The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund
Conference on

New Directions:
Sephardi-Mizrahi Migrations in
Global Contexts

Monday-Thursday | December 16-19, 2019
Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan &
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev,
Sede Boqer Campus, Israel
Part I: Bar-Ilan University

Monday | December 16 | 18:00-21:00 | יומ ש尼 | 16 בדצמבר

Between Aliyah and Migration: Israeli perspectives
A public event in Hebrew (with simultaneous translation into English)

בין עלייה להגירה: פרספקטיבות ישראליות
אירוע פתוח לציבור

יו"ר, פרופ' לריסה רמניק, ראשת המחלקה לסוציולוגיה ולאנתרופולוגיה, אוניברסיטת בר-אילן

קבלה תנועה והרשמה - לובי בניין טכנולוגיה (קומה 206)

בכורת: 17:30

פרופ', גל אפשטיין, דיקן הפקולטה למדעי החברה, אוניברסיטת בר-אילן

פרופ', פולה קבלו, מנהלת מכון בן-גוריון לחקר ישראל והציונות, אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב

פרופ', ירון צור, מנהל אתר "עיתונות יהודית היסטורית", אוניברסיטת תל אביב

פרופ', אסתר מאיר-גליצנשטיין, אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב

רונן חחלילי - קטעים מתוך סדרת הטלוויזיה ושיחה עם הבמאי הצרפוקאים

Day 1 | Tuesday | December 17 | Bar-Ilan University

Feldman Senate Building (#301) - Weissfeld Conference Room

9:00 | Registration and light breakfast

9:30 | Opening session, Chair: Nissim Leon, Bar-Ilan University

Greetings: Yaron Harel, Dean, Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University

Opening Remarks: Larisa Remennick, Chair, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

"זאפרסקים" - קטעים מחודד סדרת התלוזStackSize שלמהodoxy והบาทך בין חלילים.
10:15 | France as a Jewish Hub | Chair: Ilan Greilsammer, Bar-Ilan University

Echoes from the Salonikan Diaspora in France, 1920s-1930s: Transnationalism, Networks, Businesses
Orly C. Meron, Bar-Ilan University

The Post-War Resettlement in France of the Jews of Algeria: Causes and Consequences
Shmuel Trigano, Université Paris Nanterre

From Morocco to the French Alps: Enrolment of Jewish Youth in the Aix Les Bains Yeshiva in the Second Half of the 20th Century
Itzhak Dahan, Bar-Ilan University

11:45 | Coffee break

12:00 | Gender Aspects I | Chair: Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University

From Damascus to Buenos Aires: Dreams and Reality of a Difficult Emigration and The Challenging Adaptation to a New Country
Sophia Menashe, University of Haifa

Gender, Sexuality and Collective Boundaries in a Syrian Sephardic Community: New York as a Case Study
Mijal Bitton, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, New York

13:00 | Break and buffet lunch

14:00 | Historical Trans-Regional Contacts | Chair: Shlomo Guzmen-Carmeli, Bar-Ilan University

Between *Haskalah* and Migration: The Case of Ottoman Jewry
Tamir Karkason, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Global Jewish Philanthropy: Partners in Solidarity 1918-1948
Sasha R. Goldstein-Sabbah, Leiden University

15:00 | Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives from the Americas | Chair: Raanan Rein, Tel Aviv University

Between Entrepreneurship and Mass Consumption: Syrian Jews during the "Happy Years" the Peronist Economy, 1946-1955
Silvina Schammah Gesser, Hebrew University and Bar-Ilan University, and Susana Brauner, UNTREF and UADE

Welding Religion into Sephardic Jewry: The Teshuva Movement in Latin America
Batia Siebzehner, The Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
17:00 | Trends and challenges in Latin America (session organized by AMILAT), Chair: Yaron Harel, Bar-Ilan University

Memory and Identity: A View from Latin America
Margalit Bejarano, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, AMILAT

Between the Suez Canal Crisis and the Six-Day War:
Mass Migrations of Egyptian Jews to Brazil (1956-1967)
Cecilia Galdabini, UNTREF-Buenos Aires

Sephardim, Oriental Jews, and Ashkenazim in the Zionist Movement in Argentina:
From Separate Paths to Cooperation
Silvia Schenkolewski-Krol, Bar-Ilan University, AMILAT

18:30 | Light dinner
Part II: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer Campus

The conference will be held at the Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

12:00 | Greetings and Introduction
Greetings: Tal Ohana, Mayor of Yeroham
Ofer Shiff, Head of World Jewry: Views from Israel Research Hub, CIS
Introduction: Aviad Moreno, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Israel and the Sephardi/Mizrahi Diaspora: New Directions

12:45 | KEYNOTE
Chair: Yaron Tsur, Tel Aviv University
Daniel Schroeter, University of Minnesota
Refugees from Arab Muslim Countries after 1948? Towards an Understanding of Forced Migration of Sephardi/Mizrahi Jews in Modern History

13:30 | Buffet Lunch

14:15 | Memory and Fragmented Homelands. Chair: Aomar Boum, UCLA
How do Turkish Muslims Remember Jews Today? From Physical Sites to Virtual
Louis Fishman, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
Jewish Migrations to Italy: Between Ruptures and Re-compositions
Liliana Piccioto, Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea-Center for Jewish Contemporary Documentation, Milan
The Jews of Egypt: Preserving Cultural Heritage in situ, Keeping the Memory of Loss Alive
Michèle Baussant, CNRS, Université Paris Nanterre and Institut Convergences Migrations
“We Were all Italian!’ The Construction of a ‘Sense of Italianness’ among Jews from Libya between the 1940s and 1960s”
Piera Rossetto, University of Graz

16:00 | Coffee Break

16:15 | Literary Diasporas (a session in honour of Dr. Nina Pinto Abecasis z”l);
Chair: David Guedj, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Other Shore: An Italian Literary History of the Sephardi Mediterranean
Dario Miccoli, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
The Ambiguity of Food Patterns in the Literature of Jews from Morocco
Emanuela Trevisan Semi, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
**17:15 | Coffee break**

**17:30 | North African Jewish Migration and Diaspora-Making I** | Chair: Adriana Brodsky, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

- **The Diversity of Canadian-Moroccan Migration**
  Yolande Cohen, Université du Québec à Montréal

- **Jewish Cultural Heritage Between France and Tunisia: Stakes and Future of a Jewish Museum in Tunis**
  Giorgia Foscarini, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

- **Polish and North African Jews in Interwar Paris**
  Magdalena Kozłowska, University of Warsaw

**19:00 | Dinner Event**

“Mevashlot”
Chair: Aryeh Tepper, CIS Research Fellow

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**Day 3 | Thursday | December 19**

**7:30 | Breakfast** (Dining Hall, at the high school)

**8:40 | Shuttle to Conference from Dorms and Field School**

**9:00 | Gender II**
Chair: Pnina Motzafi-Haller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- **Generous Giving: Women and Philanthropy in the Syrian-Jewish Community of Mexico City**
  Paulette Kershenovich Schuster, AMILAT, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- **Gender, Cultural Capital and Social Networks: Migration of Moroccan Jewish Widows**
  Michal Ben Ya’akov, Efrata College for Education

**10:00 | Coffee Break**

**10:15 | North African Jewish Migration and Diaspora-Making II**
Chair: Andre Levy, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

  Angy Cohen, Concordia University
From Casablanca to Houston: A Family Story
Julie Fette, Rice University

From Morocco to Argentina; from Argentina to Israel? Home(s) and the Life Trajectories of Young Sephardim: 1960s-1970s
Adriana M. Brodsky, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

Between Morocco and the Diasporic Centers: The Rise of a Global Moroccan Judaism
Aomar Boum, UCLA

12:00 | Coffee and Snacks

12:15 | Return to Spain | Chair: Aimée Israel-Pelletier, University of Texas

Spectacles of Citizenship:
Sephardi Political Belonging and the Inscribing of Civil Loyalties
Allyson Gonzalez, Yale University

From Proscription to Official recognition:
The Long Way Towards the Establishment of Jewish Communities in Spain
Nitai Shinan, National Library of Israel

Between Protection and Cultural Proselytism towards Sephardi Jewish Communities in Morocco
Ricardo Muñoz Solla, Salamanca University

Ben Krimo: A Moroccan Jewish Emigre among Republican Fighters during the Spanish Civil War
Asher Salah, Bezalel Academy

14:15 | Lunch

15:30 | Iraq and Yemen: Perspectives from/on the East
Chair: Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Migration as a Continuing Phenomenon in the History of Iraqi Jews
Esther Meir Glitzenstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Yemenite Jews in the Red Sea region: A New Diaspora between Ethiopia, Egypt, Palestine and Yemen
Menashe Anzi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

An Indian-Ocean Diaspora? Regional Migration of Mesopotamian and Yemeni Jews
Shaul Marmari, Dubnow Institut, Leipzig

Refreshments and Parting Remarks
Shuttles back to Be’er Sheva, Kfar Maccabiah and Tel Aviv
Academic Committee:

**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**
Aviad Moreno

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