

Rothschild Prize Symposium 26.10.2026

The National Library of Israel, Jerusalem

Programme

08:30–09:15 **Registration and Reception**
The Stewart and Lynda Resnick Entrance Hall, Kaplan Lobby

09:15–11:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Oren Weinberg, Director General, The National Library of Israel

Dr Asher Ragen, Academic Excellence Programme Director, Yad Hanadiv

Prof. Ruth HaCohen (Pinczower), Chair of the 2026 Rothschild Prize Committees

From Oranges to Empathy: Six Prize Winners on Stage with Maya Kosover
David Geffen Auditorium (Floor 0, Kaplan St.)

11:00–11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30–17:00 **Breakout sessions in honour of the Prize recipients**

IN HONOUR OF
PROF. DROR WAHRMAN
HISTORY

Seminar room 1+2 Floor -2

From Micro to Macro in Humanistic Interpretation

11:30-13:15 **Text and Culture**

Introduction: What is the Point/Dot?
Prof. Dror Wahrman

Shakespeare and Locke Meet in Jerusalem: On the Extraordinariness of the Ordinary
Dr Ray Schrire (Tel Aviv University)

The Ox and the Ass: Image versus Text
Prof. Peter Stallybrass (University of Pennsylvania)

Announcement of Excellence Awards in the Humanistic Study of Material Culture

13:15-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:45 **Sovereignty and Culture**

What's on the Head of the Rothschilds' King David?
Prof. Dror Wahrman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

At Face Value? Money and Sovereignty
Dr Idit Ben Or (Tel Aviv University)

Chair: Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

15:45-16:00 **Break**

16:00-16:45 **Nature and Culture**

Acteon's Dogs: Between Nature and Culture, 20,000 BCE -2,000 CE
Prof. Thomas Laqueur (University of California, Berkeley)

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IN HONOUR OF
PROF. MAYA TAMIR
PSYCHOLOGY

The Wohl Synagogue Floor -3

11:30-12:20	**The Nature of Emotion** Prof. Hillel Aviezer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) Prof. Assaf Kron (University of Haifa) Dr Ella Givon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
12:20-12:40	**Break**
12:40-13:30	**Emotion and Psychological Health** Dr Yael Millgram (Tel Aviv University) Prof. Gal Sheppes (Tel Aviv University) Dr Lior Abramson (Tel Aviv University)
13:30-14:30	**Lunch**
14:25-15:10	**Poster Session** The Russell Berrie Entrance Hall
15:10-15:40	**Emotions and Culture** Prof. Yulia Chentsova Dutton (Georgetown University)
15:40-15:50	**Break**
15:50-16:40	**Emotions in the Social World** Dr Roni Porat (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) Dr Allon Vishkin (Technion) Prof. Shir Atzil (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
16:40-16:50	**Closing Statement and Excellence Awards Announcement**

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IN HONOUR OF
PROF. RAN SPIEGLER
ECONOMICS

Seminar Room 3 (Legacy Heritage Fund Seminar Room), Floor -2

Bounded Rationality in Economics: Here is How I Would Do It

11:30-13:00 Session I

Preference Hierarchies
Prof. Georg Weizsäcker (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Deferred Acceptance with News Utility
Prof. Ori Heffetz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Chair: Prof. Ran Spiegler (Tel Aviv University)

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:20 Session II

Placebo Reforms
Prof. Ran Spiegler (Tel Aviv University)

Attention Please!
Prof. Jakub Steiner (University of Zurich)

Chair: Prof. Ariel Rubinstein (Tel Aviv University)

15:20-15:40 **Break**

15:40-17:00 Session III

Progressive Random Choice
Prof. Yusufcan Masatlioglu (University of Maryland)

Wasonian Persuasion
Prof. Ariel Rubinstein (Tel Aviv University)

Chair: Prof. Ori Heffetz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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IN HONOUR OF
PROF. ISHAY ROSEN-ZVI
TALMUD

Boardroom (Via The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Experiential Center), Floor 1

11:30–13:30 Session I : Horizons

Can the Rabbinicist Cross the Sea?
Prof. Hindy Najman (University of Oxford)

Havruso as Dialectic: What I Learn from Rosen-Zvi for Theory of Midrash
Prof. Daniel Boyarin (University of California, Berkeley)

Chair: Prof. Vered Noam (Tel Aviv University)

Prof. Ishay Rosen-Zvi
Respondent

Excellence Awards Announcement

13:30–14:30 **Lunch**

14:30–16:30 Session II: Dialogues

Mishnah, Midrash, Halakhot and Aggadot: On Generic Divisions in Tannaitic Literature
Dr Orit Malka (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Rites that Were Not: Rhetoric, Fiction, Literature
Dr Yael Fisch (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Tannaitic Compilations and the Talmuds: Towards a New History of the Rabbinic Library
Prof. Moulie Vidas (Princeton University)

Chair: Dr Yael Fisch (The Hebrew University)

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IN HONOUR OF
YASMEEN GODDER
DANCE

The Stephen A. Schwarzman Education Center, Floor 0

11:30–13:00	**SIMPLE ACTION – A Participatory Choreographic Action Inspired by Stabat Mater** Performers: Tal Adler Arieli, Shulamit Enosh, Ari Teperberg, Michael Yalon, Dor Frank and Tamar Kisch **Discussion with Yasmeen Godder and the Performers of Simple Action**
13:00–14:00	**Lunch**
14:00–15:00	**Excellence Awards — Practices, Presentations and Discussion with the Recipients**
15:00–16:00	**Dance as a Medium for "Active Participation"** A panel featuring: Anna Wagner, Roberto Casarotto, Dr Yali Nativ, Prof. Freddie Rokem and Yasmeen Godder

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IN HONOUR OF
THE JERUSALEM QUARTET

MUSIC

David Geffen Auditorium, Floor 0

Alexander Pavlovsky (First Violin), Sergei Bresler (Second Violin), Alexander Gordon (Viola) and Kyril Zlotnikov (Cello)

Moderated by Gadi Abadi, General Manager, Jerusalem Music Centre

11:30–12:15 — Master Class I
L. Beethoven — String Quartet in F major, Op. 18 No. 1
I. Allegro con brio
Hayoung Youk (Violin), Yehoshua Bénissime (Violin), Avigail Stern (Viola), Shaked Kedem (Cello)
Coached by Tali Kravitz

12:15–13:00 — Master Class II
J. Brahms — Piano Trio No. 2 in C major, Op. 87
I. Allegro
Noga Sivan (Violin), Itay Barlev (Cello), Ariel Waldmann (Piano)
Coached by Felix Nemirovsky and Asaf Zohar

13:00–14:00 — **Lunch**

14:00–14:45 — Master Class III
R. Schumann — Piano Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 47
I. Sostenuto assai — Allegro ma non troppo
Roni Avitov (Violin), Yanai Dyn Nur (Viola), Rotem Miranda (Cello), Yonatan Shapiro (Piano)
Coached by Felix Nemirovsky and Asaf Zohar

14:45–15:30 — Master Class IV
L. Beethoven — String Quartet in C minor, Op. 18 No. 4
I. Allegro ma non tanto
Dana Tamir (Violin), Dror Toledano-Nevo (Violin), Noam Moato (Viola), Ori Nackash (Cello)
Coached by Tali Kravitz

15:30–15:40 — **Short Break**

15:40–16:30 — **The Art of Becoming a Musician**
A conversation with the members of the Jerusalem Quartet

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