

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM  
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# **Jewish Women's Cultural Capital under Islam**

**June 12-14, 2017**

All lectures will take place at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies,  
on the Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram Campus

**Organizer:**

**Moshe Rosman** (University of Cincinnati)

# Program

## Monday, 12 June

- 09:00 - 09:30      Registration
- 09:30 - 09:45      **Greetings**  
Michal Linial, Director, Israel Institute for  
Advanced Studies  
Moshe Rosman, Research Group Leader: Jewish  
Women's Cultural Capital
- 09:45 - 11:15      Cultural Capital in Geniza Sources  
Chair: **Ruth Karras**  
  
**Oded Zinger** (Israel Institute for Advanced  
Studies)  
The Ties that Work and Those that Do Not – The  
Social Capital of Jewish Women in Medieval  
Egypt  
  
**Renee Levine Melammed** (Schechter Institute)  
Cultural Capital and Correspondence: Analyzing  
Women's Letters Found in the Cairo Geniza  
  
**Miriam Frenkel** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)  
Women's Wills from the Geniza – Reverberations  
of a Muted Voice
- 11:15 - 11:45      Coffee Break
- 11:45 - 13:15      Some Geniza Women: Slaves and  
Chair: **Renee Levine Melammed** (Schechter  
Institute)  
  
**Moshe Yagur** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)  
Manumitted Female Slaves and Their (Lack of)  
Cultural Capital

- Craig Perry** (University of Cincinnati)  
Jewish Women and Their Slaves in the Cairo  
Geniza Documents
- Uriel Simonsohn** (University of Haifa)  
Jewish Women and the Question of Kinship Ties  
in the Context of Conversion to Islam
- 13:15 - 14:45 Lunch at the IIAs Room #128
- 14:45 - 16:15 Medieval Gender Boundaries: From Spain to  
Alexandria  
Chair: **Shira Wolosky** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)
- Sharon Koren**  
The Redemption of Leah in the Zohar
- Rebecca Winer** (Villanova University)  
Breastmilk and Community: Gender Boundaries  
and Wet Nursing Practices among Muslims in al-  
Andalus and Jews, Christians and Conversos in  
Medieval Spain
- Uri Melamed** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)  
A Karaite Girl Reading Torah in Twelfth Century  
Alexandria
- 16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 - 18:00 Women's Piety: Between East and West  
Chair: **Moshe Rosman** (University of Cincinnati)
- Eve Krakowski** ,  
**Elisheva Baumgarten** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)  
TBA
- 18:30 - 20:00 Conference Dinner. A bus will take you from the  
main campus gate at 18:30

Tuesday, 13 June

- 09:15 - 10:45 Education and Identity: Libya, Tunisia, Turkey  
Chair: **Claudia Rosenzweig**
- Rachel Simon** (Princeton University)  
Libyan Jewish Women's Lore: from Home  
Schooling to Formal Education
- Joy Land** (University of Connecticut)  
Creating Cultural Capital: The Education of Jewish  
Females at the Alliance Israélite Universelle (AIU)  
School for Girls in the City of Tunis, 1882-1914
- Efrat Aviv**  
"It's very hard to be a Jew, but it's even harder  
being a Jewish woman": Jewish Women's Identity  
in the Community of Izmir on the Eve of the  
'Young Turk's Revolution,' 1899-1908
- 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 - 12:45 Women and the Establishment: From the Ottoman  
Empire to The Yishuv  
Chair: **Efrat Aviv**
- Ora Schwarzwald** (Bar-Ilan University)  
The Status of Jewish Women in the Ottoman  
Empire According to Seder Nashim and Shul?an  
Hapanim in Ladino
- Michal Ben-Ya'akov**  
Using Cultural Capital to Expand Boundaries –  
Moroccan Jewish Widows in the 19th and 20th  
Centuries
- Shilo Margalit** (Bar-Ilan University)  
Professional Women: Building and Molding the  
New Civil Society of the Yishuv during the  
Mandatory Period
- 12:45 - 13:45 Lunch at the IIAS Room #128
- 13:45 - 17:00 Tour

## Wednesday, 14 June

- 08:30 - 10:00      Representations of Women in the 19th Century  
Chair: **Paola Tartakoff**
- Anna Novikov** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
Dynamics of European/"Oriental" Jewish Female Attire in Late Ottoman Jerusalem (1848-1914)
- Susan Nashman Fraiman** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
“La belle Juive et la belle arabe”—Depictions of Jewish Women in Nineteenth Century Art
- Katja Smid**  
Ottoman Sephardi Women in Mid-Nineteenth Century Bosni
- 10:00 - 10:30      Coffee Break
- 10:30 - 12:00      Women's Words: Identity and Voice  
Chair: **Oded Zinger** (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies)
- Anabella Esperanza**  
The Multiple Sources for a Woman's Essay as Cultural Capital in Transition (Istanbul, 1871)
- Elisa Martin Ortega** (University of Haifa)  
Identity and Writing: The Case of Eastern Sephardic Women
- Susy Gruss** (Bar-Ilan University)  
Mazaltob: A Woman's Voice
- 12:00 - 12:15      Coffee Break
- 12:15 - 12:45      Exhibition at National Library of Israel
- 12:45 - 14:00      Lunch at the Belgium House Faculty Club on Campus
- 14:00 - 15:30      20th Century Life Through Women's Eyes  
Chair: **Eve Krakowski**

**Saba Soomekh** (University of California, Los Angeles)

, Life under the Shahs: How Najeebness (Virginity), Religious and Social Rituals Shaped Iranian Jewish Women's Identity

**Gila Hadar** (University of Haifa)

The Autobiography of Reina Cohen of Salonika

**Liat Alon** (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Life Experiences of Women of the Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century

15:30 - 17:30

CONCLUDING ROUND TABLE

Chair: **Elisheva Baumgarten** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Ruth Karras**

**Frances Malino**

**Jonathan Sarna**