

Israeli scholarship winners to study in Canada

The Peter Lougheed Fellowship in Canadian Studies and the Israel Association for Canadian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship help Israeli PhD and MA students working on a dissertation or thesis that has significant Canadian content. Recipients can receive funding to collect data in Canada, meet Canadian experts in their field, and take courses at Canadian universities. Here, we profile this year's recipients.

Yitzhak Dahan, PhD candidate, School of Public Policy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Peter Lougheed Fellowship and IACS Graduate Student Fellowship

The Role of Local Authorities in Immigrant Absorption

Dahan examines the relationships between local authorities/ municipalities and immigrant associations. His study involves two key immigrant-absorbing cities in Canada (Vancouver and Toronto) and several municipalities in Israel.

Ofer Kenig, PhD candidate, Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Peter Lougheed Fellowship and IACS Graduate Student Fellowship

Political Leadership in Canada — a Comparison

Kenig's study deals with methods for party leadership election in the main parties of three well-established democracies: Canada, the United Kingdom, and Israel. She focuses on the years 1960 to 2005 and includes about 70 case studies that reflect various ways of dealing with party leadership.

Sara Kauffman, PhD candidate, English Language and Literature, University of Haifa

IACS Graduate Student Fellowship

Mordechai Richler's Fiction

Kauffman will travel to Canada to carry out research for her thesis on Mordechai Richler's fiction. Her experience up to now has revealed that Richler is not well known in

Israel. She believes that studying his works can be interesting for the Israeli student of literature, as Richler paints a unique portrait of the Jewish community in Canada, from the 1950s to the end of the century.

Hana Comaneshter, PhD candidate, Political Science, University of Haifa

IACS Graduate Student Fellowship

The Governance of Information in the Age of Globalization: The Regulation of Content in the Broadcasting and Internet Industries

Comaneshter's research examines the governance of information and the politics of regulatory change in the era of globalization. She looks at the regulation designed to protect children from "contested content" in three countries (Canada, Britain, and Israel) and two industries (broadcasting and Internet). The award will help her further the Canadian aspects of her research.

New books from Halbert Centre and IACS

Metropolitan governing: Canadian cases, comparative lessons

Editors: Eran Razin and Patrick J. Smith

This edited collection deals with local government reforms in major Canadian metropolitan areas and provides comparative insights from other countries.

Canadian plays: An anthology
Editor: Shimon Levy

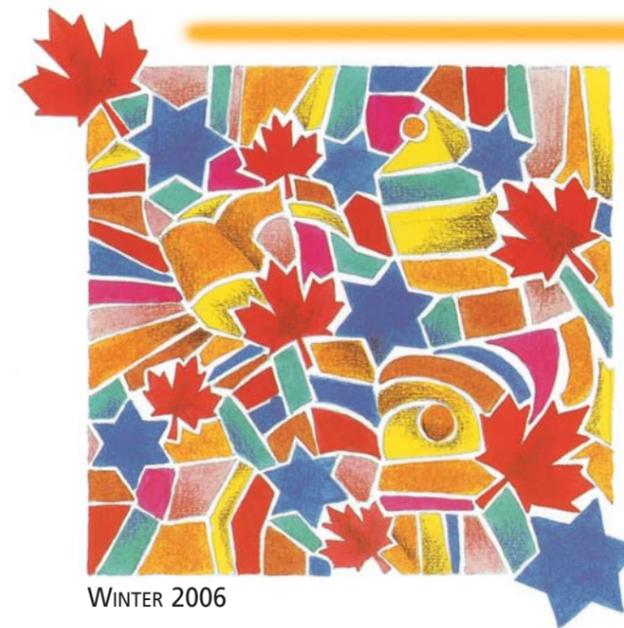
A collection of 14 plays, by some of Canada's most noted playwrights, translated into Hebrew.



Reading writers reading: Canadian authors' reflections
Photographer and editor: Danielle Schaub

164 Canadian writers personally reflect on the transformative experiences of reading. Intimate photographs and writings show the many faces of Canada's literary genius.

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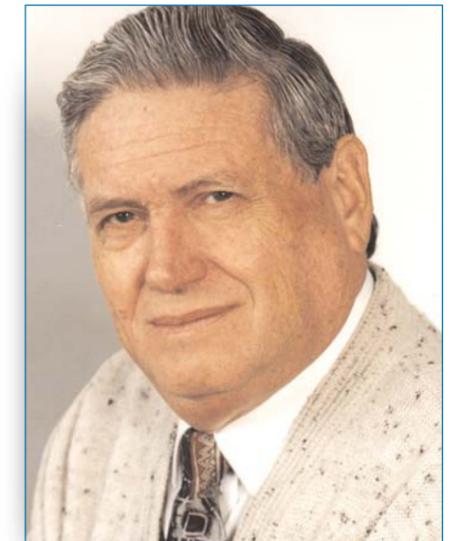
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Arie Shachar: A tribute

We were deeply shocked and saddened by the passing of Halbert Centre director Arie Shachar in September 2006. Here, Danny Ben-Natan, Arie's close friend and colleague, pays tribute to an exceptional teacher, scholar, friend, and family man.



Arie Shachar

Arie was an unusual and very special human being. He was a rare combination of scholar, visionary, researcher, and man of action, whose personality, vitality, and dynamism left an imprint in so many ways in Israel, Europe, and Canada.

Arie was my friend for more than 30 years and my partner for the last 25 years or so in the great adventure of promoting the study of Canada in Israel. He was instrumental in establishing and strengthening the study of Canada at the Hebrew University and in Israel. He directed the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies for more than two decades and was the first president of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies, established in 1985.

Arie means "lion" in Hebrew, and his name very much suited Arie in terms of his vitality and strength of character. Yet he was the gentlest of men, who never spoke negatively about anyone.

Arie was an outstanding researcher,

but first and foremost a teacher *par excellence*, who year after year was voted one of the best teachers at the Hebrew University. He cherished his students and exulted in their progress and success. He was ever there for them; he had been known to arrive late for meetings — with the prime minister and minister of the interior — on the National Plan for Israel, which he led, as he could not break away from advising one of his many doctoral students.

Arie was a leading scholar in his field of geography and urban and regional studies, receiving the Israel Prize in 1999 in recognition of his scholarly achievements. He founded the University's Institute of Urban and Regional Studies, of which he was the founding father and heart and soul. In training tens of faculty members and hundreds of students, Arie left a giant imprint on Israel's planning for the future.

As our mutual friend, Ralph Halbert, said at Arie's funeral in Jerusalem on September 10, 2006, "Arie was an exceptional human

being, possessed with an abundance of energy and vitality, a passion for teaching and for his students, optimistic and devoted to family and friends. During the many years of our involvement with Canadian studies, our friendship, affection, and respect for one another grew, as did the Centre for Canadian Studies. Arie's wife, T'mima, was a precious asset in our relationship. Arie enriched our lives in countless ways. It is difficult to believe that his deep rumbling voice and genial presence will no longer be a part of our existence."

Arie always answered the phone, "Shachar, shalom."

Shalom Arie. Rest in peace.

Canadians speak out in Halbert lecture series

The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies Public Lecture Series is designed to address Canadian topics and issues before an Israeli academic audience and the general public. In 2006, the Halbert Centre, in partnership with the Israel Association for Canadian Studies, expanded its series to include seven public lectures, all of which were very well received. The series included:

- **Prof. Janice Stein**, University of Toronto: "Israel as the global metaphor" (May 3)
- **Prof. John Fraser**, Master, Massey College, University of Toronto: "Scandal, fear, and the return of the prodigal: Canadian politics gets interesting for a change" (Dec. 21, 2005)

- **Mr. Charles R. Bronfman**: "The 20th anniversary of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies" (Jan. 6)
- **Prof. Maureen Molot**, Carleton University: "Canada and the United States: Still tolerant allies?" (Jan. 31)
- **Prof. Charles Blattberg**, Université de Montréal: "Canada and the global minimal moral code" (April 26)
- **Prof. Ed Morgan**, University of Toronto: "A history of violence: Free speech in Canadian law and film" (May 22)
- **Prof. Michael Brown**, York University: "From gender bender to lieutenant governor: Jewish women in Canada 1738-2005" (June 13)

Halbert lecturer John Fraser in Jerusalem: (l to r) Canadian Ambassador to Israel Don Sinclair; Jill Sinclair, Canadian Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; John Fraser and his wife, Elizabeth MacCallum; Danny Ben-Natan, president of the Israel Association of Canadian Studies; and HU political science professor (emeritus) Emanuel Gutmann.



Celebrating 20 years of IACS

The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies and the Israel Association for Canadian Studies are like "Siamese twins, inseparable and supporting each other to the maximum; operating almost like one body and mind."

So said Prof. Arie Shachar z'l, chairman of the IACS Academic Committee and director of the Halbert Centre, on the occasion of the IACS's 20th anniversary. On a beautiful Friday morning in January, more than 200 participants gathered

at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem to enjoy a special program to celebrate the anniversary. The program included greetings by museum director James Snyder and Canadian ambassador Don Sinclair.

Prof. Shachar reported on the association's achievements in promoting the study of Canada in Israel. Each year, the IACS and the Halbert Centre jointly sponsor several public lectures by noted Canadians and publish books in the field. In its deft administration of the Canadian government's grants for Canadian studies in Israel, the IACS supports "one of the most important sources for encouraging comparative studies on Canada and Israel."

IACS president Danny

Promoting Canada in Israel: (l to r.) James Snyder, director of the Israel Museum; Canadian ambassador to Israel Don Sinclair; Charles Bronfman; Jill Sinclair; IACS president Danny Ben-Natan; and Arie Shachar, z'l, director of the Halbert Centre.



Ben-Natan proudly announced that, with the help of a matching grant from the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the association will be awarding an average of five graduate fellowships a year for the next ten years, thus ensuring the future of Canadian Studies in Israel.

The keynote speaker, noted civic leader and philanthropist Charles R. Bronfman, spoke proudly of his Canadian heritage and of the partnership between Canada and Israel. Mr. Bronfman was made the first honorary member of the IACS.

The Halbert Centre wishes the IACS many more years of productive work to bolster the knowledge and image of Canada in Israel and to enhance the friendship and understanding between the two countries.

11th Jerusalem conference in Canadian Studies explores conflict management and resolution

By Prof. Noreen Golfman, Memorial University, Newfoundland

"Conflict management and resolution" was the theme of the 11th Biennial Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies, which took place at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in July 2006. In her keynote address, "Is getting to 'no' a good idea in conflict resolution?", the distinguished Prof. Janice Stein (University of Toronto) challenged us all to move beyond tired ways of thinking about the structure and language of resolution. Many subsequent presentations referred back to the opening discussion, offering a necessary thematic coherence to our conversations.

A highlight was the riveting session on "The rule of law," in which two distinguished panelists — Justice Aharon Barak of the Supreme Court of Israel and former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Frank Iacobucci — addressed an overflowing room. Moderated by the Honourable Irwin Cotler, acclaimed scholar and former

minister of justice and attorney general of Canada, the panel boasted an astonishingly large amount of intellectual power and experience. Also in attendance was former Canadian federal justice minister Anne McClelland, a lively participant who warmly shared her experiences.

Sessions on social and economic policy were complemented by those on literature and art. For example, in a lively interactive session, Danielle Schaub (Oranim College) demonstrated how she approaches issues of conflict and resolution through the teaching of fiction. Bina Freiwald (Concordia



Ralph Halbert with Prof. Sunaina Singh, Osmania University

University) spoke about the Arab-Israeli conflict in Jewish Canadian women's writing.

Special events included lunch with dynamic guest speaker Shlomo Hasson (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) on "The future of Jerusalem: Political and geographic perspectives"; a discussion of Steven Spielberg's controversial film *Munich*; a reception at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem; and a tour of the New Yad Vashem Museum.

We reflect on the 2006 conference with a mixture of deep sadness and affection. For many of us, it was our last time with conference organizer and Halbert Centre director Arie Shachar, without whose extraordinary leadership the conference and all of its fruitful benefits would not have been possible. We must take inspiration from the success of the 2006 conference to carry on with Prof. Shachar's vision of bringing together Canadian and Israeli scholars in a rich, ongoing dialogue.



Canadian ambassador to Israel Donald Sinclair