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VERSES OF LONGING: DESIRE AND GENDER IN MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE
THE BRANDEIS-BGU INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR SCHOLARS

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1-2, 2013
The Schusterman Center Conference Room (Mandel 328), Brandeis University

[Tuesday, October 1st 2013](#)

9:00-9:30: Gathering

9:30 - 10:45: Session 1

Ilana Szobel (Brandeis University): Opening remarks
Group Discussion

10:45 - 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 - 12:45: Session 2

Roy Greenwald (Ben-Gurion University): The Oedipalization of the Land at the
Poetry of the Third Aliya
Hamutal Tsamir (Ben-Gurion University): Nation Building, Desire, and Gender:
Reflections on Literary History

12:45 - 2:30: Lunch

2:30 - 4:00: Session 3

Orian Zakai (University of Michigan): The Desire for the Other Woman in Hebrew
Women's Prose of the Pre-State Period
Shira Stav (Ben-Gurion University): Mechanisms of Desire in Aharon Shabtai's
Poetry
Response: Adriana Jacobs (Oxford University)

4:00-4:30: Coffee break

4:30 - 6:00: Session 4 [in English]

Configurations of Desire: Rethinking Hebrew Literature

Amir Banbaji (Ben-Gurion University): The Desire for Beauty and Truth in Haskalah
Aesthetic Theory

Mikhal Dekel (City College, CUNY): Tragedy Contra Theory: Matalon, Butler and the
Critique of Zionism

Response: Shai Ginsburg (Duke University)

6:30 - 8:00: Dinner

[Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013](#)

9:00 - 10:30: Session 5

Shimrit Peled (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Eros and Nationalism in the
Yeshuv - "Breakdown and Bereavement" by Y.H. Brenner

Ilana Szobel (Brandeis University): Representations of Prostitution in Early
Hebrew Zionist literature

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30: Session 6

Andrea Siegel (University of Michigan): Disability, Desire, Arabs, and Jews

Eric Zakim (University of Maryland): Deleuze, Desire, and Israeli Culture

Group Discussion

12:30 - 2:15: Lunch

2:15 - 3:45

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Hamutal Tsamir (Ben-Gurion University): Conclusion Remarks

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