

Association for Israel Studies 1998 Annual Meeting

Preliminary Program

Hosted by the Center for the Study of Jewish Life

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

June 14th-16th

Rutgers Student Center, 126 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Sunday, June 14

10:00	REGISTRATION	4:00 – 4:45	RECEPTION
10:00 – 11:00	AIS BOARD MEETING	Greetings:	<i>Richard Foley, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and Dean of the Graduate School, Rutgers University</i>
11:00 – 5:00	BOOK EXHIBIT		
11:00 – 1:00			Pnina Lahav, President, Association for Israel Studies
Session 1:	ISRAELI/ARAB CONFLICT		Yael Zerubavel, Director, Center for the Study of Jewish Life; Vice President, Association for Israel Studies
Chair:	<i>Mohammed Abu-Nimer, American University</i>		
	Nadav Morag, Tel Aviv University: Security vs. Trust: The Contrasting Nature of the Peace Accords	4:45 – 5:00	BEN HALPERN BIENNIAL DISSERTATION AWARD
	Joshua Sinai, SPARTA, Inc.: Israel's Campaign to Resolve the Palestinian Insurgency, 1987-1998	Presenter:	<i>Ilan Peleg, Chair, Dissertation Award Committee</i>
	Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew University: Converting Weakness into Strength: The Struggle of Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Development of the Palestinian National Movement	Recipient:	<i>Adriana Kemp, Ben Gurion University</i>
	Arye Naor, Ben-Gurion University: Territories for Peace and the Security Debate: Rhetoric and Policy	5:00 – 6:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH * (Brower Commons)	Moderator:	<i>Mike Aronoff, Rutgers University</i>
2:15 – 4:00	"MEET THE AUTHOR" PANEL	6:00	DINNER* (Brower Commons)
Author:	<i>Pnina Lahav, Judgement in Jerusalem</i>	8:00	WORKSHOP/PERFORMANCE: "MUSICA MIZRAHIT AND ISRAELI ETHNICITY"
Commentator:	<i>Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College</i>		Avihu Medina, leading Israeli singer/songwriter/advocate
Author:	<i>Dan Rabinowitz, Overlooking Nazareth: The Ethnography of Exclusion in a Town in Galilee</i>		Dr. Ary Horowitz, Curator, Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies, Smithsonian Institute
Commentator:	<i>Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania</i>		

Monday, June 157:30 – 8:30 **BREAKFAST (Student Center)**8:30 – 5:00 **BOOK EXHIBIT**

8:30 – 10:30

Session 2A: POLITICAL ECONOMYChair: *Michael Curtis, Rutgers University*Ofira Seliktar, Gratz College:
Guide for the Perplexed: The Economic Policy of Likud

Jonathan Paris, Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations: Regional Cooperation and the MENA Economic Summits

Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University: Candidates, Investors, and Voters: Money Politics in Israel:

Beverly Mizrahi, Ashkelon Regional College & Hebrew University: Women in the National Corporate Elite in Israel

Session 2B: POLITICS, SOCIETY AND WAR
*In Memoriam of Yonathan Shapiro*Chairs: *Gershon Shafir and Hanna Herzog*

Amir Bar-Or, Ben-Gurion University: Re-Examining Civil-Military Relations in Israel

Uri Ben-Eliezer, University of Haifa: Is the Israeli Army Becoming Postmodern?

Gerson Shafir, University of California, San Diego: Was the Yom Kippur War Unavoidable?

Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University:
Geography of Peace: Palestinian-Israeli Women and the Map of Peace Organizations10:30 – 11:00 **BREAK (Student Center)**

11:00 – 1:00

Session 3A: LAW, RELIGION AND POLITICSChair: *Martin Edelman, SUNY, Albany*Leon Sheleff, Tel Aviv University
The State of Judaism in the State of Israel

Patricia Woods, University of Washington: New Constituencies, Independent Judiciaries: The Women's Movement and the Religious Law Debates

Ephraim Tabory, Bar-Ilan University: Legitimization through Conversion: The Reform Movement's Legal Campaign for Recognition in Israel

Session 3B: PUBLIC POLICYChair: *Russell Stone, American University*

Gila Menahem, Tel Aviv University: Water Policy in Israel: Policy Paradigms, Policy Networks and Public Policy

Martin Sherman, Tel Aviv University: Democratic Reform vs. Economic Development as Prescriptions for Peace in the Middle East

Zvi Weinstein, Tel Aviv University: Patterns of Decentralization and Local Democracy: The Aftermath of Project Renewal

1:00 – 2:00

LUNCH * (Brower Commons)

2:15 – 3:45

Session 4A: POST ZIONISMChair: *Don Peretz, SUNY-Binghamton (Professor Emeritus)*

Nissim Calderon, Tel Aviv University: Canaanites and Post-Zionists: A Comparison

Uri Ram, Ben-Gurion University: Post-Zionism and Neo-Zionism: The Glocalization of Israeli Identity

Shlomo Aronson, Hebrew University: Post-Zionists and the Holocaust

Oz Almog, Emek Yezreel Academic College: Seeds of a Universal Ecological Theology: The Israeli Case

Session 4B: **THE PEACE PROCESS**

Chair: *Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore Hebrew University*

Adriana Kemp, Ben-Gurion University: Dramatizing Sovereignty: The Construction of Territorial Dispute in the Israeli-Egyptian Border at Taba

Maen Al-Nsour, George Mason University: Such a Peace: Israel and Jordan after the Wadi Araba Agreement

Laura Eisenberg, Carnegie Mellon University: War and Peace: Israel's Lebanon Problem

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University: Israel and Syria: Where is the Peace Process Headed?

3:45 - 4:15 **BREAK (Student Center)**

4:15 - 6:00 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: ISRAEL-DIASPORA RELATIONS**

6:15 **DINNER * (Brower Commons)**

Tuesday, June 16

7:30 - 8:30 **BREAKFAST (Student Center)**

8:30 - 5:00 **BOOK EXHIBIT**

8:30 - 10:30

Session 5A: **POLITICS OF IDENTITY**

Chair: *Gregory Mahler, University of Mississippi*

Aviva Klein-Franke, University of Cologne: Abraham Tabib - Portrait of a Politician and Zionist Settler

Stuart Charme, Rutgers University: Gender Roles, Religious Pluralism, and Jewish Identity: Israeli and American Children

Beth Tritter, University of Pennsylvania: Pressuring the Establishment: The Political Integration Strategy of Israel's Arab Students

Eetta Prince-Gibson, Hebrew University: Self and Collective: The

Construal of Self Among Contemporary Women Settlers

Session 5B: **ISRAELI HISTORIOGRAPHY**

Chair: *Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers University*

Idith Zertal, United States Institute of Peace: The Historical Debate: A Debate Which Has Not Yet Started

Assaf Likhovski, Tel Aviv University: Between "Mandate" and "State": Re-thinking the Periodization of Israeli Legal History

Motti Golani, University of Haifa: When Fear Leads to War: The Sinai Campaign, 1955-1956

Zaki Shalom, Ben-Gurion University: A New Outlook at the Background of the Six-Day War

10:30 - 11:00 **BREAK (Student Center)**

11:00 - 12:30

Session 6A: **STRUGGLE FOR HEGEMONY**

Chair: *Joel Migdal, University of Washington*

Michael Keren, Tel Aviv University: The Structural Transformation of Israel's Public Sphere: Nationalism, Populism, Technocracy

Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University: The Israeli "Ethnocracy": Expansion, Domination and Fragmentation

Pierre Atlas, Rutgers University: The Struggle for the Center in Israeli Political Culture

Session 6B: **ART & LITERATURE**

Chair: *Yael Feldman, New York University*

Stacy Beckwith, Pennsylvania State University: From City to Nation: Patterns of Managing Social Difference in Canonical Israeli Literature

Aminadav Dykman, Pennsylvania State University: The Mythology of Jerusalem in Israeli Poetry

Zafira Lidovsky-Cohen, Yeshiva University: Yona Wallach - An Israeli Cultural Hero

12:30 - 1:30

LUNCH * (Brower Commons)

1:45 - 3:45

Session 7A:

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

Chair:

Naomi Weinberger, Columbia University

Ami Pedahzur, University of Haifa: Why Do They Fail? "Flash parties" in the Israeli Extreme Right

Samuel Peleg, Beit-Berl College: A Group Dynamics Model for Political Success: The Case of Israeli Extra-Parliamentarism

Gerald Cromer, Bar-Ilan University: 'The War of the Torah': Religious Peace Movements in Israel

Session 7B:

COLLECTIVE MEMORY

Chair:

Omer Bartov, Rutgers University

Naomi Kehati: The Integration of Memory: Holocaust Survivors' Visits to Concentration Camps and Birthplaces

Jackie Feldman, Hebrew University: From Children to Victorious Survivors: The Rituals of Israeli Youth Pilgrimages to Holocaust Sites

Shelly Shenhav-Keller, Hebrew University: Tourists to the Past: Journeys at the Diaspora Museum in Israel

Elie Podeh, Hebrew University: The Portrayal of the Arab-Israeli Conflict in Israeli History and Civics Textbooks (1953-1995)

4:00

AIS BUSINESS MEETING