



The American Studies Program
The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities
Tel Aviv University

Literary Spaces And Jewish Languages

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 • Gilman Building 496

Symposium in Honor of Prof. Hana Wirth-Nesher

9:30-9:45 Gathering and Coffee

9:45-10:15 Greetings

Chair: **Dr. Noam Reisner**

Prof. Raanan Rein, Vice-President of Tel Aviv University

Prof. Leo Cory, Dean of the Humanities

10:15-11:15 Chair: Prof. Shirley Sharon-Zisser

Keynote Lecture:

"Dublin, Tel Aviv, New York;

City Notes: Mapping a Friendship"

Prof. Marilyn Reizbaum, Bowdoin College

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-11:45 Reading from Virginia Woolf –

Gaya Traub

11:45-12:30 Modernism and Beyond

Chair: Dr. Roi Tartakovsky

"A Lunatic's Wave" - **Eran Edry**

"On the Road to New Horizons, with Hana and

Paul Auster" - **Dr. Ilana Shiloh**

"Literature, Ethics and Cultural Heritage:
A Conversation with Hana Wirth-Nesher" -
Maya Klein

12:20-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Chair: Dr. Hedda Ben-Bassat

Keynote: "Henry James and Kabbalah" –

Prof. Jonathan Freedman, University of
Michigan, Ann Arbor

14:30-14:45 Break

14:45-15:00 Musical interlude - **Yael Cohen**

15:00-15:45 Jewish-American Literature

Chair: Dr. Ron Ben-Tovim

"Jewish-American Poetry, Modernism, and Walt
Whitman" - **Dr. Dara Barnat**

"Possible Worlds: Roth and Chabon's
Alternative Histories" - **Dr. Yael Maurer**

"Between Germany and the Middle East:
Thinking and Writing about the Holocaust and
Israel/Palestine" - **Dr. Nina Fischer**

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Chair: Dr. Jonathan Stavsky

Keynote lecture: "Yiddish Orality in an Age of
Digital Reproduction" – **Prof. David Roskies**,
Jewish Theological Seminary

17:00-17:15 Musical Interlude – **Esti Nissim**

17:15-17:45 Yiddish Literature

Chair: Anna Kissin-Shechter

"As the Good Book Says... Find yourself a
teacher" - **Dr. Stephanie Ginensky**

17:45-18:30 Conclusion

"Written in a Foreign Tongue" – **Prof. Milette
Shamir**

"The Lighthouse" - **Prof. Shirley Sharon-Zisser**

"1984: Humanities in a Posthuman World" -
Prof. Elana Gomel

18:30 Concluding Remarks –
Prof. Hana Wirth-Nesher