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November 7-9, 2017

Reception in Honor of Gershon Bacon and Moshe Rosman
November 7th, Feldman Hall, 18:00-19:15

19:15-20:45

Greetings

Professor Miriam Faust, Rector, Bar-Ilan University

Professor Elie Assis, Dean, The Faculty of Jewish
Studies

Professor Kimmy Caplan, Chair, the Department of
Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry

Keynote Lecture

David Engel, New York University

Polish Jewish History: What Bears Revisiting?

Wednesday, November 8th, Bar-Ilan University, Baeck Hall

09:00-09:30 Refreshments

09:30-11:15 Jews in Early Modern Poland

Chair: **Uriel Gellman**, Bar-Ilan University

Hanna Zaremska, Polish Academy of Sciences: **A Few Remarks on Identity (E)**

Adam Kaźmierczyk, Jagiellonian University: **Silent Diet and Jewish Self-Government (E)**

Magda Teter, Fordham University: **Jews as a Category of Analysis or Rethinking Modernity with Premodern (Jewish) History (E)**

11:15-11:45 Refreshments

11:45-12:45 Social and Economic History

Chair: **Debra Kaplan**, Bar-Ilan University

Yvonne Kleinmann, Halle University: **The Jews' Lords: Interdependence Between Town Lords, Jews and Christians in Early Modern Rzeszów (E)**

Shaul Stampfer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: **Jews as Traders in Stolen Goods – Between Image and Reality (H)**

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:45 Hasidism

Chair: **Immanuel Etkes**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Marcin Wodziński, University of Wrocław: **Why Do I Read Phonebooks?: Data Bases for the Study of Hasidism (E)**

Uriel Gellman, Bar-Ilan University: **Hasidism, Magic, and Modernity (H)**

Gadi Sagiv, The Open University of Israel: **On the Margins of the Hasidic Court: The Tsaddik's Servant as a Case Study (H)**

15:45-16:15 Refreshments

16:15-18:00 Jews and Others

Chair: **Israel Bartal**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Agnieszka Jagodzińska, University of Wrocław: **Memories Reclaimed: The Project of Translation and Edition of Ego Documents of Polish Jews (E)**

Gershon Hundert, McGill University: **Jews and Other Poles: Problems of Language (E)**

Shmuel Feiner, Bar-Ilan University: **Jewish Secularization at the Thresholds of the 20th Century: Between Feierberg and Kafka (H)**

18:00 Moshe Rosman: Concluding Remarks

Thursday, November 9th, Bar-Ilan University, Baeck Hall

09:00-09:30 Refreshments

09:30-11:15 Reconsidering Modern Polish-Jewish Historiography

Chair: **Natan Cohen**, Bar-Ilan University

Scott Ury, Tel-Aviv University: **Like a Black Cat in a Dark Room?: On the Place of Antisemitism in the Study of Polish Jewry (E)**

Kamil Kijek, University of Wrocław: **Distinctively Jewish and Polish Rooted: On the Persistence of Historical Structures in Polish-Jewish History in the 20th Century (E)**

Mordechai Zalkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **Do Not Touch My Anointed Ones? Trends and Challenges in the Study of the Rabbinate in Poland (H)**

11:15-11:45 Refreshments

11:45-13:30 The Rabbinate

Chair: **Yaron Harel**, Bar-Ilan University

Michał Galas, Jagiellonian University: **Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations in Sermons of Selected Progressive Rabbis in Late 19th and Early 20th Century Poland (E)**

Adam Ferziger, Bar-Ilan University: **Between Krakow and Altona: Rabbi Maier Lerner (1857-1930) and the Complexity of Rabbinic Typologies (H)**

Havi Dreifuss, Tel-Aviv University: **Can One Angel Perform Two Missions?: Rabbis in Poland during the Holocaust (H)**

13:30-14:45 Lunch Break

14:45-16:30 Cultural Proliferations

Chair: **Yitzhak Conforti**, Bar-Ilan University

Chagit Cohen, The Open University of Israel: **We Are Going to Fight for a New World: Jewish Women's Councils in the American Communist Party, 1920s-1940s (H)**

Ela Bauer, Kibbutzim College: **Brambles and Slippers: The Attitude of Jewish National Circles in Late 19th Century Congress Poland and Galicia toward the 9th of Av (H)**

Marcos Silber, University of Haifa: **Reassessing the Acculturation Paradigm: Yiddish and Polish Popular Culture in Interwar Poland (H)**

16:30 Gershon Bacon: Concluding Remarks



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