

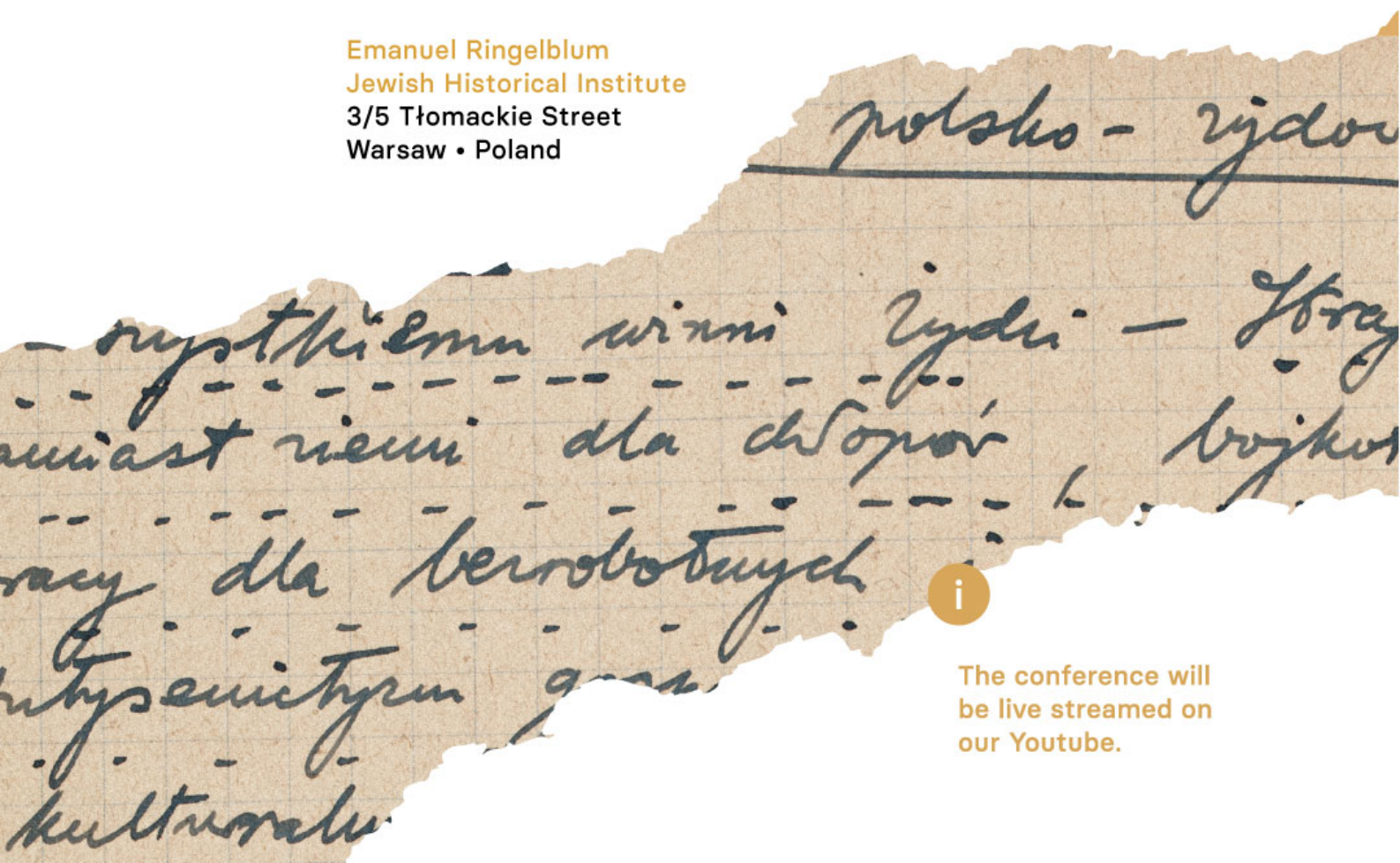
# Bridging Divides.

## Rupture and Continuity in Polish Jewish History

Conference on the 80th anniversary  
of the "Aktion Reinhard" and the  
75th anniversary of the Jewish  
Historical Institute

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75 YEARS

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3/5 Tłomackie Street  
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The conference will  
be live streamed on  
our Youtube.

## MONDAY, May 23th

OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

### Opening | 17:00 CET

#### Welcome

**Glenn Dynner, Monika Krawczyk, Katarzyna Person**

#### Opening keynote

**Samuel Kassow**  
TRINITY COLLEGE

## TUESDAY, May 24th

ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BLUE SKYSCRAPER - ENTRANCE FACING THE JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE.

### Session 1 | 9:00–10:30 CET

#### Evolving Traditions: Polish Jewish Spirituality

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Glenn Dynner**

**Alison B. Curry**  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

**THE LAST HONOR: JEWISH RITUAL AND THE CEMETERY IN THE WARSAW REGION BETWEEN THE INTERWAR PERIOD AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

**Samuel Glauber-Zimra**  
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

**THE SÉANCE IN POLISH JEWISH LIFE: A CASE STUDY OF RUPTURE AND CONTINUITY**

**Gabriella Licskó**  
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

**ALEXANDER HASIDISM BEFORE AND AFTER THE HOLOCAUST**

### Session 2 | 10:45–12:15 CET

#### Women in Polish Jewish Religious Life

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Daniel Reiser**

**Tzipora Weinberg**  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

**STILL SMALL VOICES: FEMALE PREVALENCE IN POLISH RABBINIC LITERATURE, 1900-1945**

#### Elly Moseson

YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

**MAR'IN BISHIN: THE SEXUAL NIGHTMARE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH WOMEN**

#### Glenn Dynner

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

**THE POLISH HASIDAH: BEYOND MASCULINE DEFINITIONS OF HASIDISM**

**12:15–13:15 CET**

#### Break

### Session 3 | 13:15–14:45 CET

#### Polish Jewry in Literature and Film

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Karolina Szymaniak**

#### Daniel Bouskila

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

**ASONOVSKI, SZIBUCZ AND BUCZACZ: SY AGNON'S THEOLOGICAL MEDITATIONS ON THE PLIGHT OF EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWRY**

#### Sarah Ellen Zarrow

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

**JEWISH LIFE IN POLAND AS DOCUMENTED ON FILM: CONTINUITIES AND RUPTURES**

#### Aleksandra Kremer

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

**HOLOCAUST POEMS IN POLISH-LANGUAGE JOURNALS BEFORE 1950**

### Session 4 | 15:00–16:00 CET

#### Panel on Archives and Museums

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Stephen Naron**

#### Jonathan Brent

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

**THE OLDEST JEWISH ARCHIVAL INSTITUTION**

#### Monika Krawczyk

DIRECTOR OF THE EMANUEL RINGELBLUM  
JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

**JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE IN WARSAW: 'MOTHER' OF ALL JEWISH MUSEUMS IN POLAND**

#### Albert Stankowski

DIRECTOR OF THE WARSAW GHETTO MUSEUM

**CHALLENGES FOR NEW WARSAW GHETTO MUSEUM**



**Zygmunt Stępiński**

DIRECTOR OF POLIN MUSEUM  
OF THE HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS

**POLIN MUSEUM – SHRINE FOR  
HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS**

**19:00 CET**

### **Screening of**

*"Who Will Write Our History"*

KINO MURANÓW (FREE ADMISSION)

**WEDNESDAY, May 25th**

ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BLUE SKYSCRAPER -  
ENTRANCE FACING THE JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE.

### **Session 1 | 9:00–11:00 CET**

#### **Writing the Polish Jewish Self**

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Francois Guesnet**

**Maria Ferenc**

JEWISH HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

**LIFE AND WHAT COMES AFTER.  
STUDY OF BIOGRAPHY AND MEMORY  
OF MORDECHAI ANIELEWICZ AS A CHALLENGE  
TO HISTORIOGRAPHICAL DIVIDES**

**Yaron Nir Freisager**

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

**JOSEF ZELKOWICZ AND THE CIRCLE OF  
INTELLECTUALS IN THE ŁÓDŹ GHETTO**

**Lidia Zessin-Jurek**

CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

**"THREE TIMES A REFUGEE" - EXILE AS A LEADING  
MOTIF IN THE MEMOIRS OF POLISH JEWS**

**Ula Madej-Krupitski**

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

**POLISH JEWISH ÉMIGRÉS AND THE  
'OLD COUNTRY'**

### **Session 2 | 11:15–13:15 CET**

#### **Reframing Antisemitism and the Holocaust**

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Katarzyna Person**

**Ania Switzer**

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ANTISEMITISM AS A CULTURAL CODE IN POLAND**

**Jan Burzlaff**

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

**SURVIVING AS A SOCIAL PROCESS**

**Alicja Podbielska**

YALE UNIVERSITY

**"OUR FEELINGS TOWARD JEWS HAVE NOT  
CHANGED": POLISH UNDERGROUND PRESS  
ON HELP AND RESCUE**

**Lea Ganor**

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

**LIFE STORIES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS  
WITH POLISH AND EUROPEAN ROOTS WHO  
SERVED AS AIR CREW MEMBERS IN THE  
ISRAELI AIR FORCE**

**13:15–14:00 CET**

**Break**

### **Session 3 | 14:00–15:30 CET**

#### **Polish Jewish Philanthropic Networks**

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Anna Cichopek-Gajraj**

**Karolina Kołpak**

YALE UNIVERSITY

**THE HISTORY OF THE WARSAW  
KOLONIE LETNIE SOCIETY, 1882-1939**

**Samir Saadi**

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

**THE HIAS IN POLAND IN THE II REPUBLIC  
AND AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (UNTIL 1949):  
COMPARATIVE APPROACH**

**Dikla Yogev**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

**THE BAIS YAAKOV NETWORK –  
A CASE STUDY OF THE MULTIPLE  
DIMENSIONS OF ORTHODOX COMMUNITY**

#### Session 4 | 15:35–16:35 CET

### Presentation on Jewish Historical Institute's resources

CHAIR AND RESPONDENT: **Andrzej Żbikowski**

LIBRARY – **MARZENA ZAWANOWSKA**  
HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION DEPARTMENT –  
**ALICJA MROCZKOWSKA**  
ARCHIVE – **MICHAŁ CZAJKA**  
ART DEPARTMENT – **MICHAŁ KRASICKI**

**16:30 CET**

### Keynote

**Naomi Seidman**  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

**19:00 CET**

### Zisl Slepovitch Ensemble air concert in Krasiński Garden

The Songs from Testimonies project collects and records songs and poems discovered in the accounts found in the Fortunoff video archive for Holocaust testimonies. The musician-in-residence, Zisl Slepovitch, took the songs, conducted research about their origins, then arranged and recorded versions with his ensemble, featuring Sashe Lurje.

#### The performers:

**JOSHUA CAMP** - ACCORDION, PIANO,  
ADDITIONAL VOCALS

**DMITRY ISHENKO** – CONTRABASS,  
ADDITIONAL VOCALS

**CRAIG JUDELMAN** – VIOLIN, ADDITIONAL  
VOCALS

**SASHA LURJE** – LEADING VOCALS

**D. ZISL SLEPOVITCH** – COMPOSER,  
CLARINET, VOCALS

**THURSDAY, May 26th**

**11:30 CET**

### Closing of the Conference

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND STATE  
OF THE FIELD DISCUSSION



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