GARDEN, ORCHARD and NATURE

In Jewish and Japanese Culture, Literature and Religion

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Session 1 10:00 am Opening and chair: Ada Taggar-Cohen

Shimon Adaf (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"Looking for the Real: The Case of the Garden"

Hanna Soker-Schwager (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"The Scent of Oranges and Yellow Calicotome Flowers in Anton Shammas' Arabesques"

Lunch Break 12:00-1:30

Session 2 1:30 pm Chair: Kaori Ozawa

Aida Yuen Wong (Brandeis University)

"Confucian Morality in Japan's Daimyō Gardens"

Ivo Smiths (University of Leiden)

"Textual Landscaping: Poetry and Garden Design in Classical Japan"

Break 3:00-3:30

Session 3 3:30 pm Chair: Haviva Ishay

Anat Weisman (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"Metamorphosis into Trees: Natan Zach, David Avidan and Yona Wallach"

Vered Shemtov (Stanford University)

"Nature, Gardens and Ownership in Romantic Hebrew Poetry"

Mei-Tal Nadler (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"'Not with romantic yearning, only with passion to see future in retrospect':

Nature, Matter, and Culture in the Poetry of Meir Wieseltier"

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Session 4 10:00-11:30 am Chair: Shimon Adaf

Michal Ben-Naftali (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"Still life: Gardening in the Cemetery in Yehudit Hendel's late Prose"

Lilah Nethanel (Bar Ilan University)

"The Orchard of Knowledge: Representations of the Faustian Tragedy in 19th Century Hebrew Literature"

Noam Krohn Borojovich (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"The Sycamore Garden: The Myth of Urbanism in Modern Hebrew Literature"

Lunch break 12:00-1:00

Session 5 1:00 pm Chair: Matthew Fraleig

Kaori Ozawa (Kobe College)

"The Flight of Jonah: A Practical Reading of the Book of Jonah from the Perspective of Ecological Hermeneutics"

Shirah M. Cohen (Brandeis University)

"Music, Nature, and the Subconscious in Uri Nissan Gnessin and Shiga Naoya"

Break 2:30-3:00

Session 6 3:00 pm Chair: Hanna Soker-Schwager

Yigal Schwartz (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"The Mythoflora of Israeli Literature"

Hiroshi Ichikawa (Tokyo University)

"Meditation on the Real and the Ideal in Religion through the Symbolism of the Garden"

Break 4:00-4:15

Session 7 4:15 pm Chair and Closing: Doron B. Cohen

Haviva Ishay (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

"The Stars of the Garden Beds Shone – Medieval Arabic and Hebrew Flowers Poetry"

Naoya Katsumata (Kyoto University)

"Flora and Fauna in Hebrew Liturgical Poetry (Piyyut) – Real or Imaginary?"

Closing 5:15-5:30

Doron B. Cohen (Doshisha University)

"Closing Words: In Bialik's Garden"

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A tour of the Campus of Imadegawa, Doshisha University