

CALL FOR PAPERS

AFTER THE HOLOCAUST: JEWISH COMMUNITIES, IDENTITIES, AND INTIMACIES IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Eliyana R. Adler (Binghamton University)

Submissions

We invite submissions for an international conference examining Jewish life in the first decade after the Holocaust. This formative yet still understudied period offers critical insight into how survivors reimagined and reconstructed personal lives, communities, and identities in the aftermath of destruction. The conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue by foregrounding everyday life, emotions, and intimacy as central analytical categories. While scholarship has made important strides in understanding postwar migration, politics, and rehabilitation, this conference aims to integrate those approaches with greater attention to the affective and relational dimensions of postwar reconstruction.

By adopting a global and comparative perspective, the conference aims to address diverse geographical settings while highlighting the transnational connections that shaped postwar Jewish experiences.

Please submit an abstract of 250–300 words and a brief biographical note of up to 100 words to: conference@jst.ufl.edu by August 1, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the organizing committee's decision by September 1, 2026.

We welcome proposals from scholars working in history, sociology, anthropology, literary studies, religious studies, memory studies, and related fields. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Family formation, marriage, and kinship after the Holocaust
- Emotional lives of survivors: grief, hope, resilience, and belonging
- Community rebuilding in displaced persons camps and beyond
- Jewish life in Europe, the Americas, and the emerging State of Israel
- Transnational networks of aid, memory, and support
- Cultural, religious, and intellectual reconstruction
- Intimacy, and everyday life in postwar contexts
- Comparative and global perspectives on postwar Jewish experiences
- Children and youth after the Holocaust
- Migration, displacement, and the reconstruction of home
- Oral history, memory, and intergenerational transmission.

It is our intention to also publish a volume of articles based on the event's lectures.

The organizers expect to provide accommodation for 3–4 nights for accepted participants. Travel support may be available, depending on funding.

Organizing committee:

Prof. Natalia Aleksion, Prof. Rachel Gordan,
Prof. Raanan Rein, and Prof. Roni Stauber