You are cordially invited to the

Conference on
American Aliyah in Literature and Research

Wednesday, October 25, 2006
Tel Aviv University, Gilman 496
Program

9:30-10:15 Opening Remarks:
Milette Shamir, Chair of the English and American Studies Department, Tel Aviv University
Hana Wirth-Nesher, English and American Studies Department, Head of the Goldreich Institute, Tel Aviv University
Efraim Bauch, Chair, Israel Federation of Writers’ Unions

10:15-12:15 Session 1: On Immigration
Chair: Ilan Riss, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics
Chaim Waxman, Rutgers University
“An Overview of Immigration from North America”
Karin Amit, Ruppin Academic Center and Ilan Riss, Bureau of Statistics
“Current Motifs in Immigration: Interviews and Contemporary Literature”
Danny Oberman, Nefesh B’Nefesh
“Musings of North American Olim on the Aliyah Experience”

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Session 2: On the Literature of Immigration
Chair: Linda Streit, English and American Studies Department, Tel Aviv University
Jeffrey Green, Alma College, Israel Association of Writers in English
“Paradoxical Dislocation”
Haim Chertok, Ben-Gurion University
“Writing Biography in the Diaspora”

2:30–4:00 Session 3: Readings by Shirley Kaufman and Riva Rubin
Chair: Karen Alkalay-Gut, Chair, Israel Association of Writers in English
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Shirley Kaufman, President’s Award Winner, 2006
Riva Rubin, President’s Award Winner, 2000

4:00-4:15 Coffee

4:15 – 5:30 Session 4: On the Literature of Immigration
Chair: Hana Wirth-Nesher, English and American Studies Department, Goldreich Institute, Tel Aviv University
Michael P. Kramer, Acting Director, Creative Writing Program, Bar-Ilan University and Editor of MAGGID: “The Place of English Writing in Israel.”
Karen Alkalay-Gut, English and American Studies Department, Tel Aviv University

5:30 – 7:30 Session 5: Reading of English Poets in Israel
Chair: Jerome Mandel, Professor Emeritus, Department of English and American Literature, Tel Aviv University
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