

DAY 1: AUGUST 25 (SUNDAY)

15.30-17.30

Opening Remarks

Panel 1: Łódź in the Kingdom of Poland

Chair: Aleksandra Jakubczak (POLIN)

Antoni Porayski-Pomsta (Cambridge University)

Toward a multicultural history of Bałuty, a suburb of Łódź, c. 1880-1915

Marcin Antczak (Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź) Cultural Impact of the Assassinations of Juliusz Kunitzer and Markus Silberstein

Francois Guesnet (University College London)

Of Fish and Philanthropy: Jewish Organizations in the Emerging Jewish Metropolis of Łódź, ca 1850-1900

Małgorzata Mazurek (Columbia University)

Łódź industrial civilization and the acculturation of Jewry in the Kingdom of Poland

17.30-18.00

Coffee break

18.00-19.30

Keynote lecture:

Natalia Aleksium (University of Florida)

Between Shtetl and Metropolis: Writing Jewish Urban History in East Central Europe

DAY 2: AUGUST 26 (MONDAY)

10.00-11.30

Panel 2: The Interwar Period

Chair: Zachary Mazur (POLIN/IH PAN)

Zofia Trębacz (Jewish Historical Institute)

Jewish Łódź through the eyes of "outsiders" in the 1930s

Wojciech Stępień (Warsaw Polytechnic)

Jewish Architects from Warsaw Polytechnic and their Mark on the Cityscape of Łódź

Ruthie Kaplan (Haifa University)

The Jewish Middle Class of Łódź
– A Spatial Approach

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.30

Panel 3: Echoes of the City in Literature

**Chair: Maria Antosik-Piela
(Uniwersytet Warszawski)**

Golda van der Meer (Universidad de Barcelona)
Narrating the Łódź ghetto: Chava Rosenfarb and the Yiddish poem

Sonia Gollance (University College London)
“Jewish bankers, putting on airs”: The Ballroom as a Microcosm of Łódź in I. J. Singer’s *The Brothers Ashkenazi*

Elizaveta Domnikova (Universität Regensburg)
“Baluty” and “Sketches of 1939.” Yisroel Rabon’s last prose

13.30-14.30

Lunch

14.30-16.00

Panel 4: Litzmannstadt Ghetto Part I

Chair: Ewa Wiatr (Uniwersytet Łódzki)

Yaron Haim Nir Freisager (Tel-Hai College)
Perceptions of death in Łódź and in the Łódź ghetto

Abigail Zola (US Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Uncovering Emotional Contamination: Redefining the Process of Site-Specific Architecture

Natalia Soral (Uniwersytet Warszawski)
“Who kept Shabbos?” Religion and religious observances in the Litzmannstadt Ghetto

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

16.30-18.00

Panel 5: Litzmannstadt Ghetto Part II

Chair: Adam Sitarek (Uniwersytet Łódzki)

Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton) The ghetto, the Zigeunerlager, and the Polen-Jugendverwahrlager

Michał Turski (PAN-Berlin)
Animosity or Ambivalence? Volksdeutsche and the Deutsche Volksliste (German People’s List) vs. Jews in Łódź during WWII

Winson Chu (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
Jewish Accounts of Interwar Relations with Łódź Germans in the Kriminalpolizei

DAY 3: AUGUST 27 (TUESDAY)

10.00-11.30

Panel 6: Postwar Narratives
Chair: Natalia Aleksium
(University of Florida)

Ewa Koźmińska-Frejlik (IFiS PAN)
Central Jewish Historical Commission on
the social map of non-Jewish Łódź (1945-1947)

Monika Stępień (Uniwersytet Jagielloński)
Rabbi Zew Wawa Morejno of Łódź and his
struggle for leadership of the Jewish community
in postwar Poland

Anna Hirsh (Melbourne Holocaust Museum)
Melbourne's Łódź Committee and Community:
Beyond Commemoration

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.30

Panel 7: Memory: Past/Present
Chair: Krzysztof Persak
(POLIN/ISP PAN)

Daniel Gerson (Universität Bern)
Ephemeral visitors or stakeholders of today's
Jewish life? The ambivalent relations of de-
scendants of pre-Holocaust Łódź Jewry to their
ancestors' hometown

Kamil Śmiechowski (Uniwersytet Łódzki)
The idea of the "City of Four Cultures Dialogue"
as an example of infantilization of the local
identity of contemporary Łódź

**Joanna Gubała-Czyżewska, Andrzej Czyżewski
(ISP PAN)**
From oblivion to... ? Key Points of Commemora-
tion of the Łódź Ghetto (1945-2015)

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