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The Oral History Division

The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

December 6 – 8, 2016

Beit Maierdorf

Mount Scopus

Rooms 404, 405

The National Library

Givat Ram

The Music Room

The Training Room

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Beit Maierdorf

09:00 – Registration

10:00 Opening Session (Room 405)

Chair: **Margalit Bejarano**

Greetings: **Uzi Rebhun** (Head, Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry)

Eli Lederhendler (Vice Dean, Hebrew University)

Sharon Kangisser Cohen (Yad Vashem)

Yoel Finkelman (National Library of Israel)

10:30-11:45 Keynote Address

Chair: **Vered Vinitzky Seroussi** (Hebrew University)

Jeffery Olick (University of Virginia)

Oral History and Memory Studies

Session 1.a: 12:15-13:45 (Room 405)

IMMIGRATION

Chair: **Eliyana Adler**

Barbora Císařová (University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic)

The Specifics of the Czechoslovakian-Jewish Emigration to Israel after the Year 1948

Leah Lottan (Ben Gurion University)

The Exodus of the Jewish Population out of Czechoslovakia 1968-1969

Marina Polevoy (Haifa University)

The Immigration of Jews and Greeks from the U.S.S.R. and the FSU to Israel and Greece: A Comparative Study of Narratives

Session 1.b: 12:15-13:45 (Room 404)

PERPETRATOR AND COLLABORATION: ORAL HISTORY

Chair: **Michael Abrahams-Sprod**

Yuri Radchenko (Center for Research on Inter-Ethnic Relations in Eastern Europe, Kharkiv, Ukraine) Auxiliary Police, Self-Government and the Holocaust in Postwar Memories of Gentile Population: Case Study of Ukrainian-Russian-Belorussian Borderland

Stefanie Rauch (University College London)

Oral History, Perpetrator Testimonies, and the Search for Meaning

Verena Buser (Freie Universität Berlin/Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences and Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg) **Survivors Speaking about Jewish Functionaries During the Shoah.**

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13:45-15:00 Lunch

Session 2.a: 15:00-16:30 (Room 404)

ORAL HISTORY AND THE ARCHIVE

Chair: **Suzanne D. Rutland**

Verena Lucia Nägel (Freie Universität Berlin)

“What compensation is that?” The Archive Forced Labor 1939–1945. Memory and History in Light of the Forced Labor Compensation and a European Remembrance Culture.

Éva Kovács (Vienna Wiesenthal Inst/Center for Social Sciences HAS Budapest)

Large Scale Use of Oral History Accounts in the Historiography of the Shoah – The Case of the Hungarian-Jewish Slave Labours in Vienna (1944-45)

Adara Goldberg (Hebrew University)

Breathing Life into Memory: Narrating the Holocaust Through Canadian Oral History Archives

Session 2.b: 15:00-16:30

ORAL HISTORY AND THE NGO

Chair: **Dalia Ofer**

Nadav Weiman (Breaking the Silence)

Testimonies as a Form of Activism: Israeli Soldiers Talk About the Occupied Territories

Anat Ovdia Rosner (Hotline)

Asylum Seekers Narratives: The Challenge of Mediation

Raneen Jeries (Zochrot)

Oral History of Palestinian Refugees and IDPs

16:30-17:00 Coffee

Session 3.a: 17:00-18:30 Room (complete no.) Central Library

VIDEO CONFERENCE (Interactive Format)

Chair: **Kobi Kabalek**

Henry Greenspan (University of Michigan)

Please Don't Hug the Hologram....and Other Moments from a Life Among Survivors

Session 3.b: 17:00-18:30 (Room 405)

ORAL HISTORY AND IDENTITY

Chair: **Paulette Schuster**

Florenta Popescu-Simion (Romanian Academy)

Memories are All that Remain - Identity Construction through the Work of Memory

Cynthia Gabbay (Hebrew University)

Interviews to Street Artists (2012-2014) Putting 2001's Argentine Crisis into

Perspective: The Poetics of Oral Testimony

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Beit Maiersdorf

9:00 Coffee

9:30-10:30

Keynote Address (Room 405)

Chair: **Guy Beiner** (Ben Gurion University)

Amia Lieblich (Hebrew University, Academic College of Tel Aviv)

The Oral History of Neve Shalom- Wachat-al-salam

Session in Honor of **Sharon Kangisser-Cohen**, ex-Academic Director of the Oral History Division, Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University

Greetings by **Dalia Ofer**

Session 4.a: 10:45-12:15 (Room 404)

SURVIVOR ACCOUNTS AND ORAL HISTORY

Chair: **Christina Isabel Brüning** (Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Zentrum Jüdische Studien)

Boaz Cohen (Western Galilee College)

Turning Oral History into an Historical Source: The Case of Holocaust Testimonies

Rita Horvath (Yad Vashem)

In the Force Field of Various Kinds of Truths: Employment of Literary Methods (Tropes) to convey Simultaneously Personal, Psychological, Factual and Historical Truths

Kobi Kabalek (Hebrew University)

"Professional Survivors" and the Politics of Holocaust Memory.

Session 4.b: 10:45-12:15 (Room 405)

WRITING ORAL HISTORY

Chair: **Dorothee Wierling** (Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg)

Dagmāra Beitnere-Le Galla (University of Latvia)

From Life Stories to History and Back

Alexander von Plato (University of Hagen)

Oral History or Journalism? Reports from Russia

Irene Aue-Ben-David (Hebrew University) and **Sharon Livne** (Rosenzweig Minerva Center HU/University of Haifa) Beyond and Behind the Documents: A History of the German-Israeli Cooperation in the Humanities.

Rina Lapidus (Bar-Ilan University)

Written and Oral in Historical Discourse

Lunch: 12:15-13:30

Session 5.a: 13:30-15:00 (Room 405)

MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT, ASYLUM

Chair: **Brian Schiff**

Sabine Marschall (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Memories of Forcible Displacement and the Revisit of the Lost Home

Julia Mirsky, Nelly Elias, Julia Lerner, Jackie Feldman, Galia Plotkin Amrami

(Ben-Gurion University)

Documenting Migrants' Lives in Israel and Educating About Them

Michael John (University of Linz)

Austria as “Waiting Room” after 1945

Session 5.b: 13:30-15:00 (Room 404)

ORAL HISTORY AND FILM

Chair: **Deborah Steinmetz**

Danielle Schwartz (University of Chicago)

The film: *Tmunat Mara'a*

Liat Steir-Livny (Sapir Academic College, Open University)

Understanding the Past Through the Present: Oral History as a Subversive Narrative
in the Documentary Film *Oy Mama*

Arua Oko Omaka (Federal University Nigeria)

Soldiers' Orality: Hermeneutics of Music as a Form of Resistance in the Biafran
Army, 1967-1970

Session 6.a: 15:00-16.30 (Room 404)

LATIN AMERICAN JEWRY

Chair: **Margalit Bejarano**

Silvina Schammah Gesser (Hebrew University)

Towards a New History of *Non-Ashkenazi* Jews in Argentina

Pedro Goldfarb (Hebrew University)

Young Jews in the Argentine Guerrilla in 1966-1983: Dilemmas of National and
Ethnic Identity

Session 6.b: 15:00-16.30 (Room 405)

ORAL HISTORY, MEMORY AND NARRATIVE

Chair: **Alina Bothe**

Atalia Shragai (Hebrew University)

"As luck would have it" – Patterns of Narrative and Rhetoric Strategies in the Life Stories of U.S. Americans in Costa Rica, 1945-1980

Michael Abrahams-Sprod (University of Sydney)

Completing the Picture: The Role and Impact of Oral History on Writing the History of the Jews of Magdeburg under Nazism

Paulette Kershenovich Schuster (Hebrew University)

"Porosity of Memory and Jewish Mexican Women's Reminiscence"

16:30-17:00 Coffee

Session 7.a: 17:00-18:30 (Room 405)

ORAL HISTORY POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND CHANGE

Chair: **Alexander von Plato**

Linde Apel (Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg)

Political Formation in the Seventies in the Shadow of a Leftist Majority

Katja Schatte (University of Washington)

Oral History as a Collaborative Practice and the Politics of East German Jewish History

Joanna Wawrzyniak (University of Warsaw)

Biographies, Emotions, Neoliberalism: Moral Economy of Transformation in Poland

Session 7.b: 17:00-18:30 Room 404)

HISTORY AND MEMORY

Chair: **Steven Bowman**

Mary Fulbrook (University College London)

Filtering Memories: The Significance of the Present in Shaping the Past

Guy Beiner (Ben-Gurion University)

‘Whatever you say, say nothing’: Tuning into the Sounds of Vernacular Silence in Northern Ireland

Gulay Kayacan (History Foundation, Istanbul), **Esra Danacıoğlu Tamur** (Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul), **Gürel Tüzün** (History Foundation, Istanbul) Voices of a Silent Past: An Oral History Project on the Past and Present Being “Afro-Turk”

Thursday, December 8, 2016

The National Library of Israel

09:00-10:00 Tour in the National Library

Session 8.a: 10:15-11:45 (The Music Room)

ORAL HISTORY AND THE SHOAH

Chair: **Rita Horvath**

Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton)

Jewish Child Slave Labourers, 1938-1945: A Workshop Report

Eliyana R. Adler (Pennsylvania State University)

Exile after Exile: Framing Refugee Religious Life in the USSR during WWII

Nava-Tova Barazani (Hebrew University)

An Italian School, the Caves and Lola, a Jewish Girl from Libya: A Short Colonial Story

Session 8.b: 10:15-11:45 (The Training Room)

RESEARCH AND ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

Chair: **Rina Lapidus**

Shlomi Chetrit (Israel Police Heritage Center)

The Israel Police Oral History Project

Dotan Brom (Haifa University) and **Yoav Zaritsky**

The Haifa Queer History Project

Lina Lifshitz Rozin (Ben-Gurion University)

Challenging the Myths of Cultural Congruence in Social Work Interventions

11:45-12:15 Coffee

Session 9.a: 12:15-13:45 (The Music Room)

ANALYZING TESTIMONIES ON THE SHOA

Chair: **Johannes-Dieter Steinert**

Christina Brüning (Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Zentrum Jüdische Studien)

When Night Falls in Britain in 1946

Alina Bothe (Freie Universität Berlin)

Speaking Yiddish about Treblinka

Alexis Lerner (University of Toronto)

The Application of Social Scientific Methods to Oral Histories of the Holocaust

Session 9.b: 12:15-13:45 (The Training Room)

ORAL HISTORY IN THE ISRAELI CONTEXT

Chair: **Dr. Judith Reifen Ronen**

Brian Schiff (The American University of Paris)

Narrating Others

Haim Sandberg (The Stricks Law School)

Oral History as Legal Evidence for Individual and Collective Rights in Land

Amos Goldberg (Hebrew University)

The Poetics of the Nakba in Elias Khoury's *Bab el Shams*

Lunch: 13:45-14:45

Session 10.a: 15:30-17:00 (The Music Room)

INTERPRETATION OF ORAL HISTORIES

Chair: **Michael John**

Dana Ernst (Columbia University/ University of Pennsylvania)

Oral History and the Nonverbal: The Neglected Dimension in the Production of History

Lilach Naishtat Bornstein (Kibbutzim College of Education)

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A Jew Bearing Witness in Germany: Conflicts in the Design of a Local History

Steven Bowman (University of Cincinnati) Stages in Recreating an Unknown Story. An Exercise in Oral History

Session 10.b: 15:30-17:00 (The Training Room)

INDIVIDUAL LIFE STORIES

Chair: **Henry Green** (University of Miami)

Judith Reifen-Ronen (Israel Oral History Association)

Golda Meir: Image versus Deed

Suzanne Rutland (University of Sydney)

Challenging the Myth: Arthur Calwell and Postwar Survivor Migration to Australia

Margalit Bejarano (Hebrew University)

Between Research and Politics. The State's First Statistician

Ruth Ginio (Ben-Gurion University)

A Life Story of an African Soldier and the Challenging of Western Terminology

17:00-17:30 Closing Session (The Music Room)

Guy Beiner: Closing Remarks