

## Professor Asher Susser



**Professor Asher Susser** earned his PhD in Modern Middle Eastern History at Tel Aviv University (TAU) and is presently a Senior Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at TAU and a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Crown center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University. He was the Director of the Center from 1989 to 1995 and again from 2001 to 2007 and has taught for over twenty-five years in the University's Department of Middle Eastern History. Professor Susser's

research and teaching at TAU has focused on Modern Middle Eastern History, Religion and State in the Middle East and Arab-Israeli issues, with special reference to Jordan and the Palestinians. He has been a Fulbright Fellow, a visiting professor at Cornell University (1986-7), the University of Chicago (1990) and Brandeis University (1998, 2007-8, 2009-10), and a visiting fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (1987, 1996-7).

Professor Susser wrote the *Political Biography of Jordan's Prime Minister Wasfi al-Tall* (1994) and is the author or editor of seven other books, including:

- \* *Challenges to the Cohesion of the Arab State* (editor, 2008).
- \* *The Middle East: The Impact of Generational Change* (editor, 2007).
- \* *Jordan: Case Study of a Pivotal State* (author, 2000).

His most recent articles include: "**Partition and the Arab Palestinian Minority in Israel**" (2009); "**Jordan: Preserving Domestic Order in a Setting of Regional Turmoil**," (2008); "**The Sunni-Shi'i Shift of the 21st Century**," (Hebrew) (2008); "**Jordan's Maze of Identities: Tribal, Jordanian, Palestinian and Islamic**" (2008); "**Israel, the Arabs and Palestine: Facing Crucial Decisions**" (2006); and "**Collective Identity, the Middle Eastern State and the Peace Process**" (Hebrew) (2006). He is presently writing a new book on *Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians since 1948*; a study on the relationship of a Palestinian State of the future to Israel and Jordan; and a smaller study on the retreat of secularization in the Middle East.

In 1994 he was the only Israeli academic to accompany Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to his historic meeting with King Hussein of Jordan for the signing of the Washington Declaration. In 2006 Professor Susser was selected as TAU's Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Lecturer.

### **Brief CV**

Prof. Susser is an expert on the Middle East and the former Director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University. He was a Fulbright Fellow and a visiting Professor at Cornell, the University of Chicago and Brandeis University. He is the author or editor of eight books the most recent of which is *Challenges to the Cohesion of the Arab State* (editor, 2008). His most recent articles include "Jordan: Preserving Domestic Order in a Setting of Regional Turmoil," (2008); "The Sunni-Shi'i Shift of the 21st Century," (Hebrew) (2008); "Jordan's Maze of Identities: Tribal, Jordanian, Palestinian and Islamic" (2008); and "Israel, the Arabs and Palestine: Facing Crucial Decisions" (2006). He is presently writing a new book on Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians since 1948; a study on the relationship of a Palestinian State of the future to Israel and Jordan; and a smaller study on the Retreat of Secularism in the Middle East.