

# “THE EXPANSE OF RUSSIA IN ISRAEL”

**An International Conference to be held at Tulane University, February 15-16, 2009**

Sponsored by *Tulane University's Jewish Studies Program, Center for Cultural Judaism; American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise; Dean's Office of the School of Liberal Arts Deep South Regional Humanities Center at Tulane University; The Levin/Rosenstein Lecture Series in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Levin, Dr. Jacob L. Levin, and Larry and Judy (Levin) Rosenstein; The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana; Israeli Consulate in Houston, TX.*

This conference is devoted to a long-awaited investigation of Zionism in Russia and the influence of secular Russian culture on Israeli life. Our goal is both historical and sociological, that is, to understand the specifically Russian context of the intellectual origins of the Zionist ideology and to gauge the influence of Russian culture on Israeli political, social, artistic, and secular life up to the present. We hope to bring together the best scholars in the world to present papers on aspects of these questions.

**\*\* Schedule \*\***

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF Professor JONATHAN FRANKEL

## FEBRUARY 15: LBC 201, Race Conference Room

10:30-11am: Opening remarks, Brian Horowitz, conference organizer, Carole Haber, Dean of Tulane's School of Liberal Arts.

### 11-12:30. PANEL 1:

Russians and Jews/Zionists and Others in Tsarist and Early Soviet Times

Jonathan Dekel-Chen (Hebrew University)

"The Agricultural Crossroads of Ideology and Professional Networks in the Modern Jewish World."

Vladimir Levin (Ben Gurion University)

"Here and There: *Gegenwartsarbeit* versus Palestine in Russian Zionism"

Ziva Galili (Rutgers University)

"Exile to Palestine"

12:30-1:30 LUNCH

### 1:30-3:30 PANEL 2:

Shai Ginsburg (Duke University)

"War and Peace in Israel: Hebrew Literature and Russian Literature in Hebrew, 1945-1960."

Philip Hollander (Tulane University)

"A Mythological Starting Point: The New Yishuv's Response to the 1905 Revolution in Levi Aryeh Arieli's 'Allah Karim!'"

Rafi Tsirkin-Sadan (Hebrew University)

"Self-Evaluation by Means of Art: Brenner Reading Belinsky"

Hamutal Bar-Josef (Ben Gurion University, Independent Writer)

"Jewish-Russian-Israeli Identity in Julia Winer's Long Poems"

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 **The Levin/Rosenstein Series Lecture** in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Levin, Dr. Jacob L. Levin, and Larry and Judy (Levin) Rosenstein

Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan).

8:00-9:00pm- **Poetry Reading** by Hamutal Bar-Josef

In Casablanca Moroccan-Jewish Restaurant, 3030 Severn Ave., Metairie (504-888-2209)

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## **FEBRUARY 16. LECTURES CONTINUE: LBC 201, Race Conference Room**

1:00-3:00, PANEL 3:

Gur Alroey (University of Haifa)

“The Russian Terror in Palestine: Bar Giora and Ha'shomer Associations, 1907-1914.”

Vladimir Khazan (Hebrew University)

"Pinkhas Rutenberg, Vladimir Burtsev, Comintern, and Arab Disturbance in Palestine"

Frank Grüner (Heidelberg University)

“Zionists in Harbin”

Gabriella Safran (Stanford University)

“Fighting over the Dead: How Zionists, Yiddishists, and SRs Claimed S. An-sky”

3-4:30 PANEL 4.

Edith Rogovin Frankel (Hebrew University)

“The Survival of Jewish and Zionist Identity in the Soviet Union: Case Studies From the 1970s”

Michael Beizer (Hebrew University)

"The Refusenik's Life in Leningrad in the 1980s as Reflected in Recollections (Memoirs) of Activists”

Stefani Hoffman (Hebrew University)

"Odd Man Out—or In? Identity issues in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s"

4:40-5:00 BREAK

5-6:30 PANEL 5.

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts)

“Russians on Israeli Film

Mikhail Krutikov (University of Michigan)

“Virtual Identities: “Israeli” Voices on Russian Internet”