



# JERUSALEM

## From Umbilicus Mundi to the Four Corners of the Earth and Back

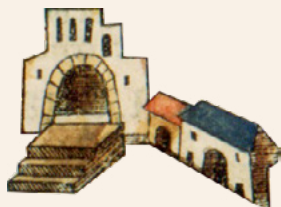
International Conference on the Study of Jerusalem

Monday, July 10 to Thursday, July 13, 2023

Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Auditorium

Ibn Gabirol 14, Jerusalem

and live broadcast at [www.ybz.org.il](http://www.ybz.org.il)



# Monday

July 10, 2023

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17:00-20:00 | Opening event

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## Opening and Greetings

Dr. Yaniv Mezman, Director, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

Eli Escojido, General Director, Israel Antiquities Authority

**Jerusalem in the Life and Work of A.B. Yehoshua** | Bilha Ben-Eliyahu,  
Kerem Institute, David Yellin College of Education, Efrata College of  
Education (H)

**Jerusalem the Eternal City** | Prof. Haim Be'er, Novelist (H)

## “My Soul Longs for You from Afar”: Jerusalem in Hebrew Songs

A Special Performance by Dr. Moti Zeira  
and the Singer Meital Travelsi (H)





# Tuesday

July 11, 2023

9:00-9:30 Gathering

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9:30 Greetings

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Prof. Rechav (Buni) Rubin, Head of the Institute for Research on Eretz Israel, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

**“Spoken Word” Performance** – Tzvia Margaliot (H)

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9:45-11:00 Opening Session

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**Chair:** Prof. Rechav (Buni) Rubin, Head of the Institute for Research on Eretz Israel, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

**Between “Zion” in the City of David and “Jerusalem” in England**

Prof. Ronny Reich, University of Haifa (H)

**Jerusalem – The ‘City of the Dove’?**

Prof. Avigdor Shinan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

**Jerusalem - the Earthly, the Heavenly, and the Translated**

Prof. Bianca Kühnel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

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11:00-12:15 First Session:

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**The Beginning of Jerusalem: Archaeological and Historical Perspective**

**Chair:** Dr. Dafna Langgut, Tel Aviv University

**Early Urbanism in Middle Bronze Age Jerusalem**

Helena Roth, Tel Aviv University (H)

**The Turning of Jerusalem’s Mountain Peaks into Political Landmarks**

Yuval Gadot, and Dafna Langgut, Tel Aviv University (H)

**The Mental Map of Jerusalem and its Environs**

Prof. Eyal Ben Eliyahu, University of Haifa (H)

## 12:15-12:30 Coffee Break

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### 12:30-13:30 Second Session:

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#### **The Physical Development of Jerusalem and its Growth into a Symbol and a Myth**

**Chair:** Prof. Yuval Gadot, Tel Aviv University

#### **The Development of Jerusalem, the Capital of the Kingdom of Judea: From the Days of Yehoash to those of Ahaz**

Dr. Yiftah Shalev, Israel Antiquities Authority (H)

#### **Memories that Form a Symbol: Jerusalem over the Ages**

Oded Lipschits, Tel Aviv University (H)

#### **The Jerusalem Scribal Community of Practice and the Centralization of Religious Myth in the Persian Period**

Prof. William Schniedewind, UCLA

## 13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

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### 14:30-16:15 Third Session:

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#### **The Connection to Jerusalem during the Babylonian Exile and the Return to Zion**

**Chair:** Dr. Filip Vukosavovic, Israel Antiquities Authority

#### **In Search of the Lived Experience of Judean Deportees in Babylonia**

Dr. Kathleen Abraham, KU Leuven, Belgium

#### **Taxation and Royal Service in the Persian-Achaemeniad Period – The Perspective of Judean Exiles in Babylonia**

Dr. Peter Zilberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

#### **Private Worship in the Communities of Exiles in Babylonia and Its Implications for the Origin of the Synagogue**

Dr. Yigal Bloch, Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem (H)

#### **Nehemiah's Role in Jerusalem Explored through Mesopotamian Documents | Dr. Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University (H)**

## 16:15 Coffee Break

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## 16:30-18:00 Fourth Session:

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### Second Temple Issues

**Chair:** Prof. Tal Ilan, The Free University of Berlin

**Temple City: Jerusalem and its Temple in the Urban Planning of the Dead Sea Scrolls** | Prof. Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University

**Who were the Libertini, as builders of their own synagogue in Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period?**

Dr. Yael Escojido, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

**The Imprint Left by the Economy of the Pilgrims in the Second Temple Period as Reflected in the Archaeological Evidence in Jerusalem** | Dr. Omri Abadi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

**The Design of the Urban Landscape of Jerusalem at the Foot of the pre-Herodian Temple Mount in Light of Archaeological Research near Wilson's Arch**

Dr. Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah, Israel Antiquities Authority (H)

## 18:00 Coffee Break

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## 18:10-19:30 Fifth Session:

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**Jerusalem in the Sources, from the Bible to Late Antiquity**

**Chair:** Prof. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, University of Haifa

**The Possibility of Giving a Role to Gentiles in the Temple in Jerusalem in Two Utopian Biblical Prophecies** | Dr. Amichai Nahshon, Ashkelon Academic College, Bar-Ilan University, Orot Israel College (H)

**An Analysis of Josephus' Description of Jerusalem in the Context of Roman-Hellenistic Literature**

Prof. Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University (H)

**Jerusalem and Constantinople in Byzantine Chronicles**

Rivka Fishman-Duker, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

**The Roots and Branches of the Tradition of the Creation of the World from Zion in Late Antiquity**

Dr. Yehoshua Granat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)



# Wednesday

July 12, 2023

8:45-9:00 Gathering

9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions

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**First session (Auditorium):**

**Axis Mundi – Between Jerusalem and Mecca, between the Rock and the Kaaba**

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**Chair:** Prof. Daniella Talmon-Heller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**The First Qibla: From Jerusalem to Mecca and Back Again**  
Prof. Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College

**“The Temple Dome”: The Sources for the Tradition of Illustrating the Temple in the Form of the Dome of the Rock**

Dr. Rachel Sarfati, Israel Museum (H)

**Jacob’s Night Vision in Jerusalem and the Foundation Stone of the World** | Prof. Rachel Adelman, Hebrew College, MA

**Parallel Session (The President’s Cabin):**

**Jerusalem as the Focus of International Innovative Activity on the Part of Women**

**Chair:** Prof. Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern, Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies, Jerusalem

**Jerusalem as the Focus for International Activity of Jewish Women, 1839-1948** | Prof. Margalit Shilo, Bar-Ilan University (H)

**A Story of Heroism and Mission – Nurses in Jerusalem in the War of Independence** | Dr. Dorit Weis, Netanya Academic College (H)

**Longing for Jerusalem – A Daughter, a Mother, and an Aunt, Who Were but Are No Longer** | Dr. Sharon Geva, Kibbutzim College (H)

**The Precursors of Care-Giving: Foreign Influences in Jerusalem and throughout Eretz Israel** | Dr. Nira Barta], Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

**10:30 Coffee break**

## **10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions**

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**Second Session (Auditorium):**

**Pilgrimage and the Image of Jerusalem in the Crusader Period and Afterwards**

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**Chair:** Prof. Bianca Kühnel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**From Santiago to the Holy Land: Itinera per Hispaniam to Jerusalem in Iberian Political Culture (1100–1300)** | Michael J. Sanders, Fordham University

**Post-Crusader Immersive Devotions and the Circuits of the Mount of Olives** | Prof. Michele Bacci, University of Fribourg

**The Way of the Cross in Římov and the Re-Catholization of Bohemia** | Dr Orit Ramon, The Open University of Israel (H)

**Ierusalem Tota Quadro Strata Marmore Subtili - Holy City Described in Czech Medieval Pilgrimage Travelogues** | Dr. Jaroslav Svátek, Charles University, Prague

## Parallel Session (President's Cabin):

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### Jerusalem in Poetry and Literature

Chair: Dr. Amit Assis, Segula - The Jewish History Magazine

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**“There are Abandoned Women, there is Abandoned Territory, and there is a Life of Abandonment”:** Jerusalem and the No-man's land in Yehuda Amichai's Novel Not of This Time, Not of This Place

Prof. Nitza Ben-Dov, University of Haifa (H)

**Twin Cities or Opposite Cities: Yehuda Amichai between Venice and Jerusalem** | Dr. Giacomo Loi, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (H)

**Impressions of Writers and Poets from their Visits to Jerusalem**

Dr. Yaakov Sarig, Al Qasemi Academic College of Education (H)

**The Novel Jerusalem by Selma Lagerlöf and Echoes of Its Influence on the City** | Dr. Sarina Chen, The Open University of Israel (H)

### 12:15 Break

## 12:30-14:00 Parallel Sessions

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### Third Session (Auditorium):

**Material and Memory in constructing the Holy City in the Crusader Period**

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Chair: Dr. Vardit Shotten-Hallel, Israel Antiquities Authority

**Rebuilding Tradition: The Architecture of Jerusalem's Loca Sancta in the Crusader Period** | Dr. Katharina Palmberger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**'Liberating' Jerusalem and Norms of War during the Era of the Crusades** | Dr. Michael S. Fulton, Langara College, Vancouver



**Architecture at the Jerusalem Holy Sites during the 12th century and the Expectations of Pilgrims** | Dr. Gil Fishhof, University of Haifa

**Minting in the Center of the World: Mints and Minters in Crusader Jerusalem (1099–1187)** | Dr. Robert Kool, Israel Antiquities Authority

## **Parallel Session** (President's Cabin):

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**From the Ends of the Earth to Jerusalem**  
**Chair: Dr. Mishy Harman, Israel Story podcast**

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**Israeli Jerusalem (the New City) in the Travelogues of Spanish and Latin American Writers between 1948 and 1967**

Dr. Nitai Shinan, National Library of Israel (H)

**The Full-Scale Copy of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Resurrection Monastery near Moscow: Archaeological Study, 2009–2019** | Prof. Leonid Belyaev, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

**Longing for Zion in Beta Israel**

Dr. Yosi Ziv, Shaanan College and Orot Israel

**The Contribution of Accounts from Jerusalem to Understanding the History and Characteristics of the Political Autonomy of the Beta ʿƏsra'el (Ethiopian Jewish) Community**

Dr. Bar Kribus, Tel Aviv University

**14:00–15:00 Lunch Break**



## 15:00-16:30 Parallel Sessions

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### Fourth Session (Auditorium):

#### Jerusalem in the Middle Ages – Imagination, Experience, and Comprehension

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**Chair:** Prof. Iris Shagrir, The Open University of Israel

#### **Describing Jerusalem after the First Crusade: Eschatological Ambiguity, Local Contexts, and Literary Traditions**

Anna Gutgarts, University of Haifa

#### **“O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock” (Song of Songs, 2:14): Golgotha and the veneration of Christ’s wounds**

Dr. Yamit Rachman-Schrire, Independent Scholar (H)

#### **Mobilizing Holy Relics in Medieval Jerusalem**

Dr. Netta Amir, The Open University of Israel (H)

#### **Mater Dolorosa of Golgotha – from a Devotional Artifact to a Symbol** | Dr. Anastasia Keshman, Independent Scholar (E)

## Parallel Session (President’s Cabin):

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### The Study of Jerusalem and Its Researchers

#### **Chair: Prof. Haim Goren, Tel-Hai College**

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**“If I forget thee, O Jerusalem” – On the Place of Jerusalem in Archaeological Research in Israel and Abroad, an Historiographical Perspective** | Prof. Gidon Avni, Israel Antiquities Authority and Hebrew University of Jerusalem (H)

#### **“The German Society in Jerusalem” and the ‘Jerusalem Branch of the German Society for the Study of Eretz Israel’, 1873-1910**

Dr. Eyal Eisler, Ludwigsburg University (H)

#### **Viewing Ancient Jerusalem: Explorers of the Palestine Exploration Fund** | Prof. Shimon Gibson, University of North Carolina

**From Conrad Schick to Gustaf Dalman: The German Influence on the Exploration of Jerusalem | Dr. Dieter Vieweger, GPIA Jerusalem**

**16:30 Break**

**16:45-18:15 Parallel Sessions**

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**Fifth Session (Auditorium):  
Jerusalem from a Muslim Perspective**

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**Chair:** Dr. Milka Levy-Rubin, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

**Jerusalem as a Religious-Political Center in the Early Muslim Period**  
Dr. Tal Laufer, Bar-Ilan University (H)

**Is the Chapel of the Ascension Sacred to Muslims?**  
Dr. Rafeh Abu-Raya, Israel Antiquities Authority (H)

**On the Question of the Sanctity of Jerusalem in Islam, a New-Old Debate | Prof. Yitzhak Reiter, Al-Qasemi College and Reichman University (H)**

**Jerusalem in Palestinian Literature**  
Dr. Yaron Ovadia, Independent Scholar

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**Parallel Session (President's Cabin):**

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**From the East and From the West: Jerusalem from a Christian Perspective**  
**Chair:** Yisca Harani, Independent Scholar

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**Reflections of Jerusalem across the Sea: The Medieval Kingdom of Cyprus and the Holy City | Prof. Ioanna Christoforaki, Academy of Athens**

**Experiencing the End of the World: the Eschatological Experience in Russian Medieval Pilgrim Accounts | Dr. Lidia Chakovskaya, State Institute of Art Studies (SIAS), Moscow**

# The Reflections of the Jerusalemite Realities in the Armenian Early Medieval Sculpture and Small Architectural Forms

Dr. Zaruhi Hakobyan, Yerevan State University

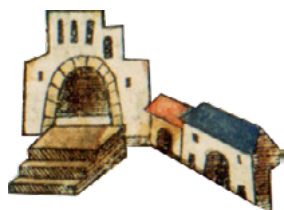
# The Property of the Monastery of the Holy Cross and Jerusalem in Georgia (XVIII-XIX century documents)

Dr. Ketevan Asatiani, National Archives of Georgia

19:00 Reception and dinner for conference speakers



Registration  
in Hebrew



# Thursday

July 13, 2023

**8:45-9:00 Gathering**

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**9:00-10:30 First Session**

**A Source of Attraction and of Disappointment: On Pilgrimage to Jerusalem**

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**Chair:** Dr. Orit Ramon, The Open University

**The Pilgrim's Disappointment: Medieval Narratives of Arrival at Jerusalem and "the Port of Jerusalem"**

Prof. Anthony Bale, University of London

**Jerusalem as Centre of the World in German Medieval Pilgrim Accounts?**

Prof. Maria E. Doringner, Paris-Lodron-Universität Salzburg

**The Uniqueness, Sanctity, and Centrality of Jerusalem in German Chronicles from the Late Middle Age**

Dr. Shlomo Lotan, Bar-Ilan University (H)

**Alms Gathering and the Global Expansion of the Catholic Tradition: The Commissioners of the Holy Land, 1620-1700**

Prof. Megan C. Armstrong, McMaster University

**10:30 Coffee break**

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## 10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions

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### Second Session (Auditorium):

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**Images of Jerusalem in Art, Architecture, and Magical Items**  
Chair: Dr. Naama Vilozni, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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**The Stone of Unction at the Calvary Hill in Jaroměřice near Jevíčko, the Czech Republic** | Dr. Tomas Repa, University of Defence, Brno

**To Shed Light on Jerusalem: Hebrew Manuscripts from Bohemia and Moravia** | Prof. Sara Offenber, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (H)

**Harnessing the Holy Place: Jerusalem in Amulets and Spells**  
Dr. Gal Sofer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (H)

**The Synagogue of Worms, Inner Courtyard and Mikveh, and the Temple of Jerusalem: Architectural, Liturgical and Symbolic Perspectives (11th-13th centuries)** | Dr. Rainer Josef Barzen, WWU Munster

### Parallel Session (President's Cabin):

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**External and Local Influences on Urban Planning**  
Chair: Dr. Yuval Baruch, Israel Antiquities Authority, Haifa University

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**The Ottoman Engineer George Franghia and the Development of Jerusalem and its District during the 1880s-1890s** | Prof. Yuval Ben-Bassat, University of Haifa (H)

**In the focus of Christian and Muslim interest: Jordanian Jerusalem, 1964** | Dr. Eldad Brin, University of Haifa (H)

**"Fair-crested, Joy of all the Earth" – End of an Era? The Effects of Growing Density on the Image of Jerusalem** | Architect Adi Sela

Wiener, Sapienza University of Rome and Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem; Architect Leora Berry, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem (H)

### 12:15 Coffee Break

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### 12:30–14:00 Third Session: Jerusalem and Its Image in German Eyes

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**Chair:** Dr. Amnon Ramon, Institute for Research on Eretz Israel, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

**Jerusalem in Nuremberg at the End of the 15th Century** | Prof. Ute Verstegen, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

**Jerusalem, My Highest Joy: The Cult of Loca Sancta in 15th-c. German Convents** | Dr. Lotem Pinchover, Tel Aviv University (H)

**A City of the Past – Jerusalem in German-Jewish Bible Illustrations in the 19th Century** | Dr. Batia Rachmilewitz, Independent Scholar (H)

**Representation of Jerusalem and the Holy Land in today's German Cultural Landscape** | Prof. Haim Goren, Tel-Hai Academic College (H)

### 14:00–15:00 Lunch Break

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### 15:00–16:30 Fourth Session:

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**Jerusalem in Jewish Thought over the Ages**

**Chair:** Dr. Asaf Tamari, Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

**Maimonides' Jerusalem – Myth, Philosophy, and Halakha**  
Dr. Tal Burgansky, Bar-Ilan University (H)

**“And This is the Gate of Heaven”: The Centrality of Jerusalem in the Writings of R. Joseph Gikatilla** | Yedidya Wengrower, Bar-Ilan University (H)



**On the Other Side of the Temple Mount - on the Creation of Zionist Sacredness Inspired by the Temple and in Opposition to** | Yehonatan Hershberg, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**The Heavenly Jerusalem and the Earthly Jerusalem in the Thought of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** | Dr. Moshe Ovadia, Academic College Levinsky-Wingate (H)

### 16:30 Coffee Break

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**16:45-18:15 Fifth Session:  
A Contemporary View of Jerusalem: Challenges and Opportunities in a Splintered Metropolis**

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**Chair:** Prof. Gillad Rosen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**“We Don’t Discuss Politics Here!”: Shared-Society Activism in Post-Oslo Jerusalem** | Dr. Marik Shtern, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**The Civic Jerusalem: Bottom-Up City Making** | Prof. Galit Cohen Blankshtain, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Urban (Re)Development in the Early 21st Century: Winds of Change**  
| Prof. Gillad Rosen, The Hebrew University and Prof. Igal Charney, University of Haifa

### 18:15-18:30 Concluding Remarks

**Guided Tours for Researchers and the General Public** (20 ILS per tour)

During the conference, Sunday July 9, Monday July 10, Friday, July 14  
All tours guided in Hebrew

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