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A Guide to Israeli Speakers Visiting The United States 2011-12

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The following list includes information about Israeli speakers who can lecture about various topics. When you contact them, we would appreciate if you mention that you were referred by the Embassy of Israel.

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<i>Law, Peace, and Human Rights</i>	Offer Ashkenazi Aryeh Green Ilan Fuchs
<i>Jewish Studies</i>	Menachem Mor Nurit Novis-Deutsch Morris Podolak Zvi Stampfer



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Dr. Sarai Aharoni is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Research Fellow at the Jerusalem Van-Leer Institute. She received her Ph.D. in Gender Studies from Bar-Ilan University, writing her dissertation on gender perspectives and the participation of Israeli women in formal Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. She has published articles on gender, peace and conflict in Israel and co-edited the book *Where Are All the Women? U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325: Gender Perspectives of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (2004). She is currently working on *Gender and „Peace-Work“: An Unofficial History of Israeli-Palestinian Formal Peace Negotiations*. Professor Aharoni is one of the founding members of the IWC (International Women's Commission) and has been active in promoting women's rights in Israel as a member of Isha l'Isha- Haifa Feminist Center.

TOPICS

The Participation of Israeli Women in Formal Peace Negotiations

Silent Witnesses: Women in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict;

Gender, Conflict and Memory in the Mediterranean

Gender and Politics; and Feminism in Israel.



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Professor Yonah Alexander is currently a Senior Fellow at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and Director of its International Center for Terrorism Studies. Concurrently, he is Director of the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies and Co-Director of the Inter-University Center for Legal Studies. Both are consortia of universities and think tanks throughout the world. In addition, Professor Alexander directed the Terrorism Studies program (George Washington University) and the Studies in International Terrorism (State University of New York). Educated at Columbia University (Ph.D.), the University of Chicago (M.A.), and Roosevelt University of Chicago (B.A.), Professor Alexander taught at: The George Washington University, The American University, the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University, Haifa University, The City University of New York, and The State University of New York. Prof. Alexander is founder and editor-in-chief of three international journals: *Minorities and Group Rights*; *Terrorism*; and *Political Communication and Persuasion*. He

TOPICS

Terrorism: Will Civilization Survive

Middle East Terrorism

Terrorism and Israel;

Terrorism and the U.S.

has published over 95 books on the subjects of international affairs and terrorism. His 2008 publications include Evolution of U.S. Counterterrorism Policy: A Documentary Collection (3 Vols.); Turkey: Terrorism, Civil Rights, and the European Union; and The New Iranian Leadership: Terrorism, Nuclear Ambition, and the Middle East. Terrorism on the High Seas: From Piracy to Strategic Challenge and Terrorists in Our Midst: Professor Alexander has appeared on many television and radio programs in over 60 countries. He recently participated in discussions related to maritime terrorism, al-Qaida, and the Mumbai attack on al-Jazeera, Syrian, Swedish, Turkish, Indian, Voice of America, and CNN. His op-ed articles and interviews were published in both the United States and the international press.



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Dr. Gil Ariely is the CKO (Chief Knowledge Officer) of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and a Senior Researcher at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. He initiated the field of Operational Knowledge Management in the IDF Ground Forces in 2001 and helped lead the efforts of learning during fighting in the 2006 war in Lebanon. He was the first CKO of the Ground Forces IDF and has written the Army's first doctrine book on Operational Knowledge Management and Learning. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Westminster, London. Professor Ariely lectures on Operational Knowledge Management and Learning during fighting at the High Command Academic Courses of the IDF and at other international academic forums. He has consulted on Knowledge Management and Intellectual Capital to large organizations and government services around the

TOPICS

*Counter Terrorism
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*Operational
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*Learning while
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*Social Network
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Adversary Networks
to Enable
Intervention*

*Global Views of
Knowledge Sharing*



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Shlomi Arnon is an Associate Professor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Ben-Gurion University (BGU), Israel. Professor Arnon's honors and awards include SPIE Fellow and Fulbright Fellow. During 1998-1999 Professor Arnon was a Postdoctoral Associate (Fulbright Fellow) at LIDS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA. His research has produced more than sixty journal papers in the area of optical, satellite and wireless communication. During part of the summer of 2007, he worked at TU/e and PHILIPS LAB, Eindhoven, Nederland on a novel concept of a dual communication and illumination system. He was visiting professor during the summer of 2008 at TU Delft, Nederland. He was an associate editor for the Optical Society of America - Journal of Optical Networks, and the IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications for a special issue on optical wireless communication in 2006 and 2009 respectively. He is the Principal Investigator of Israel Partnership with NASA LUNAR science Institute. In addition to research, Prof Arnon and his students work on many challenging engineering projects with special emphasis on the humanitarian dimension. For instance, a long-standing project has dealt with developing a system to detect human survival after earthquakes, or Infant respiration monitoring system to prevent cardiac arrest and Apnea.

TOPICS

*Digital
Communication*

*Mobile
Communication*

*Optical Wireless
Communication*

*Fiber
Communication
Basic Principles*

*Satellite
Communication*



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Dr. Ofer Ashkenazi is a Teaching Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Haifa. His research interests include German-Jewish history, Zionist history and the international peace movement of the interwar years. He received his Ph.D. in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His numerous publications addressing Zionism, Germany and films include the forthcoming book, *A Walk into the Night: Madness and Subjectivity in Weimar Film*. Many of his classes address the portrayal of national identity in films, particularly in Israel and Germany. Professor Ashkenazi is currently working on a book addressing pre-1948 Jewish sport and body-culture in Palestine.

TOPICS

*Albert Einstein on
Zionism and Peace*

*A Guide to Hidden
Israel, Current
Israeli Films*

*Post-Traumatic
Humor in Israel and
German Media*

*Jewish Sport and
Body Culture in
Modern Israel.*



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Bernard Avishai is adjunct Professor of Business at Hebrew University. Most recently, he was Visiting Professor at the Fuqua School of Business and Senior Fellow at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University; and before this, Director of the Zell Entrepreneurship Program, at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. From 1986 to 1991, Avishai was strategy and technology editor of Harvard Business Review. He went on to be the head of product development at Monitor Company, the global consulting firm, and was then International Director of Intellectual Capital at KPMG LLP.

TOPICS

The Olmert-Abbas Negotiations: A Peace Plan That Still Could Be

The Palestinian Economy: The Promise—and Limits—of “Economic Peace”

Why Peace Activists Should Oppose Boycott and Divestment

The Hebrew Republic: The Only Possible Jewish and Democratic State

Avishai has written widely on the Middle East conflict for The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books, Harper's, Fortune, The Nation, Haaretz, and many other publications. Most recently, he wrote the cover story on the Olmert-Abbas negotiations for The New York Times Magazine, “A Plan For Peace Plan That Still Could Be.” He is author of The Hebrew Republic: How Secular Democracy and Global Enterprise Will Bring Israel Peace At Last, (Harcourt, 2008), The Tragedy of Zionism: How Its Revolutionary Past Haunts Israeli Democracy, (Farrar, Straus; 2nd. Edition, paper, Helios Press) and A New Israel: Democracy in Crisis, 1973-1988, (Ticknor and Fields).

Avishai holds a Ph.D. in political economy from the University of Toronto, and a B.A. (Honors) in history from McGill. He was awarded the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in 1987 for his work on the writer Arthur Koestler, which has appeared in the New Yorker, Partisan Review, and Salmagundi. His new book, Promiscuous: Portnoy's Complaint and Our Doomed Pursuit of Happiness, will be published by Yale in February 2012. He blogs at TPM Café, Al Arabiya English, and bernardavishai.com.



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David Baker is the Jerusalem-based Senior Foreign Press Coordinator of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. A native of New York City, David liaises between the Prime Minister's Office and the international press corps, explaining the Prime Minister's policies, "marketing" Israeli government spokespeople to the international media and serving on the front lines of Israel's media battleground. David lectures extensively in North America, both on university campuses and within the Jewish and Christian communities. Prior to his work in the Prime Minister's office, David worked as a writer and editor for the Ministry of Education's international relations division and as a journalist for several English-language publications in Israel. He graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo and made Aliyah to Israel in 1985. David holds the rank of Captain as a reserve officer in the IDF Spokesperson's Unit.

TOPICS

Israel in the Press

Israeli Government

Diplomatic Missions of Israel

Immigrants to Israel



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The area of her research is the Jewish folk narrative, combining the ethnographic and poetic aspects of the subject. The ethnographic aspect is manifested in the recording of folk narratives in their natural environment, while examining the storytelling event, narrator-audience relations, the narrative as a communicative process, and the performance itself. She has studied such poetic aspects as character, space, and narration and the components of communication, among others. These studies have been carried out while relating to various genres, such as wonder tale and legends of different types. Her research emphasizes different research approaches, examining their contribution to interpreting and gaining an understanding of the text. She has published a book on the subject titled "Pioneers of Jewish Ethnography and Folkloristics in Eastern Europe," as well as an article "'Walking Barefoot in the Land of Israel': Mythicization and De-Mythicization in Contemporary Kibbutz Narratives"

TOPICS

Israeli Folk Narratives: Settlement, Immigration, and Ethnicity



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TOPICS

US-Israel Relations

The Peace Process

The Holocaust

Media Bias



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Itai Benhar—Full Professor and chairman of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology at Tel-Aviv University Israel. Prof. Benhar received in 1992 a PhD in Molecular Biology from the Hebrew University, Hadassah Medical School Jerusalem, Israel, where he studied control of bacterial gene expression. Prof. Benhar did his post doctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute, NIH, working with Dr. Ira Pastan on recombinant immunotoxins.

In 1995, Prof. Benhar joined the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology of the George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences as a tenure-track assistant professor. Prof. Benhar received tenure at 2002, and became an associate professor in 2005 and a full professor in 2008. In 2007 Dr. Benhar was appointed as Department Chairman.

Prof. Benhar's is an expert and opinion leader in the field of antibody engineering. Over the 18 years of being active in that field, he prepared several phage display libraries from which antibodies against numerous targets were isolated. Prof. Benhar publishes 68 research papers, wrote 10 book chapters and submitted 8 patent applications. Research in Prof. Benhar's group is currently focused on three major topics: 1) evaluation of novel formats of antibody-toxin fusion proteins as potential anti-cancer agents. 2) Evaluation of death switches that are activated by viral proteases for potential eradication of virus-infected cells. 3) Application of filamentous phages as targeted drug-carrying nanomedicines. Research in Prof. Benhar's lab is currently funded with grants from the Israeli Health ministry, the Israel Cancer Association and the Israel Science Foundation.

TOPICS

Microbiology

*Biological Drugs-
Research and
Development*

*Antibody
engineering*



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Dr. Yuval Benziman is a post-doc visiting professor in the Gildenhorn Institute for Israeli Studies. He teaches in the Tel-Aviv University in the Conflict Resolution and Mediation program. He also works for the Geneva initiative and has a weekly column in the Israeli newspaper "Israel Hayom". Yuval's field of research is Israeli culture and how the Israeli-Arab conflict is seen in it. His Ph.D., from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, deals with the way the conflict is manifested in Israeli cultural texts during the 1980s. He spoke at the Nova Jewish Film Festival in 2011 as well as the JStreet DC conference in February.

TOPICS

*The Israeli-Arab
Conflict in Israeli
Cultural Texts of
the 1980's*



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TOPICS

Image of the Jew in Arab Cinema

Revolutions in Arab World

Cinema predicting revolutions, in the Arab World and beyond

Image of the Jew in World Cinema

PLO, Hamas, and their historical narratives



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Maina Chawla Singh, is an Associate Professor at the University of Delhi, a Senior Associate Fellow, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University and a Scholar-in-Residence, American University, Washington DC. Dr. Singh's previous research has focused on gender and colonialism especially the work of missionary women and the history of colonial medicine. In addition to numerous essays and articles, Singh is the author of *Gender, Religion, and "Heathen Lands": American Missionary Women in South Asia (1860s – 1940s)*, (New York: 2000). 2005-2008: Singh researched and lectured in Israel at Bar-Ilan, Haifa and Tel Aviv universities. Her recent book *"Being Indian, Being Israeli"* (2009) is based on field-work done among Indian Jews in Israel. It examines issues of ethnicity, migration, gender and identity. Singh is currently working on the Migration Narratives of first-generation Indian-Jewish women who came from Bombay, Calcutta and Cochin in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s and were settled in moshavs, „development towns“ and elsewhere in Israel. In 2008, Singh was Scholar-in-Residence, Haddasah-Brandeis Institute In 2009, Fellow at Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University. Since 2010, Singh has offered courses on "Migration, Ethnicity and Identity in Israeli Society" at Georgetown University and on Indian Diaspora at American University.

TOPICS

Being Indian, Being Israeli : Aliya and Identity Among Indian Jews in Israel

We are Not Mizrahi, we are Indian Jews : Indian Jewish Women in Israel

Jewish Girlhood in India : Narratives of Indian-Israeli Women



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TOPICS

The Temple Mount-Juncture of Beliefs, History and Politics

*The "Art" of Zealots
The Jewish-Israeli Case*

Jewish Women and Revolutionary Movements.

Liberal or Zionist?



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TOPICS

Ambiguity or Ambivalence?

*The Anti-Cosmopolitan Liberal
Isaiah Berlin*

The Voyage of a Metaphor "Jewish Normalization" and the Dialects of Zionism

Tel Aviv: State, City, Symbol



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In 1990 he received his B.A from the Department of Film and Television and Department of Psychology at Tel Aviv University. In 2009 he received his PhD. Phil in cultural Studies at the University of East London. His dissertation topic was *The Father's Return in the Modern European Cinematic Odysseys*. Between 2001 and 2010 he has been the head of the film and television school at Sapir College, the initiator and director of Cinema South Festival, and chief director of Cinema South. He has focused on several areas of teaching, including but not limited to "directing and production for diploma film", "The European Cinema", "cinematic language", and "The European Journey Films- a psychoanalytic reading."

TOPICS

Israeli Cinema

*Documentary
Films from the
south of Israel*

*Psychoanalysis
and films*



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Dr. Yarden Fanta-Vagenshtein is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, department of human development and psychology. In 1985 when she emigrated from Ethiopia to Israel, she did not know how to read or write. In 2005, she completed her Ph.D. in education, becoming the first Ethiopian woman to earn a doctorate in Israel. Dr. Fanta-Vagenshtein was a teaching fellow at Tel Aviv's School of Education, Science and Technology (2002-2007); presented key Israeli educational and political issues to world leaders as Emissary for the State of Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel (1997-2005); and served on the board of directors overseeing Israel's Community Centers for the Ministry of Education (1994- 2000). Dr. Fanta-Vagenshtein's field of research examines how illiterate immigrants' adapt to modern societies, specifically Ethiopian assimilation in Israel.

TOPICS

*Adaptation of
illiterate
immigrants to
modern countries;
specifically
Ethiopian
assimilation
in Israel*



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Dr. Ilan Fuchs is a Professor of secular and religious law at Bar-Ilan University. His research focuses on women in Jewish law as well as general Israeli legal issues. He received his Ph.D. in Law from Bar-Ilan University and received his Rabbinic Ordination from Bar-Ilan University's Institute for Higher Torah Learning. He clerked at the Israeli Supreme Court for its Registrar, Judge Oded Shaham and Justice Elyakim Rubenstein. He has published several articles addressing women's rights in Israel, specifically under modern Orthodox law. Professor Fuchs has taught classes on Israeli constitutional law, legal theory, legal writing, Jewish law, Jewish family law and the history of Chasidism.

TOPICS

Religion and State

*Israeli
Constitutional
Law*

*The Settlement
Movement.*



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*Stem Cell
Research*



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TOPICS

Current events in Israel and the Middle East

A new approach to Israel’s media relations:

Human Rights & Freedom in the Middle East

Human Rights in Jewish Sources

The New Anti-Semitism



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Counterterrorism

International Security

Israel Defense Forces



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Born and raised in New Hampshire, Adam moved to Israel in 1990 because he felt a deep connection to the country and the people. Joining the military was more about shouldering his responsibility as a member of the community than a personal mission to experience life as a soldier. To his great surprise, he discovered that the Israeli military culture - its pursuit of excellence, focus on collaboration without regard for rank, and high moral standards - were a great fit. Adam has served with a Paratrooper unit and a Special Operations reserve unit since 1990. In 2000, Harmon returned to the US for work, but returned to participate in Operation Defensive Shield in 2002. In 2003, he served in Jenin and conducted operations that led to the capture of a key Islamic Jihad leader and several suicide bombers. Since 2003, Harmon has consulted for the US Marine Corps, the US Army, and RAND Corp on counter-terror best practices. He participated in the US Army's premiere war-game, Unified Quest, and has lectured at the US Army Combat Institute. In 2006, Random House published his book, *Lonely Soldier: Memoir of an American in the Israeli Army*, which describes his experiences with the IDF from 1990 to 2003. He is a regular guest on CNN, Fox, and NPR during moments of crisis in the Middle East because he's able to articulate the complex challenges that Israel faces in a way that is readily understandable to an audience.

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The Political Consequences of Military Operations: Israel Between 2000-2009

The IDF: Getting Beyond the Headlines



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TOPICS

Israel's geopolitical dilemma: A Jewish and democratic state within defensible borders

The future borders between Israel and the Palestinian Authority

Jews and Arabs in Israel: Scenarios and recommendations



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Edward (Edy) Kaufman was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed the first two years of Political Science and Diplomacy at the Universidad del Litoral (Rosario) and the School of Architecture (Buenos Aires), and then came to live in Israel. Kaufman holds BA and MA degrees in Political Science, International Relations and Sociology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a doctorate in diplomatic history from the University of Paris and conducted post-doctoral studies in quantitative social research methods at the University of Michigan. Edy was the first to introduce the subject of human rights within the teaching of the social sciences at Hebrew University and UCLA and has dedicated a great part of his time in the teaching and training of conflict resolution in Israel and worldwide, lecturing in more than forty countries and fifty two universities within the United States and Canada. He is the author and editor of thirteen books and close to seventy academic articles, including co-authoring with eight Palestinian colleagues. Through his involvement in human rights and peace organizations, Edy has contributed to the 'international citizens lobby' on both issues. He has committed himself to the protection of human rights within Israel he has been Honorary Secretary of the Public Council for Jews in the Arab Countries. At the global level Edy was the founder of Amnesty International in Jerusalem and spent a sabbatical working at the International Secretariat, later to become one of the longest serving members of Nobel Peace laureate organization's International Executive Committee

TOPICS

*Arab-Israeli
Conflict*

*Latin American
and Human Rights*

*Conflict
Resolution*

*Israeli and
Palestinian
Refugees*



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Dr. Aziza Khazzoom was a Professor of sociology at UCLA from 2000 to 2007. She is an expert in the ethnic diversity of Israel and was awarded the Fleg Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses on the multifaceted ethnic composition of Israeli society and how well those groups blend together to form an Israeli identity. She concentrates on Jews from Middle Eastern countries, especially Iraq, as well as women's socialization and modernization from among those traditional cultures. Professor Khazzoom has been widely published in scholarly journals in addition to authoring the book *Shifting Ethnic Boundaries and Inequality in Israel: Or, How the Polish Peddler Became a German Intellectual* (2008)

TOPICS

*The Power of
Identity: Orientalism
and Shifting Ethnic
Boundaries in Israel*

*Inequalities Among
Jews in Israel*

*Ethnic and Cultural
Divisions in Israel
and how they
Impact Israeli
Identity*



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Rami Kimchi is the head of the Television and Film Studies department at Ariel University of Samaria School of Communications. He has produced two films: Cinema Egypt, about his mother who was born in Egypt and immigrated to Israel. It discusses artists collaboration between Jews and Arabs in Egyptian culture. His second is Father Language, a documentary on a Sephardic Rabbinical Seminary in Rhodes, through the eyes of his father and best friend who both attended it.

TOPICS

Select Topics in Israeli Film

Gender and Nation Israeli Cinema

Zionism and Peace in Israeli Cinema.



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Professor Lazin has authored over sixty scholarly articles and chapters in books. He has written and edited ten books dealing with public policy in the United States, Israel and developing countries, Israeli politics and society and Jews in American politics. He received the Israel Political Science Association's award for the outstanding English language book on politics in 2005 for The Struggle for Soviet Jewry in American Politics; Israel versus the American Jewish Establishment. His pioneering research on the response of American Jewish organizations to German Jewish refugees in the 1930s opened a new field in Holocaust Studies. His latest book Higher Education and Equality of Opportunity: Cross-National Perspectives was published in October 2010.

TOPICS

Jews in American Politics

Israel American Relations

Israel's Changing Collective Identity.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict; a Historical Perspective

American Christian Leaders and the Struggle for Soviet Jewry

Religious & Ethnic Conflict among Jews in Israel.



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Ronit D. Leichtentritt is a senior lecturer in the Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University, Israel. Her research interests include interpersonal and social justice issues with special attention to justice issues at times of loss and dying. Her research has focused on attitudes, meanings and values surrounding end-of-life decisions as well as the experiences of bereaved individuals lacking social recognition to their loss (disenfranchise grief). In the last year her interests focus on the silenced experience of feticide. Feticide involves both end-of-life decision and the experience of disenfranchise grief. Feticide is a relatively recent development in medical technology related to the practice of late termination of pregnancy. The procedure involves injecting potassium chloride into the fetal heart to stop it from beating prior to induction of labor. The process is used in termination of pregnancy where the fetus has reached an age of viability. The practice of feticide and those that are engaged with it at a personal level are under-researched from a social science perspective. Dr. Leichtentritt studies address this lacuna while revealing the experiences of the bereaved parents.

TOPICS

End of Life Decisions in Israel

Disenfranchise Grief Experiences in Israel

Feticide – the legal aspect, as well as the experience of bereaved parents.



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TOPICS

*Israeli Media
Israel memory wars*

*The Shaping of the
Israeli Memory of
the Holocaust*

*Professional and
Personal Reflections
on the Journalism of
Nechemia Meyer*



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TOPICS

Jewish Revolts in the Ancient World and During the Time of Jesus

Jews, Pagans and Christians in Ancient Palestine

Bar Kochba: Inventing Jewish Radicalism

Higher Education in Israel

History of Israel



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TOPICS

Psychology of Religion

Religious Jewish Identity

Jewish Religious Pluralism



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TOPICS

Do high power electric wires pose a health problem?

Could a covalent chemical bond be broken by cooling? Or, the quaternary structure of proteins

What determines bacterial cell cycle in the absence of a cell nucleus?

The mechanism of action of an antiangiogenic drug.

Controlling cell death: apoptosis, necrosis and autophagy.



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Dr. Nahshon Perez is a Professor of political science who spent the 2009-10 academic year as a visiting scholar at UCLA's Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. His research interests include both Israel Studies and political theory. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has written multiple articles and publications addressing illiberal communities, Israeli society and pluralism and market created pressures including "Why Tolerating Illiberal Groups is Often Incoherent: On Internal Minorities, Liberty, 'Shared Understandings' and Skepticism" in *Social Theory and Practice* (2010). Professor Perez is currently working on "Discrimination vs. Permissible Preferential Treatment in U. of Haifa's Dormitories, or, When Cicero Met Adalah in the Cafeteria" for *Israel Affairs*.

TOPICS

Pluralism and Markets – How Market Dynamics Pressure Small Cultural Communities

Issues in Israel's Ultra-Orthodox Community the State of Israel.



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Professor Yoram Peri is the Head of the Rothschild Caesarea School of Communication and the Head of the Chaim Herzog Institute for Media, Politics, and Society. He is also professor of Political Sociology and Communication in the Department of Communication at Tel Aviv University. He is former political advisor to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and former Editor-in-chief of the Israeli daily, Davar. Professor Peri published extensively on Israeli society, media and politics.

TOPICS

Israeli Army

*Media and
Politics in
Israel*

*Yitzhak
Rabin*

*Middle East
Peace Process*



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Morris Podolak was born in 1949 and was raised mostly in Brooklyn, NY. He did his undergraduate studies at Brooklyn College, and earned his doctorate in astrophysics from Yeshiva University in 1974. After post-doctoral study at Princeton University, Morris made aliya in 1976 and went to work at Tel Aviv University, where he is currently a professor of planetary science in the Department of Geophysics and Planetary Sciences. His research centers on understanding the physical processes that were involved in forming our solar system and similar systems around other stars; he has authored over 100 papers on this subject. He is a member of several international collaborations, including the Rosetta mission to a comet. As an orthodox Jew, his interest in the genesis of planetary systems has forced him to think hard about the interface between science and religion, and he has often lectured on different aspects of this complex issue. He is married and the father of five.

TOPICS

*G-d makes worlds
and destroys
them*

*Is Astronomical
Photography
Permitted?*

*Why it is
Dangerous to use
Science to Prove
Torah*

*What is Birkat
Hachama?*

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TOPICS

Government and Politics in Israel,

Public Administration and Policy in Israel.



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TOPICS

The formation of the solar system.

Planets around other stars and life on other worlds.

Explosions of massive stars and formation of black holes.



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Dr. Rhona Seidelman's field of expertise is in quarantine, disease, and immigration in Israel. She received her Ph.D. in Israeli History and the History of Medicine from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and her dissertation is the first scholarly work written on the history of Shaar Haaliya, "Israel's Ellis Island." She has published widely on the subject of health and immigration in Israeli history. Her recent publications include "Immigrants, Disease and the "Zionist Ethos" in Haaretz (2009) and "That I Won't Translate: The Experiences of a Family-Member Medical Interpreter in a Multi-Cultural Environment" in the Mt. Sinai Journal of Medicine (with Bachner, forthcoming). Professor Seidelman challenges conventional definitions of quarantine and highlights the contradictions involved in the quarantine of immigrants during Israel's foundational years. She uses the issues of health, disease and medicine as an entry into discussion on belonging, exclusion and power.

TOPICS

A History of Shaar Haaliya, Israel's Ellis Island

Health and Zionism

Between Bombs and Bread: Working for Co-Existence in Israel during the Second Intifada

The History of Medicine in Israel.



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Assaf Sheleg is a musicologist who focuses on the music of Israel and the Jewish people. He has analyzed the songs of Israeli pioneers through the aftermath of Israel's wars, to see the challenges confronting Israel and the Jewish people as reflected in their music. He was the visiting Israeli Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis in 2009-2010.

TOPICS

The Soundtrack of Israeli History and Music in the Holocaust



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TOPICS

Cultural, judicial and philosophical interaction between Jews and Muslims

Judeo-Arabic literature and culture

Jewish-Muslim relations during the Middle Ages



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TOPICS

Implant Dentistry

Periodontology



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TOPICS

War of the Word: how language has been hijacked in the campaign against Israel's legitimacy.



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TOPICS

Medical Devices

Robotics



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TOPICS

*Pre-Classical
Anatolian
Archaeology and
Ethno-Archaeology*



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TOPICS

*The Myth of place in
Contemporary
Israeli Cinema*

*The Desert In
Contemporary
Israeli Cinema*

*Jerusalem as a
Sacred Place*

*War and The Myth
of the Binding
(Ha'keda) in Israeli
Cinema*

*Woman under Fire:
War and woman in
Israeli Cinema*