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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 Boger Campus, Israel



Part I: Bar-Ilan University

Monday | December 16 | 18:00-21:00 | יום שני | 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

(#206) קבלת פנים והרשמה – לובי בניין הנאנו-טכנולוגיה (17:30

:18:00 ברכות:

פרופ' גיל 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

מאיר-גליצנשטיין, אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב | 18:15

מבט כללי על המחקר הישראלי בתחום עליית יהודי ארצות האסלאם: לאן מכאן?

18:30 | חוקרים ומהגרים: מבט אקדמי ואישי

פרופ' משה בר אשר, חתן פרס ישראל בלשונות היהודים וד"ר דוד הררי, חתן פרס ישראל להנדסה משוחחים עם פרופ' ירון הראל ופרופ' נסים ליאון, אוניברסיטת בר-אילן

19:30 | הפסקת קפה

19:45 | "**הצרפוקאים**" – קטעים מתוך סדרת הטלוויזיה ושיחה עם הבמאי **רון כחלילי**

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. *Jewish People on the Move: Between East and West*

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

Sephardi Migration in the 21st Century: the Changing Landscape of Memory and Identity

Henry Green, University of Miami

First Sephardi/Mizrahi Jews in Modern Bogota (Colombia)

Aliza Moreno-Goldschmidt, National Library of Israel

16:45 | Coffee break

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

Day 2 | Wednesday | December 18

8:00 | Shuttles from Kfar HaMaccabia Hotel to Be'er-Sheva

10:00 | "A Packed Life", an art exhibition on the migratory experience of Tunisian Jewry to Israel by the artist Daniella Meller and the curator Prof. Haim Maor **Trumpeldor Gallery**, Be'er Sheva's old city

11:00 | Shuttles from 19 Trumpeldor St., Be'er-Sheva to Sede Boger Campus

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 Reaserch Fellow

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 WidowsMichal 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

"Selquea": An Ethnographic Study of Religious Attitudes of the Spanish-Moroccan Community of Buenos Aires (1929-2012)

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-1970sAdriana 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

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