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# Monash Israel Oration

## The Future of Israel: Three Scenarios

to be delivered by Professor Fania Oz-Salzberger,  
Leon Liberman Chair of Modern Israel Studies

What will become of the State of Israel? Of all the members of the global community, Israel's future seems the most doubtful, as numerous critics still challenge its very right to exist. Taking the complex realities of present-day Israel as a starting point, this oration will explore three different scenarios for the future: will Israel cede its liberal democratic character, cease to exist as a Jewish state,

or avoid both possibilities and accomplish peace in its present constitutional format? Prophecies, according to the Talmud, belong in the realm of the foolish. But where there is no vision, the Book of Proverbs asserts, the people will perish. The oration will offer three disparate visions, each based on a different analysis of current Israeli affairs.

**Monday 26 May 2008, 8 pm**

Monash University, Caulfield campus, Building H, Exhibition Space

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## Professor Fania Oz-Salzberger



Professor Oz-Salzberger was appointed Leon Liberman Chair of Modern Israel Studies in May 2007. She also lectures in history at the University of Haifa, and is the Founding Director of the Posen Research Forum for Jewish European and Israeli Political Thought at the Faculty of Law.

A highly respected academic with a prominent public profile, Professor Oz-Salzberger's articles on politics, culture and current affairs have appeared in Israeli, European and American periodicals, including *International Herald Tribune*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. She regularly contributes opinion pieces to *Ha'aretz*.

Professor Oz-Salzberger's public activities in Israel include voluntary work for the Israeli Association for Civil Rights, membership of the Public Council of the Israel Democracy institute and the new Public Council on Israel's Jewish Identity. She has spoken on current European-Israeli relations to audiences throughout Europe, including the European Commission in Brussels. She engages in numerous public and media discussions on current affairs and political ideas, serves as panel member on Israeli Channel 10's prime political talk show, and frequently comments on historical and current affairs on television.

## Leon Liberman Chair of Modern Israel Studies

The endowment for the Chair of Modern Israel Studies was made by Ms Lee Liberman in memory of her late husband Leon. The objective of the Chair is to foster a multidimensional understanding of the history and contemporary development of Israel.

## The Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation

The mission of the ACJC is to teach and research in its full richness and diversity the contribution of Jewish civilisation to the modern world. It aims to create a centre of excellence to enrich the quality of Jewish life and learning, to teach, research and preserve essential elements of Jewish study and to study and foster understanding of the diversity of the Jewish experience. The ACJC also aims to produce graduates qualified as educators for the school system and to provide information, programs and resources to the community at large.

## Monash Caulfield Campus

Monash University's Caulfield campus is located at 900 Dandenong Road, Caulfield East. Building H can be accessed from Dandenong Road or via Queens or Princes Avenues. There is parking available in the surrounding streets, and also in the multi-level car park (Building J) adjacent to Building H on Princes Avenue.

