The University also offers 18 international graduate programs taught in English and a Study Abroad program.

The University's distinctive mission is to foster academic excellence in an atmosphere of tolerance and multiculturalism. Our faculty and student population is unique in its composition. Here, Jews, Arabs, Druze, Haredi and secular students, new immigrants and military and security personnel come together to study, teach and learn.

Driven by unusual crossings between fields of research and social responsibility we are creating a new learning environment, a stronger community, and a better Israeli society.

PROGRAM



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

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MA SESSION | 08:30 – 10:00

MA:01 / ROOM 207 / ROUNDTABLE: PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OR RELATING TO ISRAEL AND ISRAELI CITIZENS IN INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN COURTS

Chair: **David Kretzmer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Doreen Lustig, Tel Aviv University

Hala Khoury Bisharat, Ono Academic College

Tamar Megiddo, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MA:02 / ROOM 209 / NAVIGATING COMPLEXITY: PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION IN ISRAEL AMID CONTEMPORARY CRISES

Chair: **Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"We realized the vacuum and decided to take action": Grassroots Organizations in the Iron Swords War – A Substitute for the Absence of the State?

Noga Pitowsky-Nave, **Nir Yemini**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Hillel Schmid**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Urban Politics and Ethno-gentrification in Israeli Mixed Cities

Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

'Nothing to Fear About': Street-level Bureaucrats' Experiences of Fear in Public Sector Organizations

Lihi Lahat, Sapir Academic College / Concordia University, **Zehavit Levitats**, Bar-Ilan University

Development and Implementation of New Municipal Policy: The Case of Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

Tali Nathan Malinoff, **Galia Fuchs**, **Fany Yuval** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Change in the Allocation to Health Funds to Reduce Gaps between the Center and the Periphery – Evidence from Self-Reported Health Data

Chen Sharony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

MA:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / ROUNDTABLE: BETWEEN ALIENATION AND COOPERATION – EVOLVING MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS IN EUROPE POST-OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Mohammad Darawshe**, Shalom Hartman Institute / Givat Haviva

Marcela Menachem Zoufala, Charles University

Olaf Gloeckner, Potsdam University

Artur Skorek, Warsaw School of Economics

Timea Crofony, Charles University

MA:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / CULTURAL IMAGINARIES AND MEDIA NARRATIVES: ISRAEL IN FICTION, FILM AND RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Chair: **Rachel S. Harris**, Florida Atlantic University

‘Reaching into the Clear Blue of the Mediterranean Sea’: Lavie Tidhar’s Israeli Speculative Fictions

Hadas Elber-Aviram, The University of Notre Dame (USA) in England

“It’s Home, Isn’t It?”: The Israeli Press on Golan and Globus in 1980s Hollywood

Boaz Hagin, Tel Aviv University

Imagined Geographies: Landscapes and Timescapes in Rabbi Ovadia Yosef’s Audio-Visual Sermons

Netta Schramm, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From Civic Duty to Cinematic Craft: Traffic Safety Films and the Foundations of Israeli Cinema

Rachel S. Harris, Florida Atlantic University

MA:05 / ROOM 206 / TRACING THE VERNACULAR: FOCUSING ON ISRAELI CULTURE

Chair and Respondent: **Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University

The Shifting Discourse of Resilience: A Conceptual History of *Hosen* in Israeli Society and its Role in Contemporary Global War Rhetoric

Asaf Saadon, Bar-Ilan University

Circling the Square: The Dynamics of Ritual and Conflict on Yom Kippur in Dizengoff Square, 2023

Roe Joseph, Bar-Ilan University

Western Trends or Local Reality: Negotiating Cohabitation in Contemporary Israel

Hila Geffen-Spitz, Bar Ilan University, Sapir Academic College

Between Western Routine and Jewish Sabbath: The Unique Perception of Time in the Israeli Weekend

Stav Shufan-Biton, Bar-Ilan university

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MA:06 / ROOM 201 / HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING OF URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS AND SOCIAL TENSIONS IN JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV AND HAIFA DURING THE 20TH CENTURY

Chair: **Ofir Abu**, Tel-Hai College / Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

Ethicizing Poverty: Professional Interventions and Oriental Jewish Communities in Nachlaot, 1930s Jerusalem

Elia Etkin, University of Haifa

A Tale of Two Cities: The Urban and Social Transformation of Palestine’s Hebrew Printing Industry from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, 1920–1930

Omri Pelerman, Tel Aviv University

Queering Memorials: Subversive Temporalities in Haifa’s Urban Landscape from the British Mandate to the 1970s

Dotan Brom, Tel Aviv University

MA:07 / ROOM 322 / CONTESTED SPACES: PLANNING, POWER AND ETHICS IN ISRAEL POST-OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Anat Kidron**, Tel-Hai College

Israeli Planning in West Bank after October 7: Deepening Control and Restriction

Rassem Khamaisi, University of Haifa

Reconsidering Optimism in Border Region Planning: Lessons from the 2023 War

Tal Yaar-Waisel, Oranim College of Education

The Relationship Between National and Citizenship Marginality and the Depth of the Israelization Process in East Jerusalem

Mery Najjar Aboud, University of Haifa

MA:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / DIASPORA RESPONSES TO OCTOBER 7: IDENTITY, SOLIDARITY AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE IN EUROPEAN AND AUSTRALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Chair: **Marc Volovici**, University of Haifa

“There is no other place I can go to other than Israel”: The Impact of October 7 on Dutch and Israeli Jews in the Netherlands

Senske Elisabeth de Vries, University of Amsterdam

Seeing as We Are: Ecosystems Shaping Perceptions of Israel, Palestinians, and Antisemitism in Australia’s Jewish Community Post-October 7

Adina Bankier-Karp, Monash University

Italian Jews After October 7th, 2023: Between Overt Solidarity, Cautious Silence and “Hasbara”

Alon Helled, University of Turin

MA:09 / ROOM 019 / HITYASHVUT OVEDET IN ISRAEL - NEW RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Chair: **Aviad Rubin**, University of Haifa

A Century of Latin American Jewish Migrations to Kibbutzim, 1923-2023
Sebastian Klor, University of Haifa

Out of Sight: Migrant Workers' Perspectives on Kibbutzim and Moshavim at the Israeli Agricultural Frontier
Avinoam Cohen, College of Management, Yahel Kurlander, Tel-Hai College

Limited Collaboration? Urban-Rural Relations in The Israeli Periphery
Irit Shmuel, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, **Michael Sofer**, **Levia Applebaum**, **Nir Cohen**, **Irit Amit-Cohen**, Bar-Ilan University, **Yardena Shaul**, Western Galilee College / University of Haifa

Between Political Differentiation and a United Front: The (re)Formation of the Rural Sphere in Israel
Naama Zohar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MA:10 / ROOM 208 / WHO ARE WE NOW? AIR, WATER AND THE SEARCH FOR ISRAELI IDENTITY AFTER OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

Israel's Ontological Security Post-October 7
Roe Kibrik, Yezreel Valley College / Mitvim

Managing Israeli Ontological Security Inside-Out and Outside-In: "The Next Star for the Eurovision"
Galia Press-Barnathan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Air Transportation Disruptions Following the October 7 War: Impacts, Resilience and Historical Comparisons
Uzi Freund-Feinstein, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

MA:11 / ROOM 323 / CURTAINS UP, WALLS IN: CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND REPRESENTATION IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Chair: **Jerome Chanes**, City University of New York

Staging Identity: Israeli Society Viewed through the Lens of Theatre
Jerome Chanes, City University of New York, Baruch College

The International Art World and the Reception of Israel after October 7, 2023
Bennett Tucker, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

The Palestinian Art Scene in Israel after October 7
Yael Guilat, Oranim College

MA:12 / ROOM 324 / EXTRACTING DEMOGRAPHIC AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY DATA FROM ARCHIVAL TABLES

Chair: **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

Hospital Registers as Data for Research of Mandatory Palestine
Amuna Nesreen, **Sinai Rusinek**, University of Haifa, **Zvi Ben-Ishai**, Rambam Hospital

Trajectories of Israeli Culture and Society in the Strashun Library Ledgers: DH Approach
Moshe Lavee, University of Haifa

MA:13 / ROOM 317 / BEYOND PROTOCOL: INFORMAL HEALING, MINDFUL PRACTICE AND THE POLITICS OF SOCIAL CARE

Chair: **Yoav Kapshuk**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

Group Supervision as Experienced by Child Protective Social Workers in Israel
Tamar Darvish, **Keren Michael**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

Enhancing Empathy and Tolerance Through Mindfulness Training during prolonged armed conflicts
Yoav Kapshuk, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:30



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

MB SESSION | 10:30 – 12:00

MB:01 / ROOM 207 / ROUNDTABLE ON US-ISRAEL RELATIONS BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND THE NEW TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Chair: **Eytan Gilboa**, Bar-Ilan University

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

Amnon Cavari, Reichman University

Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University

Etel Solingen, University of California – Irvine

MB:02 / ROOM 209 / IS THE PAST THE FUTURE? INTERPRETING THE IMPACT OF ISRAELI HISTORY GOING FORWARD

Chair: **Elad Wexler**, Tulane University

Between Words and Deeds: Ben-Gurion's Claims to Liberalism

Neil Rogachevsky, University of Florida

30 Years Since Rabin's Assassination: Changes and Developments in the Right-wing Perception of the Murder

Avi Shilon, Tel-Hai College

Academic Rigor and the History of Israel's Political Right: The Professionalization of the Historians

Brian Horowitz, Tulane University, **Avi Shilon**, Tel-Hai College, **Neil Rogachevsky**, University of Florida

MB:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / DIGITAL TOOLS AND HISTORICAL DISCOURSES: RETHINKING JEWISH HISTORY AND DIPLOMACY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Chair: **Moshe Lavee**, University of Haifa

Digital Humanities Approaches in Historical Research: Preparations for Repatriation to Palestine in Interwar Poland

Sergii Gurbych, Vilnius University

The Rabbi and the Telegraph: Chaim Zelig Slonimsky's *Ha-Tzfira* Reports and the Birth of Hebrew Technological Discourse

Asaf Shamis, University of Haifa

Digital Recognition and Israeli Diplomacy

Rohit Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Promoting Inclusivity: Process Mining Applied to Academic Career Progression

Sigal Nagar-Ron, **Tammi Razi**, **Sagit Kedem Yemini**, Sapir Academic College

MB:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / BATTLEGROUND OF IDENTITY: THE GAZA STRIP, MILITARY CULTURE AND THE ETHICS OF COLLABORATION

Chair: **Omri Adomi**, University of Haifa / IDF

The Making of the Gaza Strip in the War of 1948

Omri Adomi, University of Haifa / IDF

The Army of the Reconstituted State: The Six-Day War and the Formation of a New Militarism

Eva Gurevich, Brandeis University

Israel's Response to Harming of Individuals Suspected of Collaborating with Israel within Palestinian Society during the First Intifada (1987-1993)

Netanel Flamer, Bar-Ilan University

MB:05 / ROOM 206 / MIGRATION, GENDER AND BELONGING: MOVING ACROSS BORDERS

Chair: **Shlomo Fischer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Girls Blended In, While Boys Had to Fight:" Gendered Integration Scripts among (ex) Soviet Immigrant Adolescents in Israel's Geo-Social Periphery

Larissa Remennick, Bar-Ilan University, **Anna Prashizky**, Western Galilee College

The Experiences of Israeli Couples Relocating to Germany Before and During War

Inbar Livnat, Ariel University

The Emergence of an Israeli Diasporic Space in Rural Portugal: The Case of Southwestern Alentejo

Zohar Iancu, The Catholic University of Portugal

Single By Choice: Zionist Engagement and Migration to Palestine

Avital Ginat, University of Haifa

MB:06 / ROOM 201 / LAW, LAND AND LEGITIMACY: COMPETING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS IN THE WEST BANK AND BEYOND

Chair: **Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Status of the West Bank and the British Mandate

David Kretzmer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

'Lawless'? How do West Bank Settlers relate to the Law?

Harry Hatwell, Yale Law School

Land Law Policies of the Palestinian Authority in Area C as a Tool for Realizing its Objectives and Challenging Israel

Haim Sandberg, The College of Management Academic Studies

The Hebrew Militia

Rafi Reznik, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MB:07 / ROOM 322 / DEVELOPMENT POLITICS IN THE GALILEE UNDER THE BRITISH MANDATE

Chair: **Assaf Selzer**, University of Haifa

Between Modern Planning and Historic Preservation: The Struggle Over Acre's Urban Identity During the British Mandate
Anat Kidron, Tel-Hai College

Power and Politics in the Upper Galilee: The Electrification of Safed
Nadav Heidecker, University of Haifa

British Planners and Municipal Planning of Tiberias during the Mandate period
Esther Yankelevitch, University of Haifa

MB:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / INTERNATIONAL GAMES, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND A HUMANITARIAN SUPERPOWER

Chair: **Sophia Solomon**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / University of Virginia

Higher, Faster, Stronger: The Maccabiah Games
Sharon Pardo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Sophia Solomon**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / University of Virginia, **Hila Zahavi**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / The Open University of Israel

How the International Community Makes Sense of a Strong Accommodation Dilemma: The Competing Narratives of the Russia-Ukraine and Hamas-Israel Wars
Tereza Plistilova, **Michal Parizek**, **Jakub Stauber**, Charles University

Zion and the "Humanitarian Superpower": Particularities of the Relations between Sweden and Israel against the Backdrop of Human Rights Policy
Olaf Gloeckner, University of Potsdam

MB:09 / ROOM 019 / LOBBYING, MUSEUMS AND PHILANTHROCAPITALISM: MAPPING THE INFLUENCE AND IMAGINATION OF GLOBAL JEWRY

Chair: **Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

Who Led Who? Israel, the Diaspora, and the Israel Lobby: A Retrospective
Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From 'Fiddler on the Roof' to 7th October: Anu Museum of the Jewish People and the Concept of Peoplehood
Shelly Shenhav-Keller, Beit Berl College, **Avner Ben-Amos**, Tel Aviv University,

Philanthrocapitalism and the Jewish World
Benjamin (Benjy) Maor, University of Haifa

MB:10 / ROOM 208 / IDEOLOGICAL PURITY AND POLITICAL POWER IN THE ISRAELI RIGHT: FROM HERUT TO KACH

Chair: **Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky**, Zefat Academic College

The Herut Movement, President Chaim Weizmann, and Shaping the right-wing Perception of the Israeli Presidency
Shoham Wechsler, Tel Aviv University

The Unlikely Challenge to Likud's Political Monopoly Over the Right: Yuval Ne'eman and Tehiya
Elad Nahshon, Tel-Hai College

MB:11 / ROOM 323 / TECHNOLOGY, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN MODERN CONFLICT: THE CASE OF THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Chair: **Elai Rettig**, Bar-Ilan University

The Israel-Hamas War: Observing the Challenges and Advantages of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Modern Warfare
Siddhardha Kollabathini, Rashtriya Raksha University, **Christian Kaunert**, Dublin City University

Counter Terrorism in Liberal Peacemaking: A Study of Israel
Suman Kumari, Central University of Gujarat

Solar Power Under Fire: The Dual Role of Solar PV Panels in the Israel-Hamas War
Elai Rettig, Bar-Ilan University

MB:12 / ROOM 324 / ASPECTS OF DISTRESS, TRAUMA AND POST-TRAUMA IN ISRAELI CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Chair: **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

The Trauma of Losing a Father in Israeli Children's Literature
Shai Rudin, Gordon College of Education

Traumas Waiting to be Rediscovered: Mizrahi Literature
Lily Glasner, Kibbutzim College of Education / Bar-Ilan University

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 – 14:30

AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY | 12:15 - 14:15

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(Including Boxed Lunches)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

MC SESSION

MC:01 / ROOM 207 / **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM AND ANTIZIONISM IN THE WAKE OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2023 TERRORIST ATTACK**

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

Nadia Beider, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Maor Shani, Osnabrück University

Olga Deutsch, NGO Monitor

MC:02 / ROOM 209 / **BETWEEN ALLIES AND AUTONOMY: U.S. INFLUENCE AND INDEPENDENT PEACE EFFORTS IN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN DIPLOMACY**

Chair: **Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

Strained Relationship: George W. Bush, Yizhak Shamir and Israel-USA Relations, 1989-1992

David Tal, University of Sussex

Annapolis and the Abbas-Olmert Direct Negotiations: A Critical Analysis

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / University of Hull

Biden and Israel: Navigating an A-Political Relationship?

Amnon Cavari, Reichman University

MC:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / **ISRAEL, SECURITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER: STRATEGIC THOUGHT AND FOREIGN POLICY AFTER OCTOBER 7**

Chair: **Efrat Aviv**, Bar-Ilan University

The Post-October 7 Wars and the International Order

Benjamin Miller, University of Haifa

The Limits of Deterrence: Israeli Society and the Pursuit of Security Needs

Amir Lupovici, Tel Aviv University

Israel in the Age of Civilizational States and Multipolarity: Philosophic and Geopolitical Considerations

Yiftach Ofek, Shalem College

The Enduring Cleavages of Israeli Foreign Policy Into the 21st Century

Cody Levine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MC:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN AND WAR: FROM THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR TO OCTOBER 7, 2023

Chair: **Eva Gurevich**, Brandeis University

Captivity and Beyond: Women POWs of 1948 and Gendered Narratives in Israeli Discourse

Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar-Ilan University

Lacunae in the Public Memory of the Six Day War: Restoring the Agency of Women Soldiers

Pnina Abir-Am, Brandeis University

“Gay Imaginary”, “Imagined Communities”, and Bahad 12: Lesbian Soldiers Finding ‘Safe Spaces’ in the IDF during the 1970s and 1980s

Eliya Amsalem, Tel Aviv University

Insights from the Perspective of IDF Women Spotters – Tatzpitaniot – Who Served Prior to the Attack of October 7, 2023

Miri Gal-Ezer, Tel Aviv University

MC:05 / ROOM 206 / PILGRIMS, PROVIDERS AND PEACE DEALS: TOURISM AT THE CROSSROADS OF CULTURE AND COMMERCE

Chair: **Shay Rabineau**, Binghampton University

Navigating Political Voice and Economic Interests During Times of War and Conflict: Mobilization of Minority Urban Entrepreneurs in the U.S. and Israel

Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jewish Entrepreneurs in Israel’s Christian Tourism Marketplace: Interreligious Dynamics and Business Practices

Karen Levisohn, Yaniv Belhassen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Meaning of Gentrification and Tourism for the Empowerment of Women Providers in Urban Food Markets in Israel

Rebekka Ramdohr, Bar-Ilan University

Tourism and Normalization—The Case of Abraham Accords

Yaron Salman, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

MC:06 / ROOM 201 / ANTISEMITISM, MEMORY AND IDENTITY IN THE WAKE OF OCTOBER 7

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

Jewishness as “Counter-intersectionality”

Balázs Berkovits, University of Haifa

The Ideological Roots of ‘Jew Hatred’ (Antisemitism)

Nikolay (Noy) Tabah, University of Haifa / Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi Institute

The Politics of Expertise: Antisemitism Research after the Holocaust

Tom Eshed, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MC:07 / ROOM 322 / THE ‘IRON SWORDS’ WAR AND ISRAEL-ASIA RELATIONS: CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

Chair: **Taro Tsurumi**, University of Tokyo

India and the Gaza War: Navigating Ideologies, Interests, and Alliances

Oshrit Birvadker, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security

South Korea Reevaluates the Implications of the Middle East Conflict

Alon Levkowitz, Bar-Ilan University

The ‘Iron Swords’ War and China-Israel Relations: Change and Continuity

Yoram Evron, University of Haifa

MC:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / PRESS, POETRY AND PASSAGE: SHAPING JEWISH IDENTITY FROM THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE SOVIET ALIYAH

Chair: **Bennet Tucker**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Immigration as a News Item: Attitudes toward Jewish Immigrants in the 19th-Century Hebrew Press

Zef Segal, College of Management Academic Studies

Between Two Homelands: Yehuda Amichai’s “Mein Judentum” and the Politics of Memory in 1970s Israel

Marc Volovici, University of Haifa

Leadership in the Soviet Jewish Emigration 1967-1989

Ilan Riss, Central Bureau of Statistics (Retired)

MC:09 / ROOM 019 / IMAGINING ISRAEL: ZIONISM, LAW AND DIALOGUE ACROSS BLACK, CHRISTIAN AND CANADIAN CONTEXTS

Chair: **Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From Harlem to Palestine: Israel in the Black Nationalist Imagination, 1967-1975

Sara Yael Hirschhorn, University of Haifa

Ostracism, Zionism and Law’s Authorization in Canada

Sari Graben, Toronto Metropolitan University

How the Work of Post-Holocaust Jewish-Christian Dialogue Can Speak to Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Sentiment among Christians in the Post-October 7 Era

Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa

MC:10 / ROOM 208 / HAREDI SOCIETY DURING OPERATION IRON SWORDS AND OTHER CRISES

Chair: **Shai Stern**, Bar-Ilan University / The Haredi Institute for Public Affairs

Haredi Recruitment to the IDF in Light of the Swords of Iron War
Menachem Keren-Kratz, Independent Scholar

One of the Ways of Religious Violence within Haredi Couples: A Personal Crisis under Communal Effect
Tehila Gado, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Stressful Events in the Lives of Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Students of Social Work
Daniel J.N. Weishut, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, **Moshe Baruch Blackman**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College / Bar-Ilan University

MC:11 / ROOM 323 / HEADLINES AND HEROINES: WOMEN'S VOICES IN ISRAELI POLITICS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WARTIME MEDIA

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

"Can a woman serve as mayor according to Halacha?": Golda Meyerson and Press Coverage of the 1955 Campaign for Mayor of Tel Aviv
Gilad Greenwald, Bar-Ilan University

From Lifestyle to War Stories: Navigating National Crisis in Commercial Women's Magazines in Wartime
Einat Lachover, Sapir Academic College

Women Journalists on Social Media: The Practicum and Implications of Personalization Practices
Arnon Kedem, Bar-Ilan University

MC:12 / ROOM 324 / MASS JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: BETWEEN ARAB NATIONALISM, BRITISH COLONIALISM, THE COLD WAR AND ISRAEL

Chair: **Boaz Garfinkel**, MALI / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Accelerated Exodus of Jews from Yemen in 1949 Through the Lens of October 2023 Events
Adi Japhet Fuchs, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Jewish Migrations from MENA Countries: The British Involvement
Esther Meir-Glitzenstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Immigration from Iraq and Romania: A Comparative Perspective
Oren Kalman, **Esther Meir-Glitzenstein**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MC:13 / ROOM 317 / FROM SURPRISE TO STRATEGY: RETHINKING ISRAELI DEFENSE IN THE WAKE OF OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Anat Stern**, The Open University of Israel

The Vanishing Watchman: The Rise and Decline of Strategic Early Warning for War in Israel

Ehud (Udi) Eiran, University of Haifa

Offer Guterman, David Simantov, The Institute for the Research of the Methodology of Intelligence

Not in the hands of foreigners? The principal of Self-Reliance in Israel's security policy following the 2023 "Swords of Iron" war
Ehud Golan, Institute for Maritime Policy and Strategy

COFFEE BREAK 16:00 – 16:30



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

MD SESSION | 16:30 – 18:00

MD:01 / ROOM 207 / ISRAELI PUBLIC DIPLOMACY DURING THE ISRAEL HAMAS WAR

Chair: **Chen Kertcher**, Ariel University

Disruptive Media Event in Israel: The Case of October 7 Atrocity Videos
Chen Kertcher, Ariel University

Citizen Diplomacy in Wartime: Potential and Limits
Arava Rotman, University of Haifa

Israel's Response Strategies to its Coverage in International Media
Eli Avraham, University of Haifa

International Legitimacy during the 2023-24 War between Hamas and Israel
Moran Yarchi, Reichman University

MD:02 / ROOM 209 / JNF-KKL PANEL ON REIMAGINING JEWISH IDENTITY: NATIONALISM, CULTURE AND POWER IN ZIONIST THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

Chair: **Tal Elmaliach**, University of Haifa

Even Just an Echo: Propaganda Among Haredim for the Jewish National Fund, 1926-1945
Ayala Shklar, Hemdat Hadarom Academic College of Education

Babylon and Jerusalem: Then and Now
Yizhar Hess, World Zionist Organization

Power of the Purse, Power of Purpose: KKL-JNF UK Relations Through the Years
Lilach Barak, University of Haifa

Imagined Political Identities: Emerging Concepts in Zionism and the Yishuv
Amit Assis, Jewish National Fund

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MD:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / LOVE, INTIMACY, FANTASY: DEBATING AND FEELING EMOTIONS IN THE YISHUV AND ISRAEL

Chair: **Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University

Solitude and Loneliness - The Case of Hana Meisel and Eliezer Shohat
Galia Hasharoni, University of Haifa

Zionist Lesbians: Invisible Intimate Relationships
Orit Yaal, Kinneret Academic College

The Forfeited Fantasy: The Downplay of Fantasy in writings on Love and Sexuality in the Yishuv

Yael Itai-Pak, Bar-Ilan University

Serenades, Zionism, and Friendship. Birthday Songs of German Jews in Mandatory Palestine and Israel

Viola Rautenberg, UC Berkeley

MD:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / DISRUPTED GEOGRAPHIES: AIRPORTS, ACTIVISM AND MIGRANT LANDSCAPES IN A WARRING NATION

Chair: **Elia Etkin**, University of Haifa

No Permission for Takeoff: The Jerusalem Airport During its First Decade under Israeli Rule, 1967-1977

Eldad Brin, University of Haifa

Subversive Landscapes of Infrastructure and Mobility in Israel: Practices of Protest, Resistance, and Activism

Efrat Hildesheim, Tel Aviv University

Landscapes Amid Conflict: Thai Migrants' Gardens in Israel and the Impact of the October 7th War

Zohar Shvarzberg, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

MD:05 / ROOM 206 / ISRAELI STATE INSTITUTIONS – NAVIGATING UNITY AMIDST CRISIS AND DIVERSITY

Chair: **Aviad Rubin**, University of Haifa

Searching for Unity amidst Crisis and Trauma: The First Years of Isaac Herzog's Presidency, 2021 to 2024

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

Religion as Security: Religious Responses to October 7 in Israel
Michael Freedman, University of Haifa

Balancing Faith and Duty: Religious Policy and Public Discontent in the Israeli Military
Niva Golan-Nadir, Reichman University, **Michael Freedman**, University of Haifa

MD:06 / ROOM 201 / ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE IN ISRAEL: FROM BRITISH MANDATE TO STATEHOOD

Chair: **Yaron Jorgen Balstav**, University of Stavanger

The Roots of Waste Management Challenge in Israel
Yaron Jorgen Balslev, University of Stavanger

Revisiting Hiriya: Waste Management, Environmental Injustice, and the Loss of Cultural and Ecological Legacy

Galia Limor-Sagiv, Shamoon College of Engineering

Landscape Architecture in Israel (1970s-2000s): A Unique Global Professional Institutionalization

Omer Aloni, Techion, Glass-Balaban Foundation, **Tal Alon Mozes**, Techion

The Establishment of the First Natural History Collections in Eretz Israel

Noga Raved, Havatzelet Yahel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Sylvan Dreams: Alexander Eig and the Quest for Ecological Restoration in Mandatory Palestine

Naomi Yuval-Naeh, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MD:07 / ROOM 322/ FRAMES OF THE NATION: ISRAELI CINEMA

Chair: **Boaz Hagin**, Tel Aviv University

How Times Passed in Our Fields: Retrospective Kibbutz Films as Israeli Historiography

Miri Talmon, Tel-Aviv University

Ethiopian Jews in Film- The Formative Years

Elad Wexler, Tulane University

MD:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / BETWEEN CULTURE AND CURRENT POLITICS IN ISRAEL STUDIES

Chair: **Ehud (Udi) Eiran**, University of Haifa

The Cultural Dimension in the Zionist Movement

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar Ilan University

Neo-Hassidic Practice in Israel: Between Universal Spirituality and National Sentiment

Rachel Werczberger, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

Israel, the New Syrian Regime, and UNDOF: The end of the Decade-long Supportive Approach?

Eitan Barak, Shalem College / Bar-Ilán University

MD:09 / ROOM 019 / THE STRUGGLE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST? SYRIA-ISRAEL RELATIONS; PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Chair: **Fruma Zachs**, University of Haifa

Clandestine and Public Encounters for Peace between Israel and Syria (1948–2023)

Elie Podeh, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Echoes from the Past: Israel and the Civil War in Syria, 2011-2025

Yogev Elbaz, Tel Aviv University

Israel and Syria – From Bashar al-Assad to Abu Muhammad al-Julani (Ahmad al-Shara)

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University

MD:10 / ROOM 208 / WELL-BEING, CARE AND CRISIS: PSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVES FROM CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI SOCIETY

Chair: **Michal Soffer**, University of Haifa

Coerced Volunteering: Provision of Frontline Social Services During Emergencies

Ofri Shalev Greenman, **Einat Lavee**, University of Haifa

PTSD and Psychological Distress among Victims of the Iron-Swords War: The Impact of Mastery and Community Assistance

Lea Zanbar, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College / University of Haifa, **Yifat Faran**, Ashkelon Academic College / Hemdat Hadarom College / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Unseen and Stigmatized: Young Israeli Adults' Perceptions of Postpartum Depression in Men

Michal Soffer, Sharon Promislovski, University of Haifa

MD:11 / ROOM 323 / ISRAEL INSTITUTE SESSION ON GRANTS

Chair: **Ofek Edri-Peer**, Israel Institute

This Israel Institute information session is about their grants to support postdoctoral fellows and visiting faculty in the United States and across the world

MD:12 / ROOM 324 / FAMILY, IDENTITY AND SOCIAL NORMS: LIVED EXPERIENCES IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI SOCIETY

Chair: **Avi Shilon**, Tel-Hai College

Sleep as a Familial and Communal matter: A Qualitative Study of Social Norms around Sleep health in Israel

Dana Zarhin, University of Haifa

Work, Family, and Everything in Between: A Look at Muslim, Druze and Christian Women in Israel

Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani, Ariel University

The Multi-Dimensional Complexities of Jewish Identities in Contemporary Israeli Society: Transcending Mainstream Religious/Secular Typologies

Stephanie Colley, University of Haifa

The Hebrew Catholic Movement in Israel

Shai Wineapple, **Ruth Kark**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MD:13 / ROOM 317 / BOOK ROUNDTABLE AND RESPONSES TO “EXPRESSIVIST RELIGIOUS ZIONISM: MODERNITY AND THE SACRED IN A NATIONALIST MOVEMENT” BY SHLOMO FISCHER

Chair: **Shlomo Fischer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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Sara Yael Hirschhorn, University of Haifa

Ari Engelberg, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

**WELCOME, AIS AWARD CEREMONY AND
KEYNOTE ADDRESS | 18:30 – 20:30**

Student House auditorium, floor 0

Welcome: **David Barak-Gorodetsky** and **Tal Elmaliach**, Conference Co-Chairs,
University of Haifa

AIS Award Ceremony Chairs: **Raphael Cohen-Almagor**, AIS President,
and **Asaf Shamis**, AIS Executive Director

Keynote: **Ambassador Itamar Rabinovitch**, Tel Aviv University

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TUESDAY

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TA SESSION | 08:30 – 10:00

TA:01 / ROOM 207 / BOOK ROUNDTABLE: "THE RISE AND FALL OF THE PAN-ARAB STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL: THE YOM KIPPUR WAR AS ITS BEGINNING OF THE END", BY DAN SCHEUFTAN

Chair: **Dan Scheuftan**, University of Haifa

Dan Scheuftan, University of Haifa

Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

Haim Ramon, Former MK and Deputy Prime Minister

TA:02 / ROOM 209 / NEW MANIFESTATIONS, OLD HATRED: ANTISEMITIC DISCOURSE IN THE POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC SPHERES FOLLOWING OCTOBER 7TH

Chair: **Lilach Ben Zvi**, Shalom Hartman Institute

The effect of October 7 on Canadian Parliamentary Debates about Israel and Antisemitism
Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

Antisemitism in Chinese Academia: Discursive Trends and Global Implications following October 7th
Meng Yang, Peking University

Methodologies, Discourses, and Identities: Representation of Jews and Palestinians in the Historiography of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Obsession as the Keystone of the Most Plastic Hatred: How the Academic Intifada since October 7th Clarifies the Millennia of Jew-Hatred that Spawned October 7th
Gil Troy, McGill University

TA:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / DIPLOMACY AND DIASPORA IN TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS

Chair: **Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mismanaging Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israel
Yair Eddie Fraiman, Bar-Ilan University

Cultural Diplomacy and Israel's International Image: A Qualitative Study of Soft Power in Action
Suchibrata Roy, Charles University, Prague

Shaming during War: Israeli Public Response to Diaspora Criticism
Yehonatan Abramson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Anil Menon**, University of California - Merced

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Diaspora Mobilization and Foreign Policy: The Case of the Jewish and Israeli Diasporas in Germany and Sweden
Isabell Schierenbeck, University of Gothenburg

TA:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / POST-OCTOBER 7 REALITIES: IDENTITY, DISPLACEMENT AND CROSS-CULTURAL ENGAGEMENTS

Chair: **Tamar Kaneh Shalit**, Tel-Hai College

Complexity Carriers and the Burden of Balance: Navigating Identity and Grief Among Israeli Jewish Students in Post-October 7 Oxford
Timea Crofony, Charles University

95% Heaven, 5% Hell: Uprooting and Imagining the Future in the Eyes of IDPs from the Gaza Belt
Hadas Mesgena Yaron, Ziv Redlich, Amit Shany, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

The Lights of Freedom: The Online Weddings in Israel
Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui, Ramat Gan Academic College

TA:05 / ROOM 206 / DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL POWER: GOVERNANCE, PROTEST AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ISRAEL

Chair: **Doron Navot**, University of Haifa

The Dynamics of the Relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches in Israel
Osnat Akirav, Western Galilee College

Responsible Opposition: Assessing the Determinants of Opposition Control of the Public Legislative Agenda
Amnon Cavari, Shahaf Zamir, Reichman University, Ilana Shpaizman, Bar-Ilan University

Near-Miss Democracy through Civil Resistance: Israeli Coup D'état Revisited
Gayil Talshir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA:06 / ROOM 201 / NARRATIVES OF CONFLICT AND COEXISTENCE: MEDIA, MEMORY AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATION IN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS

Chair: **Gunther Jikeli**, Indiana University

Beyond the Euphoria: Newsreels and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1967-1970
Iddo Better Pocker, Tel Aviv University

The Effect of Stories of Bereavement in the 7th October War on the Relations between Members of Different Populations, Arabs and Jews
Carolyn Nicola, Zefat Academic College

Redefining Israeliness through Cultural Encounters: Revisiting the Hebrew-Arabic Literary Journal MIFGASH-LIQA'
Xinyi Chen, University of Cambridge

Where is the Other? Presence in Absence – The Jew/Israeli Constructed in Palestinian Cinema
Bruno Szlak, Universidade do São Paulo

TA:07 / ROOM 322 / POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN ISRAEL DURING THE 1960S / 1980S: NAVIGATING LOCAL PHENOMENA AND GLOBAL INFLUENCES

Chair: **Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

Menachem Begin and Youth Activity in Likud (1973–1977)
Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky, Zefat Academic College, University of Haifa

High School Student Protests and “Educational Anxiety” (1967–1977)
Anat Kidron, Tel-Hai College

Voices of Dissent: Israeli Youth Letters to the Ministry of Education and the Challenge to Democratic Values in the 1980s
Tammy Hoffman, Kibbutzim College of Education

TA:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / INDIA AND ISRAEL IN HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE: TRADE, RELIGION AND TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITY

Chair: **William Miles**, Northeastern University

The Role of Religion in Hindutva's and Zionism's Quest for National Legitimation
Shiven Nath, Tel Aviv University

Faith, Migration, and Belonging: Challenges and Transformations of the Bnei Menashe Community in Israel
Suraj Rajan Kadanthodu, University of Haifa

Rivalry Through Narratives: Comparing Strategies of Iranian and Israeli Missions in India Post-October 7
Prabhat Jawa, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TA:09 / ROOM 019 / MEDIA, CONFLICT AND IDENTITY: REPRESENTING ISRAEL AND ITS OTHERS IN WAR AND PROTEST

Chair: **Nissim Katz**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

Covering Israel 'en famille': The International Edition of The Palestine Post
Gilad Halpern, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

#BringThemHome: Temporality and Addressivity in the Digital Protest for Hostages' Release
Shani Dalyot, Shirley Druker Shitrit, Sapir College

“The Shadow and the Mouse”: Representations of Yahya Sinwar in the Israeli Media
Nissim Katz, Hillel Nosssek, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

TA:10 / ROOM 208 / STATE PRACTICES OF EXCLUSION IN THE NEOLIBERAL ERA: MECHANISMS OF CONTROL AND MARGINALIZATION IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL

Chair: **Sigal Nagar-Ron**, Sapir Academic College

The Rise of Crime and Violence in Arab Society in Israel: Hybrid Governance and Regimes of Violent Brokerage

Eilat Maoz, Martin Buber Society of Fellows

Material Effects of Torah Nucleus Groups on the Local Population in Negev Development Towns: A Gender and Ethnic Perspective

Sigal Nagar-Ron, Sapir Academic College, **Reut Reina Bendrihem**, Sapir Academic College / The Open University of Israel

Palestinian Society in Israel During Times of Emergency: Struggles over Rights and Identity After October 7

Sharaf Hassan, Oranim College

TA:11 / ROOM 323 / KOSHER WHISKY AND STARTUP DREAMS: CULTURAL CAPITAL AND ISRAELI INNOVATION WORLDWIDE

Chair: **Michal Biron**, University of Haifa

Startups in a Remote Region: Insights from Israel

Raphael Bar-El, **Liran Maymoni**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

Educating Markets, Shaping History: Israeli Tech Business in Latin America and the Construction of Trust

Mauricio Dimant, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Rise of Kosher-Certified Scotch Whiskey in the US and Israeli Markets, 1996-2023

Daniel Schiffman, Ariel University

The Role of Higher Education Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centers in Enhancing Student Potential: A Global Perspective with an Israeli Focus

Dafna Schwartz, Peres Academic Center

TA:12 / ROOM 324 / THE FEMALE CAREGIVER AND PATIENT: ADDRESSING GENDERED NEEDS IN ISRAELI HEALTH AND WELFARE SYSTEMS

Chair: **Ligat Shalev**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Tel-Hai Academic College / Zefat Academic College

Essential Traits and Coping Strategies in Institutional Dementia Care in Israel

Felix Kaplan, Zefat Academic College

Fostering Innovation in Social Work: Exploring Perspectives in Israeli Welfare Systems after October 7, 2023

Ligat Shalev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Tel-Hai College / Zefat Academic College, **Adam, J. Rose**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Moshe Farchi**, Tel-Hai College

The Impact of War and Home Evacuation on Women's Health in Israel: Challenges for the Healthcare System in Times of Crisis

Orit Cherny Golan, Yezreel Valley College

Childbirth Under Fire: Preliminary Results Comparing Birth Experiences Before and During Military Escalation in Northern Israel

Yeela Tomsis, Zefat Academic College, **Ido Solt**, Rambam Health Care Campus

COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:30



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

TB SESSION | 10:30 – 12:00

TB:01 / ROOM 207 / ARAB SOCIETY IN ISRAEL IN THE SHADOW OF WAR: IDENTITY, PROTEST AND LIVED EXPERIENCE POST-OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Oriana Abboud-Armaly**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

Why do Israel's Palestinian Arabs Play by the Rules, even During the October 7th War?
Sammy Smoocha, University of Haifa

Freedom of Speech in War Times: The Case of Arab-Palestinian Citizens in Israel
Kais Nasser, University of Haifa

The Effect of Exposure to the Arabic Language International News Networks on the National Identity of Israeli Arabs during the “Iron Swords” War
Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

TB:02 / ROOM 209 / KIBBUTZ IDENTITY AFTER OCTOBER 7, 2023

Chair: **Meir Chazan**, Tel Aviv University

How to Explain Zionism and the Kibbutz to the World After October 7th? History, the Safe-Room Experience and International Visitors to Kibbutz Be'eri
Alon Pauker, Beit Berl College

Kibbutz Discourse After October 7
Alon Gan, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

The Ever-Changing Role of the Kibbutz in Israeli Society
Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

This session is presented under the auspices of the Kibbutz and Labor Movement Researchers Forum

TB:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / FROM PROTEST TO PEDAGOGY: TEACHING AND DEBATING ISRAEL-PALESTINE ON TODAY'S CAMPUSES

Chair: **Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Haifa

Emulation or Local Perspectives: Comparative Study of the Pro-Palestinian Protests in Academia
Artur Skorek, Warsaw School of Economics, Joanna Dyduch, Jagiellonian University

Rhetorics of Resistance: Anti-Zionist Campus Discourses on Social Media
Gunther Jikeli, Indiana University

War Transforms Culture: Shaping the Teaching of Hebrew and Israel Studies in the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Florida After October 7
Iris Cohen, Roy Holler, University of Florida

TB:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ISRAEL: POLITICAL, ETHNOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL ANALYSIS 1880-2023

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Enduring Patterns, Shifting Contexts: 150 Years of Zionist Education Conducted in Hebrew in Israel (1880–2023)
Miriam Szamet, Bar Ilan University

The Melting Pot Policy in the Public Education System, Between Left-Wing and Right-Wing Mamlachtiut: 1965-2015
Amir Aizenman, Oranim Academic College / Tel-Hai College

Discourse Analysis of Educational Policy in Israeli State-Religious Secondary Education: Between Equality and Competition
Nehoray Eliakim, Hemdat College of Education

TB:05 / ROOM 206 / SERVICE, SACRIFICE AND IDENTITY: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND BELONGING IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL

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

The Effect of a Teenager's Conscription on Their Mother's Political Opinion: The Israeli Case
Enav Hecht-Filiba, Bar-Ilan University

Why do Police Officers Risk their Lives in Times of Acute Crisis? The Case of the October 7 Attack in Israel
Ofek Edri-Peer, University of Haifa, Israel Institute, Nissim Cohen, University of Haifa

“They did not perish because they risked their lives with courage, but because their souls betrayed them”: The Commemoration of IDF Soldiers Who Committed Suicide
Netanel Hochner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TB:06 / ROOM 201 / REVISITING THE ISRAELI RIGHT: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS, SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Chair: **Maya Mark**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Prisons in the Creative Path of Abba Achimeir
Brian Horowitz, Tulane University

Menachem Begin's Theory of Civil Disobedience
Maya Mark, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

“Mizrahi Voters and the Class Dynamics of the 1977 Political Upheaval”
Amir Goldstein, Tel-Hai College, **Ofir Abu**, Tel-Hai College / Kinneret College

TB:07 / ROOM 322 / **WOMEN, RELIGION, RABBIS: ISRAELI WOMEN AND THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT**

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman-Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

“Why Didn’t You Leave Him?”: Women Survivors of Domestic Violence in Israeli Rabbinical Courts

Nitzan Caspi Shiloni, Bar-Ilan University

Between Halakha and the Body: Rabbinic Authority and Women’s Physical Experience in Jewish Law

Sarah Segal Katz, Bar-Ilan University

As God Intended?: Acceptance as a Religious-Feminist Strategy

Elisheva Rosman Stollman, Bar-Ilan University

TB:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / **SACRED NARRATIVES IN TENSION: DRUZE, BAHĀ’Ī AND BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVES IN A CONFLICT ZONE**

Chair: **Stephanie Colley**, University of Haifa

Reconciliation under Duress: Engaged Buddhist Paradigms in Middle East Conflict

Umesh Regmi, Tribhuvan University

Gender Dynamics in Druze Reincarnation: Exploring Notq Stories

Maha Nattoor, University of Haifa

Category Imperative: Establishing a Bahā’ī Department in the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs

D Gershon Lewental, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / The University of Oklahoma

Third Space of Enunciation of Religions in Exile

Rameshwor Aryal, Tribhuvan University

TB:09 / ROOM 019 / **MIZRAHI / SEPHARDI STRUGGLES IN EARLY ISRAELI HISTORY**

Chair: **Merav Bellaiche**, Bar-Ilan University

From Harat al-Yahud to Wadi Salib: Moroccan Jewish Protest in Haifa

Moshe Naor, University of Haifa

“Il Battalion Judeo: The 39th Battalion in Palestine – Sephardic Jews, American Patriotism and Zionism in World War I

Merav Bellaiche, Bar-Ilan University

TB:10 / ROOM 208 / **NATIONAL PHOTOBOOKS OF ISRAEL: EXPLORING THE MAKING OF COLLECTIVE MEMORY**

Chair: **Keren Omry**, University of Haifa

A Visit to the Holy State. Suggested Travel Rites to the State of Israel through Geographically-Based National Albums

Eliezer Baumgarten, University of Haifa, **Efrat Miller**, **Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University

Not a Victory Album: Commemoration and remembrance in Dana Arieli’s Album Darom

Dana Arieli, Holon Institute of Technology, **Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University

In Search of the City’s Soul: The Changing Representations of Haifa in Historic Photobooks

Nir Ratzkovsky, University of Haifa

TB:11 / ROOM 323 / **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN ISRAEL: FROM PERCEPTION TO IMPLEMENTATION**

Chair: **Limor Samimian-Darash**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Emergence of Civil-based Preparedness: Population Evacuation during Two Wars in Israel

Reut Shafir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Cyber-War? Ambiguities in Israel’s National Cyber Crisis Preparedness

Amit Sheniak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

An Updated Pyramid of Needs Model for Evacuation Under Fire

Shai Belaish, Eyal Lewin, Erez Cohen, Ariel University

TB:12 / ROOM 324 / **WHEN CRISIS MEETS LEADERSHIP: GENDER, DIPLOMACY AND TRANSNATIONAL ACTIVISM IN JEWISH HISTORY**

Chair: **Malka Kinast**, Bar-Ilan University

When Crisis Made Leadership Possible and Social Norms Restricted It: Sarah Stern-Katan’s Journey

Malka Kinast, Bar-Ilan University

Swiss-Israeli Relations After the Holocaust Through the Eyes of Ambassador Yitzchak Mayer: Crisis, Optimism, and Growth

Gitit Hoze, Bar-Ilan University

Interwoven Networks of Support: State Agency and Individual Initiative in Religious Kibbutz Members’ Activity for Soviet Jewry, 1960s-1990s

Liza Vasserman-Slutsky, Bar-Ilan University

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 – 13:00



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

TC SESSION | 13:00 – 14:30

TC:01 / ROOM 207 / RESILIENCE IN THE KIBBUTZ COMMUNITY AFTER OCTOBER 7, 2023

Chair: **Alon Gan**, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

“I Woke up at 6:30 in the Morning”: The Meaning of Community for Kibbutz Residents Living Along the Gaza Border

Julia Chaitin, Sapir Academic College (Emirata)

Back Home Amidst War: Older Adults Returning to Kibbutzim Severely Attacked on October 7th

Hadas Bar-El Fremder, **Gabriela Spector-Mersel**, Sapir College

Our Home, Our Story: Shaping October 7th Narratives and Commemorative Space in Western Negev Kibbutzim

Anat Marle, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC:02 / ROOM 209 / FROM VISION TO REALPOLITIK: GEORGE ELIOT, WEIZMANN, JABOTINSKY AND BEN-GURION

Chair: **Eran Shlomi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda* – The Transition from Antisemitism to Philosemitism in the Victorian Era

Maya Stav, Bar-Ilan University

A Hawk among Doves? Ze’ev Jabotinsky, Zionist Internationalism and the League of Nations

Eran Shlomi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Chaim Weizmann’s Leadership Magic: Zionism as the Art of the Possible

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

No Thing Human is Foreign to Us: Ben-Gurion’s Translation Project of World Classics

Nir Ratzkovsky, Bar-Ilan University of Haifa

TC:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / THE POST-EUPHORIA DECADE: COMMUNITY, EDUCATION AND (IN) SECURITY

Chair: **Danny Gutwein**, University of Haifa

Hope and Despair in 'Second Israel': Community Struggles in Neve Sharet and Musrara in the 1970s

Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Israeli Education in the 1970s: The Short-Lived Golden Age of Educational Equality, 1969-1978

Amir Aizenman, Oranim Academic College, Tel-Hai College

Civil-Military Relations After the Yom Kippur War: Reserve Soldiers' Challenges in 1973

Anat Stern, The Open University of Israel

The Establishment of the Civil Guard and the Crisis of (In)security

Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University

TC:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / MIGRATION, MEMORY AND DEMOCRACY: JEWISH HISTORIES AND POLITICAL DISCOURSES BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ISRAEL

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

Jewish Immigration from Brazil to Israel in the Years 1948–1964

Karen Ayalon-Brustein, University of Haifa

The Grammar of Sacrifice: Memory, Holocaust and the Symbolic Construction of the Far-Right

Michel Gherman, Stephanie Mesquita Assaf, Milleni Freitas Rocha, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Bianca Bastos, Gabriel Melo Mizrahi, Pontifical Catholic University

Democracy Crises, the Public Sphere and Cities in the 21st Century

Stephanie Assaf, University of Haifa / Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

TC:05 / ROOM 206 / FROM WOUNDS TO HEALING: POST-TRAUMA, MEDICAL COLLABORATION AND SHARED FUTURES

Chair: **Sammy Smootha**, University of Haifa

Israeli-Palestinian Medical Cooperation: A Health for Peace Model?

Eli Sperling, University of Georgia, David Greenky, Emory University

Trauma, Identity, and Repetition: Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Through the Lens of Collective Post-Trauma

Shai Dror Tagner Haim, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Terrorism Denial and Terrorism Remembrance in Times of Crisis

Lev Topor, Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo

TC:06 / ROOM 201 CRAFT, COLONIALISM AND THE PRODUCTION OF VISUAL CULTURE

Chair: **Yael Guilat**, Oranim Academic College

Collaborative Craft: Bodies without Borders

Yarden Stern, Tel-Aviv University

Embroidering Histories: Quasi-Colonial Agents and the Craft of Moroccan Embroidery

Elya Assayag, Columbia University

"If I forget": Colonizing the Jewish Gaze

Roni Tzoreff, The Open University of Israel

Palestinian Embroidery and Colonialism - Lamees Shahout

Lamees Shahout, University of Haifa

TC:07 / ROOM 322 / GOVERNANCE, SOCIETY AND RECONCILIATION: SYSTEMIC REFLECTIONS ON ISRAEL IN THE AFTERMATH OF OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Amir Nehari**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The War and Potential Implications for the Israeli Regime

Gal Ariely, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Israel Following October 7th: An Integrative Psycho-Systems Analysis

Amir Nehari, Ben Gurion University

Insights for the Day After October 7th: Promoting Israeli-Palestinian Relations via the Narrative Model

Michal Raz Rotem, **Oriana Abboud-Armaly**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, **Rachelly Ashwall-Yakar**, Bar-Ilan University

TC:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / THE POLITICS OF DENIAL AND ISRAEL'S MARGINAL VOICES

Chair: **Meir Amor**, Concordia University

Reconciliation Without Truth: How the Media and the Law Control the Narrative of the Yemenite and Balkan Children Affair

Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University, **Inbal Maimon Blau**, Ono Academic College

Denial and Its Discontents: Clinical Perspectives on Historical Silences

Natalie Haziza, University of Haifa / Clalit Health Services

"Authentic Leaders": Inequality, War and Voting Patterns in Israel's Social Margins

Meir Amor, Concordia University

TC:09 / ROOM 019 / SACRED SPACES AND CONTESTED VOICES: ZIONISM, EXILE AND THE POLITICS OF REMEMBRANCE

Chair: **David Barak-Gorodetsky**, University of Haifa

Between Antisemitism, Hatred, and Love: Yehezkel Kaufmann and the Critique of Zionism

Yossi Kugler, The College of Management Academic Studies

The Forgotten Pantheon: Attempting to Honor the Nation's Intellectual Greats at Har HaMenuhot in Early Israel

Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University

Challenging Messianic Religious Zionist Discourse from Within in the Aftermath of October 7th

David C. Jacobson, Brown University

TC:10 / ROOM 208 / CITIZENSHIP, TRANSFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN ACADEMIA AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair: **Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Pedagogies of Citizenship in Israeli Academia: Neoliberal Paradox

Tamar Kaneh Shalit, Dalit Simchai, Tel-Hai College

The Impact of October 7th Events on Jewish-Arab Relations in Israeli Higher Education: A Before-After Analysis

Lior Yohanani, Yossi Shavit, Tel Aviv University

Enhancing Global Ties: A Cultural Exploration of Indian Researchers in Israeli Academia

Rebecca Sayo Laitflang, Gad Yair, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TC:11 / ROOM 323 / RESPONSES IN ASIA TO ISRAEL AND ISRAEL STUDIES

Chair: **Taro Tsurumi**, University of Tokyo

Israel Studies in Asia: A Vibrant Research Field in China, Japan, and India

Guangmeng Chen, Sichuan International Studies University

Continuity and Change in Interfaith Relations in Singapore After October 7, 2023: A Jewish Community Perspective

Mordy Miller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

COFFEE BREAK 14:30 – 15:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

TD SESSION | 15:00 – 16:30

TD:01 / ROOM 207 / CLASS FORMATION AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN ISRAEL: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON LABOR, CAPITAL AND SOCIAL MOBILITY, 1920-1965

Chair: **Gilat Gofer**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Paving the Way: Women's Struggle for Inclusion in the Paving and Construction Industries during the Yishuv, 1920-1940

Liat Taub, University of Haifa

Unraveling the Forgotten 1952 Palestinian Workers' Strike Wave in Israel

Oded Marck, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Peripheral Global Town: The Making of a Mediator Class in Kiryat Shmona

Uri Schuster, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

The Dissolution of the Cooperative Housing of the General Histadrut

Boaz Garfinkel, MALI / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TD:02 / ROOM 209 / FROM DAMASCUS TO TEHERAN: ISRAEL AND THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF THE REGION

Chair: **Eli Sperling**, University of Georgia

How Far from Hama: The Muslim Brotherhood and the Syrian Civil War

Yehuda Udi Blanga, Bar-Ilan University

Moving towards the Final Clash?! Iran and Israel after the War of Iron Swords

Soli Shahvar, University of Haifa

Israel's Relations with Abraham Accord Nations Post October 7

Aditya Kumar Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TD:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / POPULISM, POWER AND IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI POLITICS

Chair: **Guy Ben Porat**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Populism in Israel: Netanyahu and the Strategic Approach
Asaf Day, **Rami Zeedan**, University of Kansas

Constitutional Coup through office holder 'Enablers'
Menachem Hofnung, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Reconceptualizing and Analyzing Mizrahi Political Ethnicity in Contemporary Party Politics
Ariel David, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Elephant in the Room: Netanyahu's Entrenchment as PM and Alternative Preventive Legislation
Reuven Shapira, Western Galilee College

TD:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / LITERARY REFLECTIONS ON IDENTITY AND CONFLICT IN ISRAEL

Chair: **Rachel S. Harris**, Florida Atlantic University

The Haunted Nation Where Monsters Thrive: Monsters in Israeli Science Fiction and Fantasy
Vered Weiss, Michigan State University

Women, Place and Conflict: A Study of Minor Detail by Adania Shibli and All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan
Joel Jyothis Tom, Central University of Gujarat

The Rise of Israeli Right-wing Poetry
Amir Segal, Freie Universität Berlin

TD:05 / ROOM 206 / MEDIA, POLARIZATION AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE: CHALLENGES TO ISRAELI DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Chair: **Oranit Klein-Shagrir**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

What Missing Printed Newspapers Means to Israeli Democracy?
Hillel Nossek, Kinneret Academic College on the Sea of Galilee

The Spiral of Mediated Polarization
Arnon Kedem, **Motti Neiger**, Bar-Ilan University

On Political Interests and Self-serving Diversity: How State Policymakers Envision Public Service Media
Oranit Klein-Shagrir, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, **Aya Yadlin**, Bar-Ilan University

TD:06 / ROOM 201 / LANGUAGE, POWER AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES IN BEDOUIN AND DRUZE COMMUNITIES IN ISRAEL

Chair: **Kais Nasser**, University of Haifa

Arabic, Hebrew, and Identity: Exploring Generational Identity and Language Practices Among Druze Youth and Adults in Israel
Rami Zeedan, The University of Kansas

Social Stratification as seen through Bedouin Poetry during the Period of the Military Government in the Negev
Kobi Peled, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Performance of a Shared Dinner: The Bedouin Family Table as Position and Power
Elizabeth Rosner, The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TD:07 / ROOM 322 / WAR IS MAGNIFICENT TO THOSE WHO NEVER TRIED IT: POETS, WRITERS AND WAR

Chair: **Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University

Palestinian War Poetry Between Witness and Memory
Daniel Behar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"As though the merciful God has died, and the fallen lead shadow is heavy as a sealed grave:" Else Lasker-Schüler in Jerusalem
Mei-Tal Nadler, The Open University of Israel

Milk and Yogurt Transported in Tanks: Nathan Alterman's Songs for the Satirical Theatre Hamatateh during the Arab Revolt in Palestine (1936)
Leah Gilula, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum

TD:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / ISRAEL AS A TRANSNATIONAL ANCHOR IN MULTIETHNIC JEWISH DIASPORIC CONTEXTS: CASE STUDIES FROM AUSTRALIA, LATIN AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE

Chair: **Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Home and Away: The Interconnected Histories of "Sephardim" between Australia and Israel
Aviad Moreno, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Role of Israel in Constructing Transnational Identity Among Jewish Migrants in Paris, Brussels, and Antwerp
Lilach Lev Ari, Oranim College of Education

New Diaspora Connections: The Latin American Jewish Case
Sebastian Klor, University of Haifa

TD:09 / ROOM 107 / THEATRE AND CITY: THE PERFORMANCE OF ISRAELI URBANISM

Chair: **Thalia Hoffman**, University of Haifa

Theater in Dimona or Dimona Theater?

Naphtaly Shem-Tov, The Open University of Israel

Performative Returns to Haifa: Rethinking the Theatre in a 'Wounded City'

Dorit Yerushalmi, University of Haifa

Performing Emotions of Urbanity in Tel Aviv in the 1930s

Shelly Zer-Zion, University of Haifa

TD:10 / ROOM 208 / RELIGION, IDENTITY AND INTRAGROUP DYNAMICS IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACEBUILDING PROCESS

Chair: **Ben Mollov**, Bar-Ilan University

Religionizing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Alon Burstein, Tufts University

Beyond Arab-Jewish Divides: Exploring Secular-Religious Similar Dynamics in

Intragroup Context - Implications for Peace Building

Oriana Abboud-Armaly, **Michal Raz-Rotem**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College,

Rachelly Ashwall-Yakar, Bar-Ilan University

Interreligious Dialogue and the Reframing of Jewish-Arab Relations

Ben Mollov, Bar-Ilan University

TD:11 / ROOM 323 / PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST: EDUCATION AND COPING STRATEGIES DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

Chair: **Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, Ramat Gan Academic College

Living Together: Coping Strategies regarding Children's Education for Women in

Intercultural Jewish-Arab Families in Israel

Shlomit Oryan, Oranim Academic College of Education, **Tal Meler**, Zefat Academic College

The Place of the Child during Wartime: The Case of Israeli Children's Periodicals from the 1960s-1980s

Oshrat Revivo, School of Education, Tel Aviv University

Grandparenting in Times of Trauma: Experiences and Roles

Lia Ring, **Orit Taubman Ben-Ari**, Bar-Ilan University

TD:12 / ROOM 324 / LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL CULTURE IN ISRAEL

Chair: **Ariel Bendor**, Bar-Ilan University

Doctrinal Realism and Hyper-Realism in Israeli Law

Ariel Bendor, **Michal Alberstein**, Bar-Ilan University

Balancing Rights and Sustainability: The Impact of Tort Law on Preserving the Israeli National Trail

Noa Ravinsky Raichel, **Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Law in Cultural Paradigm. The Case of the Public (Mock) Trials in the Yishuv and Israel

Dotan Greenvald, Harvard University, **Nir Gonen**, Princeton University

TD:13 / ROOM 317 / CROSSROADS OF CONVICTION: FAITH, ACTIVISM, SOLIDARITY AND NON-SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL AFTER OCTOBER 7

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

New Patterns in Young French Jews' Activism concerning Israel

Elizabeth Stein, UCLA

Expressing Solidarity, Creating Connections, and Building Empathy: The Role of Post-October 7 Faculty Missions to Israel

Raeefa Shams, Academic Engagement Network

Romanian Responses to October 7, 2023

Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

WALKING TOURS OF HAIFA | 17:00 – 19:30

(RSVPs Requested. Buses depart campus at 16:30 after the last session)



SACRED HEIGHTS: FROM STELLA MARIS TO ELIJAH'S CAVE

On this tour, we will recount the history of the order and the monastery, then descend along a mountain footpath with a sweeping view of the Mediterranean Sea to Elijah's Cave, where we will consider the popular beliefs attached to his figure across the religions that have shaped the city, from the Hellenistic period to the present day.

The tour is led by Dotan Brom, a licensed tour guide and a PhD candidate at Tel Aviv University, who researches Haifa's history.

Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky, Department of Israel Studies, University of Haifa will accompany the tour.

HAIFA FROM ABOVE: VIEWS, COLONIES, AND CARMEL CHARMS

City Views: Enjoy a bus tour with viewpoints overlooking Haifa's central locations, including the German Colony, the stunning Bahá'í Gardens, the historic Stella Maris, and the scenic Louis Promenade. This tour ends at Merkaz HaCarmel. It's an easy and enjoyable way to learn about the city and its history, with minimal walking required as most of the tour is a bus ride.

Led by Zion Susi, a licensed tour guide.

STAIRWAYS AND STORIES: AN URBAN DESCENT INTO HAIFA

Embark on a challenging and rewarding urban hike through the layers of Haifa's history, architecture, and diversity—perfect for experienced walkers. Starting at Merkaz HaCarmel, we'll descend the city's iconic stairways through Upper Hadar, with a stop on Masada Street, home to vibrant street art, cafés, and a bohemian spirit. From there, we continue down through Wadi Salib and into Haifa's downtown, finishing in the historic port area—where old warehouses, modern culture, and sea breezes meet. A tour that works the legs and opens the eyes.

Led by Rinat Blum a licensed tour guide.

Dr. Tal Elmaliach, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Haifa will accompany the tour.

HAIFA OF MANY VOICES: A WALK THROUGH COEXISTENCE

Explore the vibrant mosaic of cultures, faiths, and communities that define Haifa on this powerful walking tour of coexistence. stroll through the colorful alleys of Wadi Nisnas, and continue along Ben-Gurion Boulevard, framed by the majestic Baha'i Gardens. Through art, architecture, and local stories, this tour reveals how diversity shapes everyday life in downtown Haifa.

Led by Noam Yatsiv a licensed tour guide.

Prof. Moshe Naor and Dr. Elia Etkin, Department of Israel Studies, University of Haifa will accompany the tour.

URBAN ECHOES: FROM WADI SALIB TO TALPIOT MARKET

Discover the hidden heart of Haifa through a walking tour of the Hadar neighborhood and the iconic Talpiot Market. We'll begin at the tranquil Memorial Garden and continue along Sirkin Street, exploring local architecture, urban renewal projects, and the vibrant flavors of the market. The tour includes a short break, a walk through historic Wadi Salib, and ends with a visit to a contemporary art gallery in a restored building on Sirkin Street. A unique chance to experience Haifa's cultural layers up close.

Led by Dr. Nir Ratzkovsky, MA Program for Culture Studies, University of Haifa.



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

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WA SESSION | 08:30 – 10:00

WA:01 / ROOM 207 / NATION-BUILDING AND INEQUALITY: POLITICAL STRUCTURES IN EARLY ISRAEL

Chair: **Oren Kalman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

United We Stand? Transnational Zionist Women's Networks as a Political Mechanism
Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

The Absorption of Polish Jews in Israel, 1949-1950: Preferential Conditions for Ashkenazi Immigrants?
Avi Picard, Bar Ilan University

Between Religious and Liberal Nationalisms: Complexity and Tensions among the Liberal Religious Zionist Leadership
Cohen Kovacs Gilad, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:02 / ROOM 209 / FROM CINCINNATI TO TEL AVIV: REFORM JUDAISM, AND THE MAKING OF A TRANSNATIONAL JEWISH IDENTITY

Chair: **David Barak-Gorodetsky**, University of Haifa

Hebrew Union College and Zionism - from 1948 to October 7
Ofer Chizik, University of Haifa

Shifts in US Jewry's Attitude to Israel: The Case of Hebrew Union College's Imposition of a Year-in-Israel Requirement for Rabbinical Students
David Mendelsson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Hebrew Union College (Retired)

Reform Jewish Education in Tel Aviv's State Schools: Between Integration and Transformation
Einat Libel Hass, Ramat Gan Academic College / Bar-Ilan University

WA:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / HOPE, CLIMATE AND PROTEST: DESIGNING MEANING IN THE ISRAELI URBAN LANDSCAPE

Chair: **Dalit Shach-Pinsly**, University of Haifa

The Visual Manifestations of the "Bring Them Home" Campaign in Public Space, and the way they attempt to bridge both cultural and ideological gaps
Onna Segev, University of Haifa

Urban Renewal: Between Europe and Israel
Dalit Shach-Pinsly, Hadas Shadar, University of Haifa

Image: Homel, Elisheva, 1968, "Ron" cinema, From the Digital Collection of Younes & Sorya Nazarian library, University of Haifa

Microclimate in Expanding Nation: Town-planning, Science, and Governance in Israel
Omri Shafer Raviv, Or Aleksandrowicz, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Paris Square as a Case Study of “Space of Hope” in the Cosmopolitan - Conflictual City
Yamit Shimon, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

WA:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / ISRAELI JOURNALISM, PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND NATIONAL IMAGE: HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: **Sandrine Boudana**, Tel Aviv University

Israeli Public Diplomacy, Censorship, and the Manchester Guardian newspaper during the Suez war, 1956

Giora Goodman, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

Journalistic Interventionism: What is so special about Israeli Journalists?

Sandrine Boudana, Akiba Cohen, Tel Aviv University

Training for Citizen Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israeli Backpackers

Arava Rotman, University of Haifa, **Eytan Gilboa**, Bar-Ilan University

The Levite’s Concubine in Court: Kibbutz Yagur vs. Herut Daily

Shimon Erez Blum, Sapir Academic College

WA:05 / ROOM 206 / EDUCATIONAL POLICY, ETHICS AND INTEGRATION IN ISRAEL: HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Balancing State Education and Parental Rights: Historical Perspectives on Israeli Educational Policy

Adi Sherzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jewish Israeli Adolescents Engage Ethically with the 1948 War: Before and After October 7

Roy Weintraub, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Building Bridges: Integration of Arab and Jewish Educators in a Kibbutz Early Education System

Orit Fisher Shalem, Kinneret Academic College

WA:06 / ROOM 201 / EMOTIONAL LABOR, SOCIAL RESILIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH IN ISRAELI SOCIETY DURING ARMED CONFLICT

Chair: **Michal Soffer**, University of Haifa

An Affective Lens on Social Activists’ Emotional Labor in Interactions with Allies

Ruth Blatt, Gilly Hartal, Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University

Social Support, Happiness, State Anxiety, and Passion at Work Among Medical Staff During Times of Armed Conflicts in Israel

Orit Shamir Balderman, Michal Shamir, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley

CollegePsychosocial Effects of Political Change and the Iron Sword War on Social Functioning in Israel

Javier Simonovich, Zefat Academic College

WA:07 / ROOM 322 / BULLETS AND BODIES: PERFORMING POWER AND FEMININITY IN POST-OCTOBER 7 ISRAEL

Chair: **Esther Carmel Hakim**, University of Haifa

“To Conquer the Target on the Battlefield”: Young Women’s Sexual Subjectification within Military and Neoliberal Discourses in Israel

Rachel Levi Herz, Bar-Ilan University

Arming Femininity: Gender Performativity, Citizenship and Identity Among Israeli Women Gun Owners in the Post-October 7th Era

Maya Maor, Nathan Stern, Uzi Ben-Shalom, Ariel University

WA:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / AFTER OCTOBER 7: ANALYZING, REMEMBERING AND QUESTIONING IN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Chair: **Zohar Segev**, University of Haifa

Comparative Analysis of Threat and Challenge Perceptions During the October 7, 2023, Conflict Among Holocaust Survivors and Descendants in Israel and the U.S.

Anat Romem, Lev Academic Center, Jerusalem, **Laurie Glick**, Jerusalem College of Technology

Jewish-American Criticism of Israel during the Hamas-Israel War

Emily Schneider, Natanael Damian, Northern Arizona University~

Taking Stock: Adding Up the Surveys on the Middle East War and Its Impact on American Jews

Mervin Verbit, Touro University

WA:09 / ROOM 019 / CRAFTING HYBRID IDENTITY THROUGH LANGUAGE IN ISRAEL

Chair: **Leah Gilula**, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum

Finding a Voice: The Myth of Acquiring Speech in Russian-Israeli Literature

Aleksei Surin, Bar-Ilan University

Exterritoriality in the Israeli Francophone Community: Continuum Literary Journal (2002-2023)

Galia Yanoshevsky, Bar-Ilan University, **Maya Michaeli**, The Open University of Israel

COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

WB SESSION | 10:30 – 12:00

WB:01 / ROOM 207 / “WHAT DO WOMEN MERIT?” (BERACHOT 17): THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN’S RELIGIOUS-SCHOLARLY LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL BEFORE AND AFTER OCTOBER 7TH

Chair: **Chana Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

Isha El Akhota: The Unique Function of Women’s Halakhic Responsa via Whatsapp in Wartime

Moria Ran, Brandeis University, **Hagit Hacohen Wolf**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Estee Rieder Indursky**, MALI

Female Torah Scholarship in Modern Orthodox Judaism in Israel: Development and Future Prospects

Hagit Hacohen Wolf, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Gender, Social Boundaries and Activism Among Ultra-Orthodox Women Studying Talmud

Estee Rieder Indursky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WB:02 / ROOM 209 / UNIVERSITIES, WOMEN’S ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ANC: MAPPING THE NEW TERRAIN OF ANTISEMITISM

Chair: **Mervin Verbit**, Touro University

Women’s Organizations: Antizionism and Antisemitism

Esther Carmel Hakim, University of Haifa

The African National Congress (ANC), Genocide, and Israel/Palestine

Asher Lubotzky, University of Houston

From Campus to Workplace: Understanding the Systemic Impact of Antisemitism Post-October 7, 2023

Dikla Yogev, University of Toronto

WB:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / LIVE ON AND PROSPER: SCIENCE FICTION, MEMORY AND THE ARTS

Chair: **Tehila Sade**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

To Boldly Remember: Memory Technologies from Star Trek’s Vision to Jewish and Israeli Commemoration

Bar Leshem, University of Haifa, **Inbal Ben-Asher Gitler**, Sapir Academic College / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Echoes of Evil: Spielberg’s Sci-Fi Antagonists and the Specter of Nazi Memory

Alon Judkovsky, Sapir Academic College

A Merderlekhe Froy: Femme Fatales, Memory, and Jews in Alternate History

Keren Omry, University of Haifa

WB:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / THE ISRAELI PRESIDENCY: SYMBOLISM, STRATEGY AND POLITICAL FUNCTION IN A DIVIDED DEMOCRACY

Chair: **Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

The Puzzle of Left-Wing Majorities in Israeli Presidential Elections, 1978-1998

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

The Expression of Established Bipartisanship: Israeli Presidents in Light of Israeli Domestic and International Conflicts

Alon Helled, University of Turin

The Presidential Dilemma: Between a Symbol of Mamlakhtiut and a Political Actor

Ofer Kenig, Ashkelon Academic College / The Israel Democracy Institute, **Dana Blander**, The Israel Democracy Institute

WB:05 / ROOM 206 / ARAB AND DRUZE WOMEN IN ISRAEL: NAVIGATING SOCIAL SERVICES, FAMILY STRUCTURES AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

Chair: **Einat Lavee**, University of Haifa

Differentiation in Perceptions and Support for Low-Income Single Arab Mothers in Israel by Providers of Social Services

Sohad Amaria, **Einat Lavee**, University of Haifa

Being an Arab-Muslim Middle-aged Single Never Married Women in Israel Marrying an Older Widower

Chaya Koren, **Doaa Atamneh**, University of Haifa

“I am Here for You, by Your Side”: Cultural Responsiveness among Arab Policewomen in Israel towards Arab Women who are Victims of Violence

Tal Meler, Zefat Academic College

Druze Women Artists in Israel: Art as a Blueprint for the Story of the Daughter’s Relationship with Her Mother/Father

Ebtesam Barakat, Zefat Academic College, **Shahar Marnin-Distelfeld**, Zefat Academic College / Oranim College

Pregnancy and Motherhood in Times of Conflict: The Experiences of Arab Women Following the October 7 Attack

Maram Awad-Yasin, **Lia Ring**, **Elad Mijalevich-Soker**, **Orit Taubman Ben-Ari**, Bar-Ilan University

WB:06 / ROOM 201 / WOMEN, POWER AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI SOCIETY

Chair: **Ayelet Harel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Room of One's Own? Women in Frontline War Rooms following the October 7, 2023 Attack

Ayelet Harel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Saviona Rotlevy**, Independent Scholar, **Shir Daphna-Tekoah**, Ashkelon Academic College

The New Discourse on Women Soldiers Following October 7th: Challenging Gendered Dichotomies and Redefining Cultural Schemes

Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University, **Edna Lomsky-Feder**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Reframing Femicide in Israel: Feminist Struggles and the Role of the 'National Emergency' and Security Discourses

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, **Tamar Ben David**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB:07 / ROOM 322 / GOVERNANCE, RESISTANCE AND EMPIRE: POLITICAL ENCOUNTERS IN MANDATORY PALESTINE

Chair: **Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

"Good Governance" for "Backward Peoples": The Palestine Police 1920-1948

Ruth Amir, Yezreel Valley College

Transnational Encounters: Jewish, Arab, and British Officials under the Palestine Mandate

Itamar Radaï, The Open University of Israel, **Hanan Harif**, Tel-Hai Academic College

Mahane Yehuda Market during the British Mandate: Between Nation-Building Processes and Local Identity

Tal Chenya, University of Haifa

WB:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / BETWEEN LAW AND LOYALTY: CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION INTO ISRAELI SOCIETY

Chair: **Hadas Mesgena Yaron**, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

"Selling" the 1952 Israeli Citizenship Law

Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"We just want equality": Perceptions of Racism, Police and Citizenship among Jewish Israelis of Ethiopian Descent

Ofir Abu, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee / Tel-Hai College, **Yariv Feniger**, **Guy Ben Porat**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

When Immigrants Choose not to Become Citizens

Amir Segal, Freie Universität Berlin

Israeli Citizenship in Flux: The Case of the Fallen Filipino IDF Soldier in the Israel-Hamas War

Yuri Keum, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WB:09 / ROOM 019 / KIBBUTZ SPACES AND SYMBOLS: MEMORY, IDEOLOGY AND COMMUNAL LIFE IN ZIONIST HISTORY

Chair: **Shlomo Getz**, University of Haifa

Shifting Symbols: Founding Kibbutz Lohamei HaGetaot

Sharon Geva, Kibbutzim College

Architecture as a Site of Encounter Between Nationalist, Socialist and Religious Ideals: The Communal Space in Religious Kibbutzim 1937-1957

Shlomo Strauss, **Alona Nitzan-Shifan**, **Oryan Shachar**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

The Pinat Hai of the Kibbutz

Shai David Ben Ami, University of Washington

WB:10 / ROOM 208 / JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE SEXUAL CRIMES OF OCTOBER 7TH: THREE BATTLEFIELDS

Chair: **Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University

#MeTooUnlessYouAreAJew?

Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Bar-Ilan University

Weaponizing Sexual Violence: Accountability Challenges in the Aftermath of the 7/10 Attack

Sharon Zagagi-Pinhas, Bar-Ilan University, **Nava Ben-Or**, The Dinah Project

WB:11 / ROOM 323 / STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: CHALLENGES, ALIENATION AND LOCAL HUMANITARIANISM

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Improving Teacher Engagement in Digital Education: The Mediating Role of Teaching Routines and ICT Coordinators' Support in Crisis Contexts

Shlomit Hadad, **Mor Deshen**, Ramat Gan Academic College

"Bereaved Teacher" - Everyday Challenges of Israeli Educators in Times of War

Shachar Knaani, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"What makes you feel this way"? Uncovering Factors Associated with Feeling Alien and Rejected among the Students in Israel

Nohad 'Ali, Western Galilee College / Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, **Dennis Rosenberg**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Beyond Humanitarian Imagination - The Action Model of Social-Educational Movements in Emergency Events in Israel and Around the World

Yuval Becker, **Rinat Levi**, **Yonatan Alexandro**, **Nir Hinuchi Shatfani**, **Lauren Erdreich**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB:12 / ROOM 324 / LABOR AND POWER: EMPLOYMENT, PRODUCTION AND NATIONALIZATION

Chair: **Boaz Garfinkel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

“Girl Power”? Employment-Promoting Social Workers Navigating Neoliberal and Feminist Approaches When Working with Female Clients

Limor Gadot, Sapir Academic College, **Noga Pitowsky-Nave**, Bar-Ilan University

When Israel produced Bicycles: An Experiment in Economic Independence

Dror Goldberg, The Open University of Israel

A National Necessity or a Steering Mechanism? The Employment of Youth as Apprentices in the IDF's Technical Framework in the First Decades of the State

Elad Neemani, The Open University of Israel

WB:13 / ROOM 317 / ZIONISM, ANTI-ZIONISM AND ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL VISIONS IN JEWISH AND ISRAELI HISTORY

Chair: **Steven Zipperstein**, UCLA

Yerahmiel Domb: Initial Biographical Profile of a Haredi anti-Zionist Activist

Kimmy Caplan, Bar-Ilan University

Leah Ashkenazi-Wultz, A Teacher and A Fighter: The Story of Women Educators and Members of the Irgun Underground Organizations

Zehavit Schenkolewski, Ashqelon Academic College

Outflanking the Right: Kach's Journey in Israeli Parliamentary Politics

Neil Bar, Bar-Ilan University

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 – 13:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

WOMEN'S CAUCUS | 12:00 – 13:15

(Including Light Lunch)

Chair: **Moria Ran**

Interlocutor: **Divya Malhotra**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

WC SESSION | 13:30 – 15:00

WC:01 / ROOM 207 / BOOK ROUNDTABLE: HOW DID THE ASHKENAZIM BECOME ISRAELIS? IMMIGRATION AND EMOTIONS IN MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES, BY ROTEM LESHEM

Chair: **Rotem Leshem**, Tel Aviv University

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University

Tamar Katriel, University of Haifa

WC:02 / ROOM 209 / BOOK ROUNDTABLE: “WOMEN’S ZIONISM WORLDWIDE, 1897-1948”

Chair and Respondent: **Michal Ben Ya’akov**, Efrata College of Education

Mira Yungman, The Open University of Israel (Retired)

Haim Saadoun, The Open University of Israel

Katarzyna Czerwonogóra, Bar-Ilan University

WC:03 / ESHKOL TOWER 2901 / THE AFTERMATH OF OCTOBER 7TH: TRAUMA, EVACUATION AND THEIR IMPACT ON KIBBUTZIM RESILIENCE

Chair: **Shlomo Getz**, University of Haifa

Justice Dilemmas in a Hosted Kibbutz and in its Hosting Community

Michal Palgi, University of Haifa

Solidarity as a Coping Mechanism: Insights from the Kibbutz Movement during the 2023 Crisis

Zeevik Greenberg, Tel-Hai College, **Sibylle Heilbrunn**, Seminar Hakibutzim

The Impact of Northern Communities’ Evacuation on Community Resilience

Shlomo Getz, **Jana Goldemberg**, University of Haifa

Resilience of a Rural Community in an Urban Environment Following the October 7th Trauma: A Case Study

Tamar Lazar, University of Haifa, **Yuval Achouch**, University of Haifa / Western Galilee College

WC:04 / ESHKOL TOWER 1419 / BRIDGES AND BALANCES: ISRAEL BETWEEN THE CAUCASUS, SOUTH ASIA AND THE POLITICS OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE

Chair: **Gallia Lindenstrauss**, Institute for National Security Studies

Evolving Dynamics: Israel-Azerbaijan Ties After the Third Karabakh War

Gallia Lindenstrauss, Institute for National Security Studies

Between Allies and Opportunities: Israel’s Balancing Act in Its Relations with China and the U.S.

Chenghua Fu, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Hamas Attack on Israel and Israeli Response: Gauging the Response of Ruling Regimes and Muslim Awaam of South Asia

Divya Malhotra, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mount Carmel College

When Hashtags Harm: Examining Anti-Semitic Discourse in Indian Digital Spaces

Deborah Samuel, University of Haifa

WC:05 / ROOM 206 / UNDER THE SHADOW OF WAR: NAVIGATING DEI CHALLENGES IN ISRAELI ACADEMIA

Chair: **Tammy Rubel-Lifschitz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Shenkar Teaching Compass : Teaching Art and Design During Times of Escalation

Michal Puzner, Shenkar. Engineering. Design. Art.

The Critical Role of Administrative Faculty in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the Academy During War

Tammy Rubel Lifschitz, **Rula Hamdan**, **Sharon Ben-Arie**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Academic Community at War: Navigating Between Freedom of Expression and Community Cohesion

Sharon Abraham-Weiss, **Or Rappel-Kroyzer**, Tel Aviv University, **Yael Ben David**, New York University, **Tammy Rubel-Lifshitz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WC:06 / ROOM 201 / ZIONISM, DIPLOMACY AND HISTORICAL MEMORY: STATECRAFT AND PERCEPTIONS OF ISRAEL IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Chair: **Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

The Oslo Process and Israel’s Peace Treaty with Jordan: An Example of the Peace Dividend?

Louise Fischer, Israel State Archives

The Basic Equities of the Palestine Problem

Monty Penkower, Machon Lander Graduate School of Jewish Studies (Emeritus)

“Zionist Action for Israel”: Hungarian State Security Report from 1976

Attila Novak, Ludovika University of Public Service

WC:07 / ROOM 322 / ARCHITECTURE OF CHANGE AND ETHICS OF SPACE

Chair: **Naomi Simhony**, University of Haifa / Holon Institute of Technology

Architecture of Change: Alexander Klein's Urban Networks for Zionist Settlement
Ekaterina Prozorov, **Alona Nitzan-Shiftan**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

The Central Synagogue of Nazareth Illit and its Architectural Dialogue with Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation

Naomi Simhony, University of Haifa / Holon Institute of Technology

"Spatial Ethics": Controversies in Planning University Campus Synagogues in Israel
Hagit Leshem, Tel Aviv University, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

WC:08 / ESHKOL TOWER 1520 / ISRAEL-DIASPORA AT A JUNCTION: NEW RESEARCH ON SHLICHIM (EMISSARIES) AND SHLICHUT

Chair: **Yosef Aharonov**, Ministry of Social Affairs and Services

Building the Bridge: The First Zionist Shlichim (Emissaries) to the United States 1909-1931

Daniel Steiner, University of Haifa

The Impact of October 7 on Teaching Emissaries

Michal Shapira-Junger, Ariel University

"Here I am the attachment of... ": Israeli Women Relocating with their Partner

Efrat Tzadik, Université Catholique de Louvain

WC:09 / ROOM 019 / SOCIAL MEDIA, MEMORY AND DISCOURSE: DIGITAL NARRATIVES OF ISRAEL, ZIONISM AND IDENTITY

Chair: **Sandrine Boudana**, Tel Aviv University

Holocaust's Manifestations on Social Media Before and After October 7th

Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan University, **Anat Ben-David**, The Open University of Israel, **Oren Meyers**, University of Haifa

BDS on Social Media: Shaping Identity, Belonging, and Alienation among Palestinian Arab-Israelis

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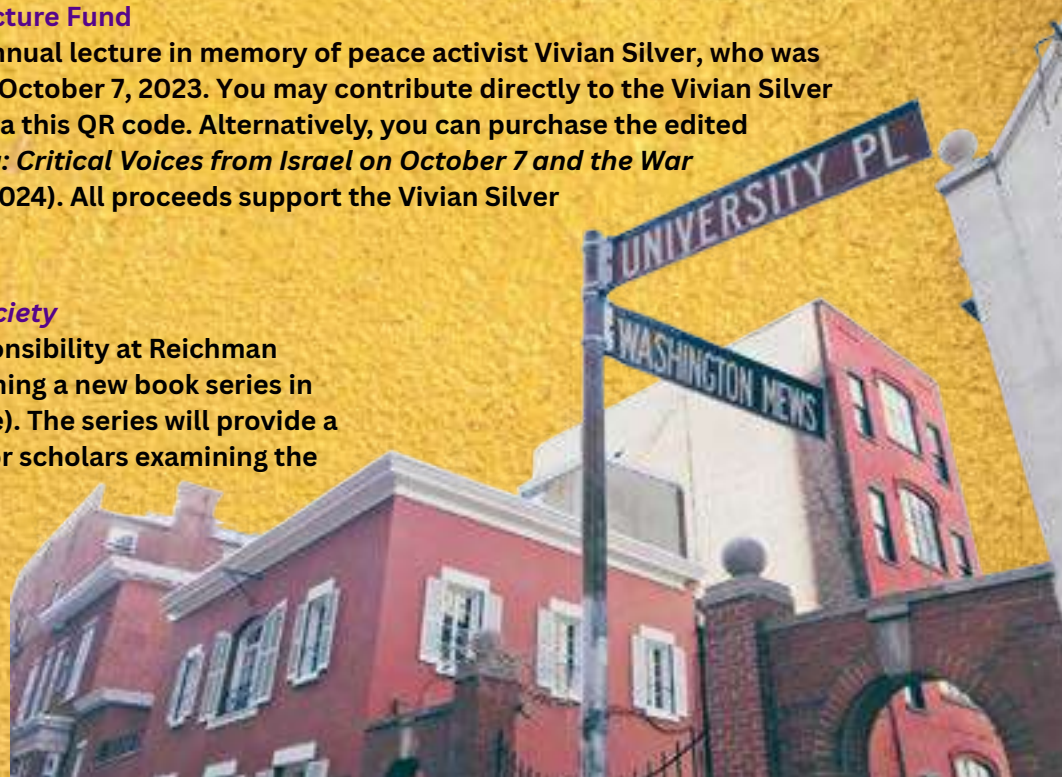


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