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The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry  
The Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War II

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## Jewish Soldiers in World War II

International Conference  
Tel Aviv University  
December 8-10, 2014

Monday, 8 December, 2014, 18:15-20:00  
Auditorium 001, Webb Building

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-10 December, 2014  
Room 496, Gilman Building

Entrance to the University:  
Ramniceanu Gate (4) or Frenkel Gate (7)

Lectures will be delivered in English.

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הפקולטה למדעי הרוח ע"ש לסטר וסאלי אנטין  
המרכז לחקר התפוצות ע"ש גולדשטיין-גורן  
מרכז קנטור לחקר יהדות אירופה בימינו  
מוזיאון הלוחם היהודי במלחמת העולם השנייה

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## החייל היהודי במלחמת העולם השנייה

כנס בין-לאומי  
אוניברסיטת תל-אביב  
10-8 בדצמבר 2014, ט"ז-י"ח בכסלו תשע"ה

יום שני, 8 בדצמבר 2014, ט"ז בכסלו תשע"ה, 18:15-20:00  
אולם 001, בניין ווב

יום שלישי ורביעי, 9-10 בדצמבר 2014, י"ז-י"ח בכסלו תשע"ה  
חדר 496, בניין גילמן

הכניסה להולכי רגל דרך שער רמניסיאנו (4) או שער פרנקל (7)

שפת הכנס: אנגלית

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**Monday, 8 December, 2014**

**Auditorium 001, Webb Building**

**18:15-20:00 Opening Evening**

Chair: **Simha Goldin**, Tel Aviv University

**Eyal Zisser**, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University

**Aron Shai**, Rector, Tel Aviv University

*A Forgotten Jewish Chinese General*

**Moshe Ya'alon**, Minister of Defense

*The Legacy of Jewish Soldiers in World War II and its Influence on the Israel Defense Forces*



**Tuesday, 9 December, 2014**

**Room 496, Gilman Building**

**9:00-10:00 Keynote Address**

Chair: **Motti Golani**, Tel Aviv University

**Derek Jonathan Penslar**, University of Oxford, University of Toronto

*World War II as a "Jewish War"*

**10:00-11:30 Partisans and Resistance**

Chair: **Derek Jonathan Penslar**, University of Oxford, University of Toronto

**Oto Luthar**, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

*The Rab Brigade and its Jewish Battalion as an Autonomous Yugoslav Partisan Unit*

**Tsilla Hershco**, Bar-Ilan University

*The Jewish Resistance in France during World War II: Dilemmas, Ambiguities and Impact on the Historical Memory*

**Françoise S. Ouzan**, Tel Aviv University

*From the Jewish Resistance in France to the Jewish State: Intersecting Roads*

**11:30-12:00 Break**

**12:00-13:30 Literature and Correspondence as Historical Source**

Chair: **Haim Fireberg**, Tel Aviv University

**Leonid Smilovitsky**, Tel Aviv University

*Creation of a collection of Wartime Correspondence in the Diaspora Research Centre at Tel Aviv University*

**Uri Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

*Captives and Captivity: The Hebrew Soldier in World War II and the Cultures of War*

**Raquel Stepak**, Tel Aviv University

*Different Approaches towards the Involvement of Authors in the Land of Israel in the War Effort*

**13:30-15:00 Break**

**15:00-16:30 Personal Stories**

Chair: **Zvi Kan-Tor**, The Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War II, Latrun

**Peter Usher**, Retired Geographer, Independent Scholar, Canada

*Honour and Survival: A Canadian Jewish Airman in World War II*

**Lea Prajs**, Yad Vashem International Institute for Holocaust Studies

*Children and Youth at the Jewish Family Camps in the Forests of Western Belorussia*

**Benny Michelsohn**, The Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War II, Latrun

*Commandant Victor Mirkin – Hero of the French Army*

**Wednesday, 10 December, 2014**

**Room 496, Gilman Building**

**9:00-10:30 Jewish Soldiers in the Red Army**

Chair: **Haim Saadoun**, The Open University of Israel; The Documentation Center of North African Jewry during WWII, The Ben-Zvi Institute

**Zvi Gitelman**, University of Michigan

*Why They Fought: Soviet and Other Jewish Soldiers in World War II*

**Aya Ruzycski**, Humboldt University in Berlin

*The Unsung Heroines: Four Jewish Women in the Soviet Army in the Second World War*

**Kiril Feferman**, Russian Holocaust Center, Moscow

*Not Quite Comrades: The Recruitment of "Western" Jews into the Red Army, 1940-1942*

**10:30-11:00 Break**

**11:00-12:30 The Middle East Arena**

Chair: **Françoise S. Ouzan**, Tel Aviv University

**Haim Saadoun**, The Open University of Israel; The Documentation Center of North African Jewry during WWII, The Ben-Zvi Institute

*The Encounter between Jewish Soldiers and Jewish North African Communities*

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**Astrid Zajdband**, University of Sussex

*Rabbis in the Ranks: British Forces and its German Rabbis*

**Anat Granit Hacoheh**, Independent Scholar, Tel Aviv

Hebrew Women Join (the) Forces: *Jewish Women from Palestine in the British Forces during World War II*

**12:30-14:00 Break**

**14:00-15:45 *The Image of WWII Jewish Fighters in Israeli Documentary Films*** (Session will be conducted in Hebrew)

**Haim Fireberg**, Tel Aviv University

**Zvi Kan-Tor**, The Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War 2, Latrun

**15:45-16:00 Break**

**16:00-17:00 *Concluding Lecture*** (Lecture will be delivered in Hebrew)

Chair: **Dina Porat**, Tel Aviv University

**Tamar Ketko**, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and Arts, Tel Aviv

*The Ethics of Educated Memory*

**Academic Steering Committee: Prof. Dina Porat, Prof. Motti Golani, Dr. Simha Goldin**

