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The Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy,  
The Department of Middle East Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and  
The Chair in Bahā'ī Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
are pleased to invite you to the first gathering of the

# ISRAELI FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF THE BAHĀ'Ī FAITH

## GREETINGS

Prof. Meir Bar-Asher (*The Chair in Bahā'ī Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*)

Prof. Oded Yisraeli (*Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters*)

Prof. Yonatan Mendel (*Dept of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*)

## MODERATOR

Dr. Tiffani Betts Razavi (*Bahā'ī World Center*)

## SPEAKERS

Dr. D Gershon Lewental (*Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*)

The Evangelical Episcopal Church's Role in the Official Israeli  
Recognition of the Bahā'ī Faith

Prof. Emer. Holly Hanson (*Bahā'ī World Center/Mount Holyoke College*)

Change and Continuity in Bahā'ī Collective Worship

Dr. Sivan Lerer (*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*)

Tea for the Soul: Meditation and Tea Practices in the Bahā'ī Writings



Credit: Uval Abramovitz

Tue 23 June 2026 12:15–13:45  
Aharon Yadlin Conference Hall,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Student Building #70  
Marcus Campus, Be'er Sheva,  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



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speak or ask questions.