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November 2nd, 1917.

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# A CENTURY AFTER BALFOUR: VISION AND REALITY

June 12-14, 2017 | Brandeis University

Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. in  
Arthur Balfour

33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies

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MONDAY, JUNE 12TH	9:00-10:30 AM SESSION A	11:00 AM-12:30 PM SESSION B	2:00-3:30 PM SESSION C
PANEL 1	<p><b>MA1</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Trauma, Victimization and Victimhood in Contemporary Israel</p>	<p><b>MB1</b> MANDEL G12 Roundtable: Israel-Diaspora in Conversation</p>	<p><b>MC1</b> MANDEL G3 Israel-US Relations: Diplomats and Lobbyists</p>
PANEL 2	<p><b>MA2</b> MANDEL G11 An Intricate Affair: Israel, the Diaspora and their Intersections</p>	<p><b>MB2</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Influence of “Israeliness” on the Diaspora</p>	<p><b>MC2</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Transnationalism and Nationalism in Israeli Culture</p>
PANEL 3	<p><b>MA3</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Fake-News, Epistemology, Empathy, and Israel</p>	<p><b>MB3</b> OLIN-SANG 101 The Palestinian Arab Citizens in Israel: Between Political Divergence and Civil Convergence</p>	<p><b>MC3</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Contested Division, Disputed Unification, Jerusalem: Unification and Division</p>
PANEL 4	<p><b>MA4</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Perceptions Within the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</p>	<p><b>MB4</b> HELLER 163 Hope, Expectation, and Disillusion in the Making of Hebrew and Israeli Culture</p>	<p><b>MC4</b> MANDEL G12 Actually Existing Zionism: Is the State of Israel Not Lord Balfour’s “National Home for the Jewish People,” After All?</p>
PANEL 5	<p><b>MA5</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Israel-US Relations</p>	<p><b>MB5</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Innovative Approaches to Teaching Israel Studies</p>	<p><b>MC5</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Land, Nature, and the Palestinian/Arab Other in Jewish Culture</p>
PANEL 6	<p><b>MA6</b> MANDEL G12 Conceptualizations of Colonialism</p>	<p><b>MB6</b> HELLER G4 The British Mandate and the Transformation of Palestine into a Place to Call Home for Jews</p>	<p><b>MC6</b> HELLER G3 Transforming Israel’s Traditional Societies: An Intersectional Perspective on Women’s Strategies of Change</p>
PANEL 7	<p><b>MA7</b> MANDEL G10 Roundtable: Teaching Israeli Politics to North American Undergraduates</p>	<p><b>MB7</b> MANDEL G10 Minorities in Israel</p>	<p><b>MC7</b> MANDEL G11 Zionism in Israel and Beyond</p>

<b>PANEL 8</b>	<b>MA8</b> HELLER G4 The Balfour Declaration and Jewish Military Power	<b>MB8</b> MANDEL G3 Influence of the Balfour Declaration	<b>MC8</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Biography and the Building of a Jewish State
<b>PANEL 9</b>	<b>MA9</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Oxford Handbook of Israeli Politics and Society: Panel 1: Israel Society	<b>MB9</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Israeli Security and Diplomacy	<b>MC9</b> HELLER 163 Writing Israeli History
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<b>PANEL 11</b>	<b>MA11</b> HELLER G3 Understanding Israeli National Identity	<b>MB11</b> HELLER G3 The Sick Man of Europe and Emerging National Identities	<b>MC11</b> MANDEL G10 How to Teach Israel Studies in an Age of Shrinking Enrollment in the Humanities
<b>PANEL 12</b>	<b>MA12</b> HELLER G163 100 Years after Balfour: Major Debates	<b>MB12</b> OLIN-SANG 112 New Perspectives on Israel Military Personnel	

<b>MONDAY EVENTS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>	Usdan Student Center Courtyard	<b>3:45 - 4:30 PM</b>
<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b>	Usdan Student Center Levin Ballroom	<b>4:45 - 5:30 PM</b>
<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: REFLECTIONS ON THE BALFOUR DECLARATION</b>	Usdan Student Center Levin Ballroom	<b>5:30 - 6:15 PM</b>
<b>BANQUET</b>	Hassenfeld Conference Center Sherman Hall	<b>6:30 - 8:00 PM</b>

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PANEL 1	<b>TA1</b> HELLER G3 Challenging Israel's Orthodox Hegemony: Contested Visions of Jewish Identity	USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM 50 Years Since '67	<b>TC1</b> HELLER G3 Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Israel	USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM The Role of NGOs Inside/ Outside of Israel
PANEL 2	<b>TA2</b> MANDEL G10 Popular Culture and the Fate of Ethnicity in Contemporary Israel		<b>TC2</b> HELLER 163 Israeli Cinema	
PANEL 3	<b>TA3</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Materiality and the Time of the Present in Israeli Culture		<b>TC3</b> MANDEL G12 Defining the Tent: Perspectives on Support of, Engagement with, and Connection to Israel	
PANEL 4	<b>TA4</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Balfour and State-building: A Century of Zionism in International Perspective		<b>TC4</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Peace Negotiations and Personalities	
PANEL 5	<b>TA5</b> MANDEL G12 Contested Division, Disputed Unification - Jerusalem: East and West		<b>TC5</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Field Research and the Development of Israel Studies Curricula on North American Campuses	
PANEL 6	<b>TA6</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Education: It's Complicated		<b>TC6</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Influence of Religion in Israeli Society	
PANEL 7	<b>TA7</b> HELLER 163 Visions for a Jewish State		<b>TC7</b> MANDEL G3 Israeli Foreign Policy in the Trump Era	
PANEL 8	<b>TA8</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Israeli Politics		<b>TC8</b> MANDEL G11 Israeli Ethnicities Revisited	
PANEL 9	<b>TA9</b> MANDEL G11 Educating Israelis		<b>TC9</b> MANDEL G10 Gender and Israeli Society	

PANEL 10	<b>TA10</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Palestinian Arabs in Israeli Society		<b>TC10</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Revisiting Balfour	
PANEL 11	<b>TA11</b> MANDEL G3 Oxford Handbook of Israeli Politics and Society: Panel 3: Israel, the World and Diaspo- ra Relations		<b>TC11</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Imagining Palestine	
PANEL 12	<b>TA12</b> HELLER G4 Formation of Israeliness		<b>TC12</b> HELLER G4 Spies, Sex and Sabich: Israeli Television in the Age of Netflix	

TUESDAY EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
SCHOLARS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (SPME) WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION	Usdan Student Center Courtyard	5:30 - 6:30 PM
FILM SCREENING: BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE	Shapiro Campus Center Theater	8:00 - 9:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH	9:00-10:30 AM SESSION A	10:45 AM-12:15 PM SESSION B	12:45-2:00 PM SESSION C	2:15-3:45 PM SESSION D
PANEL 1	<b>WA1</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Israeli Culture	<b>WB1</b> OLIN-SANG 124 Two Decades Plus Since “Foreigners Deserve Rights?”: What Rights Do They Deserve and What are Common Themes Between Israel and Germany?	<b>WC1</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Anti-Zionism(s) in America: Definitions and Historical Evolu- tions	<b>WD1</b> MANDEL G10 Teaching and Israel Studies
PANEL 2	<b>WA2</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Roundtable: Between the Rule of Law and States of Emergency: The Fluid Jurispru- dence of the Israeli Regime	<b>WB2</b> OLIN-SANG 101 Roundtable: Innova- tive Pedagogical Ap- proaches to Teaching Film in Israel Studies	<b>WC2</b> MANDEL G11 Political Possibilities: Israelis and Palestin- ians	<b>WD2</b> MANDEL G12 Violence and Revenge in Israeli Literature
PANEL 3	<b>WA3</b> HELLER G4 Israel and Armed Non-State Actors: A Shifting Strategic Environment	<b>WB3</b> MANDEL G10 Political Usages of Holocaust Memory in Israel	<b>WC3</b> MANDEL G3 Roundtable: Campus Wars and Intellectual Integrity in Academia	<b>WD3</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Imagining Zion

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PANEL 4	<b>WA4</b> MANDEL G3 Israel and Asia	<b>WB4</b> MANDEL G3 American Perspectives on the Balfour Declaration	<b>WC4</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Zionist Imaginings after Balfour	<b>WD4</b> OLIN-SANG 124 The Holocaust in Israeli Society
PANEL 5	<b>WA5</b> HELLER G3 Israel and the UN	<b>WB5</b> MANDEL G11 Ghettos, Camps and Immigration to Israel	<b>WC5</b> MANDEL G12 Israel and Natural Resources	<b>WD5</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Israel and the World
PANEL 6	<b>WA6</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Israeli Foreign Relations	<b>WB6</b> HELLER G3 Religion and Society in Israel	<b>WC6</b> MANDEL G10 Hebrew Literature	<b>WD6</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Sociological Perspectives on Israeli Society
PANEL 7	<b>WA7</b> MANDEL G10 International Influence on the Jewish State	<b>WB7</b> HELLER 163 Israeli-Palestinian Relations	<b>WC7</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Religion and Spirituality in Israeli Society	<b>WD7</b> MANDEL G3 Birthright Israel: Transforming Diaspora Engagement with Israel
PANEL 8	<b>WA8</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Perceptions of Israel	<b>WB8</b> MANDEL G12 Israeli Geography and Development	<b>WC8</b> HELLER G4 Israel-China Relations	
PANEL 9	<b>WA9</b> HELLER 163 Influence of Women on State Formation	<b>WB9</b> HELLER G4 Palestinian Israeli Citizens and Political Awareness	<b>WC9</b> HELLER G3 Jerusalem: A Microcosm	
PANEL 10	<b>WA10</b> MANDEL G12 Societal Challenges in Israel	<b>WB10</b> OLIN-SANG 104 Six Day War in Retrospective: 50 Years Later	<b>WC10</b> HELLER 163 Between Tel Aviv and Jaffa	
PANEL 11	<b>WA11</b> MANDEL G11 Ethiopians in Israel	<b>WB11</b> OLIN-SANG 112 Israel on the World Stage		
PANEL 12	<b>WA12</b> OLIN-SANG 116 Roundtable: The Cult of the Occupation			

## WELCOME



I am delighted on behalf of Brandeis University to welcome you to our campus for the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.

This is the second time Brandeis has hosted this event. We recognize that AIS is the premiere academic society in the world for the promotion of wide-ranging and multi-disciplinary academic research and exchange of scholarly perspectives on Israel, and your program reflects the rich diversity and intellectual effervescence of the field.

Israel Studies has long occupied a central position at Brandeis and we are very proud of the key role that Brandeis has played in promoting Israel Studies worldwide through our Schusterman Center for Israel Studies. This is largely due to the work of the Founding Director of our Schusterman Center, Ilan Troen. His position as the President of your Association gives us additional reason to celebrate your conference and your being here.

We hope you enjoy the many offerings at this annual meeting and that you are enriched and renewed by your days on our campus with your colleagues. It is a privilege for Brandeis that you are here. Enjoy!

Cordially,

RON LIEBOWITZ  
President, Brandeis University



On behalf of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University, we are honored to welcome you to the Brandeis campus for the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.



We are very pleased that Brandeis has the privilege of hosting this Conference for the second time and are especially delighted

that our Founding Director Ilan Troen serves as President of the Association. It has been a pleasure for our Associate Director Rachel Fish and me to work with members of the AIS Program Committee and the Senior Executives of the Association – Moshe Naor and Ilan Ben-Ami – in planning this Conference. The Schusterman Center staff – Rise Singer, Anina Selve, Keren Goodblatt and Abby Huber – have played an integral role in the realization of this conference. Without their hard work, the Conference could not be the success we anticipate it will be. We express our gratitude to all of you for your time and efforts in making it so.

Brandeis has a rich history in Israel Studies. Ben Halpern was certainly a pioneer in the field and Jehuda Reinhartz and Ilan Troen have been primary among those who have been responsible for the growth of Israel Studies at Brandeis and throughout the world. Currently, Brandeis offers a wide array of Israel Studies courses to both undergraduate and graduate students. We are very proud of the more than one dozen doctoral students who are now studying or completing their graduate work in the many disciplines that constitute Israel Studies at Brandeis. Our Summer Institute for Israel Studies, which brings university professors from North America and other corners of the world to Brandeis and Israel for intensive learning in Israel Studies,

remains a diadem in the crown of our Israel Studies programs, and we derive great satisfaction from the fact that so many alumni of our programs are in attendance at AIS.

As we know, 2017 marks many important moments in the history of Israel – 1897 (first Zionist Congress), 1917 (Balfour Declaration), 1947 (UN General Assembly Partition Resolution), 1967 War, 1977 (Ma'apach-Likud party came to power and Anwar Sadat visits Jerusalem), and 1987 (the First Intifada). Among these significant historical points, we decided to focus the theme of this year's conference, A Century After Balfour: Vision and Reality, on the Balfour Declaration as it allows for a consideration of all the events marked in these other years. This centenary provides a lens for scholars to examine topics such as Israel's attitudes towards imperialism and world powers, Israel in the context of the Middle East at a time when an understanding of nation-states is transforming, relations between Diaspora Jews and the Zionist movement and the State of Israel, the meaning of a Jewish homeland, the imperative to secure the civil and religious rights of minority communities in Israel and Palestine, and the role of international institutions in implementing the Declaration. These and other issues invite research and scholarship that will probe our understanding of the Balfour Declaration's significance in a multi-disciplinary manner.

The field of Israel Studies is burgeoning throughout the world. Participants from every corner of the globe will be in attendance in Waltham, and we are certain that the level of intellectual discourse and stimulation will be high as so many disciplines and perspectives will be on display during our multiple sessions. May we all benefit from the learning and discussions that will take place at the Conference and may you enjoy the wide menu of offerings laid before you in this book.

Cordially,

DAVID ELLENSON, DIRECTOR  
RACHEL FISH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
Schusterman Center for Israel Studies,  
Brandeis University



Welcome to the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.

I have particular pleasure in welcoming you on this occasion. I have

been happily involved with the establishment of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies and still make it my home under the leadership of David Ellenson. Brandeis was the first American university to inaugurate a continuing program in Israel Studies, more than half a century ago, under the legendary Ben Halpern and his successors, especially Jehuda Reinharz.

Holding this second AIS conference at Brandeis enables taking measure of what is rapidly transpiring in the field. Even as Brandeis is a home to extensive Israel Studies programs with participants from Israel, China, Europe and the Americas, so have AIS conferences developed a wide-ranging international reach well beyond the handful of American-based scholars who founded the AIS in the 1980s. This will be evident as the hundreds of participants of different backgrounds, disciplines and interests share their research in a common commitment to free and informed exchange of perspectives.

May you enjoy and benefit from this 33rd annual conference that is but one instrument by which the AIS attempts to serve you as individual scholars and advance the field as a whole.

I offer special thanks to our hosts, in particular, the Program Co-Chair, David Ellenson, and to Rachel Fish, the Associate Director of the Schusterman Center, as well as to a dedicated, efficient and talented staff including Rise Singer, Anina Selve, Keren Goodblatt, and Abby Huber. All have invested their many talents in assuring the success of a conference that will surely be memorable academically and personally.

ILAN TROEN

President, Association for Israel Studies  
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# Conference Schedule

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017**

## REGISTRATION OPEN

MANDEL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES, ATRIUM

**7:30-16:00**

## SESSION A

**9:00-10:30**

**MA1** OLIN-SANG 116

### TRAUMA, VICTIMIZATION AND VICTIMHOOD IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL

CHAIR:

**ALON CONFINO**

University of Virginia, Ben Gurion University of  
the Negev

**ILAN PELEG**

Lafayette College

*The Victimhood Discourse in Israel: from Marginality  
to Hegemony?*

**IRIT KEYNAN**

Center for Academic Studies, Or Yehuda  
*Transforming Victimhood: From Competitive  
Victimhood to Sharing Identity*

**ALON GAN**

Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and  
the Arts

*The Victimization Discourse in Israel: Toward  
Sovereignty?*

**IDO ZELKOVITZ**

Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

*In Search of Revolution: Armed Struggle &  
Victimhood in the Early Discourse of Creating the  
Palestinian National Movement*

**MA2** MANDEL G11

### AN INTRICATE AFFAIR: ISRAEL, THE DIASPORA AND THEIR INTERSECTIONS

CHAIR:

**JULIE GRIMMEISEN**

Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München

*"A Better Human Being:" Jewish Diaspora Images of  
the New Israeli Woman*

**LAURA ALMAGOR**

Center for Jewish History

*"A Highway to Battlegrounds": Jewish Territorialism  
and the State of Israel, 1945-1960*

**MA3** OLIN-SANG 124

### FAKE NEWS, EPISTEMOLOGY, EMPATHY, AND ISRAEL

CHAIR:

**RICHARD LANDES**

Bar-Ilan University

**GERALD STEINBERG**

Bar-Ilan University

*Examining the Media-NGO Nexus: What Makes a  
Narrative Credible?*

**MIRIAM ELMAN**

Syracuse University

*Fake News and Jerusalem's Temple Mount/Noble  
Sanctuary: Destabilizing the World's Most Contest-  
ed Holy City*

**NIDRA POLLER**

Independent Scholar

*The Demonization of Israel at the Dawn of the New  
Century by French Journalism, Public Opinion, and  
Diplomatic Activity*

**BEN-DROR YEMINI**

Yediot Achronot

*Industry of Lies and Moral Disarray*

**MA4** OLIN-SANG 104

### PERCEPTIONS WITHIN THE ISRAELI- PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

CHAIR:

**ODED HAKLAI**

Queen's University

*Public Mindsets toward the Disputed Territories  
and the Settlements*

**AMIRA HALPERIN**

The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the  
Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University  
of Jerusalem

*Changes in the Israeli-Palestinian Relations and  
New Technologies Revolution*

MA5 OLIN-SANG 112

## ISRAEL-US RELATIONS

CHAIR:

**BRUCE PHILLIPS**

Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles

**MITCHELL BARD**

American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise

*The Evolution of U.S.-Israel Relations since Balfour*

**HAROLD ROSENHOLTZ**

Independent Scholar

*The U.S. & Israel: The Politics of "Commitment"*

**GUY FREEDMAN**

Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

*The American Public Mood toward Israel*

MA6 MANDEL G12

## CONCEPTUALIZATIONS OF COLONIALISM

CHAIR:

**RACHEL FISH**

Brandeis University

**SARA YAEL HIRSCHHORN**

University of Oxford

*Settler-Colonialism and Theoretical Alternatives for the Conceptualization of Post-1967 Israel/Palestine*

**URI RAM**

Ben Gurion University of the Negev

*From Martin Buber to Contemporary Neo-Buberians: German, American and Postcolonial Entanglements of Israeli Sociology*

**COLIN PEARCE**

Clemson University

*The Letter and the Speech, or, Defending the Israeli State: Leo Strauss, Senator Moynihan, and the "Zionism is Racism" Debate*

MA7 MANDEL G10

## ROUNDTABLE: TEACHING ISRAELI POLITICS TO NORTH AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES

CHAIR:

**LAURA CUTLER**

American University

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University of Texas, Arlington

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McGill University

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Michigan State University

MA8 HELLER G4

## THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND JEWISH MILITARY POWER

CHAIR:

**YEHUDAH MIRSKY**

Brandeis University

**COLIN SHINDLER**

University of London

*The Political and Historical Origins of the Jewish Legion*

**MICHAEL KEREN**

University of Calgary and Emek Israel Academic College

*Religious Interpretations of the Jewish Legions' Arrival in the Land of Israel*

**BAT-SHEVA MARGALIT STERN**

Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

*Honor and Blood: Engendering the Debate On Voluntarism - The 'Eretz Israeli Legion' as a Case Study*

**ARIE NAOR**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Hebrew Battalion and 'Military Zionism'*

MA9 OLIN-SANG 101

## OXFORD HANDBOOK OF ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY: PANEL 1: ISRAELI SOCIETY

CHAIR:

**ORIT ROZIN**

Tel Aviv University

**ADANE ZAWDU** and Sarah Willen, University of Connecticut

*Natives and Newcomers in Israel*

**TAMAR HERMANN**

The Open University of Israel

*Public Opinion in Israel*

**ARIE PERLIGER**, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and Ami Pedazur, University of Texas

*The Territories in Israeli Politics*

MA10 MANDEL G3

## THE OTHER ANNIVERSARY: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION

CHAIR:

### MIRA SUCHAROV

Carleton University

*Young Diaspora Jews and the Occupation: Constituting Identity from the Green Line*

### GERSHON SHAFIR

University of California, San Diego

*What is the Occupation?*

### MARCO ALLEGRA

Universidade de Lisboa

*Planning and Beyond: Israel's Settlement Policy and the Normalization of Jewish Life in the West Bank*

### AEYAL GROSS

Tel Aviv University

*The Writing on the Wall: Can the Occupation Turn 50 Legally?*

MA11 HELLER G3

## UNDERSTANDING ISRAELI NATIONAL IDENTITY

CHAIR:

### AVIVA HALAMISH

The Open University of Israel

### JUDAH TROEN

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Negation of the Diaspora and the New-Jew: The Changing Contours of a Multifaceted Identity Project*

**NAHUM KARLINSKY**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Mustafa Kabha, The Open University of Israel

*The Citrus Industry in Late British Mandate Palestine*

### AMIR LOCKER-BILETZKI

Concordia University

*Empire and Nationalism in Mosh Sneh's "On the National Question"*

MA12 HELLER 163

## 100 YEARS AFTER BALFOUR: MAJOR DEBATES

CHAIR:

### RAPHAEL COHEN ALMAGOR

University of Hull

### OLAF GLOECKNER

Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies

*Israel, Europe, Diaspora and the New Anti-Semitism*

### ANNE WEBERLING

University of Potsdam

*Structuring the Major Debates*

### ALAN DOWTY

University of Notre Dame

*Israel as a Democratic State*

### JUDIT BOKSER LIWERANT

National University of Mexico

*Changing Patterns of Center-Diaspora Relations: Inner Dynamics and External Constraints in a Transnational World*

### COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00

### SESSION B

11:00-12:30

MB1 MANDEL G12

## ROUNDTABLE: ISRAEL-DIASPORA IN CONVERSATION

CHAIR:

### DAVID ELLENSON

Brandeis University

### MOAV VARDI

Channel 10 News Diplomatic Correspondent

### ADDITIONAL SPEAKER TBD

MB2 OLIN-SANG 124

## INFLUENCE OF "ISRAELINESS" ON THE DIASPORA

CHAIR:

### STEVEN BAYME

American Jewish Committee

### ROHEE DASGUPTA

O.P. Jindal Global University

*Jewish Identity and Israeli Sister Cities*

### SARA YAEL HIRSCHHORN

University of Oxford

*From Jerusalem to JStreet to Johannesburg and Back: 1967 and the Whitening of the Jewish Diasporas*

**CARY NELSON**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
*The Diasporic Disconnect: Alienation and the Peace Process*

**MB3** OLIN-SANG 101

**THE PALESTINIAN ARAB CITIZENS  
IN ISRAEL: BETWEEN POLITICAL  
DIVERGENCE AND CIVIL CONVERGENCE**

CHAIR:

**ELIE REKHESS**

Northwestern University

**FAHIMA ABBAS**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Integration of Arab Middle Class in the Metropolitan Areas of Tel Aviv and Haifa*

**MOHANAD MUSTAFA**

Center for Academic Studies, Or Yehuda  
*Higher Education Among Palestinians in Israel: Social and Political Transformation*

**RONNI SHAKED**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Political Radicalization in the Arab Public Sphere in Israel*

**ITAMAR RADAI**

Tel Aviv University  
*al-Madaniyyat: An Alternative Civil Agenda for the Arab Citizens?*

**MB4** HELLER 163

**HOPE, EXPECTATION, AND DISILLUSION IN  
THE MAKING OF HEBREW AND  
ISRAELI CULTURE**

CHAIR:

**BAT-ZION KLORMAN-ERAQI**

The Open University of Israel

**ARIEH SAPOSNIK**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*"Hosanna!—The British have Arrived": Zionist Expectations and Redemptive Eschatologies after Balfour and British Conquest*

**OREN KALMAN**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Why is the Issue of Cultural Coercion Missing from the Mizrahi Discourse of Early Israeli Statehood?*

**ELAD WEXLER**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Dahn Ben-Amotz, the Zionist Ethos and a Spiritual Crisis*

**MB5** OLIN-SANG 104

**INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TEACHING  
ISRAEL STUDIES**

CHAIR:

**MORRIE FRED**

University of Chicago  
*Using Film to Teach the "Anthropology of Israel"*

**PIERRE ANCTIL**

University of Ottawa  
*Interdisciplinarity as a Method of Discussing the Arab-Israeli Conflict in a Canadian Context*

**IRA ROBINSON**

Concordia University  
*Between Religious Studies and Political Science: Teaching "Israel: Religion and State"*

**DINA ROGINSKY**

Yale University  
*Emphasizing Multi-vocality in Israel Studies Teaching*

**KHINVRAJ JANGID**

O.P. Jindal Global University  
*Who are the "Yehudi log?": Teaching Israel in India*

**MB6** HELLER G4

**THE BRITISH MANDATE AND THE  
TRANSFORMATION OF PALESTINE INTO  
A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR JEWS**

CHAIR:

**DONNA ROBINSON DIVINE**

Smith College

**MOSHE NAOR**, University of Haifa and **ABIGAIL JACOBSON**, Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute  
*Oriental Jews in the Transition to the British Mandate*

**ARIE DUBNOV**

The George Washington University  
*On Vertical Alliances and Informal Imperialism, or: Between the Balfour Declaration (1917) and the Balfour Formula (1926)*

**ELIA ETKIN**

Tel Aviv University  
*A Neighborhood of One's Own: Formation of Jewish Neighborhoods under the British Mandate*

**MATAN BOORD**

Tel Aviv University  
*Literature's Role in Reducing Ambiguity Regarding Gender and Sexuality in Jewish Labor Circles in Mandate Palestine*

MB7 MANDEL G10

## MINORITIES IN ISRAEL

CHAIR:

**ANDRÉ LEVY**

Brandeis University

**AZIZA KHAZZOOM**

Indiana University Bloomington

*Identification with Non-Jewish Arabs Among Alliance Educated Iraqi Immigrants to Israel*

**RIMA FARAH**

Brandeis University

*Reviving an Aramaic Identity in Israel: Maronites' Continued Rejection of Arabism by Resurrecting a Christian Politics of Identity*

**YAEL MIZRAHI-ARNAUD**

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

*The Jews of Sidon and the Yishuv: A Story of Dynamism and Support*

**SIGAL NAGAR-RON** Sapir Academic College, and Hagar Tzameret, Sapir Academic College

*The Wiping Out of the Social Category of Mizrahi and the Emergence of the "Periphery Index": How Intra-Jew Divisions Transform into a Spatial Problem?*

MB8 MANDEL G3

## INFLUENCE OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION

CHAIR:

**COLIN SHINDLER**

University of London

**MOSHE FOX**

Israel's Foreign Ministry

*The Impact of "Jewish influence"—the case of the Balfour Declaration*

**MARTIN KRAMER**

Shalem College

*The Allied Balfour Declaration*

**IAN LUSTICK**

University of Pennsylvania

*The Balfour Declaration 100 Years Later: A Radically and Accidentally Relevant Document*

MB9 OLIN-SANG 116

## ISRAELI SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY

CHAIR:

**MARK HELLER**

Tel Aviv University

**AMIT SHENIAK**

Harvard University

*The Israeli National Cyberspace: The Legitimization Process of Israel's Cyber-Security Policy*

**GIL MEROM**

The University of Sydney

*Learning, Strategy, Ethics, and the Law: The Evolution of the IDF's Asymmetric Conflict Behavior*

**AVIAD LEVY**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Keep Calm and Stay Frustrated: The Unspoken Emotional Dimensions of Israeli Diplomacy in Europe*

MB10 MANDEL G11

## ISRAEL AND DIASPORA: DO THEY SHARE CONCERNS?

CHAIR:

**ELI AVRAHAM**

University of Haifa and Reut Cohen, University of Haifa

*Image Repair and Strategies in Fighting BDS, Anti-Semitism and the Boycott of Israeli Academia*

**HANNA SHAUL BAR NISSIM**, Brandeis University and Hillel Schmid, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Intergenerational Transmission of Philanthropic Values and Behavior Among Israeli Donors*

**REUT BENDRIHEM**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*"Lehitnachel Balevavot" as Moral Entrepreneurship: the Case of the "Garin Torani" in Mitzpe Ramon*

MB11 HELLER G3

## THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE AND EMERGING NATIONAL IDENTITIES

### CONVERSATION WITH AN ARTIST

**DOR GUEZ**

Head of the Photography Department, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

**GANNIT ANKORI**

Brandeis University

MB12 OLIN-SANG 112

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAELI  
MILITARY PERSONNEL**

CHAIR:

**ELISHEVA ROSMAN**

Bar-Ilan University

*Melting Pot or Pressure Cooker: The IDF's Effect on  
Bridging Social Schisms*

**AHARON KAMPINSKY**

Efrata College

*From Cooperation to Defensiveness: The Paradox of  
Religious Soldiers in the IDF*

**ITAMAR RICKOVER**

Bar-Ilan University

*From Balfour Declaration to the Six Day War—  
Changes in the Character of the Jewish Warrior*

**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:30-14:00**

**SESSION C**

**14:00-15:30**

MC1 MANDEL G3

**ISRAEL-US RELATIONS: DIPLOMATS  
AND LOBBYISTS**

CHAIR:

**TED SASSON**

Brandeis University

**NATAN ARIDAN**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Diplomats and Lobbyists: Advocating for Israel:  
From Truman to Nixon—A Reassessment*

**DANIEL KURTZER**

Princeton University

*Freedom of Expression? The Possibilities and Limits  
of American Advocacy*

**STEVEN BAYME**

American Jewish Committee

*American Jewish Political Advocacy:  
How Significant a Factor?*

MC2 OLIN-SANG 116

**TRANSNATIONALISM AND NATIONALISM  
IN ISRAELI CULTURE**

CHAIR:

**OLGA GERSHENSON**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**INNA NARODITSKAYA**

Northwestern University

*Israeli Soundscape and Daily Life/Online*

**JANET WARD**

University of Oklahoma

*Tel Aviv Bauhaus: The Construction of Transnational  
and Zionist Vernacular Urban Modernism*

MC3 OLIN-SANG 112

**CONTESTED DIVISION, DISPUTED  
UNIFICATION, JERUSALEM: UNIFICATION  
AND DIVISION**

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT:

**NOAH RUBIN**

University of Michigan

**OREN SHLOMO**

Harvard University

*Contemporary Transformation in East Jerusalem:  
Territorialization, Infrastructural Services, and  
Shifting of Urban Politics*

**MARIK SHTERN**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Towards "Ethno-National Peripheralization?"  
Economic Dependency Amidst Political Resistance  
in Palestinian East Jerusalem*

**ERAN TZIDKIYAHU**

Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)

*From a Cosmopolitan to a Segregated City—Jeru-  
salem's City Centers as a Case Study*

MC4 MANDEL G12

**ACTUALLY EXISTING ZIONISM: IS THE  
STATE OF ISRAEL NOT LORD BALFOUR'S  
"NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWISH  
PEOPLE," AFTER ALL?**

CHAIR:

**RACHEL FISH**

Brandeis University

**ELHANAN YAKIRA**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*From Balfour's National Home to the State of Israel*

**GABRIEL BRAHM**

Northern Michigan University

*Neo-Geo-Antisemitism—The Jewish National Home  
and Its Detractors*

**ASHLEY PASSMORE**

Texas A&M University

*Post-Nationalism and Its Discontents*

**GILAD HALPERN**  
University of Haifa  
*Self-Hating Israelis*

MC5 OLIN-SANG 101

**LAND, NATURE, AND THE PALESTINIAN/  
ARAB OTHER IN JEWISH CULTURE**

CHAIR:

**ILAN TROEN**  
Brandeis University

**MOSTAFA HUSSEIN**  
University of Southern California  
*Intertwined Landscape: On the Integration of  
Islamicate Culture in the Construction of Jewish  
Landscape in Palestine/Israel*

**YAEL ZERUBAVEL**  
Rutgers University  
*Contested Visions of the Desert, Nature, and  
the Bedouins in the Contemporary Israeli Tourist  
Discourse*

**ASSAF HAREL**  
Rutgers University  
*Building, Burning and Belonging: Religiously  
Motivated Settlers and the Land of Israel*

**LIRON SHANI**  
Brandeis University and Shai M. Dromi, Harvard  
University  
*Nationalizing the Nature—the Israeli Space between  
Environmentalism and Landalism*

MC6 HELLER G3

**TRANSFORMING ISRAEL'S TRADITIONAL  
SOCIETIES: AN INTERSECTIONAL  
PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN'S STRATEGIES  
OF CHANGE**

CHAIR:

**SHULAMIT REINHARZ**  
Brandeis University

**EBTESAM BARAKAT**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*"I'm the One Who Should Decide for Myself": Druze  
Women's Struggle to Get an Education*

**SAFA ABU-RABIA**  
Harvard University  
*The Negev's Struggle Over Land: Bedouin Women  
from the 1948 Generation—Resistance from within  
Patriarchal Spaces*

**TANYA ZION-WALDOKS**  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*"I Believe in Change from Within": Jewish-Orthodox  
Israeli Women's Transformative "Tempered  
Radicalism"*

MC7 MANDEL G11

**ZIONISM IN ISRAEL AND BEYOND**

CHAIR:

**GILBERT KAHN**  
Kean University

*The Increasing Political Engagement and  
Influence of American Orthodox Jews on  
Israel-Diaspora Relations*

**WILLIAM MILES**  
Northeastern University  
*De Facto Zionism: "Love of Israel" and the  
"Covenant of Blood"*

**LUKAS WEINBEER**  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Approaching and Integrating non-Hebrew speaking  
Olim—Mapai's Mass Communication in French  
and German*

MC8 OLIN-SANG 124

**BIOGRAPHY AND THE BUILDING OF  
A JEWISH STATE**

CHAIR:

**AVI SHILON**  
Tsinghua University

**PAULA KABALO**  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*David Ben-Gurion's Jerusalem Vision Post June  
1967: What Was the Plan and Why Does it Matter?*

**ARIEL COHEN**  
University of Virginia  
*Rights and Sovereignty in a Developing  
International Order: David Ben Gurion's Am Yisrael  
in the 1920s/30s Global Landscape*

**ADI ARMON**  
Da'at Hamakom Center for the Study of Cultures  
of Place in the Modern Jewish World, The Hebrew  
University of Jerusalem  
*Benzion Netanyahu—The Formative Years*

MC9 HELLER 163

### WRITING ISRAELI HISTORY

CHAIR:

**AVIVA HALAMISH**

The Open University of Israel

**SHAY HAZKANI**

University of Maryland, College Park

*The Israeli Postal Censorship: A new Source for Writing History from Below of Israel/Palestine*

**ESTHER CARMEL-HAKIM**

University of Haifa

*From a Pension in Safed to the Dan Hotel Chain: Entrepreneur Kaete Dan*

**YITZHAK CONFORTI**

Bar-Ilan University

*Utopia and History in the Zionist Movement*

MC10 HELLER G4

### OXFORD HANDBOOK OF ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS: PANEL 2: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

CHAIR:

**CSABA NIKOLENYI**

Concordia University

**CHEN FRIEDBERG**

Ariel University and Reuven Hazan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The Legislative Branch in Israel*

**MENACHEM HOFNUNG**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Mohammed Wattad, Zefat Academic College

*The Judicial Branch in Israel*

**AS'AD GHANEM**

University of Haifa

*Arab Political Institutions in Israel*

**YORAM PERI**

University of Maryland

*The Military in Israeli Politics*

MC11 MANDEL G10

### HOW TO TEACH ISRAEL STUDIES IN AN AGE OF SHRINKING ENROLLMENT IN THE HUMANITIES

CHAIR:

**DONNA ROBINSON DIVINE**

Smith College

**NAOMI SOKOLOFF**

University of Washington

*Have We Got a Prayer? The Crisis in the Humanities, Hebrew Poetry, and World Literature*

**SHIRA KLEIN**

Chapman University

*Using Wikipedia in the Israel Studies Classroom*

### WELCOME RECEPTION

USDAN STUDENT CENTER COURTYARD

**15:45-16:30**

### GREETINGS:

**DAVID ELLENSON**

Brandeis University

**ILAN TROEN**

President, AIS

### AWARDS CEREMONY

USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM

**16:45-17:30**

### AIS-ISRAEL INSTITUTE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Alan Dowty**

University of Notre Dame

**Pnina Lahav**

Boston University

### ANNUAL SHAPIRO AWARD FOR BEST BOOK IN ISRAEL STUDIES 2016

**Abigail Jacobson**

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

**Moshe Naor**

University of Haifa

*Oriental Neighbors: Middle Eastern Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine (Schusterman Series in Israel Studies/Brandeis University Press).*

### ANNUAL BEN HALPERN AWARD FOR BEST DISSERTATION IN ISRAEL STUDIES 2016

**Irit Katz**

Girton College, University of Cambridge

*"The Common Camp: Temporary Settlements as a Spatio-political Instrument in Israel-Palestine."*

**Judah Troen**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*"This is What is Done Abroad: Model Others and the Construction of National Identity in the Parliamentary Discourse of Israel."*

**ANNUAL BARUCH KIMMERLING PRIZE FOR  
BEST GRADUATE PAPER PRESENTED AT 2016  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Geoffrey Levin**

New York University

*"Enlightening a Stained Democracy: The American Jewish Committee and Israel's Palestinian Arab Minority, 1949-1966."*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: REFLECTIONS ON  
THE BALFOUR DECLARATION**

USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM

**17:30-18:15**

**WELCOME:**

**RON LIEBOWITZ**

President, Brandeis University

**KEYNOTE CONVERSATION:**

**LEON WIESELTIER**

Isaiah Berlin Senior Fellow in Culture and Policy,  
Brookings Institution

MODERATOR:

**ILAN TROEN**

President, AIS

**BANQUET (PAYMENT REQUIRED)**

HASSENFELD CONFERENCE CENTER, SHERMAN HALL

**18:30-20:00**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

MANDEL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES ATRIUM

**8:00-16:00**

**SESSION A**

**9:00-10:30**

TA1 HELLER G3

**CHALLENGING ISRAEL'S ORTHODOX  
HEGEMONY: CONTESTED VISIONS OF  
JEWISH IDENTITY**

CHAIR:

**NATAN ARIDAN**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**DAVID BARAK-GORODETSKY**

University of Haifa

*Reform Judaism in the Eyes of the Israeli Establishment: an Historical Exploration*

**TANYA ZION-WALDOKS**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Israel's Rabbinic Courts vs. Religious Women Activists—Who Represents Israel's True Defense Force?*

**OFIR ABU**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Religious Pluralism, National Identity, and the State: The Case of Non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel*

TA2 MANDEL G10

**POPULAR CULTURE AND THE FATE OF  
ETHNICITY IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**ANDRÉ LEVY**

Brandeis University

**URI DORCHIN**

Zefat Academic College

*Mizrahi Rap: Signifying Orientalism Anew*

**GABRIELLA DJERRAHIAN**

Université du Québec à Montréal

*A New Blueprint for Blackness: Ethiopian Israelis and the Consumption of Popular Music*

**ADANE ZAWDU**

University of Connecticut

*The Popularization of the Siqd Holiday in Israel: A View from Below on Making Ethnicity*

**ASAF LEBOVITZ**

Ariel University

*Spiritual Traditionalism Among Israeli Celebs as Post-Secular Discourse of Citizenship*

TA3 OLIN-SANG 124

**MATERIALITY AND THE TIME OF THE  
PRESENT IN ISRAELI CULTURE**

CHAIR:

**SARA HOROWITZ**

York University

**ORIT ROZIN**

Tel Aviv University

*Confronting Fear and Enriching the Self and the Nation: Practices and Emotions in the Aftermath of the Czech-Egyptian Arms Deal*

**TAMAR BERGER**

*Suburban Realities: The Israeli Case*

**YAEL MUNK**

Open University of Israel

*The Catastrophic Horizon: Dead-End Israeli Cinema in the Materialistic New Millennium*

**ODED NIR**

Ohio State University

*Peace as Vanishing Mediator: Towards a Marxist History of Zionism and Israel*

TA4 OLIN-SANG 112

**BALFOUR AND STATE-BUILDING: A CENTURY OF ZIONISM IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

CHAIR:

**JONATHAN ADELMAN**

University of Denver

**JEFF WEINTRAUB**

Bryn Mawr College

*From 1923 to 1948 and Beyond: The Dynamics of Modern Nationalism and Post-Imperial "Exchange of Populations" as a Context for Understanding the Histories of Israel and Zionism*

**ASAF ROMIROWSKY**

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

*The Anomaly of the Arab Palestinian Refugees*

**ANNA GEIFMAN**

Bar-Ilan University

*Extremists as State-Builders: The Bolsheviks, Hamas, ISIS... and the Zionists?*

TA5 MANDEL G12

**CONTESTED DIVISION, DISPUTED UNIFICATION - JERUSALEM: EAST AND WEST**

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANTS:

**ITAMAR RADAI**

Tel Aviv University

CO-CHAIR:

**NOAH RUBIN**

University of Michigan

*Planning Jerusalem, 1948-1968*

**REUVEN GAFNI**

Kinneret College

*From Neighborhoods to Borders: Jurat El-Anab, Shamm'a, and the Early Creation of Divided Jerusalem in the British Mandate Period*

**MENACHEM KLEIN**

Bar-Ilan University

*From Army Occupation to Annexed City, Methods Israel Used to Annex Jordanian Jerusalem*

TA6 OLIN-SANG 104

**EDUCATION: IT'S COMPLICATED**

CHAIR:

**MATTHEW BOXER**

Brandeis University

**DAVID BRYFMAN**

The Jewish Education Project

*Jewish Generation Z and Israel: It's Complicated and Conflicted*

**HANNAH KOBER**

Brandeis University

*The Motivations and Experiences of Jewish Students of Arabic at Israeli Universities*

**NIR RESSISSI**

Oranim College of Education

*Does Outsourcing Zionist Education Indicate a Neo-Zionist Vision?*

**ILAN FUCHS**

Brandeis University

*Women's Education in the Haredi Leumi Community: A Curriculum for the Creation of a Stay at Home Revolutionary*

TA7 HELLER 163

**VISIONS FOR A JEWISH STATE**

CHAIR:

**NAHUM KARLINSKY**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**LIOR LAVID**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Between "Altneuland" and Mini Israel*

**AVI SHILON**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*More than Poetry and Music: Spiritual's Place in Jabotinsky's Later View of Nationalism*

**MOSHE BERENT**

Open University of Israel

*Did Zionism Aspire for a State?*

**ROMAN VATER**

University of Oxford

*Fighting for a Civic Nation: The "I am an Israeli" Organization as a post-Zionist/post-"Canaanite" Phenomenon*

TA8 OLIN-SANG 116

## ISRAELI POLITICS

CHAIR:

**PNINA LAHAV**

Boston University

**CSABA NIKOLENYI**

Concordia University

*Defectors in the Knesset: What Explains Exit and Loyalty?*

**MARK TESSLER** and **ALON YAKTER**

University of Michigan

*The Dealignment of the Israeli Political Party System*

**RUVI ZIEGLER**

University of Reading

*Permanent Transience: Israel's (Non)immigration Policy*

**HADARA BAR-MOR**, Netanya Academic College, Lilach Littor, The Open University of Israel, and Gila Menachem, Tel Aviv University

*Courts and Social Rights within Liberal Constitutions: The Organic and Functional Approaches to Judicial Review in the Age of Privatization and Contracting Out*

TA9 MANDEL G11

## EDUCATING ISRAELIS

CHAIR:

**TALI TADMOR- SHIMONY**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**AMIRA ERAN**

Levinsky College of Education

*Parent-Children and School Relations in Communal Education – A Century after the Balfour Declaration*

**LAURA WISEMAN**

York University

*Growing Up: The Phantasm of Israeli Childhood*

**HANIT BENGLAS KAUFMAN**

Tel Aviv University

*Models of the Secular Pluralistic Beit Midrash In Israel: Innovative Methods of Teaching*

TA10 OLIN-SANG 101

## PALESTINIAN ARABS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

CHAIR:

**DANA BLANDER**

Israel Democracy Institute

*Is There a Place for the 'Other' in the "National Home for the Jewish People"?*

**AS'AD GHANEM**

University of Haifa

*Restoring Faith—The Politics of Empowerment Among the Palestinians in Israel after Oslo*

**SHAHBARI ILHAM**

University of Bradford

*Internationalization of the National Aspirations of the Arab Minority in Israel*

**ELIE REKHESS**

Northwestern University

*Sami Michael's Hasut and the Political History of the Arabs in Israel*

TA11 MANDEL G3

## OXFORD HANDBOOK OF ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY:

### PANEL 3: ISRAEL, THE WORLD AND DIASPORA RELATIONS

CHAIR:

**ILAN TROEN**

Brandeis University

**SERGIO DELLAPERGOLA**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Demographic History of Israel*

**MIRA SUCHAROV**

Carleton University

*Israel and the Jewish Diaspora*

**KEN STEIN**

Emory University

*Israel and the United States*

**OREN BARAK**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Israel's Policies in the West Bank and Gaza*

TA12 HELLER G4

## FORMATION OF ISRAELINESS

CHAIR:

**MOSHE NAOR**

University of Haifa

**ASSAF SELZER**

University of Haifa

*The Inauguration Ceremony of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem—Was it an Academic Event or a National One?*

**BEN HERZOG**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Public Attitudes toward the Israeli Citizenship Law (1952)*

**MARTIN LASKIN**

Southern Connecticut State University  
*The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Labor Zionism*

**MILI LEITNER**

University of Chicago  
*Separate But Equal? The Palestine Broadcasting Service and the Racialization of Zionism in Mandatory Palestine*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-11:00**

**PLENARY SESSION I: 50 YEARS SINCE '67**

USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM

**11:00-12:30**

MODERATOR:

**DAVID ELLENSON**

Brandeis University

**ANITA SHAPIRA**

Tel Aviv University

**HUSSEIN IBISH**

Arab Gulf States Institute

**DAN KURTZER**

Princeton University

**HUSAM ZOMLOT**

Chief Representative of the Palestinian General Delegation to the United States

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY (BOX LUNCH PROVIDED TO FIRST 100 ATTENDEES)**

OLIN-SANG 101

**12:45-13:45**

**SESSION C**

**14:00-15:30**

TC1 HELLER G3

**ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**AZIZA KHAZZOOM**

Indiana University

**HAVATZELET YAHEL**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Land Privatization in the Negev: Tribes, Sheikhs and Administration in the 19th and 20th Century*

**SAFA ABU-RABIA**, Harvard University and Avinoam Meir, Ben Gurion University

*Involvement of Nakba's Third Generation Bedouin Women in the Land Conflict in the Naqab\Negev: Between State Dispossession and Social Patriarchy.*

**NOHAD 'ALI**

Western Galilee College and University of Haifa  
*Being a Muslim in an Ethnic Jewish State: Culture, Identity and Minority Status Internalization*

TC2 HELLER 163

**ISRAELI CINEMA**

CHAIR:

**DINA ROGINSKY**

Yale University

**OREN BARAK**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Daphne Inbar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*"Revenge of the Jobniks": Daily Resistance of Soldiers As Represented in Contemporary Israeli Cinema*

**NAVA DUSHI**

Lynn University

*Hanging by a Thread: Israeli Cinema in the International Arena*

**UTA LARKEY**

Goucher College

*The Brichah (1945-49) in History and Film*

**TONY SHAW**, University of Hertfordshire and

**GIORA GOODMAN**, Kinneret College

*Star Power: Kirk Douglas, Hollywood and Israel*

TC3 MANDEL G12

**DEFINING THE TENT: PERSPECTIVES ON SUPPORT OF, ENGAGEMENT WITH, AND CONNECTION TO ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**SARAH ANNE MINKIN**

Just Vision

**ARIELA KEYSAR**, Trinity College and **SERGIO DELLAPERGOLA**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Are We All One Happy Family? American and Israeli Jews*

**RACHEL FISH**

Brandeis University

*The Politics of the Israel Discourse within the Academy*

**JANET KRASNER ARONSON AND MATTHEW BROOKNER**

Brandeis University

*Who Supports AIPAC and J Street? A Community Divided*

**MATTHEW BOXER AND DAVID MANCHESTER**

Brandeis University

*Use, Misuse, and Missing: Survey Data in Jewish Communal Discourse on the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal*

TC4 OLIN-SANG 116

**PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONALITIES**

CHAIR:

**SONJA WENTLING**

Concordia College

**RAPHAEL COHEN ALMAGOR**

University of Hull

*Arafat, Barak and Clinton at Camp David: Clashes of Characters and Conduct*

**LIOR LEHRS**

New York University

*Unofficial Israeli Diplomats in the Israeli-Arab Conflict—A Historical Perspective*

**ZACHARY SMITH**

University of Pennsylvania

*Electoral System Change in the Middle East: Threat and Elite Action Across Regime Type*

**BARIS KESGIN**

Elon University

*Tracing Shimon Peres' Leadership Traits*

TC5 OLIN-SANG 112

**FIELD RESEARCH AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAEL STUDIES CURRICULA ON NORTH AMERICAN CAMPUSES**

CHAIR:

**ANNETTE KOREN**

Brandeis University

**JULIA LIEBERMAN**

Saint Louis University

*A "College Town" Embroiled in Ethnic Turmoil: Field Observations in Jerusalem 2015-2016*

**CSABA NIKOLENYI**

Concordia University

*Field Immersion and the Teaching of Israeli Politics*

**GABRIEL NOAH BRAHM**

Northern Michigan University

*Don't Boycott this Class*

TC6 OLIN-SANG 104

**INFLUENCE OF RELIGION IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**

CHAIR:

**JOSEPH RINGEL**

Northwestern University

**MOTTI INBARI**

The University of North Carolina, Pembroke

*Uzi Meshulam's "Mishkan Ohalim" Affair and the Influence of Radical Ultra-Orthodox Ideology*

**TEHILA KALAGY**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*From Defensive Conservatism to a Conservatism of Adaptation: Acculturation Strategies of ultra-Orthodox Academics in the Workplace*

**HEATHER MUNRO**

Durham University

*Examining the Notions of Secular and Religious Through the Case of Hasidic Women in Jerusalem*

TC7 MANDEL G3

**ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY IN THE TRUMP ERA**

CHAIR:

**ROBERT FREEDMAN**

Johns Hopkins University

**ILAN PELEG**

Lafayette College

*The Impact of Trump's Policy on Israeli Politics*

**Yael ARONOFF**

Michigan State University

*The Policy of the Trump Administration toward Israel*

**STEVEN DAVID**

John Hopkins University

*Israel and the Iran Nuclear Agreement—Two Years Later*

TC8 MANDEL G11

**ISRAELI ETHNICITIES REVISITED**

CHAIR:

**URI RAM**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**LIHI YONA**

Columbia University

*The Man of Honor Killings: The Racialized Space between Honor and Dignity*

**ORNA SASSON-LEVY** and Nissim Leon,  
Bar-Ilan University  
*Hishtaknezut: Passing as White or Class Mobility*

**GILLY HARTAL**  
McGill University  
*Inventing Gay Utopia: Gay Tourism to Tel Aviv and Israeli Ethnicities*

**TC9** MANDEL G10  
**GENDER AND ISRAELI SOCIETY**

CHAIR:  
**SHULAMIT REINHARZ**  
Brandeis University

**ORLY BENJAMIN**  
Bar-Ilan University  
*Gender and Government Procurement in Israel: How Do Privatization Contracts Promote Gender Inequality?*

**DIKLA BAR ORIAN**  
Bar-Ilan University  
*Shaping of the Settler—Women in the First Wave of Settlements, 1967-1977*

**LILACH ROSENBERG-FRIEDMAN**  
Bar-Ilan University  
*Captivity and Gender: Female Prisoners of Israel's War of Independence as a Case Study*

**TC10** OLIN-SANG 101  
**REVISITING BALFOUR**

CHAIR:  
**GERSHON SHAFIR**  
University of California, San Diego  
*A Century of Balfour Declarations*

**YEHUDAH MIRSKY**  
Brandeis University  
*State, Community & Nation on the Anvil of Political Theology*

**MARIA G. NAVARRO**  
Universidad de Salamanca  
*Preventive vs. Proactive Policies: An Interpretation of Balfour Declaration's Political Vision*

**AVITAL GINAT**  
Tel Aviv University  
*Shifting Loyalties: The Balfour Declaration and the Transition towards British Orientation During and After First World War*

**TC11** OLIN-SANG 124  
**IMAGINING PALESTINE: ZIONISTS' POLITICAL IMAGINATION, 1917-1947**

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT:  
**Yael Zerubavel**  
Rutgers University

**ALON CONFINO**  
University of Virginia and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*What Would Palestine Look Like? Zionists Imagine Palestine on the Night of November 29, 1947*

**DIMITRY SHUMSKY**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*From Recognition to Denial: The Palestinian Arabs in Ben-Gurion's Political Imagination in the British Mandate Period*

**TC12** HELLER G4  
**SPIES, SEX AND SABICH: ISRAELI TELEVISION IN THE AGE OF NETFLIX**

CHAIR:  
**SARA HOROWITZ**  
York University

**RACHEL S. HARRIS**  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
*The Office of Gender and Age Diversity: Mossad 101*

**MARTIN SHICHTMAN**  
Eastern Michigan University  
*Violence and the Death of the Family in Fauda*

**SHAYNA WEISS**  
United States Naval Academy  
*Srugim*

**COFFEE BREAK**  
**15:30-16:00**

**PLENARY SESSION II: ROLE OF NGO'S INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL**

USDAN STUDENT CENTER, LEVIN BALLROOM

**16:00-17:30**

MODERATOR:  
**RACHEL FISH**  
Brandeis University

**PETER BEINART**  
City University of New York

**ALISA DOCTOROFF**  
Past President, UJA-Federation of New York

**GERALD STEINBERG**  
Bar-Ilan University

**WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION**

**HOSTED BY SCHOLARS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (SPME)**

**OPEN TO ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS**  
USDAN STUDENT CENTER COURTYARD

**17:30-18:30**

**FILM SCREENING**

SHAPIRO CAMPUS CENTER THEATER

**BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE**

Director: Yariv Mozer. Israel/France/Germany, 2016.  
Running time: 70 minutes. English & Hebrew with English subtitles. Distributor: Go2Films. Presented in partnership with The National Center for Jewish Film.

**20:00-21:30**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

MANDEL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES ATRIUM

**8:30-12:45**

**SESSION A**

**9:00-10:30**

**WA1 OLIN-SANG 124**  
**ISRAELI CULTURE**

CHAIR:

**ARIEH SAPOSNIK**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**JEROME CHANES**

CUNY Graduate Center

*The Play's the Thing: ha-Bimah and the Cameri—Israeli Society through the Lens of Theater*

**ALEC MISHORY**

Independent Scholar

*"There were Shepherds Abiding in the Field": Origins of Israeli Folk Dance Costumes*

**NINA SPIEGEL**

Portland State University

*U.S.-Israel Relations: Israeli Cultural Development in the Early Years of the State*

**WA2 OLIN-SANG 101**

**ROUNDTABLE: BETWEEN THE RULE OF LAW AND STATES OF EMERGENCY: THE FLUID JURISPRUDENCE OF THE ISRAELI REGIME**

CHAIR:

**NITZAN LEBOVIC**

Lehigh University

**IAN LUSTICK**

University of Pennsylvania

**ILAN PELEG**

Lafayette College

**YOAV MEHOZAY**

University of Haifa

**WA3 HELLER G4**

**ISRAEL AND ARMED NON-STATE ACTORS: A SHIFTING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT**

CHAIR:

**PETER KRAUSE**

Boston College

*Victory Hanging in the Balance: Why Zionist Armed Groups Competed, Fought and Won*

**BOAZ ATZILI**

American University

*Israel's Triadic Coercion: Persistence and Changes*

**EHUD EIRAN**

University of Haifa

*What Do We Talk about When We Talk about Military Adaptation? Israel in South Lebanon, 1985-2000*

**DANIEL SOBELMAN**

Harvard University

*A Comparative Look at Israel's Conflicts with Hezbollah and Hamas Over the Past Decade*

**OREN BARAK**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Defending Ourselves Against the Wild Beasts: A Defensive Turn in Israel's Offensive Military Strategy*

**WA4 MANDEL G3**

**ISRAEL AND ASIA**

CHAIR:

**YORAM PERI**

University of Maryland

**MERON MEDZINI**

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The Reaction of the Asian Nations to the Balfour Declaration*

**JAMES (JIM) NORWINE**, Texas A&M University,  
Pinhas Alpert, Tel Aviv University, Michael Jennings,  
University of Idaho and Brent Hedquist, Texas A&M  
University - Kingsville

*Southwest Asia's Ominous Climate Future: The End  
of an Ancient Heart(h)land?*

**MING HUI PAN**

Concordia University

*A Century of Zionism in China: The Harbin Jewish  
Community since 1917*

**WA5** HELLER G3

## **ISRAEL AND THE UN**

CHAIR:

**PAUL SCHAM**

University of Maryland

**ELAD BEN-DROR**

Bar-Ilan University

*Arab Support for the UN Plan to Internationalize  
Jerusalem and its Decisive Weight in the Passage  
of the 1949 Resolution to Do So*

**KATHERINE HARBORD**

Liverpool John Moores University

*"Um Shmum"? The Role of the UN in the Perpetra-  
tion of Palestinian Refugee Status*

**WA6** OLIN-SANG 104

## **ISRAELI FOREIGN RELATIONS**

CHAIR:

**BERKAY GULEN**

University of Washington

*Institutional Change in the Middle East: Turkish  
Foreign Policy towards Israel between 2002 and  
2014*

**ALFRED TOVIAS**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Israel and Spain: Are They Rival or Complementary  
Countries?*

**MICHEL GHERMAN**

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

*Peripheral Zionism: Ambiguities of History of  
Zionism in Brazil (1900-1930)*

**WA7** MANDEL G10

## **INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE ON THE JEWISH STATE**

CHAIR:

**EVA GUREVICH**

Brandeis University

*Eliezer Livneh: The Israeli Translator and Adapter of  
American Neo-Conservative Political Thought in the  
1970s*

**ANJA SCHMIDT-KLEINERT**

University of Bielefeld

*Inclusion through Exclusion: Young Russians in the  
Yisra'el Beitenu Party Actively Construct a Sense of  
Belonging*

**KHINVRAJ JANGID**

Jindal Global University

*Indian National Movement and Zionism: In the Light  
of Balfour Declaration*

**WA8** OLIN-SANG 112

## **PERCEPTIONS OF ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**SARA AIROLDI**

State University of Milan

*Home, Nation, State? Political Wording and the  
Meaning of Jewish Nationhood in Italy (1917-1938)*

**JONATHAN GROSSMAN**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Israeli and Jewish Proposals to Resettle Palestinian  
Refugees in the Wake of the Six-Day War: The Case  
of Brazil*

**FELICIA WALDMAN**

University of Bucharest

*Israel and the Israeli-Arab Conflict in the Eyes of  
Romanian Communists (1948-1975)*

**MARWA MAZIAD**

University of Washington

*"The Territories": Ambiguities and (dis)Continuities  
in Israel's Civil-Military Relations*

**WA9** HELLER 163

## **INFLUENCE OF WOMEN ON STATE FORMATION**

CHAIR: O

**LILACH ROSENBERG-FRIEDMAN**

Bar-Ilan University

**MEIR CHAZAN**

Tel Aviv University

*Women Defense Service in the Palmach, 1942-1945s*

**TALI TADMOR-SHIMONY**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Nirit Raichel, Kinneret College  
*Gender, Professional Identity, and Familial Life in the Yishuv Area: The Married Women Teachers, 1880's-1930*

**MIRA YUNGMAN**

The Open University of Israel  
*The Leading Women's Zionist Organizations in the US, 1912-1948: Identities, Vision and Ideologies—A Comparison*

**SAM LEHMAN-WILZIG** and Gilad Greenwald,  
Bar-Ilan University

*From Collectivity to Personalization: The Historical Retrogression of Female Politicians' Media Image in Israeli Newspapers*

**WA10** MANDEL G12

**SOCIETAL CHALLENGES IN ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**NAHUM KARLINSKY**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**OZ FRANKEL**

New School for Social Research  
*Consumer Modernity, Citizenship, and the Everyday in 1960s Israel*

**RAFI GROSGLIK**

Brandeis University  
*Neoliberal-Environmentalism in Israeli Legislation: The Case of the Law for Regulation of Organic Produce*

**DIVYA MALHOTRA**

Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*The Health Gap: Understanding Access to Healthcare in Israel*

**WA11** MANDEL G11

**ETHIOPIANS IN ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**SHARON SHALOM**

Brandeis University  
*Between Subjective Identity and Objective Identity—A Case Study of Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel*

**ALON BURSTEIN**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Liora Norwich, Brandeis University  
*From a Whisper to a Scream: The Politicization of the Ethiopian Community in Israel*

**SOLOMON GETAHUN**

Central Michigan University  
*The Beta-Israel Migration and Israel's Continued Predicament*

**WA12** OLIN-SANG 116

**ROUNDTABLE: THE CULT OF THE OCCUPATION**

CHAIR:

**RICHARD LANDES**

Bar-Ilan University

**JOSHUA MURAVCHIK**

Institute of World Politics

**GILEAD INI**

CAMERA

**KENNETH LEVIN**

Harvard University Medical School

**ELHANAN YAKIRA**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-10:45**

**SESSION B**

**10:45-12:15**

**WB1** OLIN-SANG 124

**TWO DECADES PLUS SINCE “FOREIGNERS DESERVE RIGHTS?”: WHAT RIGHTS DO THEY DESERVE AND WHAT ARE COMMON THEMES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GERMANY?**

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT:

**GALIA SABAR**

Ruppin College and Tel Aviv University

**HADAS COHEN**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Case 1: Israel*

**DANI KRANZ**

Bergische University Wuppertal  
*Case 2: Germany*

**ODED ORON**

University of Washington  
*Let My People Stay: Seeking Asylum in the Jewish State*

WB2 OLIN-SANG 101

**ROUNDTABLE: INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES TO TEACHING FILM IN ISRAEL STUDIES**

CHAIR:

**RACHEL HARRIS**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**OLGA GERSHENSON**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*IDF on Screens: New Genres, New Values*

**ASSAF HAREL**

Rutgers University

*Teaching about Post-1967 Settlers through Film*

**DAVID STARR**

Brandeis University

*The History of Zionism and Israel Through Short Educational Documentary Videos*

**OREN KROLL-ZELDIN**

University of San Francisco

*Teaching Palestine in Israel Studies Through Palestinian Film*

WB3 MANDEL G10

**POLITICAL USAGES OF HOLOCAUST MEMORY IN ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**ELKHANAN YAKIRA**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**AYALA PAZ**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*The "Eichmann Controversy" in Israel: Reading of Hannah Arendt's Eichmann in Jerusalem through the Lens of The Origins of Totalitarianism*

**LIRAZ YAFFE**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Motherhood as Resistance?: Representations of Mothers in the Holocaust during the 50's in Israeli's Newspapers*

WB4 MANDEL G3

**AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE BALFOUR DECLARATION**

CHAIR:

**DAVID ELLENSON**

Brandeis University

**JUDAH BERNSTEIN**

New York University

*From the Balfour Declaration to Cleveland: The 1921 ZOA Convention Reconsidered*

**MARK RAIDER**

University of Cincinnati

*Stephen S. Wise and the Balfour Declaration*

**WALKER ROBINS**

University of Oklahoma

*The Influence of Judah Magnes on American Liberal Protestant Interpretations of the Balfour Declaration*

WB5 MANDEL G11

**GHETTOS, CAMPS AND IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**AVINOAM PATT**

University of Hartford

*Ghetto in Flames: Zionists, Bundists and the Meaning of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*

**LIOR YOHANANI**

Rutgers University

*Internment Camps in Palestine: British Staff, Jewish Guards, German Internees*

**BENNY NURIELY**

Emek Israel College and Sapir Collage

*Experts, Camps and Immigration to Israel—The Joint and the OSE in South France 1947-1951*

WB6 HELLER G3

**PERSPECTIVES OF ORTHODOXY IN ISRAEL**

CHAIR:

**MOTTI INBARI**

The University of North Carolina, Pembroke

**RAPHAEL COHEN ALMAGOR**

University of Hull

*The Monopoly of Jewish Orthodoxy in Israel and its Effects on the Governance of Religious Diversity*

**SARA LEVINGER**

University of Haifa

*Women's Rights and Gender -Theologians Challenges in Jewish and Democratic State*

**MEIR SEIDLER**

Ariel University

*Rabbi Joseph Carlebach's (1883-1942) non-Zionist Zionism*

**JOSEPH RINGEL**

Northwestern University

*Counter-Culture within a Counter-Culture: Religious Humanist Education and Thought in the Gush Emunim Movement*

WB7 HELLER 163

## ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS

CHAIR:

**AS'AD GHANEM**

University of Haifa

**OMRI SHAFER RAVIV**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Rekindling the Dilemma of Arab Labor in the New Borders of the Jewish State, 1967- 1973*

**YEHUDA (UDI) BLANGA**

Bar-Ilan University

*"The Logic of the Defeated": The Attempts to Reach an Agreement between Israel and Egypt in 1971*

**SHEILA KATZ**

Berklee College of Music

*A Century of Palestinian-Israeli Joint Nonviolence*

**ROCCO GIANSANTE**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Erasing Borders: The Ottoman Dream of Avi Mograbi.*

WB8 MANDEL G12

## ISRAELI GEOGRAPHY AND DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR:

**Yael ZERUBAVEL**

Rutgers University

**AVI PICARD**

Bar-Ilan University

*Desert Development Towns and the Central Place Theory*

**MOTI GIGI**

Sapir Academic College

*Urban Kibbutz and Developmen-Town—the Story of Migvan and Sderot*

**TAMAR HERMANN**

The Open University of Israel

*Walking the Israel National Trail (INT): Political, Sociological and Cultural Aspects*

**SHAY RABINEAU**

State University of New York, Binghamton

*Ancient Trails, Modern Hikers: Israeli Waymarking in the Sinai Peninsula*

WB9 HELLER G4

## PALESTINIAN ISRAELI CITIZENS AND POLITICAL AWARENESS

CHAIR:

**SAFA ABU-RABIA**

Harvard University

**BEN MOLLOV**, Bar-Ilan University and Chaim Lavie, Ba-Ilan University

*The Impact of Israeli-Palestinian Inter-religious Dialogue: Theoretical and Empirical Perspective*

**ELIEZER DON-YEHIYA**

Bar-Ilan University

*The Power-Sharing Model and Israel's Arab Minority*

**RAMI ZEEDAN**

The Open University of Israel

*The Arab-Palestinian Minority in Israel: The Municipalities' Crisis*

**DANA GOLD**

University of Western Ontario

*Is Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians Viable? Analyzing Theories of Peace in International Relations*

WB10 OLIN-SANG 104

## SIX DAY WAR IN RETROSPECTIVE: 50 YEARS LATER

CHAIR:

**EHUD EIRAN**

University of Haifa

**NIMROD HAGILADI**

IDF Command and Staff College

*Six Day War or the Seven Years War?*

**OMRI ADOMI**

IDF Command and Staff College and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The German Influence on the Israeli 'Blitzkrieg' in 1967*

**YAGIL HENKIN**

IDF Command and Staff College

*Learning to Win, Learning to Lose: The IDF, the Egyptian Army, and the Lesson-I: Learning Process before the Six-Day War*

WB11 OLIN-SANG 112

## ISRAEL ON THE WORLD STAGE

CHAIR:

**ROHEE DASGUPTA**

O.P. Jindal Global University

**ADRIAN KRUPNIK**

Tel Aviv University

*Between Two Homelands: Jewish-Argentines' Return Migration from Israel, 1960-2005*

**RÁCHEL SURANYI**

Eötvös Loránd University and University of Haifa

*"I Stepped out from a 3.5 Year Long Relationship by Getting on the Plane." Ethnic Returnees or Migrants? The Relationship between the Hungarian Jewry and Israel*

**RENE YEZERSKY**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*The Privatized Arena of Jewish Conversion and Immigration from Mestizo-America*

**MARCELA ZOUFALA**

Charles University

*Meaning of Israel in Contemporary Reality and Imagination of Central European Jews: Case of the Czech Republic*

**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:15-12:45**

**SESSION C**

**12:45-14:00**

**WC1** OLIN-SANG 101

**ANTI-ZIONISM(S) IN AMERICA:  
DEFINITIONS AND HISTORICAL  
EVOLUTIONS**

CHAIR:

**GEOFFREY LEVIN**

New York University

*Israelis, Arabs, and the Palestinianization of American Jewish Anti-Zionism*

**NOAM PIANKO**

University of Washington

*"Israel Guidelines" and the Shifting Definition of American "Zionism" and "Anti-Zionism"*

**AMY WEISS**

College of Saint Elizabeth

*American Anti-Zionism: When Does Criticism of a Jewish State Become a Form of Antisemitism?*

**HASIA DINER**

New York University

*Julius Rosenwald's Rejection of Zionism*

**WC2** MANDEL G11

**POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES: ISRAELIS AND  
PALESTINIANS**

CHAIR:

**GANNIT ANKORI**

Brandeis University

**SUNIL KUMAR**

Jawaharlal Nehru University

*The Role of Israel's Labour Party on Palestinian Question Since 1967-1993*

**PAUL SCHAM**, University of Maryland and

**THAIR ABU-RAS**, University of Maryland

*The Joint List After Two Years: Expression of a New Discourse Among Israeli Palestinians?*

**IRIT KATZ**

University of Cambridge

*Toward a New Genealogy of the Camp in Israel-Palestine*

**WC3** MANDEL G3

**ROUNDTABLE: CAMPUS WARS AND  
INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY IN ACADEMIA**

CHAIR:

**RICHARD LANDES**

Bar-Ilan University

**CHARLES JACOBS**

Americans for Peace and Tolerance

**CARY NELSON**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**ANDREW PESSIN**

Connecticut College

**JEFFREY HERF**

University of Maryland

**JIM WALD**

Hampshire College

**LUCIEN OULAHBIB**

Membre du CLESID, Laboratory of University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

**WC4** OLIN-SANG 104

**ZIONIST IMAGININGS AFTER BALFOUR**

CHAIR:

**KATHERINE HARBORD**

Liverpool John Moores University

**STEVEN FINE**

Yeshiva University

*"The Jews Survive it!": The Arch of Titus in Zionist Imagination and Ritual: 1882-1947*

**LINDSAY KATZIR**

Louisiana State University

*Rainbows Built of Bitter Tears: Anglo-Jewish Zionism Before the Balfour Declaration*

**ELIRAN ZERED**

Bar-Ilan University

*Deus ex Machina: The Metaphors Underlying Ze'ev Jabotinsky's Conception of the Jewish Nation*

WC5 MANDEL G10

## ISRAEL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAIR:

**LIRON SHANI**

Brandeis University

**YORAM COHEN**

University of California, Los Angeles

*The Regional Influence of Israel's Water and Energy Resources*

**GABRIEL MITCHELL**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

*Israel's Pursuit of Regional Energy Partners: A Historical Review*

**JEFFREY SOSLAND**

American University

*Israel's Blue Revolution: The Road to Middle East Water Tech Interdependence*

WC6 MANDEL G12

## HEBREW LITERATURE

CHAIR:

**PHILIP HOLLANDER**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Not the Mythological Sabra – Reexamining Hanoch Bartov's Fiction*

**MENNA ABUKHADRA**

Cairo University

*The Image of Women in Modern Hebrew Feminist Poetry: A Century of Evolution*

**MIRIAM NEIGER**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*"The Sinai is Boiling": Avigdor Hameiri and the Balfour Declaration*

**AYELET GIL-RONEN**

Tel Aviv University

*The Universal vs. the Local: Lea Goldberg's Writings for Children During the Yishuv Period*

WC7 OLIN-SANG 112

## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

CHAIR:

**YEHUDAH MIRSKY**

Brandeis University

**ANDREA GONDOS**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Zionism, Identity and Kabbalah: Decoding the World and Works of Isaiah Tishby*

**ASAF LBOVITZ**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Ariel University

*Jew-Age Among Israeli Celebrities: Jewish Spirituality as Discourse of Citizenship*

**EPHRAIM TABORY** and Rachel Ashwall, Bar-Ilan University

*Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters: The Impact of Joint Mediation and Study Programs on Secular-Haredi Relations*

WC8 HELLER G4

## ISRAEL-CHINA RELATIONS

CHAIR:

**GANGZHENG SHE**

Brandeis University

**PINGAN LIANG**

Shanghai International Studies University, China

*Diaspora Jews in China and Their Contributions to Zionism and the State of Israel*

**YANG YANG**

Shanghai International University

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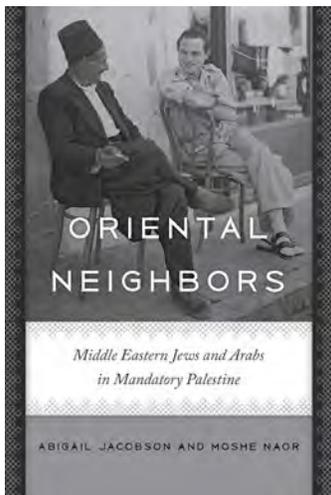
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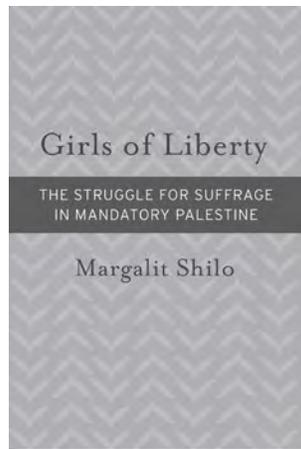


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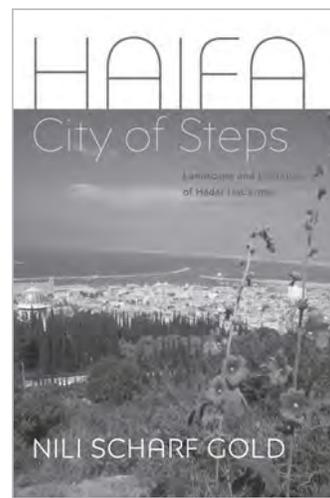


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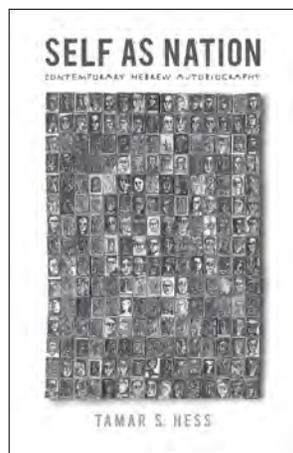


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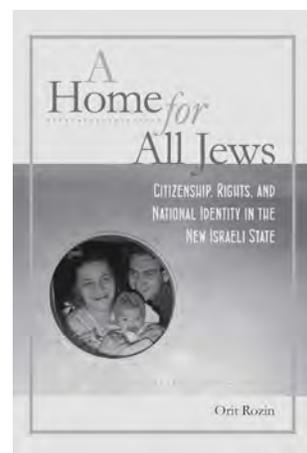


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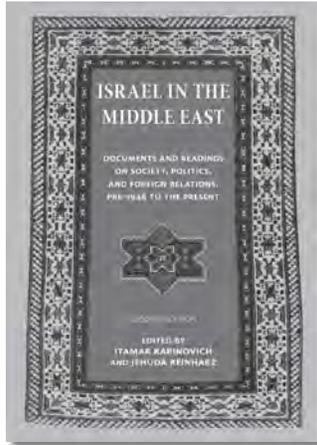
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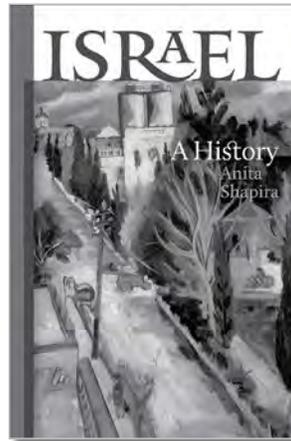
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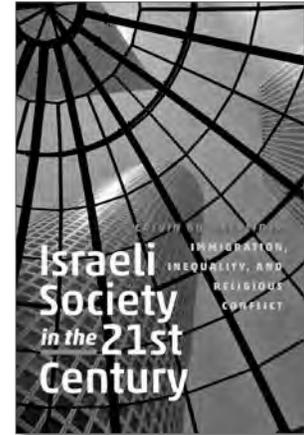
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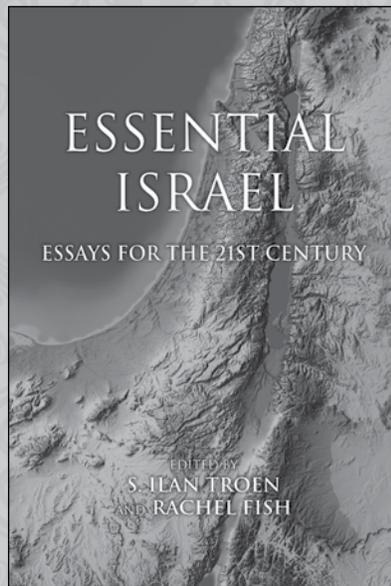
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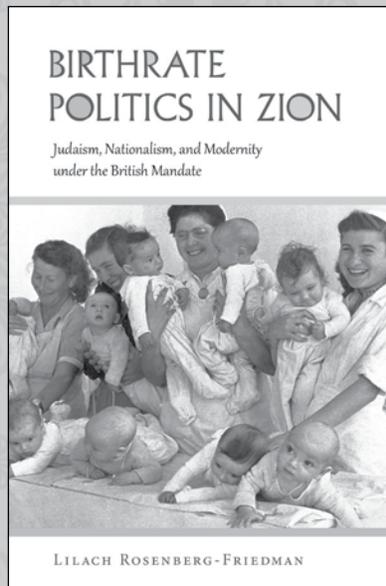
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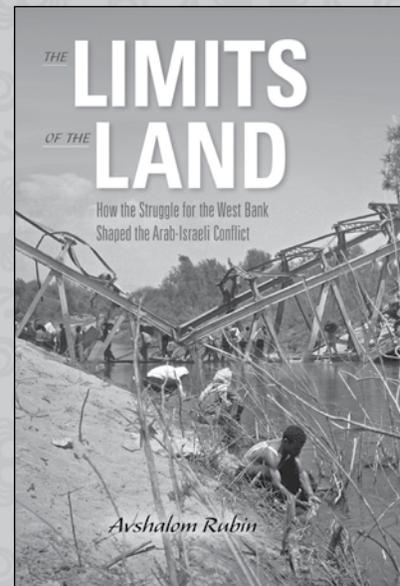
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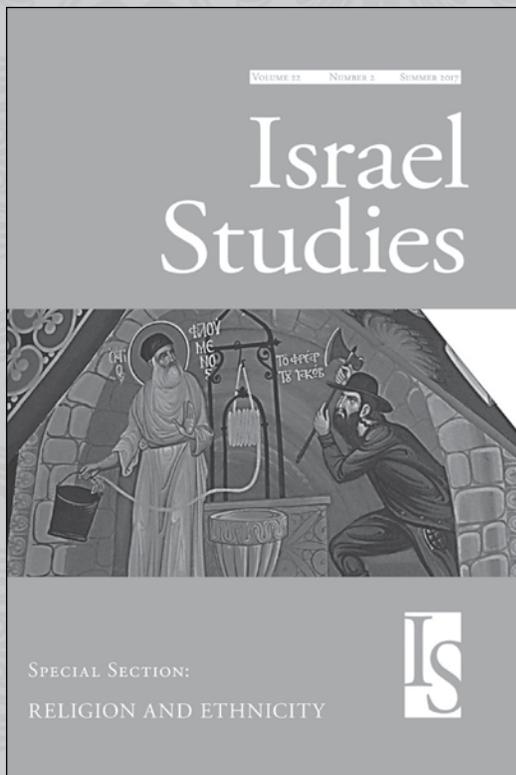
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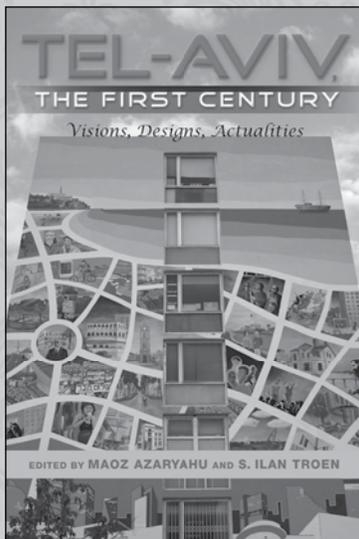
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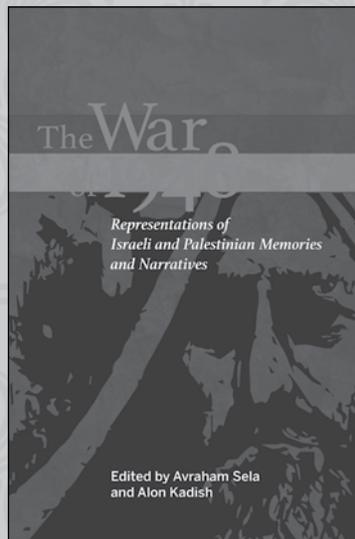
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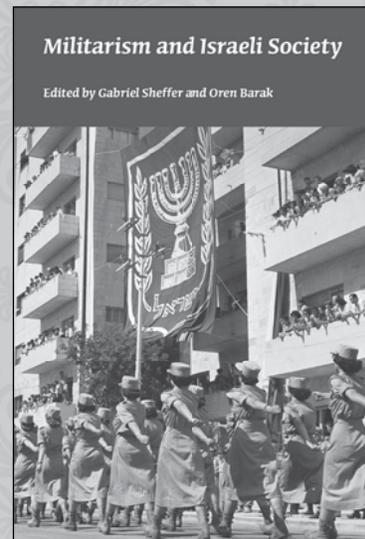
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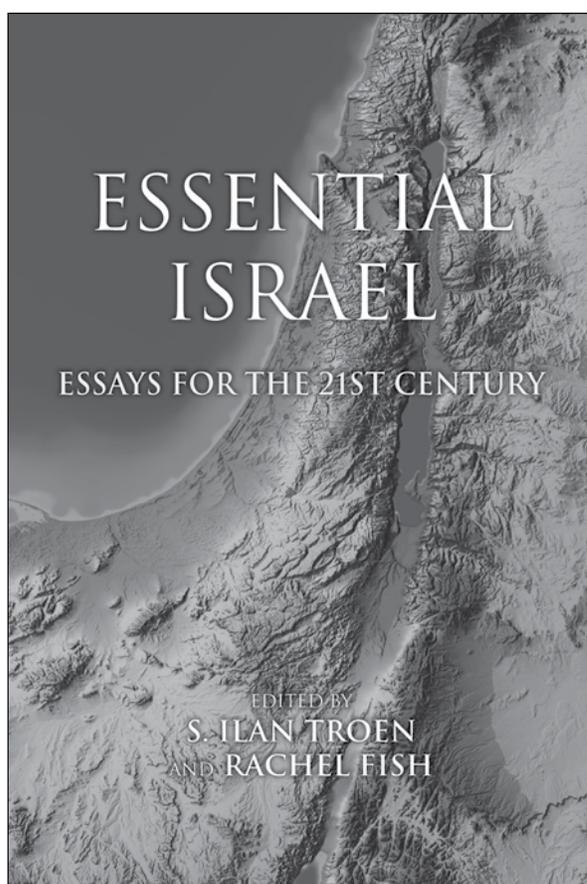
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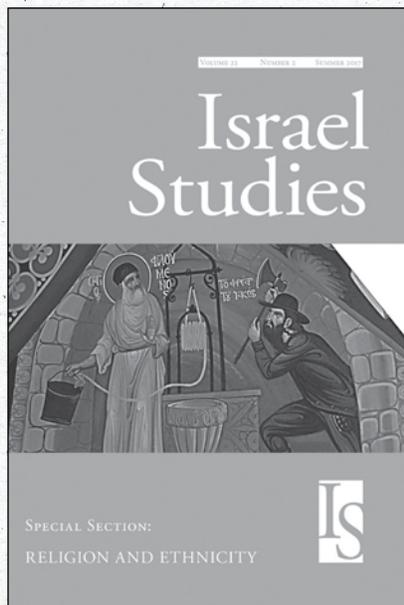
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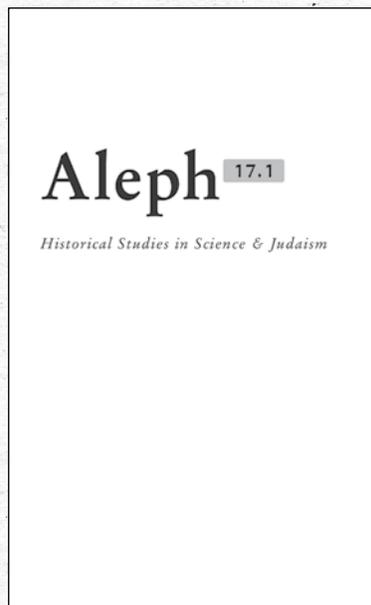
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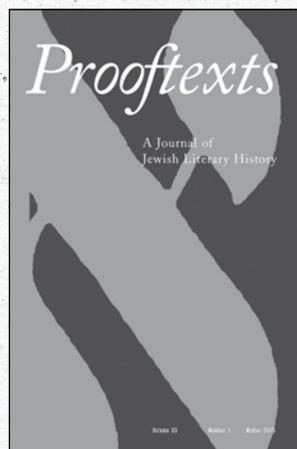
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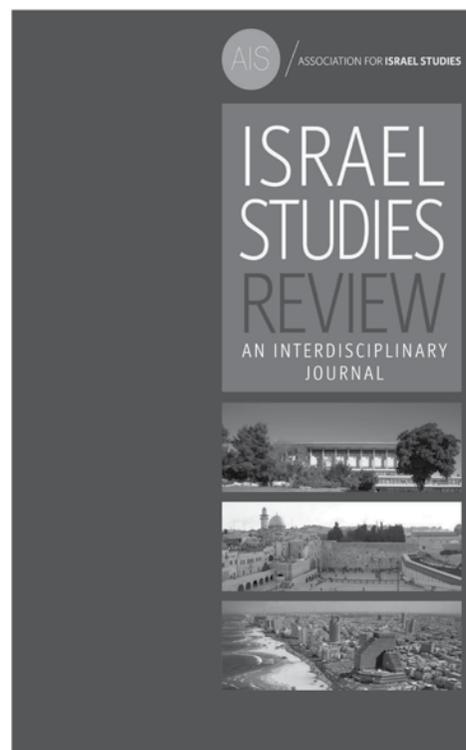
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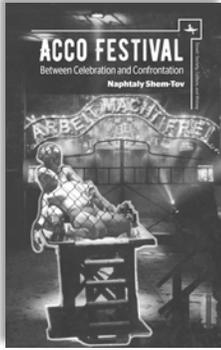
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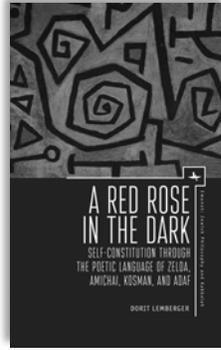


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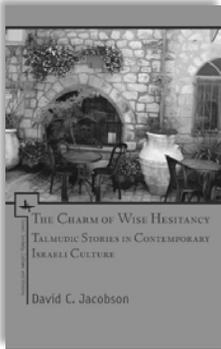


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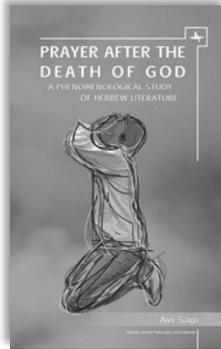


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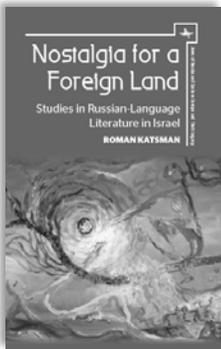


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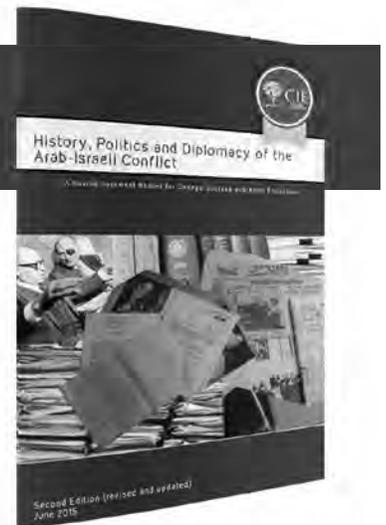
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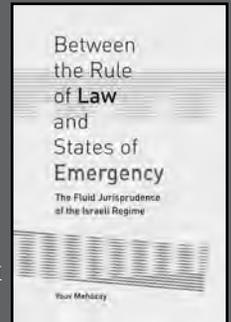
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