

*The Graduate Program in Folklore & Folklife, the Jewish Studies Program, and the Middle East Center proudly present:*

**Prof. Haya Bar-Itzhak,**  
**University of Haifa**  
***“In Quest of a Narrative —  
An Ethnography in an  
Israeli Kibbutz”***

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m.**  
**Moose Room, 3619 Locust Walk (Fiji House)**

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.

***Dr. Haya Bar-Itzhak*** is the Head of Folklore Studies and Director of the Israeli Folktale Archives at the University of Haifa. She is currently a Fulbright Professor of Humanities at Pennsylvania State University. Combining ethnographic and poetic approaches to Jewish folk narrative, she is the author of *Israeli Folk Narratives – Settlement, Immigration, Ethnicity (2005)*, *Jewish Poland – Legends of Origin, Ethnopoetics and Legendary Chronicles (2001)*, and *Jewish Moroccan Folk Narratives From Israel (1993)*.

***Reception to follow.***

