

## **“Israel in a Time of Global Change”**

*Monday, May 17, 2010*

*American University*

*Mary Graydon Center (MGC), Rooms 3-6*

American University’s Center for Israel Studies and The American Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) are pleased to invite you to the second annual academic conference featuring Israel’s leading scholars addressing “Israel in a Time of Global Change” on **Monday, May 17, 2010, from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm** at American University in Washington, DC. The participating professors are all part of the AICE Visiting Israeli Scholars Program. See the speakers’ bios below. The conference is free to the public; continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please click on the following link to register for this conference:

<http://planitnow.com/aice>

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### **Conference Agenda**

8:00-9:00 a.m.           **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 a.m.           **Welcome Remarks**

9:15-10:45 a.m.       **Cultural and Historical Perspectives**

**Moderator - Daphne Tsimhoni**

Igal Burstyn – Are images from Israel ‘Jewish’? - A Filmmaker’s Perspective

Miri Talmon-Bohm - War and Militarism in Israeli Cinema: Re-visions of History

Alex Mishory - Hebrew Typography in Israeli Art

Assaf Likhovsky – Writing Israeli History (Post-Post-Zionist Historiography).

10:45-11:00 a.m.       **Break**

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.   **Changes in Israeli Society**

**Moderator - Larissa Remennick**

Hanan Alexander – Complexities of Israeli Citizenship: The Jewish and Democratic Nature of the State

Matt Silver - Israel's peripheral regions: Meeting the Needs of Jews and Arabs

Yossi Turner – Maintaining Jewish Identity in an Era of Globalization

Azi Lev-On - New Media and Public Participation

12:30-2:30 p.m. **Lunch and Keynote –**

*“The Obama Administration’s Middle East Policy: Bridge to Peace or Nowhere”*

Mitchell Bard, AICE Executive Director

2:45-4:15 p.m. **Israeli Politics**

**Moderator - Joseph Nevo**

Gayil Talshir - Cultural Identity in Israeli Politics

Martin Sherman - Israel's political system: How it Works and Why It Doesn't

Shlomo Mizrahi – Changes in Political Behavior: Anti-politics and Alternative Politics in Israeli Society

Zach Levey –Turning Point in the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship: The Yom Kippur War

4:15-4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

## **Meeting Registration:**

Click on the following link to register for this conference: <http://planitnow.com/aice>. Once you've filled out the online form, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive the email, please contact Barbara Zweig at [bzweig@planitnow.com](mailto:bzweig@planitnow.com) and she will make sure that your registration is promptly processed.

**We look forward to seeing you on May 17<sup>th</sup>!**

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The Center for Israel Studies at American University was created in 1998 to study and interpret the intellectual and creative contributions of modern Israel in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities. AICE is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization created in 1993 to promote cooperation between the United States and Israel and educate the public about Jewish history and culture. The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation is dedicated to helping the Jewish people flourish by supporting programs throughout the world that spread the joy of Jewish living, giving and learning.

## **“Time of Global Change” Speaker Biographies**



### **Hanan A. Alexander**

**California at Berkeley**

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Philosophy*

Hanan Alexander is Professor of Philosophy of Education at the University of Haifa where he heads the Center for Jewish Education and the International School for Overseas Students. A past chair of Haifa's Department of Education, he is also a Senior Research Fellow in the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Chair of the Executive Board of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. He served as Editor of the journal *Religious Education* and Visiting Fellow in St. Edmund's College and the Center for Advanced Religious and Theological Studies at Cambridge University. Alexander received his undergraduate degree at UCLA and the American Jewish University, and earned a Ph.D. from Stanford University and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His book *Reclaiming Goodness: Education and the Spiritual Quest* (University of Notre Dame Press 2001) won a 2001-2002 National Jewish Book Award. He edited the *Philosophy of Education Yearbook* for the Philosophy of Education Society (1992) and *Ethics and Spirituality in Education: Philosophical, Theological, and Radical Perspectives* for Sussex Academic Press (2004). He is currently editing *Citizenship Education and Social Conflict* for Routledge Publishers and working on a new book entitled *Democracy and Distinctiveness: Liberal Education Without Neutrality*.



### **Mitchell Bard**

**American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise**

*Executive Director*

Mitchell Bard is the Executive Director of the nonprofit American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) and one of the leading authorities on U.S.-Middle East policy. Dr. Bard is also the director of the Jewish Virtual Library ([www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org](http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org)), the world's most comprehensive online encyclopedia of Jewish history and culture. Dr. Bard holds a Ph.D. in political science from UCLA and a master's degree in public policy from Berkeley. He received his B.A. in economics from UC Santa Barbara. Dr. Bard's work has been published in academic journals, magazines and major newspapers. He has written and edited 18 books, including *Will Israel Survive?*, *Myths And Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Middle East Conflict* and *1001 Facts Everyone Should Know About Israel*. His latest book is *48 Hours of Kristallnacht*.



## Igal Bursztyn

University of Tennessee

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

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Professor Adjunct in Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Arts. Having directed dozens of full-length motion pictures, short films and documentaries, Professor Bursztyn is known as one of Israel's foremost filmmakers. He has presented and lectured about his films at various film festivals around the world including Paris, Germany, New York, Taiwan, Spain, Holland, Hungary, Portugal, Russia, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. His books on film include *Film, Language and Civil Wars of Culture* (1996), *Documentation Documentary, Fiction* (2005) and *Intimate Gazes* (2009). His films include several documentaries including *Displaced Persons* (1979), *Leibovitz in Maalot* (1979), *Belated Talk* (1987), *Smokescreen* (1999) and *Guide for the Perplexed* (2005). His short dramas include *Louise! Louise!* (1968), *Ethics V* (1992) and *Letters to Felice* (1993). His feature films are *Belfer* (1976),



## Azi Lev-On

Stanford University

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Communication, Political Theory*

Dr. Azi Lev-On is the head of the new media track in Ariel University Center in Israel. He studies the social and political uses of the Internet, focusing on questions of collective action and democratic governance, and employing a variety of methods such as surveys and laboratory experiments. Recent research studies how and why computer-mediated communication impacts monetary transfers in trust games, how people rank news stories online, as well as Internet usage by candidates in the Israeli municipal elections 2008, and by Ultra-Orthodox women who participate in closed forums online.



## **Zach Levey**

**University of Colorado**

**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Political Science and International Relations*

Professor Levey is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Haifa University. His research and teaching focuses on the areas of international history, the Cold War, the foreign policies of Israel, the United States and Britain, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Great Powers and the Middle East, Middle Eastern history and international relations. His publications include: *Israel and the Western Powers, 1952-1960* and *Israel in Africa: 1956-1973* (forthcoming). He is co-editor of *Britain and the Middle East: From Imperial Power to Junior Partner*. Professor Levey serves on the peer review committees of the following academic journals: *Civil Wars*, *Diplomatic History*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *The Journal of Israeli History* and *The Journal of Strategic Studies*.



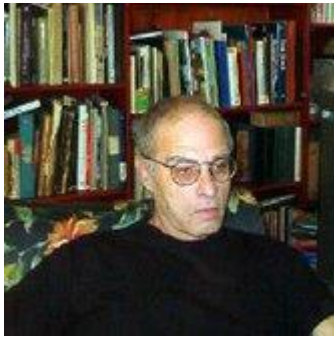
## **Assaf Likhovski**

**UCLA School of Law**

**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Law and Legal History*

Professor Likhovski is the Director of The Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law at Tel Aviv University and is an associate professor of Law and Legal History at the Faculty of Law. He also serves as an affiliated lecturer at the Israeli National Defense College as well as at the College of Administration School of Law, Rishon Le-Zion. Professor Likhovski is a member of the Israeli Bar Association. He teaches on legal history, comparative law, jurisprudence and taxation. He authored *Law and Identity in Mandate Palestine* and he co-edited *The History of Law in a Multicultural Society: Israel 1917-1967*. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief for the journal *Theoretical Inquiries in the Law*.



## Alexander Mishory

**Rice University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Scholar

*History*

Professor Mishory is a Lecturer of Art History at The Open University in Tel Aviv. He is a well-known author and art critic in Israel and has taught at the prestigious Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem and the State Art Teacher's College. He has served as a judge for the "Israel-America Cultural Foundation" Visual Arts Scholarship and has been a member of the Visual Arts Committee of the Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture's Organization of Cultural Arts. He has published his articles widely in academic journals, as well as his art critiques in newspapers and on Israel Radio. His books include *Still Life: from Depicted Objects to Real Objects* (2008), *Joseph Budko and H.N. Bialik's Complete Works Edition of 1923, Modern Hebrew Poetry and Art in Harmony* (2006) and *Lo and Behold: Visual Aspects of Zionist Myths in Israeli Culture* (Hebrew, 2000). Professor Mishory has participated in academic conferences in Israel, as well as throughout Europe and the United States.



## Shlomo Mizrahi

**Rutgers (Newark)**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Public Policy*

Professor Mizrahi is a Senior Lecturer at Ben-Gurion University School of Management's Department of Public Policy and Administration and served as Chair of the department from 2002 until 2008. His research spans a range of public policy issues including new public management, political economy, the intersection between public and private sectors, decision-making in public policy, the welfare state and public policy and modern political economies. He has authored and co-authored a multitude of articles in these subject areas. His forthcoming co-authored book is called *Israel Since 1980*.



## **Joseph Nevo - Moderator**

**University of Texas at Austin**  
**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**  
*History*

Joseph Nevo is a professor in the Department of Middle East Studies at Haifa University and is a research fellow at the University of Haifa's Middle East Research Institute and Jewish Arab Center and a Senior research fellow with its Meir and Miriam Ezri Center for Gulf Studies. His research has focused on political theory and development in the Arab world prior to and after the creation of the state of Israel. He has delivered papers on the relationship between Jordan and Syria, the political development of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syria, the involvement of the Arab states in the Palestinian issue and Arab attitudes toward Zionism. He has taught on modern Middle Eastern history, the histories of Arab countries, the history of the Palestinians, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the peace process. His books include *Jordan: In Search of an Identity* (Hebrew, 2005) and *King Hussein and the Evolution of Jordan's Perception of a Political Settlement with Israel 1967-1988* (2006).



## **Matt Silver**

**Ohio State University**  
**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**  
*Modern Jewish and Israeli History*

Professor Silver is the Head of the General Studies Department for the Emek Jezreel College in Israel. His focus is on American Jewish history, trends in modern Jewish thought and Israeli history. Among others, he has taught courses on the media and the Middle East, the Holocaust and its impact on modern Jewish thought and comparative religious history between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Professor Silver has also researched the activity of American Zionism during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and his forthcoming book focuses on the work of American Zionist organizations in Mandatory Palestine. He has served on the editorial board of *Ha'aretz* in Israel and was a visiting professor at Central Connecticut State University, during which time he gave several courses in the Department of Communications, as well as in the Judaic Studies and History Departments.



## **Larissa Remennick - Moderator**

**Hebrew Union College/Jewish Theological Seminary  
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Sociology, Anthropology*

Professor Remennick is the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Bar Ilan University. She received her Ph.D. from the Institute of Sociology at the USSR's Academy of Sciences and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Oxford University's Department of Social Medicine and Community Health. Professor Remennick's research combines the disciplines of public health, social medicine, sociology and anthropology in an interdisciplinary manner. Her areas of expertise include international migration, immigrant integration and health, ethnic diasporas and transnationalism; gender aspects of health and wellness, sociology and politics of fertility and family planning, Russian and Soviet Jewish community, immigration and global diaspora and cancer control through the lens of social science. She serves as the editor of the peer-reviewed journal, *Sociological Papers*, is an advisor to the World Health Organization and the International Planned Parenthood Federation of Europe. Her publications include *Russian Jews on Three Continents: Identity, Integration, and Conflict* (2007) and *The Cancer Problem in the Context of Modernity: Sociology, Demography, Politics* (1998). She has authored multiple journal articles in English and Russian.



## **Martin Sherman**

**Hebrew Union College/University of Southern California Schusterman  
Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Security Studies and International Policy*

Professor Sherman is the academic director of the Jerusalem Summit and a research fellow in the Security Studies Program at Tel Aviv University. He is also a research fellow at the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and was an academic advisor to the internationally known Herzilya Conference. Professor Sherman served for several years in operational capacities in the Israeli intelligence community and has held the post of ministerial advisor to the Israeli government. His books include *The Politics of Water in the Middle East*, (1999) and *Despots, Democrats and the Determinants of International Conflict*, (1998). He has been published widely in journals and has edited books and policy papers on a range of strategic and foreign policy issues. His latest work focuses on Israel's developing ties with India. Professor Sherman is a frequent television and radio commentator on foreign and security policy topics in Hebrew and English.



## **Miri Talmon-Bohm**

**University of Wisconsin**

**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Israeli Culture and Cinema*

Miri Talmon was born and educated in Israel. She is a scholar of Israeli culture, cinema, media and literature, who has lectured at Israeli universities, including The Open University of Israel, Tel-Aviv University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Haifa University. Talmon received a Ph.D. from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in communication and journalism. Her book [in Hebrew] on Israeli Cinema 1930-1990, *Israeli Graffiti: Nostalgia, Groups and Collective Identity in Israeli Cinema*, was published in Israel by Haifa University Press and The Open University Press in 2001. Dr. Talmon is the initiator, director, and academic advisor for the Israeli film and lecture series titled: "Israel: Cinematic Visions" for the Florida-Israel Institute at Florida Atlantic University. She has lectured for educational organizations in Florida, The Israeli House with the Israeli Consulate in Miami, Houston and Atlanta and has been involved with Jewish Film Festivals in Florida and Connecticut. Dr. Talmon-Bohm has served on the faculty of Florida Atlantic University, Wesleyan University, and is currently with the University of Wisconsin, Madison, as a Schusterman Visiting Professor of Israel Studies.



## **Gayil Talshir**

**University of Arizona**

**Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor**

*Political Science, Public Policy*

Upon graduation from the University of Oxford and receiving her Ph.D. in 1998, Gayil Talshir received her position as a lecturer of political science at the Hebrew University, launching three intellectual paths: first, the study of ideology as a bridge between the two 'separate tables' of the discipline – comparative politics and political philosophy; second, the study of civil society and its relation to party democracy, in theory, comparative analysis and Israeli studies; third, a critical analysis of the welfare state: theory, ideology and policy, looking on the UK and Israel especially in the area of education. She spent a sabbatical in 2003-4 at Oxford and the University of Michigan and received her senior lecturer and tenured position at the Hebrew University in 2006. Being a great believer in the public university and its societal role, she has initiated, with colleagues, the center for citizenship and democracy of the faculty where she headed for five years the MA program in politics and civic education. Over the last three year she is the head of the public policy MA program for senior public servants, the top training course for the Israeli public sector in the hope to strengthen the theory/praxis nexus between the academy and the top policy makers in Jerusalem.



## **Daphne Tsimhoni - Moderator**

**Northeastern University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Middle Eastern History*

Professor Tsimhoni is a Senior Lecturer (Adjunct) in the Department of Humanities and Arts at the Technion-Israeli Institute of Technology. Her research and numerous publications address minorities in the Middle East, including the issues of Christians in Israel and the West Bank, Church activity and its impact on Christians in the Middle East, the Jews of Iraq in Modern Times and Jews from Arab Lands. Her book is titled *Christian Communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank Since 1948, An Historical, Social and Political Study* (1993).



## **Joseph Turner**

**University of Indiana**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Modern Jewish Philosophy*

Professor Turner is a Senior Lecturer in Modern Jewish Philosophy at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. His research focuses on Jewish thought throughout the ages with a special emphasis on the modern period, Zionist and Diasporist thought, The State of Israel in the period of globalization, faith after the Holocaust and the philosophy of Halakhah. He received rabbinic ordination from the Seminary of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Jewish Thought and Philosophy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His books include: *Faith and Humanism: A Study of Franz Rosenzweig's Religious Philosophy* and *Interactions Between Judaism and Christianity in History, Religion, Art, and Literature* (co-editor). Forthcoming publications are: *Zionism and Diasporism: A Philosophical Inquiry into the Problems of Contemporary Jewish Existence* and *Faith Truth and Reason: Collected Essays Following the International Franz Rosenzweig Conference in Jerusalem 2006* (co-editor).