

## **Habima National Theatre Archive**

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Words from the editor:

On October 15th 2010, at the ceremony of the Habima prize, the archive site was first launched. This site was based on material that was first collected sixty years ago by the late Yaakov Raphael, Habima's archivist. The work of collecting historical material was continued when I came to Habima as general secretary in 1978.

The huge amount of material I saved and collected throughout the years shows the major importance of Habima Theatre as a central factor in the development of the culture, art, literature and Hebrew language since 1917 in Europe, in the settlement period in Palestine, and through the establishment of Israel's independence until the present day.

This site includes information about more than 780 productions produced so far at Habima since its first performance in 1918. It also provides information about 2324 actors and 1621 directors, translators, playwrights, stage and light designers, musicians, choreographers, etc. who worked at Habima throughout the years.

You can also find posters, sketches, the dates of the opening nights, number of performances, and critic's reviews.

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**Hani Seligsohn**