

# **Prof. Anita Shapira**

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Prof. Shapira is Prof. Emerita of Tel Aviv University. She was the Merenfeld Prof. for the Study of Zionism and Israel. She taught at Yeshiva University, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and at Munich University. She gave guest lectures at Stanford, Arizona, NYU and Oxford.

Her area of study is the history of Zionism, the modern Jewish community in Palestine and the State of Israel. Her work encompasses political, social and cultural history. She published twelve books and scores of articles, in Hebrew and in English. Four of her books were translated into English and were published by distinguished university press such as Cambridge, Oxford, Stanford and Yale. An essay collection was published in French.

Prof. Shapira chaired the Weizmann Institute for the Study of Zionism at Tel Aviv University. She also served as Dean of the Humanities. She was a member of the Council for Higher Education, and also a member of the Planning and Allocation Committee. She was also the president of the Foundation for Jewish Culture. She served as chair of the Committee for quality assessment of the departments of history in Israel.

Prof. Shapira is today a member of the small Academic Editorial Committee of the series of short biographies "Jewish Lives", published by Yale University, to wide acclaim.

Prof. Shapira is a Doctor Honoris Causa at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She got the Yad Ben-Zvi Prize, The Shazar Center Prize, the Life Achievement Award in Israel Studies, the National Jewish Book Award (twice), and the Israel Prize.