Dr. Haya Bar-Itzhak will present an aggregate narrative of stories collected in an Israeli Kibbutz. She analyzes the rhetoric of place in the local narrative, explaining the Zionist-Socialist ethos and its key symbol, which contains simultaneous meanings and ambiguities.

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Reception to follow.