Reading Room Events September 2020

Homework- Scholars Invite the Public to a Sneak Peek of Their Research

Ultra-Orthodox Society in Israel and COVID-19 – Imagination, Stereotypes and Reality

Professor Kimmy Caplan, Chair of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, Bar-Ilan University

Thursday, September 3rd, 14:00 (Israel time)

European Days of Jewish Culture 2020

Opening event for AEPJ

"Trees have roots, Jews have legs". On Jews and their Journeys

Jeremy Leigh, Director of RJ Scheuer Israel Seminar, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem

Sunday, September 6th, 15:00 (Israel time)

Strange New World- Conversations in Times of Crisis

Justice and Leadership in Crisis

Professor Moshe Halbertal in conversation with Michael Sandel, Harvard political philosopher and author of The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good?

Sunday, September 6th, 18:00 (Israel time)

Collections of Memories- Jewish Museums in a Changing Reality

The new Venice Ghetto Museum

Director Marcella Ansaldi In conversation with Dr. Yoel Finkelman, Curator of the Judaica Collection, the National Library of Israel

Monday, September 7th, 19:00 (Israel time)

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“On the Shelf Next to the Desk,” From the Bookshelf to the S. Yizhar Archive at the National Library

Dr. Yisrael Smilansky, son of the author S. Yizhar (Yizhar Smilansky)

Tuesday, September 8th, 14:00 (Israel time)

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Galit Dahan-Carlibach, author of *The Locked Garden* (2010), *On the Edge* (2014), and *It’s Me, Iowa* (2018)

With Yuval Avivi, host of the KAN podcast “What’s Involved”

Tuesday, September 8th, 16:30 (Israel time)

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The Best High Holiday Poetry: Selichot for the Month of Elul and the Ten Days of Repentance composed by the Liturgical Poets of Muslim Spain

Doctor Ariel Zinder, Tel Aviv University

Thursday, September 10th, 14:00 (Israel time)

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The Liturgical Poetry of Ashkenaz Comes to Life- The Jubilee Anniversary of the Goldschmidt Edition of the High Holiday Mahzor

Avraham Frenkel, Scholar of Ashkenazic Liturgical Poetry

Sunday, September 13th, 14:00 (Israel time)

Strange New World- Conversations in Times of Crisis

The Challenges of Cooperation and Adaptability in Times of Pandemic

Professor Moshe Halbertal in conversation with Thomas Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist for the New York Times

Sunday, September 13th, 18:00 (Israel time)

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To Be Jews Again After One Hundred Years of Disconnection in the Western Sephardic Diaspora – The Conversos’ Return to Judaism’s Embrace

Dr. Aliza Moreno, Scholar of the Western Sephardic Diaspora and the National Library’s Chief Judaica Reference Librarian

Monday, September 14th, 14:00 (Israel time)

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Dr. Esther Peled, Psychologist, Recipient of the 2017 Sapir Prize for Literature, Author of *In the Clear Light of Reality* (2012) and *Widely Open Underneath* (2017)

With Yuval Avivi, host of the KAN podcast “What’s Involved”

Tuesday, September 14th, 16:30 (Israel time)

Visiting Scholars

"Nobody Expects The Italian Inquisition." A Reflection on Trials Against Professing Jews

Dr. Katherine Aron-Beller, Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Monday, September 14th, 19:00 (Israel time)

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Thought Games: Associative Thinking in the Late Middle Ages

Doctor Ayelet Even-Ezra, Hebrew University

Tuesday, September 15th, 14:00 (Israel time)

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Does the Confessional Prayer Have Something to Say to Contemporary Man?

Rabbi Yuval Cherlow, Head of the Hesder Yeshiva Amit Shaul and Member of the Rabbinic Management Team of Tzohar

Thursday, September 17th, 14:00 (Israel time)

Collections of Memories- Jewish Museums in a Changing Reality

Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Professor Emerita of Performance Studies, New York University Ronald S. Lauder Chief Curator, in conversation with Professor Richard I. Cohen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Thursday, September 17th, 19:00 (Israel time)

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The Liturgical Poem “Our Father Our King” Through the Ages: A Test Case for Theological and Gender-Oriented Struggle

Rabbi Dalia Marx, Professor, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, accompanied by

Cantor Shimon Smith

Tuesday, September 22nd, 14:00 (Israel time)

The Matchmakers - NLI curators connect three items in surprising way A Forged Scroll, an Enchanted Amulet, and Pandora’s Box

With Dr. Yoel Finkelman, Curator of the Judaica Collection, the National Library of Israel

Thursday, September 24th, 19:00 (Israel time)

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Nir Baram, Author and Publicist, Recipient of the Prime Minister’s Prize for Hebrew Literary Works (2010). Author of *The Remaker of Dreams* (2006), *Good People* (2010), and *At Night’s End* (2018)

With Yuval Avivi, host of the KAN podcast “What’s Involved”

Tuesday, September 29th, 16:30 (Israel time)

Visiting scholars

"Funny, You Don’t Sound Jewish!”- How Judeo-Arabic Literature and Culture Shaped Judaism as We Know It

Dr. Miriam Goldstein, Chair, Department of Arabic Language and Literature, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Tuesday, September 29th, 19:00 (Israel time)