

Prof. Yehuda Liebes – CV

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Yehuda Liebes is a Gershom Scholem emeritus professor in the Department of Jewish Thought, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He holds Ph.D. of the Hebrew University, for the thesis *Sections of the Zohar Lexicon* (supervisor: G. Scholem).

Liebes is a life-long Jerusalemite, he is married, father and grandfather, served and injured in the IDF. He worked in the Academy of the Hebrew Language, has taught for many years in the HU, mostly Cabbala, and was responsible for the teaching of the *Zohar* literature. He served as a head of the department, visited and taught in the US, participated in research groups, and had many disciples.

Liebes wrote hundreds of items, books and articles. He endeavors in the first place to decipher the enigmatic nature of the Jewish myth and erotic elements, to elucidate the creative methods and the ways self-consciousness of the authors is reflected in cabbalistic opuses. Liebes deals foremost with the *Zohar* literature, but his research spans Biblical and Talmudical thought, Philo, *Sefer Yetsira*, Maimonides and Ibn Gabirol, *Ha-Bahir* and early Cabbala, Cordovero and Luria and their followers, Sabbateanism and Hasidism (especially R. Nahman of Bratslav), the Gaon of Vilna and his disciples, and also modern poets and writers like Ratosh and Agnon.

Liebes also engages on translating classical religious poetry from Greek, Latin and Arabic. He received the Scholem Prize, Bialik Prize, E.M.T. Prize and the Israel Prize.