

PROGRAM



27-29 OCTOBER, 2015

KRZYSZTOFORY PALACE

(KRAKÓW, MAIN SQUARE 35, MIEDZIANA HALL)

27 October 2015

9:00–9:20 – Opening of the conference

JEWISH COUNCILS AND JEWISH ELITES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Panel I – 9:20–10:40

Chair: Aleksandra Namysło (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Sebastian Piątkowski (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), *The Jewish Council for Radom District and its subordinate institutions: A collective portrait of the Council members, staff and collaborators*
- Leszek Hońdo (Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland), *The Jewish Council in Tarnow*
- Łukasz Połomski (Nomina Rosae Foundation / Pedagogical University in Cracow, Poland), *The Jewish elites of Nowy Sącz and the Holocaust*
- discussion

10:40–10:55 – Coffee break

Panel II – 10:55–12:15

Chair: Aleksandra Namysło (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Wiesław Paszkowski (Częstochowa Museum, Poland), *The shaping of Jewish elites under German occupation: The case of Częstochowa*
- Adam Sitarek (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), *“Jachsenci”, “szyszki”: The so-called new elites. The Case of the Łódź Ghetto*
- Maria Ferenc-Piotrowska (Centre for Social Studies in Warsaw, Poland), *Opinions and proposals to reform the Jewish welfare system in the Warsaw Ghetto: The involvement of Jewish elites in public life*
- discussion

12:15–12:45 – Coffee break

Panel III – 12:45–14:15

Chair: Sebastian Piątkowski
(Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Aleksandra Bańkowska (Jewish Historical Institute, Poland), *Searching for elites: Recruitment of members to the local Jewish Welfare committees in the General Government, 1940–1942*
- Katharina Friedla (Yad Vashem Institute, Israel), *Wrocław Jewish Community elites and the Holocaust: Survival strategies. A case study*
- Grzegorz Berendt (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), *Polesie rabbis under German occupation in survivors' testimonies*
- discussion

14:15–15:30 – Lunch break

JEWISH ORDER POLICE

Panel IV – 15:30–17:15

Chair: Sebastian Piątkowski (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Katarzyna Person (Jewish Historical Institute, Poland), *Jewish Order Police in the Warsaw Ghetto as an example of war elites: Analyzing of staff composition*
- Jakub Chmielewski (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland), *The involvement of Jewish Order Police in resettlement operations: Comparing the cases of Izbica, Lublin and Zamość*
- Andrzej Żbikowski (Jewish Historical Institute, Poland), *Jewish Policemen and Jewish Council members: Cases brought before the Jewish Social Court of the Central Committee of Polish Jews*
- discussion

17:15–18:00 – Presentation of the book by Ryszard Kotarba:
“A Historical Guide to the German Camp in Płaszów
1942–1945”

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INTELLECTUAL, RELIGIOUS AND ART ELITES

Panel V – 9:00–10:20

Chair: Adam Sitarek (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Agata Dąbrowska (Łódź University, Poland), *Jewish elites and theater in occupied Poland, 1939–1945*
- Ewa Rogalewska (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), *Artists in the Vilna Ghetto*
- Piotr Krajewski (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland / The Ignacy Jan Paderewski Academy of Music in Poznań, Poland), *The Jewish music elite in Theresienstadt*
- discussion

10:20–10:35 – Coffee break

Panel VI – 10:35–11:55

Chair: Adam Sitarek (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Krystyna Boyko and Yulia Bohdanova (National University, Technical University of Lvov, Ukraine), *Personal files of the Lvov Polytechnic faculties and staff in 1939–1941 as an example of sources for researching the shaping of Jewish elites in the early years of World War II*
- Marta Janczewska (Jewish Historical Institute, Poland), *Columnists of the “Jewish Newspaper”. Their social and artistic programs as a strategy of action in an appropriated communication space*
- Estera Flieger (Łódź University, Poland), *The life and research of Jewish historians during World War II: The pioneers of Holocaust research – Filip Friedman and Artur Eisenbach*
- discussion

11:55–12:10 – Coffee break

Panel VII – 12:10–13:50

Chair: Martyna Grądzka-Rejak (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Anna Kupinska (Central European University Budapest, Hungary), *Bad shepherds or great leaders? Moral dilemma and controversy around the Hassidic Rabbis who escaped the Holocaust and left their flocks behind*
- Lee H. Igel (New York University, USA), *The strength of “Muscular Jewry”: Sports, society and Jewish community leadership during World War II*
- Mirosław Szumiło (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland), *Jews in the leadership of the Union of Polish Patriots in the Soviet Union, 1943–1946*
- Jarosław Rabiński (Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), *New elite? Jewish community representatives in General Sikorski’s milieu, 1939–1943*
- discussion

13:50–15:00 – Lunch break

JEWISH ELITES IN OCCUPIED EUROPE

Panel VIII –15:00–16:20

Chair: Grzegorz Berendt (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Catalin Parfene (Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, Romania / École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France), *Champions of Romanization, victims of Anti-Semitism: The Jewish elites in Romania during World War II*
- Naida Mihal Brandl (Department of Judaic Studies, University of Zagreb, Croatia), *Jewish Elites and Jewish Community Leaders in Zagreb and Croatia in 1945*
- Francine Friedman (Ball State University, Indiana, USA), *Bosnian Jewish elites during World War II*
- discussion

16:20–16:35 – Coffee break

Panel IX –16:35–18:15

Chair: Grzegorz Berendt (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

- Vadim Altskan (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, USA), *Choiceless choice: The leadership of the Jewish Council in the Siauliai ghetto, Lithuania, 1941–1944*
- Wasyl Hulaj (National University, Technical University of Lvov, Ukraine), *The Jewish community of Western Ukraine under the Soviet occupation, September 1939 – June 1941: Loyalty, collaboration, deportations*
- Oleg Surovtsev (Czerniowce University, Ukraine), *Jewish elites in Bukowina during World War II*
- discussion

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INDIVIDUAL FATES OF MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH ELITES

Panel X – 9:00–10:20

Chair: Edyta Gawron (Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland)

- Naomi Menuhin (Ben-Gurion University Beer Sheva, Israel), *The unfinished symphony: Dr. Izrael Milejkowski – a physician and leader*
- Miri Freilich (Beit Berl College in Kfar Saba, Israel), *The role of Beitar Movement's leadership in shaping Ghettos' uprisings, 1942–1943*
- Mohsen Hamli (University of Manouba, Tunisia), *Sheikh Roubine Ben Attia of Gabes, Tunisia, January 1942 – July 1943*
- discussion

10:20–10:40 – Coffee break

Panel XI – 10:40–12:00

Chair: Edyta Gawron (Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland)

- Denisa Nestakova (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia), *Gisi Fleischmann: The woman who led Jews in Slovakia during World War II*
- Nebojsa Ozimic (National Museum Niš, Serbia), *Dr. Borivoje Beraha: Doctor and president of Jewish community in Niš*
- Verena Buser (Alice Salomon University for Applied Sciences and Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany), *Karl Demerer: Leader of the camp elite in Blechhammer*

12:00–12:15 – Coffee break

12:15–14.00 – Closing discussion

Chair: Michał Trębacz (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)

Jacek Leociak (Polish Center for Holocaust Research / University of Warsaw, Poland)

Witold Mędykowski (Yad Vashem Institute, Israel)

Grzegorz Berendt (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)



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