

Prof. Nancy Berg's Faculty News

To enrich the experience of students in the cluster Hebrew in Its Cultural Context—and students in included and related courses—Prof. Nancy Berg invited Israeli writers Judith Rotem and Michal Govrin to visit the campus. On separate visits, the two authors addressed very appreciative, standing-room-only audiences in formal evening sessions, followed by less formal meetings with the Israeli Women Writers class the next day. The Committee on Comparative Literature and the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (ANELL) cosponsored these events.

In spring 2006, Prof. Berg curated a multicultural Israeli film series, “Four Weddings and A Funeral,” which was supported by ANELL and run by the students of WSI.

In fall 2006, Prof. Berg delivered the Blanche and Irving Laurie Lecture in Jewish Women's Studies at HUC-JIR: “The Book of Daughteronomy.” Her article, “The Politics of Paternity and Patrimony,” was published in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, and her book, *More and More Equal: the Literary Works of Sami Michael*, was celebrated in a special evening at the Jewish-Arab cultural center Bet HaGefen in Haifa, by the author Sami Michael himself and a number of distinguished senior colleagues and well-known writers. She also gave the talk “In Other/s Words: The Empathy of Crosswriting” [*B'milim ha-aher/ baMilim aharot*] at Bet Berl's International Conference “Writing in the Language of the Other” [*Likhtov b'sfat ha-aher*] during her research trip to Israel in summer 2006, and was interviewed live on Israeli radio.

Prof. Berg was sorry to see so many wonderful students graduate in the spring, but enjoyed celebrating with many of them, at the Hebrew Honorary Eta Beta Rho's end-of-year student-organized and student-catered falafel party, and at many other occasions on and off campus. She's looking forward to new courses, students, and research challenges in the fall.