



**The CNS V'zot Yisrael Israeli Speaker Series presents:**  
**From Love to Anger:**  
**Poems and Songs About Israel**  
**from Medieval Times to the Present**  
**Sunday, May 7, 10 - 11:45 am in the CNS Library**  
**with Yafit Shriki Megidish, MA**

Yafit will lead us on a “walk” through Israeli Hebrew poetry: from poems by Yehuda Halevi, one of the greatest medieval Spanish Hebrew poets who moved to Israel, to the first years of Israel as a young country as expressed in “Po Be'erezt Chemdat Avot”- Here In The Land Of Our Forefathers (Isral Doshm and Hanina Karchevsky). This was a period full of love for the earth, full of pride, and Zionism.

From there we will move through the years, observing the differences in word usage, the tone used, and the attitudes revealed in the poems as they refer to Israel. We will read songs that were written during the wars, by *Ehud Manor*, *Haim Guri*, and *Naomi Shemer*, lamenting the lives of their children who died for their country.

Finally we will hear and learn about the protest songs by *Aviv Gefen*, *Micha Shitrit*, *Ariya Sivan* and more that tell us about some of the reactions to current challenges facing Israelis today.

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