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**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

**Hannah Arendt Saal**

13:30-14:00 **Greetings**

**Prof. Johannes Heil**, Erster Prorektor, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg

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14:00 **Dr. Esther Meir-Glitzenstein**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*From Refugees to Zionists and Back Again: History and Identity of Jews from Islamic Countries in Israel*

14:30 **Prof. Yochai Oppenheimer**, Tel Aviv University

*What is Mizrachi Writing?*

15:00 **Prof. Rina Ben Shahar**, Haifa University and Oranim Academic College of Education

*The Language of Mizrachi Figures in Modern Israeli Prose*

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Prof. Sasson Somekh**, Tel Aviv University

*Rhyme and Reason in Baghdad, Yesterday*

16:30 **Dr. Aline Schlaepfer**, Université de Genève

*“The Revolution of Ignorance”: Toward a Critique of Colonialism and Westernization by Jewish Writers in Baghdad*

17:00 **Dr. Uri Hollander**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*On Kitsch and Epos in Ronny Someck’s Poetry*

18:00 Dinner (by invitation)

19:00 An evening with the author **Ronny Someck**

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**Thursday, April 25, 2013**

**Hannah Arendt Saal**

10:00 **Prof. Nancy Berg**, Washington University

*Immigrant Narratives and the New Mizrachim*

10:30 **Hadas Shabat-Nadir**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Who is a Mizrachi Writer: Dan Pagis as a Test Case*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Prof. Heidy Margrit Müller**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

*On the Wings of Multilingualism. Tackling ‘Mizrahi’ Roots in Mona Yahia’s Novel “When the Grey Beetles Took Over Baghdad”*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Shimon Adaf**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*“We Don’t Have These Kind of Problems”: Aharon Almog and the Issue of Defining Mizrachi Literature*

14:30 **Prof. Gilead Morahg**, University of Wisconsin East and West in the Fiction of Abraham B. Yehoshua

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 **Dr. Batya Shimony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Achva Academic College

*Mizrahi Women’s Writing: A Panoramic View*

16:00 **Prof. Yigal Schwarz**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*The Leah Aini Project: Literature as an Act of Terror*

16:30 Meeting the author: **Leah Aini**