

THE DYBBUK

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In Celebration of 100 Years to Habima's
Performance of "The Dybbuk" (1922)



Cover Photo: Batami Schneider as Leah together with Benno Schneider (c. 1926). By the courtesy of Dr. Nina Schneider.

Saturday 23.4, Jerusalem Cinematheque

Monday 25.4, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Tuesday 26.4, The University of Haifa

Wednesday 27.4, Tel Aviv University

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23.4.2022 | 20:30 | Jerusalem Cinematheque

The Dybbuk 1937-2022

A Film-Performance

by Sala-manca Group, Adi Kaplan and Shahar Carmel

As Hannan's ghost inhabits and speaks through Leah's body, the soundtrack of the film is communicated through the mouths and instruments of the live artists and musician.

In "The Dybbuk 1937-2017", the 1937 Polish film "Der Dibuk" (dir: Michał Waszyński) is subjected to artistic interventions and manipulations: The original score is silenced and replaced by live music composed and played by Yarden Erez, real-time Yiddish voiceovers by Sala-manca group and special sound effects performed live by Adi Kaplan, Shahar Carmel and Ashu Rotman-Mauas who also performs the songs.

The film-performance is an iconic and layered event that reflects a multifaceted dialogue with death – the one found in the original story, with the dying Yiddish culture, and the dialogue generated by the revisit of the classic film, which grants the familiar story immortality.



Tickets: <https://jer-cin.org.il/he/event/53430>

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25.4.2022 | The Garage Theatre, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:15-9:30 Gathering

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Diego Rotman, Head of the Department of Theatre Studies

09:40-11:10 Panel I [Hebrew]

Chair: Rachel Elior, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Between Two Worlds: Reflections on “The Dybbuk” as Illness and as Play

Yoram Bilu, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Structured Like Melancholia, Manifests Like Hysteria, Eerie Like the Uncanny: An-sky's “The Dybbuk” according to Freud and as Derrida's “Mal d'Archive”

Ayelet Naeh, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli Roots in Rina Yerushalmi’s Versions of “The Dybbuk”

Sharon Aronson-Lehavi, Tel Aviv University

11:10-11:20 Short Break

11:20 -12:00 Panel 2 [English]

Chair: Diego Rotman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ritual, Mythology, Mysticism in the Russian Theatre of 1910-20s’

Nikolai Pesochinsky, Russian State Institute of Performing Arts, St.Petersburg

12:00-13:00 Launch Break

13:00-14:30 Panel 3 [English]

Chair: Dani Schrire, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Manuscript About the Dybbuk from the Expedition of Sh. An-sky and the Reflection of its Motives in “The Dybbuk” play.

Maria Kaspina, Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow

The Ethnographic Program of Sh. An-sky and Modern Field Materials

Svetlana Amosova, Jewish Museum and Tolerance Centre in Moscow

“The Dybbuk” Beyond Ethnography

Ruthie Abeliovich, The University of Haifa

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:45 Panel 4 [English]

Chair: Olga Levitan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Possessing the Archives: “The Dybbuk’s” “Archival Turn”

Agnieszka Legutko, Columbia University

Dancing with the Dead: Possession and Dispossession in the Old-new Film “Der Dibuk”, 1937-2017

Diego Rotman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“You had buried me. And I’ve come back!”: “The Dybbuk” and the Mendacious Archive

Zehavit Stern, Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Sonic Dybbuks and Zombie Linguistics: Soundscapes of Jewish Languages in Israeli Theatre

Sarit Cofman-Simhon, The Kibbutzim College and Emunah Academic College

16:45-17:00 Break

17:00-17:40 Panel 5: At the the Goor Theatre Archives and Museum [Hebrew]

Chair: Shai Bar Yaacov, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Maintaining The Dybbuk – What is Preserved in the Archives?

Yael Dinar, The Yehuda Gabay Theatre Archive, The Sha'ar Zion - Beit Ariela Library

Leah Gilula, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum, Jerusalem

17:40-18:00 Guided Tour at the Archives

18:00-18:15 A Toast in Celebration: Birthday Drinks and Sushi

18:15-19:45 Celebrating 50th Centennial to the Theatre Department [Hebrew]

Chair and greetings: Nissim Otmazgin, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Therese Malachy

Isaac Benabu

Yehuda Moraly

Francoise Coriat

Olga Levitan

19:45-20:00 The OWL LAB Ensemble

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26.4.2022 | Eshkol Tower, 29th Floor, The Senate Room,
The University of Haifa

10:00 Greetings

Philip Rantzer, Head of The School of Arts

Shelly Zer-Zion, Head of The Theatre and Performance Studies Department, The University of Haifa

10:15-11:45 Panel 6 [Hebrew and English]

Chair: Ruthie Abeliovich, The University of Haifa

Robert Wilson and the Possessed Archive

Keren Cohen, Ben-Guion University

The Possession of Isaac Babel

Sweetlana Portnaya, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design Jerusalem

Mining the Archives: The Ephemerality of Performance, Repetition, and the Unchangeable Archive in the production of “The Dybbuk” at the Hungarian National Theatre of Cluj in Romania, 2002

David Zinder, Tel Aviv University

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 Panel 7 [Hebrew and English]

Chair: Yossi Chajes, The University of Haifa

Yiddish Cinema Model in the films “Der Dybbuk” and “Tkies Kaf”

Einat Tamir, The University of Haifa

“Clara Ha'kdosha” (1996) and “The Dybbuk”: The Film as an Exorcism Ritual and a Dybbuk in the Lives of the Actors

Odea Gabbai, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dybbuk’s in the Present: Tamy Ben Tor's Video Art

Judith Lengart, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Panel 8 [Hebrew]

Chair: Nurith Yaari, Tel Aviv University

Parodies of “The Dybbuk” in Mandatory Palestine: The Performative Archive of Cosmopolitan Desires

Shelly Zer-Zion, The University of Haifa

Performing “HaDybbuk” in Kibbutz Mishmar HaEmek 1942

Arik Gutler-Ofir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Metamorphoses of Sh. An-sky's “Der Dibek”: Three Variations in Three Languages

Alexandra Polyan, The University of Regensburg

16:00: 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45 Panel 9 [English]

Chair: Shelly Zer-Zion, The University of Haifa

Bondage to the Dead, or the (Modern) Dybbuk on the Polish Stage

Anna Nienartowicz, The University of Wrocław, Poland

How Can I Sing in a World as Empty to Me as a Desert? Moni Ovadia, the Dybbuk and the Holocaust

Giovanni Gorla, University of Milan

The Ethnographic Soul of a Drama Possessed: Reflections on Sh. An-sky’s “The Dybbuk” in Argentina

Susana Skura, Universidad de Buenos Aires

17:45-18:00 Break

18:00-19:00 Panel 10 [Hebrew]

Chair: Sharon Poliakin, The University of Haifa

The Performance of Study in “The Dybbuk”: From Scholasticism to Embodiment

Yair Lipshitz, Tel Aviv University

Yiddish Dybbuk

Assi Meshulam, The University of Haifa

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27.4.2022 | The Cymbalista Synagogue and Jewish Heritage Center,
Tel Aviv University

10:00-10:15 | Greetings

Eran Neuman, Dean, The Faculty of the Arts

Dror Harari, Head of The Department of Theatre Arts, Tel Aviv University

10:15-12:00 | Panel 11 [Hebrew]

Chair: Yair Lipshitz, Tel Aviv University

A Quest Following “The Dybbuk”

Boris Yentin, The Gnazim Institute of the Hebrew Writers Association

The Archive Against Reconstruction

Olga Levitan, Tel Aviv University and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
in dialogue with Dina Konson, Tel Aviv University

Exhibition Opening

The Dybbuk Journeys

Curator: Olga Levitan

Design: Dina Konson



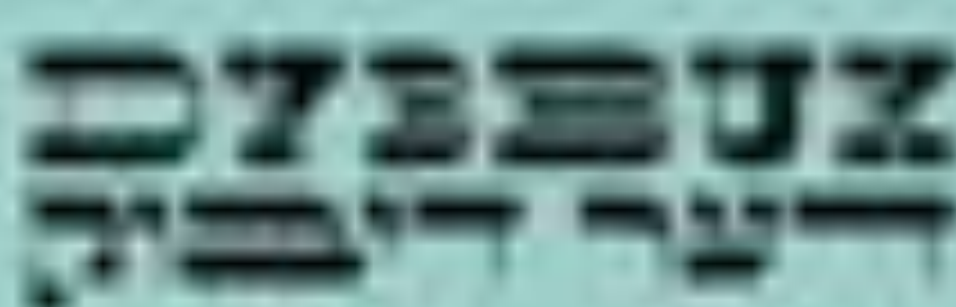
Hanale Hendler as Young Chasid. “The Dybbuk”, Habima. Direction: Evgeni Vachtangov. Photo: Nini and Carry Hess, 1927. Courtesy of The Israeli Center of the Documentation of Performing Arts, The Faculty of Arts, Tel Aviv University.



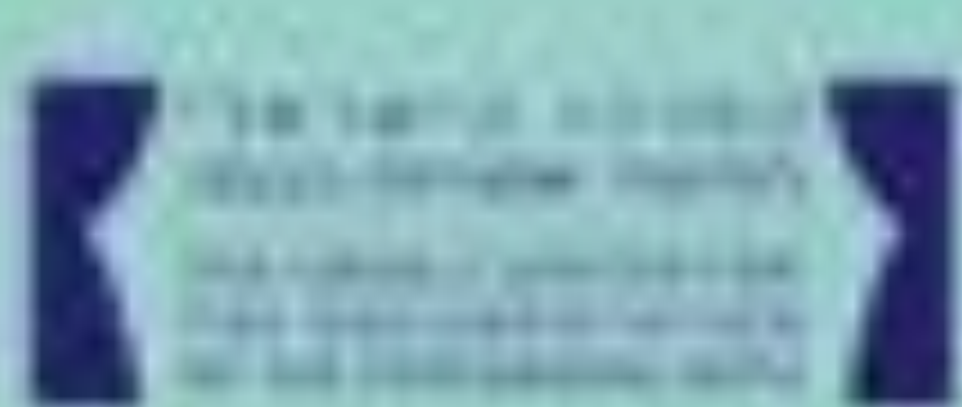
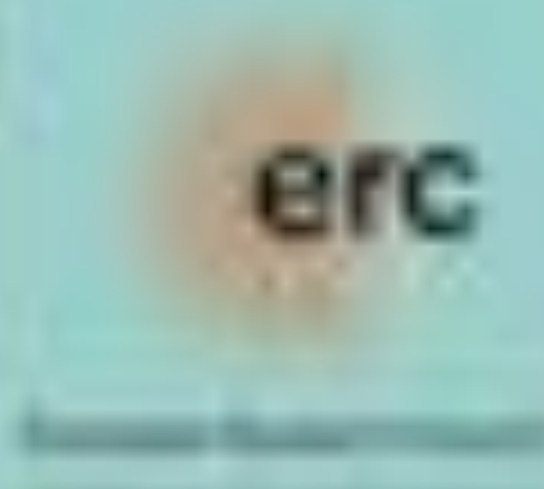
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