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**Muzejs
"Ebreji Latvijā"**



International Conference

Jewish Life in the Baltic Region Before, During, and After the Holocaust

Monday-Thursday, 2 September–5 September 2024

Sunday, September 1

Arrival in Rīga and Check-In (Hilton Garden Inn Riga Old Town, Grečinieku 25)

Monday, September 2

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Small Hall

9:00-9:30 Conference introductions

Prof. Gundars Bērziņš, Rector of the University of Latvia

Paul Brummell, Ambassador of Great Britain to Latvia

Anna Ullrich, Director of International Academic Programs at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

9:30-10:30 Andrii Rukkas, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, "The Exodus from the "House of Slavery": The Repatriation of Lithuanian Jews from Soviet Ukraine in the Early 1920s"

Moderator: Daniel Newman, Program Officer in International Academic Programs at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK (Room 240)

11:00-12:00 Tobias Brinkmann, Pennsylvania State University, "Safe Haven: Jewish Refugees and Migrants in the "Free City" of Danzig"

Moderator: Daniel Newman, Program Officer in International Academic Programs at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

12:00-13:00 Tzipora Weinberg, New York University, "Bet Jakob Journals Reveal a Nascent Culture of Orthodox Womanhood in Lithuania"

Moderator: Daniel Newman, Program Officer in International Academic Programs at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

13:00-14:00 LUNCH (Room 240)

14:00-15:00 Lara Lempertienė, National Library of Lithuania, "The YIVO in the Years of the First Soviet Occupation of Lithuania (1940-1941)"

Moderator: Ilya Lensky, Director of the Museum "Jews in Latvia"

15:00-16:00 Stanislovas Stasiulis, Lithuanian Institute of History, "Between Inherited and Imposed: Antisemitism and Linguistic Violence in Nazi-Occupied Lithuania, 1941-1944"

Moderator: Ilya Lensky, Director of the Museum "Jews in Latvia"

16:00-17:00 Panel Discussion on “The Idea of Museums of Jewish Life in Small Towns”

17:00-18:30 RECEPTION at University of Latvia, Raiņa bulvāris 19

Tuesday, September 3

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19) Small Hall

9:00-10:00 Christoph Dieckmann, University of Haifa, “Trapped. Jewish life in ghettos in Lithuania 1941-1944

Moderator: Svetlana Pogodina, Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Latvia

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK (Room 240)

10:30-11:30 Alisa Miller, Vilnius University, “Role of Judenrat: Different Perceptions of Vilnius and Kaunas Jewish Councils”

Moderator: Svetlana Pogodina, Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Latvia

11:30-12:30 Andrea Löw, Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History, Munich, ““Always with One Foot in the Grave”: Experiences of German Jews deported to Riga: Ghetto, Camps, Survival”

Moderator: Svetlana Pogodina, Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Latvia

12:30-13:30 LUNCH (Room 240)

13:30-14:30 Konstantin Fuks, Independent Scholar, “Forging the First Awareness of the Holocaust: How Did Latvian Jewish Red Army Soldiers Learn about the Nazi Atrocities in their Homeland?”

Moderator: Arkadi Zeltser, Director of the Moshe Mirilashvili Center for Research on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union of the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

14:30-15:30 Serafima Velkovich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, ““I Can’t Rest Until I Have Done Everything I Can to Save the Remnant”: How Latvian and Lithuanian Jews Escaped Totalitarian Regime Using Polish Documents Just After the Holocaust”

Moderator: Arkadi Zeltser, Director of the Moshe Mirilashvili Center for Research on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union of the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

15:30-16:00 EHRI Presentation by Ines Koeltzsch, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies

16:00-16:15 USHMM Presentation by Anna Ullrich, Director of International Academic Programs at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

18:00-19:00 (optional) Presentation at the Museum “Jews in Latvia”: Two Books on Latvian Jewish Communities (Skolas 6)

Wednesday, September 4

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Small Hall

9:00-10:00 Markus Roth, Fritz Bauer Institute, “YIVO in Munich? – The Journal „Fun letstn khurbn” as a Memory Project of Jewish Life, Resistance, and Suffering of Baltic Jews during the Holocaust”

Moderator: Elina Vasiljeva, Professor in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Daugavpils University

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK (Room 240)

10:30-11:30 Eliyana Adler, Binghamton University, “The Collective Memorial Books of Baltic Jewry”

Moderator: Elina Vasiljeva, Professor in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Daugavpils University

11:30-12:30 Maria Kaspina, Central Archive of Jewish History in Jerusalem, “Riga’s Holocaust Survivor’s Stable Narrative and Memorialization”

Moderator: Elina Vasiljeva, Professor in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Daugavpils University

12:30-13:30 LUNCH (Room 240)

13:30-14:30 Elena Beletckaia, Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies, "Sentimental Echoes: The Notion of Home in Holocaust Survivors' Testimonies of the Baltic Region"

Moderator: Didzis Bērziņš, Lecturer, Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Latvia

14:30-15:30 Benjamin Arenstein, University of Chicago, "Language and Underground Jewish Reading in Riga"

Moderator: Didzis Bērziņš, Lecturer, Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Latvia

16:30-18:00 Panel on Jewish Press in National Library of Latvia with Participation of Eyal Miller from National Library of Israel (Mūkusalas iela 3)

Moderator: Ilya Lensky, Director of the Museum "Jews in Latvia"

Thursday, September 5

Starting at 9:00 Mr. Ilya Lensky of the Museum "Jews in Latvia" will lead a guided tour through Holocaust sites and sites of Jewish heritage in and around Riga, including Rumbula, the Salaspils Memorial, Biķernieki Forest, KZ Jungfernhof Concentration Camp, and other sites as time permits
(meeting in the lobby of Hilton Garden Inn Riga Old Town)

Friday, September 6

Checkout from Hotel and Departure from Rīga

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