



## The National Library of Israel: Speakers Bureau

*The National Library of Israel is the central institution of national memory for the Jewish people worldwide and the State of Israel. A living bridge connecting the wisdom of past generations with the worlds of today and tomorrow, the Library is home to globally significant collections, exquisite manuscripts, the world's largest library of Jewish and Israeli music, personal and community archives, and countless other treasures that tell the historical, cultural, and intellectual story of the Jewish people, the State of Israel, and the Land of Israel and its region throughout the ages.*

*The Library's rich array of cultural and educational initiatives and partnerships, professional collaborations, and innovative digital programs, as well as our iconic new home currently under construction in Jerusalem, are designed to ensure that all Israelis, Jews, and people everywhere can encounter and be inspired by the National Library of Israel's collections. NLI actively works to develop partnerships and outreach in Europe, North America, and around the world, enhancing our global value and impact as a connecting force and a source of knowledge.*

*With increasing frequency, communities and organizations worldwide have been reaching out to the National Library to arrange for high-level speakers and to host joint events. In this spirit, we have built a Speakers Bureau that includes top experts from amongst the National Library of Israel staff who can speak in English (and other languages) on a range of fascinating topics steeped in the resources and wells of knowledge that are concentrated in the National Library.*

Please see the full list below and contact information at the end of the document.

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Last Name	Title, First Name	Position at Library	Topic(s)	Languages
Amiur	Dr. Hezi	Israel Collection Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of Hannah Senesh: new discoveries from her archive</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English
Assaf	Netta	Exhibitions Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our vision for exhibitions in the new NLI building</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English
Ben-Ghedalia	Dr. Yochai	Director, the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People</li> <li>Jewish Genealogy: explore the treasure trove of NLI archives</li> <li>The connection of Jewish communities to Jerusalem, through time and place</li> <li>This history of philanthropy and mutual aid in Jewish communities</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English
Cohen	Dr. Ahava	Hebrew Catalogue Department, Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cataloging people: the national authority database (or, just how many David Cohens are there in the world, anyway?)</li> <li>Behind the scenes at the NLI: a librarian's view</li> <li>Extending our reach: how the NLI is making Hebraica and Judaica resources available to everyone, everywhere</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Deutscher	Yaron	Head of Digital Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessing the treasures of the National Library of Israel: NLI's digital strategy</li> <li>Cultural institutions in a digital world</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English

Finkelman	Dr. Yoel	Haim and Hanna Salomon Judaica Collection Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Bamiyan to Brooklyn: on the paths of Jewish languages</li> <li>• From Bomberg to the Beit Midrash: the structure and meaning of the Talmudic page</li> <li>• An introduction to Jewish magic (or, how to build a golem in three easy steps)</li> <li>• An introduction to the Afghan Geniza</li> <li>• An introduction to Jewish manuscripts</li> <li>• Form and content on the Jewish bookshelf</li> <li>• Behind the scenes of the world's largest Judaica collection</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Hoffman	Shuvi	Diaspora Education Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History at your fingertips: bringing NLI's treasures into the classroom</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Kanefield	Adina	CEO, NLI USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The story of the National Library of Israel</li> <li>• Expanding the impact of the National Library of Israel in the USA: a renewed vision</li> </ul>	English
Leshem	Rabbi Dr. Zvi	Director, Gershom Scholem Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gershom Scholem and the Scholem Collection</li> <li>• Exploring the inner world of Hasidism</li> <li>• Jewish holidays in Kabbalah/Hasidism</li> <li>• Trends in Kabbalah research</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Levi	Yaniv	Head of Library Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Envisioning the role of libraries in the 21st century</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English

Litt	Dr. Stefan	Humanities Collection Curator, Archivist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fate of Franz Kafka's archival collection at the National Library of Israel</li> <li>The Napoleon documents collection and the French campaign in Egypt and Palestine (1799-1801)</li> <li>From the dawn of printing: the Incunabula collection at NLI</li> </ul>	German, English, Hebrew
Miller	Eyal	Director, JPress – The Historic Jewish Press Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Library's groundbreaking Historic Jewish Press Project</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English
Schacter	Naomi	Director of International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of the National Library of Israel</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Schneeweiss	DJ	Strategic Consultant, NLI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of the National Library of Israel</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Sethill	Caron	Director of Gesher L'Europa, NLI's "Bridge to Europe"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Venice to Vilnius, Belgrade to Barcelona: what's the National Library of Israel doing in Europe?</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Szekely	Marcela	Director of Conservation and Restoration Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving and restoring heritage: the role of the Conservation Department at the National Library of Israel</li> <li>What's the difference between conservation and restoration?</li> </ul>	Spanish, Hebrew, English

Thrope	Dr. Samuel	Islam and Middle East Collection Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A.S. Yahuda, Ignac Goldziher, and Gotthold Weil: The making of the Islam and Middle East Collection at the National Library</li> <li>• Ferdowsi's children: the Iranian national epic and the history of the Middle East</li> <li>• Islamic science between Greece and India</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Ukeles	Dr. Raquel	Head of Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journeys in the footsteps of Maimonides</li> <li>• Tolstoy, the Imam from Dagestan, and the Lubavitcher Rebbe</li> <li>• What do Hannah Senesh, the Rambam/Maimonides, Kafka, and Mayy Ziyadeh have in common?</li> <li>• Building a shared society at the National Library of Israel</li> <li>• Seven insights into Islamic culture, through the NLI's Islamic manuscripts collection</li> <li>• Cross-pollination between Jewish and Islamic traditions: the Joseph story</li> </ul>	English, Hebrew
Weinberg	Oren	CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The future National Library of Israel: NLI's new building</li> </ul>	Hebrew, English

***We welcome your interest.*** To inquire about booking a speaker, please contact:

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*In most cases, an honorarium is customary. Travel costs will be charged for in-person engagements.*

*This list appears on the new National Library of Israel website and will be updated and refreshed on an ongoing basis.*