You are cordially invited to the international conference and workshop

THE FUTURE OF
HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES IV

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Western Galilee College
Shamash Auditorium, Sir Harry Solomon School of Management
Mr. Yosale Carmin was born in Bukovina, Romania. At the age of 11 he was deported to Transnistria with his family, where he was incarcerated in a ghetto for three years. On 11 March 1944 he was liberated by partisans and in 1948 he arrived to Israel. He was one of the first settlers in Kibbutz Magen in the Northern Negev.

During a visit to the Yad Vashem archive in 1995, he learned that thousands of testimonies and documents in the archive, written in Yiddish and in European languages, had never been translated. Carmin felt that this situation had to be rectified and succeeded in organizing a group of 130 volunteers who spoke the languages to translate these early testimonies into Hebrew. Over two decades of work Carmin and his colleagues made more than 10,000 testimonies accessible to the Israeli researcher and reader, enabling them to tell the story of the Holocaust through the viewpoint of the survivors and to incorporate their experiences into the historical literature. The project initiated and led by Carmin became one of the important repositories of testimonies available to the Israeli researcher. In this way, Carmin made an immeasurable contribution to Israeli Holocaust research and commemoration.

Guardian of Holocaust Memory Award
Mr. Yosale Carmin

Women Inmates’ Visual Art during the Holocaust: Embellished Testimonies or Reflections of Reality?
Dr. Pnina Rosenberg, Technion & Yezreel Valley College, Israel

Intersections of Emotional and Historical Testimony in Visual Representation: Art as Testimony in the Collection of the Jewish Holocaust Centre, Melbourne
Dr. Anna Hirsh, Jewish Holocaust Centre Melbourne, Australia

Enacting Testimonies as a Way to Keep the Memory of the Holocaust Alive
Prof. Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest, Romania

Holocaust Survivors’ Testimonies in Israeli Animation Films
Dr. Liat Steir-Livny, Sapir Academic College, Israel
Tuesday, 8 March 2016
Workshop for Researchers – By Invitation Only

09:00-10:25  Methodological Issues in the Study of Testimonies
Chair: Prof. Gabriel Finder, University of Virginia, USA
Analyzing Personal Accounts in the Age of Post-Testimony
Prof. Eva Kovács, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary
Sociological Research on the Holocaust – Some Methodological Remarks on the Use of Direct Testimonies
Prof. Małgorzata Melchior, University of Warsaw, Polish Centre for Holocaust Research, Poland

10:25-10:40  Break

10:40-12:30  Historical Issues in the Study of Testimonies
Chair: Prof. Kenneth Waltzer, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University, USA
Rereading Konichovský’s Collection of Holocaust Testimonies
Dr. Ben-Tsiyon Klibansky, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Testimonies of Survivors of Postwar Anti-Jewish Violence: Deconstructing a Myth of Polish Collective Memory
Ms. Karolina Panz, University of Warsaw, Poland
Marceline Loridan-Ivens: A French Birkenau Survivor Interprets the Present Through the Past: From “Old” to “New” Anti-Semitism
Prof. Anna Norris, Michigan State University, USA
Memoirs of Camp Survivors: Between Personal Accounts to Collective Memories
Dr. Ross W. Halpin, University of Sydney, Australia

12:30-13:10  Plenary Lecture: Forgotten Experiences: Video Testimonies as a Source for Holocaust Research
Prof. Wolf Gruner, University of South California, USA

13:10-14:30  Break

14:30-15:50  Children’s Testimonies
Chair: Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College, Shaanan College, Israel
Statistical Analysis of Holocaust Testimonies Using the Example of Hidden Children in France – Methodological Issues
Dr. Anneliese Forst, University of Salzburg, Austria
The Legacy of Testimonies: The Story of the Rescue of Children and Youths at Buchenwald
Prof. Kenneth Waltzer, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University, USA
Child Survivors and Testimony: Emotions, Memory, and Identity
Prof. Rebecca Clifford, Swansea University, UK

15:50-16:00  Break

16:00-17:20  Memoirs, Literature, and Testimony
Chair: Prof. Jennifer Geddes, University of Virginia, USA
Writing Against and Despite Silence: A Literary Analysis of Testimonies of the Post-War Years
Ms. Ariane Santerre, University of Montreal, Canada
Beter’s Participation in Armed Resistance to the Nazis in Eastern Europe as Reflected in Yizkor Books
Mr. Peter Keeda, University of Sydney, Australia
Hidden Memories: The Lost Narratives of Ireland’s Holocaust Survivors
Dr. Kevin McCarthy, Independent Researcher, Ireland

Wednesday, 9 March 2016
Workshop for Researchers – By Invitation Only

08:30-10:00  Tour of Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum

10:20-11:15  Testimonies in Courts
Chair: Prof. Rebecca Clifford, Swansea University, UK
Eichmann’s Defense in the Face of the Witnesses (1961): Holocaust Testimonies vs. Testimonies of the Perpetrator
Prof. Fabien Theofilakis, University of Montreal, Canada
“I didn’t come here to lie”: Abraham de la Penha’s Testimony against Dr. Franz Lucas: the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial (1965)
Prof. Andrew C. Wisely, Baylor University, USA

11:15-11:25  Break

11:25-13:15  Testimony, Film, Digital and Social Media
Chair: Dr. Axel Dossmann, Jena University, Germany
Formatting Testimony in Documentary Film
Prof. Tomasz Lysak, University of Warsaw, Poland
Digitized Survivors’ Testimonies: Some Archival and Historiographical Considerations
Mr. Amir Lavie, University of Toronto, Canada
Holocaust Testimony in Yizkor Books: From Text to Hypertext to Text Again
Prof. Rosemary Horowitz, Appalachian State University, USA
“Add Review”: Holocaust Testimonies in Social Media
Ms. Stephanie Benzaquen, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands

13:15-14:10  Break

14:10-15:40  The Role of Testimonies in Holocaust Education
Chair: Prof. Zehavit Gross, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Holocaust Testimonies in Education and Memory: Beyond the Survivor (A Case Study for Britain)
Dr. Kara Critchell, Ms. Emily Stiles, University of Winchester, UK
David P. Boder’s Challenging Heritage: How to Make Somebody Understand by Listening to Audiotaped Testimonies from 1946
Dr. Axel Dossmann, Jena University, Germany
Historical Learning about the Shoah in Schools from a Transnational Perspective: Using Video-Testimonies and Tablet PCs
Ms. Anne Schillig, University of Teacher Education Lucerne, Switzerland

15:40-15:50  Break

15:50-16:45  Second and Third Generation
Chair: Prof. Sabine Hildebrandt, Harvard Medical School, USA
Children of Survivors and the Future of Holocaust Memory
Prof. Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford, USA
Instances of Re-Witnessing in Texts of the Second and Third Generation
Dr. Rebekah Slodounik, University of Virginia, USA

16:45-17:45  Roundtable Discussion
Moderator: Dr. Miriam Offer
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