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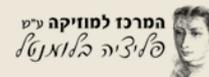


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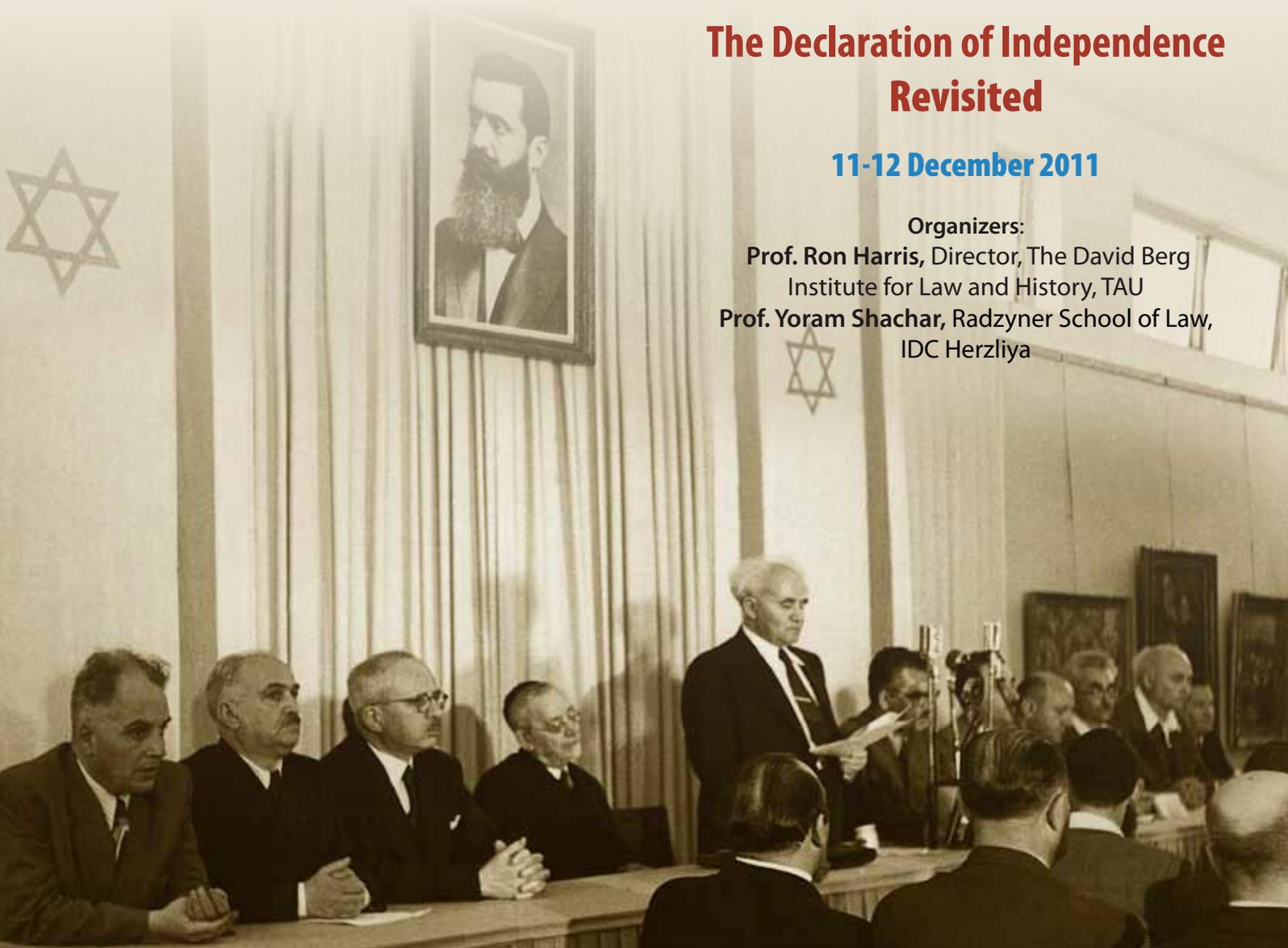
## The Declaration of Independence Revisited

11-12 December 2011

Organizers:

Prof. Ron Harris, Director, The David Berg  
Institute for Law and History, TAU

Prof. Yoram Shachar, Radzyner School of Law,  
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## SUNDAY, December 11, 2011

The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzlia

### Opening Session

17:00 Reception, Economics Building, Lobby

17:30 Greetings, Economics Building, Hall 201

**Prof. Uriel Reichman**, President, IDC Herzliya

**Prof. Aron Shai**, Rector, Tel-Aviv University

**Prof. Ron Harris**, Director, David Berg Institute

**Prof. Yoram Shachar**, IDC Herzliya

"Big Words: Dignity, Liberty and Honest Toil"

Keynote Address

**Prof. David Armitage**, Harvard University

"The Israeli Declaration in Global Perspective"

19:30 Ceremonial Dinner (By invitation),  
Arison Building, Lobby

Dinner Speech **Prof. Aharon Barak**, IDC Herzliya

"The Declaration Revisited"

## MONDAY, December 12, 2011

Tel-Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law

### Conference Sessions

#### 09:00-10:30 Comparative History

Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (307)

Chair: **Prof. Ron Harris**, TAU

■ **Prof. Jack Rakove**, Stanford University

"Who were the American people who declared their Independence"

■ **Dr. Naama Rokem**, Chicago University

"The Road to Declaration: On the Evolution of Zionist Legal Imagination"

■ **Rohit De**, Princeton University

"The Many Trysts with destiny? When did India become Independent?"

Commentator: **Prof. Assaf Likhoski**, TAU

#### 11:00-12:30 Israeli Legal History

Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (307)

Chair: **Dr. Anat Rosenberg**, IDC Herzliya

■ **Dr. Nir Kedar**, Bar-Ilan University

"David Ben Gurion: Between Declaration and (no) Constitution"

■ **Dr. Orit Rozin**, TAU

"Progress in Practice"

■ **Prof. Amihai Radzyner**, Bar Ilan University

"For God's Sake: Religious Reaction to the Declaration of Independence"

Commentator: **Prof. Leora Bilsky**, TAU

13:00-14:00 Lunch

#### 14:00-15:30 Culture and Faith

Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (307)

Chair: **Prof. Uriel Procaccia**, IDC Herzliya

■ **Prof. Moshe Halbertal**, IDC Herzliya

"What is the declaration of Independence?: Between Vision, Promise and Commitment"

■ **Prof. Menachen Mautner**, TAU

"On the Identity of the speaker(s) in the the Declaration of Independence"

■ **Prof. Yhoyada Amir**, Hebrew Union College

"Israel's Declaration of Independence - cultural and historical aspects; the role of the Hebrew Bible"

16:00-16:45 Lecture, Kes Ha'Mishpat Auditorium, Room 035

Sponsored by the Yigal Arnon and Co. Law and History Workshop

**Prof. Haim Ganz**, TAU

"Proprietary Zionism and Egalitarian Zionism  
in the Declaration of Independence"

Moderator: **Dr. Yishai Blank**, TAU

17:00-18:30 Lecture, Kes Ha'Mishpat Auditorium, Room 035

**A.B. Yehoshua**

"The people of Israel vs. Jewish Nation"

Lead Commentator: **Prof. Ruth Gavison**, Hebrew University and  
President, Metzilah

**Felicia Blumenthal Center for Music, 26 Bialik Street, Tel-Aviv**  
**Concluding Session**

20:00 Reception, Lobby

20:30 Auditorium

The Declaration: Poetic Drafts

Moderator: **Shva Salhoov**

Participants: **Danni Karavan**, **Zali Gurevitz**, **Michal Govrin**

Tartakover's Proclamation Posters Revisited

**David Heyd**

"Between Palimpsest and Collage:  
Shachar and Tarta Mend and Tear"