MSU Symposium on Modern Hebrew and Israeli Literature

April 9 & 10, 2013

*Commemorating the Centennial of the 1913 War of the Languages in Palestine & Celebrating the Irwin T. and Shirley Holtzman Israeli Literature Collection and Archive at the MSU Libraries*

**Tuesday, April 9**

*MSU Main Library, 4th Floor West, North Conference Room*

7:30 pm  Meir Shalev,  "*Jacob-The Lover Who Lost His Patience*

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**Wednesday, April 10**

*Morning and afternoon sessions are in Wells Hall B-342*

9:00–9:50 a.m.  Welcome Breakfast (provided)

10:00–10:20 a.m.  Opening comments by Marc Bernstein, Kenneth Waltzer, and Karin Wurst

**10:20 a.m.–12 noon On Meir Shalev’s Oeuvre**

Robert Alter: "The Innovative Turn of Meir Shalev's Fiction"

Arieh Saposnik: "Out of a Russian Novel, into a Novel Hebrew: Hebrew Culture and the Remaking of Jewish Language, Land and Self"

Respondent: Meir Shalev

12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.  Lunch (Provided for all attendees; no RSVP required)

1:30–3:00 p.m.  *1920 to 2020—Formation and Transformation of the Hebrew Literary Canon*

Miryam Segal: "One Thousand Arms and the Small Group of Women (How Labor Expedited the Rise of Women's Poetry)"

Rachel Harris: "Is There Still a Canon?: Eshkol Nevo’s *Neuland*

Ranen Omer-Sherman: "Jewish and Muslim Interdependencies in a New Generation of Israeli Writers"

3:00–3:20 p.m. Refreshments

3:30–5:00 p.m.  *The New Hebrew a Century Later: Ethics, and Ideology and the Limits of Power*

Daniel Statman: "‘The Spirit of the IDF’: The Moral Challenges of War"

Guy Meirson: "*Rock The Casbah: The First 'First Intifada' Film*"

Ya'akov Herskovitz: "Colonizing Ideologies: The Settlements Between Amos Oz and Asaf Gavron"
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7:30 PM  Robert Alter, “Hebrew Poetry Rewriting Job”

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All refreshments and meals served at the Symposium are prepared and served under kosher supervision.

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