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International Conference of the
Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem
February 12-14, 2017

Sunday, 12 February 2017

Venue: The Hebrew University, Beit Maierdorf, Room 501

16.00

Opening Remarks and Greetings

Prof. Shmuel Feiner

Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky

Prof. Dr. Christian Wiese

Dr. Martin Hauger

16.30-18.00

Mutual Readings

Chair: Dr. Debra Kaplan

Prof. Dean Philipp Bell - *The Impact of the Reformation on Early Modern German Jewry: Politics, Community, and Religion*

Dr. Alexandra Zirkle - *Beyond Counter-Narrative: Jewish-Protestant Dialogue Revisited*

Clemens Schmidt, MA - *History as Affirmation and Mission: Three Protestant Readings of the Jewish Diasporic Experience, 1706-1819*

19.00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Prof. Christian Wiese

Prof. Susannah Heschel - *Is God a Virgin? Theological Benefits and Problems in the Protestant-Jewish Relationship*

Monday, 13 February 2017

Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai St.

9.00 Gathering

9.30-11.00

Jewish Perspectives on the Reformation

Chair: Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon

Dr. Marketa Kaburkova - *Echoes of Christian Reformation Movements in Early Modern Jewish Writings*

Dr. George Y. Kohler - *A Return to Judaism? - Luther's Reformation of Christianity in the Eyes of the First Reform Rabbis*

Dr. Yaniv Feller - *The First Reformer of the Church? Leo Baeck on the Marcionite Origins of Protestantism*

11.30-13.30

Missionary Activity

Chair: Dr. Miriam Rürup

Dr. Alexander van der Haven - *Predestination and Toleration: The Sole Persecution of Jews in the Dutch Republic in the Context of Calvinist Debates about Free Will*

Dr. Doron Avraham - *German Pietism and the Jews: Between Luther's Reformation and the Enlightenment*

Prof. Yaakov Ariel - *New Modes of Protestant Interactions with the Jews: The Rise of Pietist and Evangelical Missions*

Prof. Agnieszka Jagodzinska - *Converted to Modernity? The Impact of the Missions of the London Society on Polish Jews*

15.00-16.00

Conversion and Anti-Conversion

Chair: Prof. Tamar Herzig

Ahuva Liberles, M.A. - *'Like a Journey to a Distant Land': Considering Conversion in Late Medieval Germany*

Dr. Astrid Schweighofer - *"[...] That I have quite a Protestant Point of View" (Lise Meitner) - Conversions from Judaism to Protestantism in Fin de Siècle Vienna on the Example of Egon Friedell and Lise Meitner and their Engagement with Liberal Protestant Theology*

16.30-18.00

Eastern Europe

Chair: Dr. Judith Kalik

Dr. Anat Vaturi - *Beyond Theology? Everyday Encounters between Jews and Protestants in Early Modern Cracow*

Prof. Dr. Yvonne Kleinmann - *A Microhistory of Conversion: Interactions between Catholics, Jews and Protestants in 18th-Century Rzeszów*

Dr. Johannes Gleixner - *Standard Bearers of Hussitism or Agents of Germanization? Czech Jews and Protestants Competing and Cooperating for the Religion of the Future 1899-1918*

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai St.

8.45 Gathering

9.00-10.30

Jewish-Protestant Relations and Influences in Music, Theatre and Literature

Chair: Prof. Galili Shahar

Tuvia Singer, MA - *The Wandering Jew as a Cosmological Figure in Protestant, Catholic and non-Confessional Use*

Dr. Sarit Cofman Simhon - *Lessing and Wolfsohn: Representing Interfaith Marriage in German Theatre during the Enlightenment*

Dr. Lars Fischer - *Bach and the Jews*

11.00-12.30

Hebraism and the Science of Judaism

Chair: Dr. Aya Elyada

Dr. Ofri Ilany - *'Der Gott Jakobs ist unser Schutz!': German Nationalism and the Old Testament God*

Dr. Golda Akhiezer - *Protestant Hebraism, the Study of Jewish Sects and Wissenschaft des Judentums*

Prof. Walter Homolka - *Jewish and Protestant Jesus Research: Striving for Origins and Authenticity*

14.00-15.30

In the Shadow of Racism and Fascism

Chair: Dr. Scott Ury

Dr. Dirk Schuster - *Protestantism and Racial Boundaries. Jews, "Aryans" and Divine Salvation at the German Christian Church Movement*

Dr. Hansjorg Buss - *The Reception and Instrumentalization of Martin Luther's "Judenschriften" in the "Third Reich"*

Prof. Kyle Jantzen - *Nazi Racism, American Antisemitism, and Christian Duty: U.S. Protestant Responses to the Jewish Refugee Crisis of 1938*

16.00-18.00

Jewish-Protestant Relations after the Holocaust

Chair: Dr. Barbara Meyer

Prof. Christian Wiese - *Traces of the Encounter with Martin Buber in Paul Tillich's Writings on Judaism and the "Jewish Question" after World War II*

Prof. Ursula Rudnick - *The Long Way of the European Lutheran Churches toward a Condemnation of Luther's Antisemitism and a Re-Definition of Lutheran-Jewish-Relations*

Dr. des. Irene Aue-Ben-David - *Josel von Rosheim meets Martin Luther in 1950. On the Reception of Selma Stern's Josel of Rosheim in Germany*

Prof. Dr. Johannes Becke / Dr. Jenny Hestermann - *German Guilt and Hebrew Redemption: Aktion Sühnezeichen and the Legacy of Protestant Philo-Zionism*

18.00 Closing Remarks of the conference

19.30 Public Event in Hebrew Luther, Bach and the Jews

Venue: Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, 20 Radak St.

With: Prof. Guy Miron, Prof. Shmuel Feiner, Dr. Aya Elyada, Dr. Lars Fischer, Prof. Ruth HaCohen, Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky, David Witzthum