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Jewish Historical Writing: 140 years to Heinrich Graetz's "History of the Jewish People"

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Western Galilee College
Shamash Auditorium, Sir Harry Solomon School of Management
"If the Whole Body Dies" tells the astonishing story of Raphael Lemkin, the Polish-Jewish lawyer who was single-handedly responsible for the writing and ratification of the United Nations Treaty against Genocide.

In his imagination, Lemkin reviews his life and career on the day before his death (1959).

With humor and sadness, the audience comes to know the work of this extraordinary world citizen who changed forever the way the world thinks about and deals with the most catastrophic events in human history.
Monday, March 9, 2015
Workshops for Researchers – By Invitation Only
09:30 - 10:00 Opening Remarks
10:00 - 12:30 Gender Perspectives
Chairperson: Prof. Shulamit Reinharz, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, USA
Gender Studies - Not for Females Only
Dr. Haim Sperber, Western Galilee College, Israel
Thoughts and Observations on Writing of Jewish Women History during Roman Times
Dr. Ilana Beer, Western Galilee College, Israel
Home Making as a Zionist Narrative
Dr. Dorit Yosef, Independent Researcher, Israel

Heinrich Graetz and Women
Chairperson: Dr. Kateřina Čapková, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
Graetz's Women: Suffering and the Narrative of Jewish History
Prof. Sara Imhoff, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
Exposing the “Sidelights” of Jewish Historiography: Lady Katie Magnus and Henrietta Szold Respond to Heinrich Graetz's History of the Jews
Amanda Sharick, Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Riverside, USA

12:30 - 13:30 Break

13:30 - 15:30 East and Central European Jewish Historiography
Chairperson: Prof. Carsten L. Wilke, Central European University Budapest, Hungary
History and Culture of Jews in the Academic Activities of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (from the mid-19th century to the outbreak of the World War II)
Dr. Małgorzata Śliż, Pomeranian University in Słupsk, Poland
“Six Narratives in Search of a Historian”: Changes and New Trends in the Writing of Polish Jewish History in Recent Decades
Prof. Gershon Bacon, Bar Ilan University, Israel
Historical Writing as a Social Practice: On the Origins of Jewish Historiography in Russia
Alexander Valdman, Ph.D. candidate, Ben Gurion University, Israel
Jewish History Written from the Perspective of the Periphery: Historiography of the Jews in Postwar Poland and Czechoslovakia
Dr. Kateřina Čapková, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Workshops for Researchers – By Invitation Only
08:30 - 10:30 Tour of Ghetto Fighters House Museum
11:00 - 12:30 Whose Holocaust?
Chairperson: Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College & Shanan College, Israel
The Long Reach of History: Reassessing Jewish Responses to the Holocaust in the Context of Twentieth-Century East European Jewish History
Dr. Daniel M. Rosenthal, University of Toronto, Canada
The Narrative Integration of the Holocaust in the Autobiographies of Jewish Historians in the 20th Century
Vera Rachel Bronn, Ph.D. Candidate, Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main, Germany
What Motivated the Nazi Killers? The Old Question and a New Answer: A Preliminary Study
Prof. Michael Schuldiner, University of Akron, USA

12:30 - 13:30 Break

13:30 - 15:30 Modern Jewish Historians
Chairperson: Prof. Gabriel N. Finder, University of Virginia, USA
Raphael Mahler: Historian and Political Activist
Eyal Miller, Graduate Student, Hebrew University, Israel
The Historiographical Paradox of the Non-Jewish Jew: Some Belated Repercussions of Heinrich Graetz's Neologism "Marrano"
Prof. Carsten L. Wilke, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Not Only “Anti”: a Re-examination of the Orthodox Series’ “Dorot Rishonim” and “Toldot Israel”
Dr. Eliezer Sariel, Shanan College & Ohalo College, Israel

15:30 - 15:45 Break

15:45 - 17:15 Jewish Studies in America
Chairperson: Prof. Sara Imhoff, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
Against the Tide? Comprehensive Historical Narratives of American Jewish History
Prof. Kimmy Caplan, Bar Ilan University, Israel
Israel Studies as Part of Jewish History Studies
Dr. Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University, USA
“The Rothschilds' World with its Shylock Children are Laughing at us American Sheep”: White Masculinities and Antisemitism in the US-South during Populism
Kristoff Kerl, Ph.D. candidate, University of Cologne, Germany
Conference Summary