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Dear Professor Lavie:

On behalf of the Executive Board and the entire membership of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, I want to thank you for entering your 2014 book, *Wrapped in the Flag of Israel: Mizrahi Single Mothers and Bureaucratic Torture*, into the 2015 competition for the Clifford Geertz Prize. As I announced at the Society's Annual Business Meeting in Denver, CO, last month, the winner of this year's prize was *Given to the Goddess: South Indian Devadasis and the Sexuality of Religion* by Lucinda Ramberg, and Nils Bubant's *The Empty Seashell: Witchcraft and Doubt on an Indonesian Island* received honorable mention.

In addition to the winner and runner-up titles, a committee of six jurors identified four books as finalists for the 2015 Clifford Geertz Prize. I am very pleased to inform you that your book, *Wrapped in the Flag of Israel*, was one of the four finalists. I will be sharing this information with the SAR membership via our listserv and publicizing the list of 2015 finalists on the SAR web site.

Thanks again for participating in this year's Geertz Prize competition.

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan D. Hill
Chair, 2015 Geertz Prize Committee
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