

# Emotions in Modern Jewish History

## An International Workshop

January 6-8, 2025

Sde Boker Campus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



### Monday | January 6

- 09:45 **Greetings**  
**Paula Kabalo**, Head of The Azrieli Center for Israel Studies, The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism (MALI), Ben-Gurion University  
**Arieh Saposnik**, Director of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism  
**Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University
- 10:00 **Derek Penslar** (Harvard University) | *Affective Magnet: Global Reactions to the 1948 War*
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 **Global and Theoretical Concerns**  
**Chair: Aviad Moreno, Ben-Gurion University**  
**Shir Atzil** (Hebrew University) | *Growing an Emotional Brain*  
**Emma Zohar** (Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University) | *Emotional Bridging and the Making of Jewish Diasporic Emotional Community*  
**Leore Sachs Shmueli** (Bar-Ilan University) | *"Regesh": A Genealogy of the Word and the Emotional Turn in Divine Worship in the History of Hasidism*
- 13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 **Saudade: Melancholy, Nostalgia**  
**Chair: Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University**  
**Menashe Anzi** (Ben-Gurion University) | *Emotional Family – Correspondence Between Şan 'ā' and Bombay*  
**Yael Levi** (Hebrew University) | *"I Don't Have Any Patience to Write a Letter! Idleness is Affecting My Nerves": Emotional Patterns in Interwar Jewish Youth Movements*
- 15:00 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 **Book Launch and Discussion**  
**Chair: Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University**  
**Orit Rozin** (Tel Aviv University) | *Emotions of Conflict, Israel 1949-1967 (2024)*  
Speakers: **Yair Berlin** (University of Cambridge), **David Tal** (University of Sussex)
- 18:00 **Check-in**
- 19:30 **Dinner | social event**

### Tuesday | January 7

- 08:00 **Breakfast in the hotel**
- 9:30 **Guilt, Pride**  
**Chair: Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University**  
**Gideon Reuveni** (University of Sussex) | *Wiedergutmachung vs. Ha-Shilumim: The 1952 German-Jewish Settlement and the Holocaust*  
**Selly Zer-Zion** (University of Haifa) | *Insult, Disappointment, and Citizenship in the Habima production of The Merchant of Venice, 1936*
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 **Anger. Frustration**  
**Chair: Ron Dudai, Ben-Gurion University**  
**Orit Rozin** (Tel Aviv University) | *Political Emotions and the 1970s Debate over Capital Punishment*  
**Leora Bilsky** (Tel Aviv University) | *The Beautiful Crime and the Sad Law: Raphael Lemkin's Affective Legal Thought*  
**David Tal** (University of Sussex) | *Diplomacy of Rage and Frustration: George W. Bush, Yizhak Shamir and Israel-USA Relations, 1989-1992*
- 12:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 **Fear**  
**Chair: Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University**  
**Yair Berlin** (University of Cambridge) | *'Negation of the Diaspora' and the History of Fear of the Gentiles*  
**Dvora Giladi** (Bar-Ilan University) | *Can Atrocities be Minimized? Trivialization of Bereavement and Normalizing Loss of Loved Ones in the Yishuv Media during the Time of the Arab Revolt*  
**Matan Boord** (Harvard University) | *"A Wandering Soul, a Spirit and Its Abyss": Jewish Soldiers in Palestine in the 1940s and Their Emotional Styles*
- 15:00 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 **Book Launch and Discussion**  
**Chair: Matan Boord, Harvard university**  
**Derek Penslar** (Harvard University) | *Zionism: An Emotional State (2023)*  
Speakers: **Hizky Shoham** (Bar-Ilan University), **Paula Kabalo** (Ben-Gurion University)
- 18:00 **Ben-Gurion Archive**
- 19:30 **Dinner | social event**

### Wednesday | January 8

- 9:00 **Breakfast and Check out**
- 9:00 **Intimate Emotions**  
**Chair: Matan Boord, Harvard university**  
**Hizky Shoham** (Bar-Ilan University) | *Did Children Love their Parents? Emotional Scripts of Filial Love in Domestic Ceremonies of Jewish Urban Middle-Class Families in Mandatory Palestine*  
**Yael Itai-Pak** (Bar-Ilan University) | *The Forfeited Fantasy: The Lack of Fantasy in Jewish Love and Sexuality Writings in Mandate Palestine*
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 **(E)motional Maps: Affective Geographies among Jewish Migrants from North Africa and the Middle East** ("Communities and Mobilities" research hub roundtable)  
**Chair: Menashe Anzi, Ben-Gurion University**  
**Aviad Moreno** (Head of the Research Hub, MALI, Ben-Gurion University)  
**Emir Galilee** (Ben-Gurion University)  
**Piera Rossetto** (Ca' Foscari University)  
**Alon Tam** (Ben-Gurion University)  
**Tsionit Fatal-Kuperwasser** (Ben-Gurion University)  
**Magdalena Kozłowska** (University of Warsaw)
- 12:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 **Concluding Remarks and Farewell**  
**Chair: Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University**