

Diasporic Reading of Communities in North Africa and the Middle East

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 9-11 December 2019

Monday, December 9

Oren Conference Room, Building 26

17:00 Gathering

17:15 Greetings

Orit Ouaknine-Yekutieli, Chair, the Chaim Herzog Center

Avi Rubin, Chair, Department of Middle East Studies

Keynote Lecture: **Daniel Boyarin**, University of California, Berkeley

Diaspora Nation

Discussant: **Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

dinner

Tuesday, 10 December

The Senate's Hall, Building 71, Room 136

9:30 Gathering

10:00 Session 1 – PLACES and IMAGES

Moderator: **Avi Rubin**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Yigal Shalom Nizri, University of Toronto and

Orit Ouaknine-Yekutieli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Risani, Damanhur, Netivot: Diasporic Itineraries

Habiba Boumlik and Lucy McNair, City University of New York, LaGuardia

Diasporic Amazigh Film: Between Memory, Transmission and Confrontation

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Session 2 – LOSS and MEMORY

Moderator: **Haggai Ram**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Michèle Baussant, Paris Nanterre University

Unseen and Lost Worlds: The Jews of Egypt, from One Shore to the Other—Europe, Israel and the United States

Yoram Meital, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Two Jewish Women and a Dozen Synagogues: The Egyptian Debate on the Jewish Community, Past and Present

Menashe Anzi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Contradictory Perceptions of Judaism: The Case of the Yemenite Diasporas

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Session 3 – VOICES and TEXTS

Moderator: **Haya Bambaji-Sasportas**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Vanessa Paloma Elbaz, University of Cambridge

Massira El Khadra: Singing the Non-Diasporicity of Moroccan Jewishness

Yoni Mendel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Palestine from Israel, Palestine from the Diaspora: Two Diasporic Notions of Home

Yona Abeddour, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Sciences Po Bordeaux

Morocco, France, and Israel: Twentieth-century Jewish Diasporic Trajectories

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 Session 4 – NARRATIVE and HISTORY

Moderator: **Liat Kozma**, The Hebrew University

André Levy, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Double Diasporicity of Moroccan Jews

Haim Saadoun, The Open University of Israel and Ben-Zvi Institute

From Ethnic Groups to Diaspora: The Invention of 'La Diaspora Sfaxienne'

Concluding Remarks

17:30 Session 5 – Film Screening

Introduction by: **Meital Abukasis**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Rabbi's 12 Children (Les 12 enfants du rabbin; USA and France, 2007), A Film by Yaël Bitton

dinner

Wednesday, 11 December

9:30-13:00 A trip to Netivot with members of the study group, "My Heart is in the Maghrib."

Participation in this tour, guided by **Eden Sulimani**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is voluntary.