Invitation to an International Conference

**Depicting Violated Jewish Women During the Holocaust**

*In Memory of Nava Semel*

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Beck Hall, Bar-Ilan University**

- **09:30 - 10:00** Pre-conference gathering, coffee and snacks
- **10:00 - 10:40** Opening Session, Greetings, and Explanation of Conference Rationale (in English)
  - **Chair:** Dr. Batya Brutin, Remember the Women Institute and Bar-Ilan University
  - **Prof. Kimmy Caplan,** Chair, the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, Bar-Ilan University
  - **Prof. Ilia Rodov,** Chair, Jewish Art Department, Bar-Ilan University
  - **Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel,** Director, Remember the Women Institute, New York, NY
  - **Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz,** Director, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University
- **10:30 - 11:40** First Session: Violated Jewish Women during the Holocaust (in English)
  - **Chair:** Prof. Zehavit Gross, Director, The Sal Van Gelder Center for Holocaust Instruction & Research, Bar-Ilan University
  - **10:30 - 10:50** Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel, *Violated Women during the Holocaust: An Overview*
  - **10:50 - 11:10** Dr. Sonja Hedgepeth, Middle Tennessee State University, *Nava Semel as a Retrospective Voice of Jewish Women in the Holocaust*
  - **11:10 - 11:30** Dr. Batya Brutin, *Violated Jewish Women during the Holocaust in the Visual Arts*
  - **11:30 - 11:40** Discussion among panelists, audience
- **11:40 - 12:00** Coffee Break
- **12:00 - 13:15** Second Session: Representations of Violated Women during the Holocaust by Second Generation Israeli Female Artists: An Intergenerational Memory (in Hebrew)
  - **Moderator:** Dr. Batya Brutin, Participants: Dr. Ayana Friedman, Anat Masad, Dvora Morag, Hana Shir, Dvora Weg Zelichov
- **13:15 - 14:00** Lunch Break
- **14:00 - 15:30** Third Session: Violated Women during the Holocaust in Various Art Forms (in English)
  - **Chair:** Prof. Yael Shemesh, Director, The Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism, Bar-Ilan University
  - **14:00 - 14:20** Dr. Liat Steir-Livny, Sapir Academic College, *The Misrepresentation of Women Holocaust Survivors in Israeli Fiction Films*
  - **14:20 - 14:40** Ronnie Sarnat, Filmmaker, *Excerpts from her documentary, Screaming Silence*
  - **14:40 - 15:00** Dr. Mor Presiado, Bar-Ilan University, *Violence against Women during the Holocaust: A Multi-Generational Look at Art*
  - **15:00 - 15:20** Rebecca Pristoop, Curator and Director of Art Connects New York, *Art Depicting Violated Women in Other Genocides*
  - **15:20 - 15:30** Discussion among panelists, audience
- **15:30 - 15:45** Coffee Break
- **15:45 - 17:00** Fourth Session: In Memory of Nava Semel
  - **Introduction to the session:** Dr. Batya Brutin
  - **Greetings by the Honorable Colette Avital,** Director, Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel
  - **Short film about Nava Semel,** created by Aya Elia
  - **Remarks by Ilil Semel
  - **Presentation of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research “Jewish Women’s Holocaust Voices Award” to Noam Semel in memory of Nava Semel and Response by Noam Semel
  - **Musical/dramatic presentation in memory of Nava Semel by Ola Shor Selektar
  - **Remembering Nava Semel – Panel Discussion Introduced by Dr. Batya Brutin (in English)
  - **Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz:** Nava Semel, My Friend: Shared Memories of an Uncommon Past
  - **Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel:** Nava Semel's Connection to Remember the Women Institute
  - **Dr. Sonja Hedgepeth:** My Encounters with Nava Semel and her Work
  - **Closing remarks about the Conference:** Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel and Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz

A virtual exhibition of related art will be part of the conference and shown in the gallery located at the entrance to the Jewish Studies Building (410)