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The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Association in Israel

Sunday, May 23

Trobovich Building (Faculty of Law), Kes HaMishpat Hall, Tel Aviv University

1:00-2:30PM

FIRST SESSION: DECIPHERING WRITTEN TESTIMONIES

Moderator: **Orly Lubin**, Chair, the Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies, Tel Aviv University

Efrat Rotem, The Literature Department, Tel Aviv University

**AIDS and homophobia in the streets: Testimony and action in Sarah Schulman's
*People in Trouble***

Debbie Cohen, Department of English Literature and American Studies, Tel Aviv University
Hidden in Plain Sight: Lesbian Encoding in Virginia Woolf's Narratives

Yael Hazan, Department of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
To Spy on Gender: Memoirs of Women Soldiers in the American Civil War

2:30-3:00PM **BREAK**

3:00-5:00PM

(POST)TRAUMA: LGBTQ YOUTH IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SHOOTING AT BAR-NO'AR

Moderator: **Guy Shilo**, The Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University; Head of Research Unit, *Israeli Gay Youth (IGY)*

Roundtable Discussants:

Shlomi Einger, Psycho-Social Services, *The Aguda* (the National Association of GLBT in Israel)

Reut Guy, Lawyer and LGBT Coordinator, *Youth Association*

Noa Raz, Sources Development, *Israeli Gay Youth (IGY)*

Uri Shefer, Social Worker, Tel Aviv Gay Center

Sonya Soloviov, Youth Club Counselor, *Israeli Gay Youth (IGY)*

Shaul Gonen, General Manager, *Bar-No'ar Youth Center*

Roni Klein and **Regev Bar-Ya'acov**, 'Ambassadors' Group Volunteers, *Israeli Gay Youth (IGY)*

5:00-5:30PM **BREAK**

5:30-7:45PM

PLENARY SESSION

Moderator: **Aeyal Gross**, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

Opening Words: **Ayala Katz**, Mother of Nir Katz, Chairperson of *Tehila* Parents Organization

On Hate and Love, On Life and Death

Welcome:

Amy Singer, on behalf of The NCJW Women Studies Forum, Tel Aviv University

Orly Lubin, on behalf of The Porter Institute for Poetics and Semiotics, Tel Aviv University

Keynote Lecture:

Heather Love, English and Gender Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Backwardness and the Future of Queer Politics

Respondent: **Tal Arbel**, Department of the History of Science and Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University

8:00-10:00PM **RECEPTION**

Monday, May 24

Trobovich Building (Faculty of Law), Kes HaMishpat Hall, Tel Aviv University

10:00AM-12:00PM

SECOND SESSION: FROM MARGIN TO MARGIN: ABSENCE AND ALIENATION IN LGBT DISCOURSE(S)

'Coherent Deviants' Research Group, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

Gilly Hartal, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

From a Placeless Place

Rachely Hartal, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
From Margin to Margin - Four Decades of Israeli Lesbian Politics: Where Did It Disappear? Who Heard of It?

Alona Peleg, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
The Double Marginalization of Lesbian Families: Between the Regulatory Fictions of the Heteronormative Coherence and Homonormative Coherence

Ruth Preser, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
Queer Separations

Yael Rozin, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
Center and Margin in the Heartland of the LGBT Community

Gali Semibra, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
Marginal Parent

Elinor Sidi, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University
Where is the Gender in Gender Studies?

12:00-12:30PM **COFFEE BREAK**

12:30-2:30PM

THIRD SESSION: ZIONISM, COLONIALISM AND SODOMY

Moderator: **Dafna Hirsch**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

Shai Gortler, Department of Middle East Studies and Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
"And me you wished to bribe with money, women and young boys": A queer reading of the Zionist gaze towards the Ottoman Empire

Ofri Ilany, School of History, Tel Aviv University
Oriental Vice: Representations of Sodomy in the Hebrew Press of the British Mandate

Yuval Yonay, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa
"You Were Illegal": Violence against Gays and Institutionalized Homophobia, Israel before 1975

Eli Avidan Azar, The Literature Department, Tel Aviv University
Is the Zionist Body a Transgendered Body? Gender, Nationality and Militarism in Israel

2:30-4:00PM **LUNCH BREAK**

4:00-6:00PM

FROM THE CLOSET TO THE MECHITZA? ON JEWISH RELIGIOUS PRIDE

Moderator: **Yasmin (Max) Sason**, School of Media and Cultural Studies, UEL London

Roundtable Discussants:

Bat-ami Neumeier-Potashnik, Board Member, *Bat-Kol* Religious Lesbian Organization

Rabbi Ron Yosef, Director, *Hod* Website for Religious Homosexual Jews

Benny Elbaz, Coordinator, *Havruta* - Religious Homosexuals in Israel

Gidi Grunberg, Board Member, *Shoval* for the Promotion of Tolerance in the Jewish Community; Religious Youth Counselor, Israel Gay Youth (IGY)

Eden Arazi, Board Member, *Shoval*; Activist in the Transgender Community

Abigail Sperber, Founder, *Shoval*; Founder, *Bat-Kol*

Zehorit Sorek, Founder, *The Proud Minyan*

6:00-6:30PM **BREAK**

6:30-8:30PM

LGBTQ IN ISRAEL AFTER THE SHOOTING AT BAR-NO'AR: BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HATRED

Moderator: **Roy Wagner**, School of Computer Science, Tel Aviv-Yaffo Academic College; The Sidney M. Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology, and Medicine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Roundtable Discussants:

Baruch Oren, *Sisha Tzva'im* Association

Nora Grinberg, Activist for the promotion of Rights for Transsexual and Transgender people in Israel

Amit Kama, Department of Communication, The Academic College of Emek Yezreel

Adi Moreno, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

Samira Saraya, a proud gay Palestinian woman, *Aswat*

Aeyal Gross, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

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10:15-11:30AM

FOURTH SESSION: HEBREW MYTHOLOGIES

Goldman Auditorium, Building M5 (The Faculty of Health Sciences)

Moderator: **Esmail Nashif**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Welcome:

Moshe Justman, on behalf of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Henriette Dahan Kalev, on behalf of the Gender Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Amalia Ziv, on behalf of the Lesbian & Gay Studies and Queer Theory Forum, Tel Aviv University

Papers:

Henriette Dahan Kalev, The Gender Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Ahikam Ferber-Tzurel, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Sara was a Butch: Sexual Identity, Gender Practices and Sara's Place in The Jewish National Pantheon

Zvi Triger, School of Law, The College of Management

Ahasver, the Wandering Gay: Immigration, Sexuality and the Question of Recognition in Same-Sex Relationships in Law and Culture

11:30-12:00PM **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00-1:00PM

FIFTH SESSION: WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU'RE OLD?

Goldman Auditorium, Building M5 (The Faculty of Health Sciences)

Moderator: **Amalia Ziv**, The Program in Gender Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Department of Literature, Tel Aviv University

Alon Oren and **Adital Ben-Ari**, School of Social Work, University of Haifa
The otherness of the 'other' parent in a 'co-parenting' model as practiced by a gay couple and a straight woman

Omer Sagie, University of Haifa

"Successful Aging" among Homosexuals & Lesbians in Israeli Society - Environmental Characteristics

1:00-2:30PM **LUNCH BREAK**

2:30-4:00PM

SIXTH SESSION: QUEER EYE FOR THE ISRAELI MEDIA

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Catherine Rottenberg**, The Program in Gender Studies, and the Department of Foreign Literatures and Linguistics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Itay Harlap, Department of Film and Television, Tel Aviv University and Department of Film and TV, Sapir Academic College

Queer as Dad: Representations of Gay Fatherhood in Popular Culture

Yasmin (max) Sason, School of Media and Cultural Studies, UEL London

Between Two Cities, Between Two Women

Gilad Padva, Department of Film and Television and Department of Communication, Tel Aviv University; School of Education, Beit Berl Academic College

Cause of Death: Homophobia

Sexuality, Death and a New Martyrologic Ethos in the Media Coverage of the Terrorist Attack on Tel Aviv GLBT Association

4:00-4:30PM **BREAK**

4:30-6:00PM

SEVENTH SESSION: BEYOND BINARIES

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Rakefet Levkovich**, The Program in Gender Studies, and the Department of Politics and Governance, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Shiri Eisner, Tel Aviv University; Panorama – Bi and Pansexual Feminist Community

Repressed Bisexuality in Film

Esther Rapoport, Lev HaSharon Medical Center

Bisexuality and the Colonial Discourse on Primitivism

Lihee Rothschild, Tel Aviv University; Panorama; Coalition of Pink Communities

Compulsory Monogamy and Polyamorous Existence

6:00-6:30PM **BREAK**

6:30-8:00PM

ROUNDTABLE: QUEER PERIPHERIES

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Merav Amir**, The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University

Discussants:

Yael Agmon, Member, team for the promotion of LGBT community in the Eshkol local council; CEO, *Tehila* Organization

Yossef(a) Mekyton, From Beer-al-saba, Um-rash-rash and Mansheya (Jaffa), Friend of the Gothenburg Queer Institute, Sweden

Dina Alterman, FORA - Feminist Organization of Russian-Speaking Activists Women within the Coalition of Women for Peace

Barak Attar, Coordinator, Be'er Sheva and the South Branch, *The Aguda*

Gil Peleg, Youth Counselor, *Israel Gay Youth* (IGY), Eshkol Region

8:30-11:00PM **PARTY**

'Ashan HaZman' Club, 19 Ringelblum, Be'er Sheva

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