

Prof. Leona Toker

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Leona Toker is Professor Emerita at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She received her diploma (equivalent to MA) of philologist and teacher of English from Vilnius University and her PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (under the supervision of Prof. H. M. Daleski). On a Fulbright post-doctoral fellowship she continued her research at Yale, and later in Konstanz, Germany, on a fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Her research concentrates on the art of the narrative in historical and theoretical contexts.

Leona Toker started teaching at the Hebrew University in 1978; she received the rank for Full Professor in 2000. She headed the English Department twice, in 1994-1996 and in 2011-2013. She is the author of three books on English and American literature, two books on narratives of survivors of concentration camps, and numerous articles on English, American, and Russian writers. She supervised over thirty MA and PhD dissertations. Twice she was awarded the Rector's Prize for Excellence in Research and Teaching.

In addition to service on various University committees, in 2002-2007 Prof. Toker was a member of the Council for Higher Education, and in 2007-2017 she chaired the Committee on Rotenstreich Scholarships for outstanding doctoral students in the Humanities.

In the course of her work at the Hebrew University she organized four international conferences and actively participated in the organization of three more conferences. She edited the collection of essays *Commitment in Reflection: Essays in Literature and Moral Philosophy*, co-edited two more collections, and guest-edited a special issue of *Eastern European Holocaust Studies*. In 2003, with a group of students, she founded the academic periodical *Partial Answers: Journal of Literature and the History of Ideas*, which she is editing to this day. Since 2007 this journal has been published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.