



YAD IZHAK BEN-ZVI

Institute for Research on Eretz Israel

# Education for Girls and Processes of Modernity in Jerusalem: 1854~2014

International Academic Conference Marking the 160th  
Anniversary of the Evelina de Rothschild School

Monday – Tuesday, June 9–10, 2014

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## **About the Conference**

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The Institute for Research on Eretz Israel at Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, in collaboration with the Research Institute for Zionism and Settlement, Jewish National Fund (KKL), the Melton Center for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Constantiner Chair for Jewish Education, the School of Education at Tel Aviv University, and the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, are organizing an international conference on girls education and processes of modernization in Jerusalem from 1854 to 2014. The conference marks 160 years since the establishment of the Evelina de Rothschild School for girls in Jerusalem and will provide an opportunity for close examination of the gender aspects of an array of educational issues that pertain to different sectors of the population. Girls' education will be examined as a challenge for those different sectors – Jews, Muslims and Christians – and as an agent of change that seeks to bring about modernization. Simultaneous translation into English and Hebrew will be provided during sessions. Participants will include researchers from Israel and abroad from a wide range of disciplines who will present recent studies. A closing panel, a Women's Parliament, will host leading women from different areas of public activity and will be preceded by a tour of the historic women workers farm and the women pioneers house in the Yad Ben-Zvi compound, and an overview of the educational activities of Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi.

### **Conference Academic Committee**

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**Zvi Bekerman** The Melton Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Yuval Dror** Chair of Jewish Education, Tel Aviv University

**Beverly Gribetz** Principal, Evelina de Rothschild School

**Moshe Rosman** Bar Ilan University

**Laura Schor** Hunter College, CUNY

**Margalit Shilo** Bar Ilan University

### **Yad Ben-Zvi Management**

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**Yaacov Yaniv**, Director

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### **Conference coordinator**

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## Conference Program

### MONDAY, JUNE 9

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#### **14:30–16:30 Teachers, Institutions, Memories: Education Tours in Jerusalem**

**Jewish Education Between the Walls:** A tour in the footsteps of the educational institutions of the Old Yishuv in the Old City from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century. Sites include: Etz Chaim Yeshiva, the Sephardic Talmud Torah, and the Lemel and Evelina de Rothschild schools.

**Between Old and New:** Jewish Educational Institutions in the New Jerusalem. Sites include: Lemel School, the Teachers Seminary, Ruhama School for girls, the Sephardic Talmud Tora, Evelina de Rothschild School, and Alliance School.

**Information and registration:** had@ybz.org.il | 02-5398855

#### **17:00–18:30 Evelina de Rothschild School: the First 100 Years**

**Chair:** Margalit Shilo

**Menucha Weiss:** Religious Education for Girls During the Colonial Period: the Case of the Evelina de Rothschild School

**Orna Baziz:** The Evelina de Rothschild School in the Works of David Shahar **The** David Yellin Academic College of Education

**Laura Schor:** Woman of Destiny: Annie Landau in Jerusalem, 1900–1945

#### **19:00 Festive Opening Event**

**Chair:** Shulamit Reinharz

**Greetings:** Yaacov Yaniv, Director, Yad Ben-Zvi

**Moshe (Kinly) Tur-Paz,** Head, Jerusalem Education Administration: A Family, Urban, and Educational history

**Beverly Gribetz,** Principal, Evelina de Rothschild School: The Evelina de Rothschild School: Between Historical Background and Present Reality

**Sylvia Barack-Fishman** Jewish Education for Girls in Contemporary Jewish Communities

The evening will feature musical interludes and songs by Shuly Nathan.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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**09:00 Greetings:** Oded Irshai, Chairman, Institute for Research on Eretz Israel | **Yehiel Leket,** Chairman, Research Institute for Zionism and Settlement, Jewish National Fund (KKL)

#### **09:15–10:45 Between Religion and Progress: Religious Educational Institutions for Girls in Jerusalem**

**Chair:** Zvi Bekerman

**Yaffa Israeli** The Assemblies at the Ruhama Girls School in Jerusalem

**Malka Katz** Mizrahi Education of Sephardi Girls: Rabbi Eliyahu Pardes and the Ohel Moshe

Girls School

**Moria Ran Ben-Hai** The Revolutionary Educational Approach of Professor Alice Shalvi and Its Implementation in Pelech High School

**11:00–12:30 Female Education and Modern Trends**

**Chair: Ruth Roded**

**Barbara Bair** The American Colony in Jerusalem: Education for Girls and Child/Maternal Welfare (E)

**Reeva Simon** The Challenge of Missionary Education for Girls (E)

**Afnan Masarwah-Srouf** Knowledge, Gender and Religion: Challenging the Gender Order Through Religious and Modern Knowledge:

**12:30–13:30 Break**

**13:30–15:00 Methodological Proposals and Research Aspects**

**Chair: Moshe Rosman**

**Yuval Dror** The Lacking Representation of Women in the History of Kibbutz Education

**Elana Sztokman** Single-Sex Education versus Coeducation

**Suzanne Schneider Reich** Pillars of Tradition or Agents of Change? Female Education and the Modernist Agenda (E)

**15:15–16:45 Important Figures in Female Education**

**Chair: Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**

**Smadar Sinai** Voices from the Field: Ahuva Novkovskaya, Hashomer Kindergarten Teacher, as a Parable

**Zipora Shehory-Rubin** School Administration and Gender in Palestine: School Principals at the End of the Ottoman Era, 1854–1914

**Pnina Steinberger** "Come with Me to the Eretz Israel to Build Religious Kindergartens": The Founding teachers of the Ohel Yaakov Preschool Network (1933–1978)

**17:00–17:30 Pioneer Women in New Jerusalem:** Tour of the Yad Ben-Zvi compound

**17:30–19:00 Women's Parliament: A panel on achievements, revolutions, and challenges.** Host: **Esther Herzog** | Participants: **Hunaida Assaf**, Safed Academic College; **Ruth Rasnic**, Israel Prize recipient; **Naama Azulay**, Chief Education Manager, Alliance; **Henriette Dahan Kalev**, founder of the Gender Studies program, Ben Gurion University

The exhibition, **The Queen of Jerusalem: the Story of Miss Landau and the founding of the Evelina de Rothschild School**, will be on display in the entrance hall of the Yad Ben-Zvi auditorium during the convention | Curators: **Nirit Shalev-Khalifa and Edna Assis**



