Reading Room Events October 2020

Worthy of Consideration—Contemplative Nighttime Gatherings

The Privilege and the Right to Live Alongside a Great Man

Rabbi Dov Singer, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Mekor Chaim, in conversation with Meni Even-Israel, executive director of the Steinsaltz Center and son of Rabbi Steinslatz z”l

Thursday, October 1st, 19:00 (Israel Time)

Strange New World- Conversations in Times of Crisis

Can Home be a Shelter in Times of Pandemic

Professor Moshe Halbertal, The Hebrew University in conversation with Professor Eva Illouz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rose Isaac Chair in Sociology, Center for the Study of Rationality and Senior Research Fellow in Van Leer Institute In collaboration

with the Global Forum of the National Library of Israel

Sunday, October 4th, 18:00 (Israel time)

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Tense Relations: The Besht’s Followers Meet the Disciples of the Maggid of Mezritch

Professor Yitzhak Melamed, Johns Hopkins University, and Rabbi Avraham Avish Shur, Herzog College and the Ad Henah Institute

Monday, October 5th, 19:00 (Israel Time)

We’re on the Map—Temporal and Geographical Spaces on Ancient Maps

First Meeting

From Monsters to David and Bathsheba on Ancient Maps—The Story Behinds the Hidden Figures on Ancient Maps

Ram A. Gamliel, attorney and strategic consultant; collector of ancient books, maps, and documents of the Land of Israel; creator and manager of the website EretzIsrael.co.il

Tuesday, October 6th, 18:00 (Israel Time)

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

Water, Great Depths and Thirst in the World That Was and in the Coming Age

Professor Haviva Pedaya, poet and author, head of the J. R. Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardic Heritage, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Wednesday, October 7th, 14:00 (Israel Time)

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

The Hasidic Tale and the Jews’ Sukkah of Fantasy

Author and Poet Benyamin Shvili

Thursday, October 8th, 14:00 (Israel Time)

Collections of Memories- Jewish Museums in a Changing Reality

Dr. Kamilė Rupeikaitė, Director of Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum in Vilnius, Lithuania

in conversation with Dr. Raquel Ukeles, Head of Collections and Curator of the Islam and Middle East collection at the National Library of Israel.

Monday, October 12th , 19:00 (Israel Time)

Workbench— Behind-the-Scenes Stories from the National Library

From the Reading Room to the World of Reading: The Library in the Digital Age

Yaron Deutscher, head of the National Library’s Digital Access Division, in conversation with Tsila Hayun, head of the National Library’s Division of Culture and Education

Tuesday, October 13th, 11:00 (Israel Time)

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Meir Shalev, award-winning author and journalist; his books include *The Blue Mountain* (1988), *Esau* (1991), *A Pigeon and a Boy* (2006) and *Two She-Bears* (2013)

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

Tuesday, October 13th, 16:30 (Israel Time)

We’re on the Map—Temporal and Geographical Spaces on Ancient Maps

Second Meeting

Edward Robinson-The Father of Critical Nineteenth Century Scholarship on the Land of Israel: About What and Why? A Few Remarks and Revelations

Professor Haim Goren, Tel-Hai College

Wednesday, October 14th, 18:00 (Israel Time)

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

Follow-Up to the Peace Agreement Signing: Nonmainstream Cultural Phenomena in the United Arab Emirates

Katie Wachsberger, The Forum for Regional Thinking

Sunday, October 18th, 14:00 (Israel Time)

Strange New World- Conversations in Times of Crisis

Religious Response to Crisis: Reflections from Jewish Tradition

Professor Moshe Halbertal, The Hebrew University in conversation with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

In collaboration with the Global Forum of the National Library of Israel

Sunday, October 18th, 18:00

The Matchmakers - NLI curators connect three items in surprising ways

Tolstoy, the Imam from Dagestan, and the Lubavitcher Rebbe

Dr. Raquel Ukeles, Head of Collections and Curator of the Islam and Middle East collection at the National Library of Israel

Monday, October 19th, 19:00

We’re on the Map—Temporal and Geographical Spaces on Ancient Maps

Third Meeting

From Imaginary Sketched Maps to Exact Maps-The Development of Jerusalem Maps

Professor Emeritus Rehav (Buni) Rubin, Hebrew University

Tuesday, October 20th, 18:00 (Israel Time)

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Dr. Yaakov Z. Meir, writer and author of the novels *Also a Bird* (2012) and *Nehemiah* (2019)

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

Wednesday, October 21st, 16:30 (Israel Time)

Workbench— Behind-the-Scenes Stories from the National Library

Hila Zaksenberg, head of the National Library’s Visual Culture and Performing Arts Project

in conversation with Tsila Hayun, head of the National Library’s Division of Culture and Education

Thursday, October 22nd, 11:00 (Israel Time)

In Honor of the Discovery of the Jewish Colonization Association Archives at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People: Argentina or Palestine? The Fate of Two Barons

Greeting: Professor Amos Goldberg, Institute of Contemporary Jewry

 Doctor Margalit Bejarano, AMILAT

To the Soil, Idea and History (1804-1914)

Professor Israel Bartal, Hebrew University

Baron Rothschild and the Beginning of Settlement in the Land of Israel

Professor Ran Aharonson, Hebrew University

The Presentation of the Jewish Colonization Association Collection at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

Ms. Denise Rein, Central Archive for the History of the Jewish People

Rothschild and Hirsch: The Fate of Two Barons

Professor Haim Avni, Hebrew University

Moderator: Doctor Yochai Ben-Ghedalia, Central Archive for the History of the Jewish People

Thursday, October 22nd, 17:00 (Israel Time)

Collections of Memories - Jewish museums in a Changing Reality.

The Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow.

Professor Benjamin Nathans, Alan Charles Kors Associate Professor of History, in conversation with Professor Shalom Sabar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Sunday, October 25th, 17:00 (Israel time)

Visiting Scholars

From "A City of the Dead" to "A City in Its Fullness": Tracing the Nostalgic Arc in Agnon's Writing (Through the National Library's Archive)

Rabbi Jeffrey Saks, Director of Research, S.Y. Agnon House of Jerusalem

Sunday, October 25th, 20:00

Whatcha Readin’? Authors in Intimate Conversation with their Bookshelf

Anat Einhar, Author and Illustrator; 2010 Sapir Prize Laureate. Her Books include *Summer Predators* (2008) and *Mind Blowing Ecstasy* (2015)

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

Monday, October 26th, 16:30 (Israel Time)

Collections of Memories - Jewish Museums in a Changing Reality

Museum of the Jewish People, Tel Aviv

CEO Dan Tadmor in conversation with Tsila Hayun, head of Culture and Education, the National Library of Israel

Monday, October 26th, 19:00 (Israel time)

Visiting Scholars

Cultural Phenomena Outside of the Mainstream in the UAE

Katie Wachsberger, The Forum for Regional Thinking

Tuesday, October 27th, 19:00 (Israel time)

We’re on the Map—Temporal and Geographical Spaces on Ancient Maps

Third Meeting

“We’re on the Map”: Maps in Golden Age Dutch Paintings

Professor Yochai Rosen, Department of Art History, University of Haifa

Wednesday, October 28th, 18:00 (Israel Time)

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

“And to Be a Lamp Sowing Light” (Quran Sura 33 Verse 46): The Prophet Muhammad’s Birth in History, Thought and Culture

Doctor Khalid Abu Ras, Department of Jewish Thought, Bar Ilan University

Thursday, October 29th, 14:00 (Israel Time)