

Organizing Academic Conferences

Israel as an Immigrant Society, Tel Aviv University, 25-27.1.1998

The Israeli Democracy 1948-1998, The Open University, 3-5.5.1998

Program Chair of the **23rd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies**:

“Israel as an Immigrant Society: Between the Melting Pot and Multiculturalism” held at the Open University, June 11-13, 2007

Organizing Academic Symposia at the Open University (in cooperation with Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi)

- “The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought,” 3 May 2005
- “Pilgrimage to Palestine,” 30 May 2005
- “Yemeni Jews in pre-State Palestine and in Israel,” 10 May 2006 (with Dr. Bat-Zion Eraqi-Klorman)
- “The Adventures of the Maccabeans and the Evolvement of Heroism Consciousness in Jewish History,” 22 December 2006 (with Dr. Rivka Nir)
- “Gender and Class in Nation Building Processes” (following the publication of the book *Redemption in Bondage: The Women Workers Movement in Eretz Israel 1920-1939*, by Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern), 18 April 2007
- “Rabbi Yehuda ha-Nasi: Scholar and Leader” (in honor of Aharon Oppenheimer), 8 February 2008

Organizing Panels in Academic Conferences

2001 **13th World Congress of Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel:

- “Writing Biography”

2002 **18th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Vail, CO:

- “Jewish Immigration from Muslim Countries to pre-State Israel: The Case of Yemen”
- “Mizrahi Jews in Israeli Society”

2002 **1st World Congress of Middle East Studies**, Mainz, Germany:

- “Jewish Immigration from Muslim Countries to Israel”

2003 **19th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, San Diego, CA:

- “Soviet Influences on Israeli Life”

2004 **20th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel:

- “Economy and Society in Mandatory Palestine: History and Historiography”
- “The Higher Education Revolution in Israel”

2005 **14th World Congress of Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel:

- “From Yishuv to Statehood”

- 2006 **22nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Banff (Canada):
- “Ideology and Pragmatism in Defining the Borders of the Jewish State”
- 2007 **39th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Toronto:
- “The Art and Politics of Writing Biographies in Israel” [double session]
- 2008 **24th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, New York:
- Meet the Author: Anita Shapira, Author of: *Yigal Allon: Native Son*
- 2008 **The 40th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Washington, DC:
- “Ha-Shomer ha-Tzair in Europe after the Holocaust: Shaping Collective Memory, Molding Common Future”
- 2009 **The 15th World Congress for Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, “‘A Signal Non-failure’?: The Kibbutz in Historical Retrospect”.

Invited Lectures

- “The Merhavva-Moscow Axis and its Collapse,” **The Soviet Union, Communism, Jews and Zionism**, Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, 3-4.2.2002 [Hebrew]
- “Palestine and Jewish Refugees from Nazi-Germany” (1); “Relations between Native Jewish Communities and the Refugees, 1933-1939: The Case of Palestine and Zionism” (2); “‘If I am not for myself, who will be for me’: The contemporary Israeli perception of the refugee crisis of the 1930s” (3), papers delivered at the workshop and the public presentation on **Refugees from Nazi-Germany in West-European border states, 1933-1939/1940**, organized by the Study and Documentation Centre on War and Contemporary Society, Brussels, January 15-17, 2004
- “The Holocaust as a Turning Point: From Jewish Solidarity to Zionist Commitment,” International Conference on **War, Holocaust, State: Sixty Years since the End of World War II**, Tel Aviv University and Israel Historical Society, 14-16 June 2005 [Hebrew]
- “Ha-shomer ha-tza’ir and the Arab Problem following the Arab Revolt,” **Researchers’ Conference on Seventy Years to the Palestinian-Arab Revolt 1936-1939**, Ben-Gurion Institute for the Research of Israel and Zionism and The Dayan Center, Tel-Aviv University, Sde Boker Campus, 16-17 May 2006 [Hebrew]
- “Where Has the ‘New Jew’ Been Shaped: In the ‘Old World’, in the ‘Desert’ or Was He ‘Born from the Sea’?,” **Workshop: The Idea of “The New Jew,”** The Cherick Center, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 11-12 April 2007 [Hebrew]
- “Illegal Immigration: The Impact of Time on Facts and Myth,” **The Cluster of Galilee Research Conferences**, Tel-Hai Academic College, 24.6.2008

Papers Delivered at Academic Conferences (selection)

- “Alterman’s ‘Seventh Column’ as a source for Research of the Yishuv’s Attitude Toward the Survivors of the Holocaust,” **The 23rd Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Boston, MA, December 15-17, 1991.
- “Immigration of Women to Palestine in the 1930s,” **Gender in the Teaching of Contemporary Jewish Civilization**, The International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Jerusalem, 10-14.7.1994.
- “Holocaust Survivors and the Struggle for a Jewish State: The Myth, the Anti-myth and ‘What Really Happened?’,” **The 30th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Boston, MA, December 20-22 1998
- “The Triple Role of American Jews in Illegal Immigration to Palestine 1945-1948,” **The 31st Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Chicago, December 19-21 1999
- “Bi-Nationalism in the Ideology and Praxis of Ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir: A Case of Optical Illusion,” **The 17th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Washington DC, May 15-17 2001
- “Meir Yaari: Collective Biography,” **13th World Congress of Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, August 2001.
- “Immigration of Jews from Yemen to Palestine in the 1930s: The Exception Illuminates the Rule,” **18th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Vail, CO, May 26-28, 2002
- “Jewish Immigration from Muslim Countries to Israel: A Comparative Perspective,” **1st World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies**, Mainz, Germany, September 8-13, 2002
- “Soviet Influences on Political and Cultural Codes of the Zionist Left,” **19th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, San Diego, CA, April 27-29, 2003
- “From ‘The Jewish State’ to ‘The Law of Return’: Herzl’s Vision of Mass immigration Put to Test,” **Herzl and His Vision in the Test of Time**,” Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, 4-6.5.2004 [Hebrew]
- “Immigration to Mandatory Palestine – Revisited,” **20th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Jerusalem, 14 June 2004
- “The Historical Kibbutz Leadership: Between Ideology and Collectivism,” **Third International Conference on Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations**, Russian Academy of Sciences and Russian State University for The Humanities, Moscow, Russia, 18-21 June 2004

- “The Israeli Left and the Soviet Union: Anatomy of a One-Sided Love Affair,” **36th Annual Conference Association for Jewish Studies**, Chicago, IL, December 19-21, 2004
- “What Really Happened in Bitanya-Ilit in the Year Tav-reish-pe-aleph?,” **Conference Presenting New Research Works on the Galilee**, Tel-Hai Academic College, 2-3 June 2005 [Hebrew]
- “The Zionist Left in the First Years of Statehood,” **14th World Congress of Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, 31 July-4 August 2005 [Hebrew]
- “Zionist Immigration Policy Put to the Test, 1948-1951,” **37th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Washington, DC, December 18-20, 2005
- “The Kibbutz as a Burden on the Israeli Left,” **The Eighth Conference on the Research of the Kibbutz and the Communes**, Giv’at Haviva, 8-10 May 2006 [Hebrew]
- “The Birth of a ‘Viable Jewish State in an Adequate Area of Palestine’: Paris, August 1946,” **22nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, Banff (Canada), 28-30 June 2006
- “Demography, Geography, and Catastrophe In Shaping Zionist Policy between the World Wars,” **38th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, San Diego, CA, December 17-19 2006
- “Decoding Enigmatic Leadership: Biographies of Kibbutz Movement’s Leaders,” **The 39th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Toronto, Canada, December 16-18 2007
- “Against Many Odds: Immigration of Jewish Women to Palestine between the World Wars,” **Seventh European Social Science History Conference**, Lisbon, Portugal, 26 February-1 March 2008
- “Israel’s Open Immigration Policy and Attempts at Restriction in Historical and Comparative Perspective,” **24th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies**, New York, May 19-21 2008
- “Ha-Shomer ha-Tzair after the Holocaust: Comradeship vs. Ideology,” **40th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies**, Washington DC, December 21-23, 2008
- “‘My Heart is in the East, and I am in the Farthest West’ and Vice Versa: Images of Europe and Palestine in Zionist Nostalgia,” **Coming Home? Conflict and Return Migration in the Twentieth Century**, An International conference hosted by the Centre for Transnational Studies, Department of Modern Languages, University of Southampton, 1-3 April 2009

- “Loyalties in Conflict: Mapam’s Vacillating Stance on the Military Government,” **25th Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies**, Beer Sheva [Sapir College), June 1-3, 2009
- “Historical Biography: Literary and Cultural Aspects” [Hebrew], **The 2009 NAPH International Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture** at University College, London, July 7-9 2009
- “The Keys to the Enigmatic Leadership of Meir Yaari; Charisma, Ideology and Organization” [Hebrew], **The 15th World Congress for Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem 2-6 August 2009

Active Participation in Academic Symposia (selection; mostly in Hebrew)

- “The Immigrants: The Silent Heroes of Illegal Immigration,” **Illegal Immigration: A Political and Human Drama**, Tel Aviv University, 10.11.1987
- “The Haganah in the ‘Bericha’ and the ‘Ha’apala’,” **70 Years of the “Haganah,”** The Elazar Memorial Association and the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies – Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, 8.5.1990
- “Zionism and Immigration from Muslim Countries in Pre-State Period,” **The Other and the Stranger**, The Open University, Tel Aviv, 5-6.2.1996
- “Illegal Immigration in Zionist Policy,” **From Selective Immigration to the Law of Return**, The Herzl Institute for the Study and Teaching of Zionism, University of Haifa, 10.3.1996
- “Zionist Immigration Policy in Transition from Yishuv to Statehood,” **Israel as an Immigrant Society**, Tel Aviv University, 25-27.1.1998
- “The Role of the Ha’apala in the Struggle for Palestine,” **The War of Independence Revisited**, Yad Yizhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, 5-6.5.1998
- “Sharett and Zionist Immigration Policy,” **Moshe Sharett – The Statesman and His Policy**, University of Haifa, 27-29.12.1999; Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, 16.5.2000
- “Jews-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine in the Israeli Historiographic Discourse,” **Mandatory Palestine: Colonial Reality / Dual Society**, The Open University, Tel Aviv, 29.5.2003
- “Ideological Collectivism: Paper Bonds,” **Ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir: Hopes, Illusions and Politics**, Tel Aviv University and Yad Ya’ary, Tel Aviv, 19.11.2003
- “The Second Aliya and the Zionist Left: Continuity, Rebellion, Acceptance,” **Hundred Years for the Second Aliya**, Tel Aviv University and Sapir Academic College, Tel Aviv, 24.2.2004

- “The Attitude of the Zionist Movement towards Jerusalem,” **Jerusalem: A City of Many Religions and Peoples**, The Open University of Israel, 30 December 2004
- “The Sailing of the ‘Pan’s Illegal Immigration Ships from Bulgaria in Historical Perspective,” **Immigration and Illegal Immigration from and through Bulgaria 1939-1949**, Tel Aviv University, 2 January 2005
- “Mapam’s Dual Struggle to Abolish the Military Government 1954-1966,” **Us and Our Neighbors: Mapam’s Path 1927-1977**, Tel Aviv University and Yad Yaari, 7 February 2005
- “The Big Brother Syndrome in Mapai-Mapam Relations,” **75 Years to the Founding of Mapai**, Tel Aviv University, 4 April 2005
- “Serni Activity in Germany: To Turn the Catastrophe into Lever for Building Up Palestine,” **Hundred Years to Enzo Serni Birth**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 7 April 2005
- “The Immigrants: The Silent Heroes of Illegal Immigration,” **Sixty Years to the End of the Second World War**, Haifa University, 8 May 2005, Lohamei ha-Geta’ot Museum
- “Unity and Division over the Partition of Palestine 1937-1947,” The Calgary Jewish Community Council and the Israel Studies Program, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Calgary, 16 October 2005
- “Publicist Writing for the Sake of Polemics – The case of Me’ir Ya’ari,” The Bronffman Center for Jewish Press, Tel Aviv University, 6 April 2006
- “From the Biographer’s Workshop: Where to Draw the Line between Curiosity and Peeping,” **Annual Conference of the Israeli Librarians Association**, The Open University, 28 June 2006
- “Zalman Schocken: ‘Homo Europeus’ between ‘Altneuland’ and America,” Symposium on Anthony David’s book *Sefer ha-Ma’asim*, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 12 September 2006
- “From the Author’s Workshop,” Symposium on my book “*B’Merutz Kaful Neged ha-Z’aman*,” Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 19 September 2006
- “When Did the Zionist Race Against Time End?,” Symposium on my book “*B’Merutz Kaful Neged ha-Z’aman*,” Tel Aviv University, 7 November 2006
- “Ben-Gurion and Meir Ya’ari: Statehood vs. Partisanship,” **David Ben-Gurion and His Contemporaries**, Inauguration of the Chair for Research of the History of Palestine (Eretz-Yisrael), Kinneret Academic College at the Jordan Valley, 5 December 2006
- “Alterman’s Seventh Column as a Historical Source,” Symposium on Mordechai Naor’s book *Ha-Tur ha-Shmini*, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 15 January 2007

- “Center-Periphery Relations between ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir in Poland and ha-Kibbutz ha-Artzi,” Symposium on Eli Zur’s book *Lifney Bo ha-Afela: ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir in Poland and Galicia 1930-1940*, Tel-Aviv [Yad Ya’ari], 21 February 2007
- “Leaders Against the Stream: The Historical Leadership of ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir from Biltmore to Lake Success,” **60 Years to 29 November: The Holocaust and the Establishment of the State of Israel**, University of Haifa and Lohamei ha-Geta’ot Museum, 26-27 November 2007
- “Mapai between Pioneering Ethos and Party Politics,” Symposium on **How to Build a State: Mapai and the Shaping the State of Israel in Early Independence**, Tel Aviv University, 14 January 2008
- “Illegal Immigration: From Inner-Zionist Competition to Rescue Efforts and Instrument in the Struggle against Britain,” **Zionism Put to Test of Time**, University of Haifa, 15 May 2008
- “Nostalgia in Zionist History and Historiography,” International Conference on **History and Memory** in Honor of Professor Anita Shapira, Tel Aviv University, 27-29 May 2008
- “The British Struggle against Jewish Illegal Immigration into Palestine as a Chapter in ‘The March of Folly’,” **The End of the British Mandate over Palestine: A view from and on Britain**, University of Haifa, 15 June 2008
- “The Historiography of the State of Israel,” “**The Warrior and Peace**” in Honor of **Mordechay Bar-On**, Tel Aviv University, 1 December 2008
- “The Youth Rebel of ha-Shomer ha-Tza’ir,” “**Children and Youth in Times of Revolution and National Turmoil**,” Tel Aviv University, 15 January 2009
- “Mass Immigration in the Early Years of Israel Statehood,” In Honor of **Orit Rozin’s book: Individual and Collective in 1950s’ Israel**, Tel Aviv University, 2 March 2009
- “The Appeal, Challenge and Threat of the PKP and Maki to the Zionist Left,” **90 Years to the Communist Party in Palestine / Israel**, Tel Aviv University and The Open University of Israel, 25 March 2009.
- “On The Literary Work of Nurit Gertz,” A conference on “**Identities in the Making**” in **Honor of Nurit Gertz**, The Open University of Israel and Tel Aviv University, 4-5 June 2009.
- “Territory and Demography in Zionist Ideology and Practice,” “**Zionism Put to the Test: Ideology, Vision and Reality**,” Bar Ilan University, 16 June 2009.
- An Overview of Moshe Lissak’s Historical Work, **A Tribute to Three books of, on and edited by Moshe Lissak**, Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi, Jerusalem 12 July 2009.

“Historical Origins of the 1947 Partition Plan,” In Honor of **Ruth Gavison (ed.)**, *The 60th Anniversary of November 29th: The Partition Resolution and the Controversy Surrounding It: Studies and Sources*, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, 2 September 2009.

“The Yishuv and the Holocaust: It’s Time for Synthesis,” in Honor of Dina Porat (editor) and Aviva Halamish (Associate Editor), *When Disaster Comes from Afar: Leading Personalities in the Land of Israel Confront Nazism and the Holocaust, 1933-1948* [Hebrew], Tel Aviv University and Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi, 15 September 2009.