



The National Library of Israel: Speakers Bureau

The National Library of Israel is the central institution of collective memory for Israel and for the Jewish people worldwide. 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 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 and South 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 of Israel 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 NLI 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 of Israel.

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

The National Library of Israel: Your Story. Our Story.

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Last Name	Title, First Name	Position at Library	Topic(s)	Languages
Assaf	Netta	Exhibitions Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitions in the new NLI building 	Hebrew, English
Ben-Ghedalia	Dr. Yochai	Director, the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People Jewish Genealogy: Explore the treasure trove of NLI archives The connection of Jewish communities to Jerusalem, through time and place This history of philanthropy and mutual aid in Jewish communities 	Hebrew, English
Cohen	Dr. Ahava	Hebrew Catalogue Department, Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cataloging people: The National Authority Database (or, just how many David Cohens are there in the world, anyway?) Behind the scenes at the NLI: A librarian's view Extending our reach: How the NLI is making Hebraica and Judaica resources available to everyone, everywhere 	English, Hebrew
Deutscher	Yaron	Head of Digital Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing the treasures of the National Library of Israel: NLI's digital strategy Cultural institutions in a digital world 	Hebrew, English
Hoffman	Shuvi	Diaspora Education Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History at your fingertips: Bringing NLI's treasures into the classroom 	English, Hebrew

Kanefield	Adina	CEO, NLI USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the National Library of Israel Expanding the impact of the National Library of Israel in the USA: a renewed vision A look at Crossroads & Connections: An exhibition of the National Library of Israel 	English
Leshem	Rabbi Dr. Zvi	Director, The Gershom Scholem Collection of Kabbalah & Hasidism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gershom Scholem and the Scholem Collection Exploring the inner world of Hasidism Jewish holidays in Kabbalah and Hasidism Trends in Kabbalah research 	English, Hebrew
Levi	Yaniv	Head of Library Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envisioning the role of libraries in the 21st century 	Hebrew, English
Litt	Dr. Stefan	Humanities Collection Curator, Archivist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fate of Franz Kafka's archival collection at the National Library of Israel The Napoleon documents collection and the French campaign in Egypt and Palestine (1799-1801) From the dawn of printing: The <i>incunabula</i> collection at NLI Medieval Christian manuscripts from the collections of NLI The Stefan Zweig Collection at NLI The Isaac Newton papers in theology, history, and chronology at NLI 	German, English, Hebrew

Lipson	Daniel	Diaspora Treasures Project Manager and NLI Reference Librarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a provenance database of Nazi-era looted books housed at the National Library of Israel • A bar-mitzvah gift: Searching for Viennese Holocaust survivors. • Jewish soldiers in the First World War • Christian misinterpretation of the Talmud: A damaging narrative against Jews • Using NLI Resources in <i>your</i> genealogical research 	English, Hebrew
Miller	Eyal	Director, JPress – The Historic Jewish Press Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A guided online tour of NLI's Historical Jewish Press Collection • Exploring your community and/or family roots through NLI's Historical Jewish Press Collection 	Hebrew, English
Moreno- Goldschmidt	Dr. Aliza	Judaica Reference Librarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jews who Became New Christians, New Christians who became New Jews: Religious mobility among the Sephardic diaspora • The political dimensions of the Converso phenomenon in Portugal and beyond • The National Library of Israel's resources for Jewish studies: A virtual introduction 	Spanish, Hebrew, English
Neria	Dr. Chaim	Haim and Hanna Salomon Judaica Collection Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burning scrolls and ascending letters: The hidden history of Jewish book burning • Crossing borders: Hebrew manuscripts as a meeting place of cultures • <i>Otzrot Hagolah</i> and <i>Shearit Hapleta</i> - the surviving remnants: The destruction and renewal of Jewish texts during and after the Shoah • The unknown library of Jewish philosophy: A journey into the unexplored aspects of Jewish philosophical literature 	Hebrew, English

Nitzan	Shai	Rector, NLI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the National Library of Israel 	Hebrew, English
Schacter	Naomi	Director of International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the National Library of Israel The new building – from vision to reality 	English, Hebrew
Schneeweiss	DJ	Strategic Consultant, NLI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the National Library of Israel 	English, Hebrew
Sethill	Caron	Director of Gesher L'Europa, NLI's "Bridge to Europe"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Venice to Vilnius, Belgrade to Barcelona: What's the National Library of Israel doing in Europe? 	English, Hebrew
Siegman	Dafna	Judaica Bibliographer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish holidays or Jewish communities in the NLI Collection Behind the scenes of the world's largest Judaica collection 	English, Hebrew
Szekely	Marcela	Director of Conservation and Restoration Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving and restoring heritage: the role of the Conservation Department at the National Library of Israel What's the difference between conservation and restoration? 	Spanish, Hebrew, English
Thrope	Dr. Samuel	Islam and Middle East Collection Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisdom of the heart: An introduction to Sufism Manuscripts unbound: The art and science of the Islamic book A.S. Yahuda, Ignac Goldziher, and Gotthold Weil: The making of the Islam and Middle East Collection at the National Library of Israel Ferdowsi's children: the Iranian national epic and the history of the Middle East Islamic science between Greece and India 	English, Hebrew

Ukeles	Dr. Raquel	Head of Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights from 101 Treasures from the National Library of Israel • The story of Hannah Senesh: new discoveries from her archive • A look at Crossroads & Connections: An exhibition of the National Library of Israel • Journeys in the footsteps of Maimonides • Tolstoy, the Imam from Dagestan, and the Lubavitcher Rebbe • What do Hannah Senesh, the Rambam/Maimonides, Kafka, and Mayy Ziyadeh have in common? • Building a shared society at the National Library of Israel • Seven insights into Islamic culture, through the NLI's Islamic manuscripts collection • Cross-pollination between Jewish and Islamic traditions: the Joseph story 	English, Hebrew
Weinberg	Oren	CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Library's collections, mission, and vision expressed through its architecture 	Hebrew, English

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

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An honorarium of \$250 is suggested. In-person engagements – travel and hotel costs to be covered by the host.