
DAY 1: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

2.30–3.30 pm	Tour of (post)JEWISH... Shtetl Opatów Through the Eyes of Mayer Kirshenblatt
3.30–4.00 pm	Coffee break
4.00–5.00 pm	Opening Roundtable – Defining the post-Jewish Town Moderator: Aleksandra Jakubczak Dariusz Stola, Antony Polonsky, Natalia Romik
5.00–5.30 pm	Joanna Król-Komła presenting “Virtual Shtetl” Moderator: Aleksandra Jakubczak
5.30–6.00 pm	Coffee break
6.00 - 7.30 pm	Keynote: Jeffrey Veidlinger , In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Jewish Memories of Small-Town Life in Post-1945 Ukraine
7.30 pm	Dinner for the conference speakers

DAY 2: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9.30–11.00 am	Panel 1: The Shtetl as Material Witnesses Chair: Magdalena Waligórska Małgorzata Michalska-Nakoneczna , Elements of Jewish Architectural Heritage within the Urban Structures and Cultural Landscapes of Small Towns in the Lublin Region Emil Majuk , Destination Shtetl: Traces of Jewish Heritage in Towns in the Borderlands of Poland, Belarus, and Ukraine Yechiel Weizman , Golgotha in Paradise: Rajgród and the Memory of its Jews
11.00–11.30 am	Coffee break

11.30 am–1.00 pm

Panel 2: Post-Jewish Topographies
Chair: Antony Polonsky

Aleksandra Szczepan, Tender Geographies and Communities of Memory: Intimate Cartographies of Polish *shtetlekh*

Joanna Kabrońska, Post-Jewish Urban Apace in Kartuzy/Karthaus, Pomerania

Clare Fester, Scavenging for Traces in the Post-Jewish Town: A Case Study of Memorial Book Maps

1.00-2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00–3.30 pm

Roundtable – The Dead Remain: Cemeteries in Former Shtetls

Moderator: Yechiel Weizman
Krzysztof Bielawski, Monika Tarajko,
Aleksandra Janus

3.30–3.50 pm

Szymon Lenarczyk, Archeological Finds
Moderator: Natalia Romik

3.50–4.20 pm

Coffee break

4.20–6.20 pm

Panel 3: Becoming post-Jewish Towns
Chair: Jeffrey Veidlinger

Karolina Panz, “Died [...] [at the Hands] of True Poles”: How Nowy Targ Became a Non-Jewish Town

Anna Wylegała, Doctors, Craftsmen, and Shoemakers: The Changing Economy of the Shtetl and its Surroundings During and After World War II

Mikhail Mitsel, Former Jewish Towns during Late Stalinism in Ukraine

Tomasz Rakowski, Anthropology of Thrift in the Shtetl

DAY 3: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10.00–11.30 am

Panel 4: The Shtetl: Transnational Perspectives
Chair: Barbara Tornquist-Plewa

Kamil Kijek, *The Last Polish Shtetl? The Jewish Community of Post-war Dzierżoniów: Continuity/Discontinuity of Jewish Life in Early Post-Holocaust Poland, 1945-1950*

Hune Margulies, *Configuration of Space in Contemporary Shtetls in Metropolitan New York: Between Territorial Positioning, Cultural Resistance, and New Ethnicities*

David Assaf and Yael Darr, *A Vanished Community and Its Changing Memory: The Case of Nowy Dwór*

11.30–11.50 am

Jewish Heritage Europe, Natalia Romik
in conversation with Ruth Ellen Gruber

11.50 am – 12.20 pm

Coffee break

12.20–2.00 pm

Panel 5: Things Left Behind
Chair: Anna Wylegała

Marta Frączkiewicz and Przemysław Kaniecki, *Items Left Behind: Post-Jewish Objects in POLIN Museum's Collection*

Magdalena Waligórska, *Prêt-à-priver: Plundered Jewish Clothing in Post-Jewish Towns: A History of Intimate Dispossession*

Marta Duch-Dyngosz, *Social Transactions Involving Jewish Property in Post-Jewish Towns: Jewish Agency vs. the Social Order*

2.00 pm

Closing Remarks: Future Directions

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