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# Sharing the burden: Archival traces of Israeli women's peace activism

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**March 30, 2021**

**2PM–3:30PM EST • Online**

**Register: [tinyurl.com/bahai-aharoni](https://tinyurl.com/bahai-aharoni)**

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The lecture will follow the historical transformation of women's peace activism in Israel from the late 1970s to the present. It will explore the changes in the field and the gradual shift from grassroots protest activities (vigils, demonstrations, petitions) toward community organizing (dialogue groups, educational projects) and professional policy-oriented projects (legislation, appeals, national planning). Through the story of the creation of the Feminist Peace Archives and the various documents and material objects that have been deposited and rescued over time, the lecture will also address broader concepts of empowerment, success and failure over time. Given the failed attempts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the conversation will look at how these concepts relate to hope and despair. As such, the possibility to conserve memory, interpret narratives and accept multiple voices and experiences of peace and resistance will be explored as a form of activism.

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