

# Jerusalem Time: A Symposium

**Jerusalem Time: A Symposium, Thursday May 21, 20.00 to 23.30 Israel time**, is an opportunity to think analytically, imaginatively, and deeply about time. Time is a complex matter in Jerusalem, a city that's home to three major world religions, each with at least one calendar of its own, not to mention several different time zones – all in Meah Shearim. And this year we added Corona Time, when one day merged into the next and only our respective Holy Days saved us from losing track of time altogether. Join us on Zoom on Yom Yerushalayim for 7 eye-opening 30-minute conversations in English about time – with an artist, a philosopher, an Imam, a Greek Father, a yeshiva bocher, a film-maker, a climate change activist, a classicist, 2 Talmud scholars and more. Your alarm clock may never look the same again. **Go here to register for your Zoom link or watch the symposium live on YouTube here.**

This event is one of dozens taking place between 20 and 22 May 2020 under the umbrella of Jerusalem Tolerance's Yom Yerushalmim: A Jerusalemite Day of Diversity, aimed at promoting tolerance and multiculturalism in our city. For information about other events find us on Facebook: **יום ירושלמי יום: האחר יום // مقدسي يوم** or visit <https://www.jerusalemtolerance.org/jlmday/>.

**20.00. Clocking In.** Dr. Diana Lipton, Teaching Fellow, Department of Biblical Studies, Tel Aviv University, will talk to Julian Barnett about time and clocks in Jerusalem's closed religious sects. Julian teaches History, now at Southbank International School, London and formerly at Jerusalem's Anglican School; he knows the parts of Jerusalem that others can't reach.

**20.30. Beyn Hazmanim.** Professor Moshe Halbertal, Department of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University and NYU Law School, will talk to Josh Schonfeld, a graduate of Mir Yeshiva and Yale Law School, now learning at a kollel in Dallas on his way to becoming a tax lawyer, about time as an organizing principle in the life of a yeshiva bocher.

**21.00. 'Sanitation is a Philosophy of Time'.** Documentary film-maker Toby Freilich, director of *Inventing Our Lives* and co-director of *Moynihan*, will talk to Mierle Laderman Ukeles, the ground-breaking artist who spent 40 plus years as Artist in Residence at the New York Sanitation Department, about the role of time in Maintenance Art.

**21.30. Short of Time.** Dr. Ruth Ostrin, Director of Israel's Environment and Health Fund, will talk to Micha Price, a Jerusalem resident currently researching at Israel's Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, about the distinctive role of time in the life of a climate activist.

**22.00. Time Keepers.** Chaim Milikowsky, Professor Emeritus of the Talmud Department, Bar Ilan University and author of a commentary on *Seder Olam*, a unique rabbinic chronology of biblical events, in conversation with Father Dr. Isidoros Katsos, Visiting Fellow at Hebrew University's Center for the Study of Christianity and a resident of Jerusalem's Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, a community constructed around times for prayer.

**22.30. On Calendars and on Time.** Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke Divinity School and Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy, and a frequent visitor to Jerusalem, in conversation with Dr. Raquel Ukeles, Curator of the Islamic Collections, National Library of Israel, about how time is made tangible in Islamic tradition.

**23.00. In and out of Time.** Professor Simon Goldhill, Department of Classics, Cambridge University, in conversation with Dr. Lynn Kaye, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University about Lynn's recent book, *Time in the Babylonian Talmud* (CUP 2018) and Simon's book in progress on what early Christians did with time.

**23.30 Time's Up!**