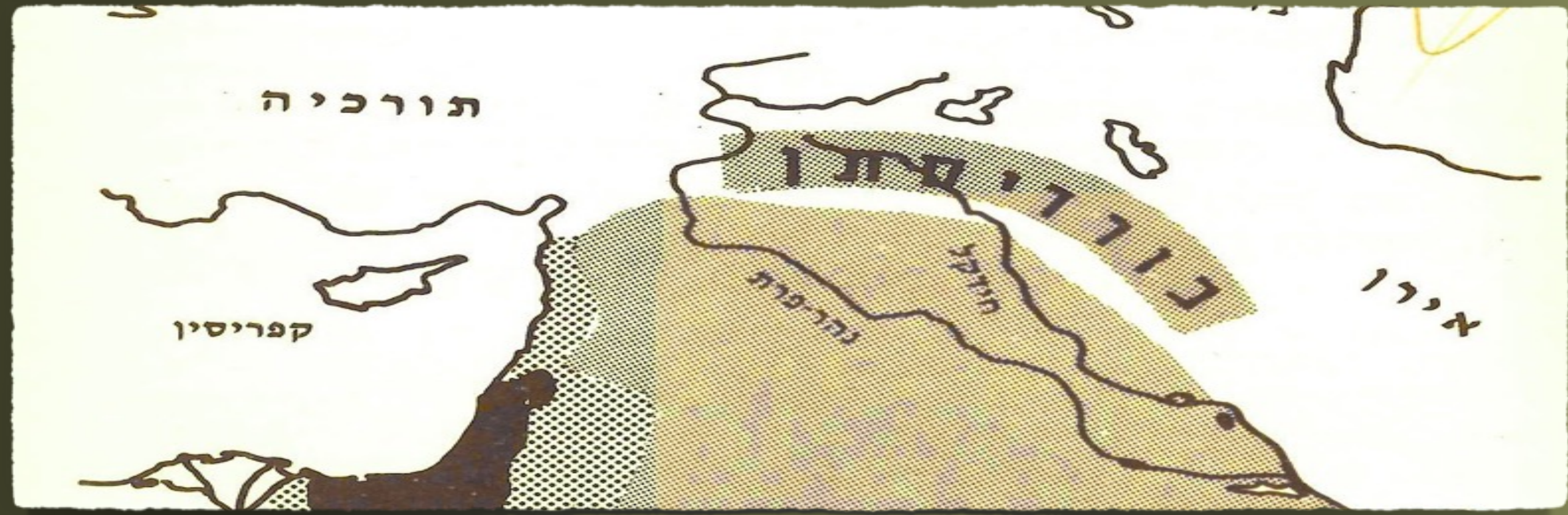


HEBREW STUDIES PUBLIC TALKS
**NATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO ZIONISM: THE
CASE OF THE YOUNG HEBREWS, 1939-1976**



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This presentation will explore a particular aspect of a home-grown opposition to Zionism among Hebrew Israelis. With the consolidation of a separate national identity in the pre-state Yishuv (a process whose pinnacle can be dated to the 1930s-1940s), an attitude of denigration and even rejection of Zionism became relatively widespread among the Hebrews. The most radical and articulate ideology that offered a complete national alternative to Zionism in the name of an indigenous Hebrew nationalism was the Young Hebrews' ideology, popularly known as "Canaanism". The talk will present the main tenets and principles of Hebrew "Canaanite" nationalism in relation both to Zionism and Arab nationalism. It will explore in particular the historiographic base of "Canaanism", arguing that divergence in the vision of the past between "Canaanism" and Zionism (as well as Pan-Arabism) is the key element that permits us to perceive the principal incompatibility between Jewish and Hebrew nationalism in the political sphere.

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