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Dr. Ofek's children's books include Smoke Over Golan, the 1976 Israeli Honor Book selected by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Congress. The author of more than 15 other children's books, some of them translated into German, Danish and Dutch, Dr. Ofek has translated into Hebrew books by Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, Roald Dahl, A.A. Milne, Keith Robertson and others.

Dr. Ofek, whose doctoral dissertation focused on "The Beginning of Hebrew Children's Literature," studied in Toronto on a grant from the Canada Council. He serves as Chairperson of the Israeli section of IBBY and as Israeli corresponding editor for Phaedrus.

Any North American library school, college or university, department of education, library system, or any other potential sponsor--no matter how small--may apply for the privilege of hosting the 1978 lecture.

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Application blanks are now available from the Children's Services Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS MAY 20, 1977.

The selection of the host institution will be announced by the Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Committee during the ALA Annual Conference in Detroit, June 17 - 23, 1977. Committee members include Effie Lee Morris, Harriet Quimby and John Donovan, Chairperson.

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