

**The Jewish Agency for Israel**  
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***A.B. Yehoshua: On Israel-Diaspora Relations***  
***An Online Anthology***

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The speech in summer 2006 by AB Yehoshua's at the AJC's centennial congress impinges on the concept of the Israel-Diaspora partnership fostered by and with The Jewish Agency for Israel, while igniting heated public debate in Israel and the Diaspora.

One of the significant responses was by Jewish Agency Chairman Zeev Bielski, published in Haaretz newspaper, alongside the text of the original speech, together with a wide range of thoughtful articles written by public and political figures, as well as the newspaper's leading analysts.

Articles also appeared in *The Jerusalem Post*, *Yediot Aharonot*, *The Forward*, and *The Manchester Guardian*.

These are highly topical, if controversial issues. Personalities on the Israeli left and right wing challenge us to address them, and we bring their references as far as possible, in English, Hebrew and Russian, together with a collection of online biographical and literary references from around the Internet.

***Points to Ponder***

*In your opinion, is AB Yehoshua's frame of reference:*

- *Relevant or irrelevant?*
- *Valuable or outdated?*
- *Simply unfashionable?*

*What is your model of the Jewish World?*

- *Israel-centered?*
- *Diaspora (USA)-centered?*
- *Dual-centered (Israel & the Diaspora)?*

*In your opinion, are Israel and the Diaspora connected?*

- *If so, is it a close, partial, or distant connection?*
- *How do they connect?*
- *How do their actions influence each other?*
- *If not, do you consider them alienated? If so, why?*

*In your opinion, do Israel and the Jewish Diaspora dialogue?*

- *If so, at what level?*
- *What is the substance of that dialogue?*

For further educational resources about Israel-Diaspora Relations, please see:  
<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/worldwide/>

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## **1. Background: Biography**

<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/100/people/BIOS/ab.html>

<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/100/HEBREW/people/Yehoshua.html> [H]

[http://www.ithl.org.il/author\\_info.asp?id=286](http://www.ithl.org.il/author_info.asp?id=286)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A.\\_B.\\_Yehoshua](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._B._Yehoshua)

[http://he.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D7%90%22%D7%91\\_%D7%99%D7%94%D7%95%D7%A9%D7%95%D7%A2](http://he.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D7%90%22%D7%91_%D7%99%D7%94%D7%95%D7%A9%D7%95%D7%A2) [H]

Haifa University <http://research.haifa.ac.il/~theatre/yehoshua.html> [H]

## **2. Recent Political Statements**

*Haaretz:*

The AB Yehoshua Collection: articles & responses

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715037.html> [English]

*AB Yehoshua:*

"People without a land"

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715028.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715028>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=714412> [H]

Russian: Condensed version, with selected excerpts from responses

<http://www.oranim.ac.il/Site/ru/General.aspx?l=4&id=2176>

<http://www.oranim.ac.il/Docs/journal%20number%207.pdf>

"Deepest apologies" [English only]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715756.html>

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715756>

Response by Jewish Agency Chairman Zeev Bielski's

"Disconnected from Reality"

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715394.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/pages/ShArtPE.jhtml?itemNo=713396&contrassID=2&subContrassID=3&sbSubContrassID=0> [H]

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***A-Z of Responses:***

Shulamit Aloni

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/716252.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=716252>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=716334> [H]

Amiram Barakat

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/712939.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=712939>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/pages/ShArtPE.jhtml?contrassID=2&subContrassID=3&sbSubContrassID=0&itemNo=713072> [H]

Yossi Beilin [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715822.html>

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715822>

Avraham Burg [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/717656.html>

Abraham Foxman [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715746.html>

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715746>

Zvia Greenfield

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715083.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715083>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=714808>

Shmuel Rosner

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/712641.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=712641>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=712759> [H]

Yossi Sarid

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715086.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715086>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=715740> [H]

Natan Sharansky

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/715087.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=715087>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=715294> [H]

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/pages/ShArtPE.jhtml?contrassID=2&subContrassID=3&sbSubContrassID=0&itemNo=715294> [H]

Yair Sheleg

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/714121.html> [E]

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=714121>

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/objects/pages/PrintArticle.jhtml?itemNo=714317> [H]

*JPost* - Uri Dan

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1145961320436&pagename=JPost/JPArticle/ShowFull>

*Ynet* [E]

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3246476,00.html>

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-3246458,00.html>

*Leonid Nevzlin* [Russian]

<http://cursorinfo.co.il/pr/2006/05/04/nevzlin/>

<http://cursorinfo.co.il/pr/2006/05/04/nevzlin/ Printed.htm>

*Forward*

<http://www.forward.com/articles/7820>

<http://www.forward.com/articles/7770>

*Related international coverage*

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,,1774422,00.html>

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### ***3. Earlier Statements***

Vote Labour [2006]

<http://www.lapaixmaintenant.org/article1250> [French]

The Zionist Revolution [2003]

[http://www.hofesh.org.il/freeclass/zionut/zionist\\_revolution.html](http://www.hofesh.org.il/freeclass/zionut/zionist_revolution.html) [Hebrew]

<http://www.oranim.ac.il/Docs/Sionist.htm> [Russian]

The Source of Israel Hatred [2003]

<http://www.oranim.ac.il/Docs/Sinat.htm> [Hebrew]

<http://www.oranim.ac.il/Docs/Yehoshua.htm> [Russian]

"The Geneva Initiative" <http://middleeastinfo.org/article3589.html>

"Separation in the Middle East" [2002]

[http://www.ucsbdailyxexus.com/print\\_article.php?a=2444](http://www.ucsbdailyxexus.com/print_article.php?a=2444)

Interview with "Kul-al-Arab" about Peace, Arafat [2002]

<http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=subjects&Area=conflict&ID=SP32602>

Related article by Amos Oz

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,3604,417958,00.html>

Interview with "Haaretz" against the Right of Return [2000]

<http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=subjects&Area=conflict&ID=SP8300>

### ***Jewish Identity, Cultural Pluralism***

Religion and Art <http://www.ispa.org/ideas/yehoshua.html>

Jewish Identity and the Bible

[http://www.iwm.at/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=179&Itemid=369](http://www.iwm.at/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=179&Itemid=369)

<http://www.e-mago.co.il/Editor/literature-602.htm>

To Separate Religion from National Identity [2003]

<http://www.teena.org.il/index.php?a=st&id=61> [Russian]

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## 4. Literary References & Reviews

Reading practice – excerpts

<http://www.stanford.edu/class/hebrew/books/yehoshua.html#interviews>

### Overviews

Overview, insights <http://www.mndaily.com/ae/Print/1997/20/st/wwwyeho.html>

Overview of several books and style <http://www.bostonreview.net/BR25.3/feld.html>

Bibliography with links <http://www.orionbooks.co.uk/6336-0/Author-A.B.-Yehoshua.htm>

Short overview/prologue <http://www.fdu.edu/newspubs/pressrel/yehoshua.html>

### Themes

Women in A B Yehoshua's writing [Hebrew; Ch. 1]

<http://www.ubank.co.il/essay/41398/%E4%E3%EE%E5%E9%E5%FA-%E4%F0%F9%E9%E5%FA-%E1%E9%F6%E9%F8%E5%FA%E9%E5-%E9%E4%E5%F9%E5%F2.html>

Issues & Canaanism - scroll down:

<http://www.kibbutz.org.il/mifne/articles/030407.mishal.htm>

### Works by Title –Reviews, Interviews & Analysis

"The Liberated Bride" - Vered Shemtov interview, 2000

<http://www.shma.com/mar04/yehoshua.htm>

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0151006539/104-1303608-4311140?v=glance&n=283155>

Review, excerpt, & study questions for course

<http://www.nationallyiddishbookcenter.com/story.php?n=10137>

<http://www.powells.com/cgi-bin/biblio?inkey=62-0156030160-0>

"Five Seasons" <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0156010895/104-1303608-4311140?v=glance&n=283155>

"Open Heart" <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0156004844/104-1303608-4311140?n=283155>

download excerpt <http://www.wpr.org/book/auth1997.htm#Y>

"Mr Mani" <http://www.emanuelnyc.org/bulletin/feature521.htm> 1

<http://www.anthropoetics.ucla.edu/ap0702/sacrifice.htm>

"Hame'avev" [Hebrew]

[http://www.makash.ac.il/h\\_school/hst/hstp/ayelets/nufar2.htm](http://www.makash.ac.il/h_school/hst/hstp/ayelets/nufar2.htm)

3 Essays on A B Yehoshua's "Hame'avev" [Hebrew, zip files]

<http://www.schoolsucks.co.il/sifrut.cfm>

<http://storage.cet.ac.il/CetForums/Storage/MessageFiles/6766/30453/Forum30453M237673I0.doc>

E-mago – Various Reviews; Interview [Hebrew]

<http://www.e-mago.co.il/Editor/literature-174.htm>

<http://www.e-mago.co.il/Editor/literature-775.htm>

<http://www.e-mago.co.il/Editor/literature-602.htm>

Book notes <http://www.notes.co.il/eshed/11807.asp>