

"Always Hungarian" The Jews of Hungary through the Vicissitudes of the Modern Era

Monday, 22 Iyar 5776, 30 May 2016 Mintz Auditorium (Building No. 404) Bar-Ilan University

09:30-10:00	Arrival and Registration
10:00-11:30	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <b>Chairman:</b> Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director, Dahan Center, Bar-Ilan University <b>Greetings:</b> <b>Rabbi Prof. Daniel Herszkowitz</b> , president of Bar-Ilan University <b>M.K Gila Gamliel</b> , Minister for Social Equality <b>Mr. Natan Sharansky</b> , Chairman of the Executive, The Jewish Agency for Israel <b>Mr. Avraham Duvdevani</b> , Chairman of the World Zionist Organization <b>H.E. Dr. Andor Nagy</b> , Ambassador of Hungary <b>Mr. András Heisler</b> , Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to colleagues who have contributed to promoting the heritage of the Jewish communities and expanding education on the subject of the Shoah  <b>Opening Lectures:</b> <b>Prof. Adam S. Ferziger</b> , Bar-Ilan University <i>"Always Hungarian" – Jacob Katz's Scholarly Re-engagement with Hungarian Jewry</i> <b>Mr. András Heisler</b> , Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary <i>The Hungarian Jewry Today</i>
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-14:00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
	<b>SESSION 2: Religious Life and the Religious Divide</b> The Session is sponsored by the S.R. Hirsch Chair for Research of the Torah with Derekh Erez Movement <b>Chairman: Prof. Shlomo Spitzer</b> , Bar-Ilan University <b>Dr. Michael Silber</b> , The Hebrew University in Jerusalem <i>The Early Years of Hatam Sofer's Pressburg Rabbinate</i> <b>Dr. Jehuda Hartman</b> , Bar-Ilan University <i>The Sudden Turnabout in Hungarian Orthodoxy after Emancipation</i> <b>Dr. Judit Kárpáti</b> , The Jewish Theological Seminary, University of Jewish Studies, Budapest <i>Attitudes to Tradition in the Modern Age: The Changing of Mikve Traditions in Hungary during the 19th–20<sup>th</sup> Centuries</i> <b>Prof. Szonja Ráhel Komoróczy</b> , Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Center for Jewish Studies <i>The Status Quo Myth: The Fate of the Rumbach Synagogue in Budapest</i>
	<b>SESSION 3: The Jews in Areas Annexed to the Successor States</b> <b>Chairman: Prof. Guy Miron</b> , Open University of Israel <b>Dr. Linda Margittai</b> , University of Szeged, Hungary <i>Jews, South Slavs, Germans, Hungarians: Ethnic Relations, Anti-Semitism, and Social Solidarity in Hungarian-Occupied Vojvodina</i> <b>Dr. Levi Cooper</b> , Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and Eastern European Studies <i>Carpathian Crossroads: Polish and Hungarian Influences on the Munkács Rabbinate</i> <b>Dr. Attila Gidó</b> , Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities <i>Hungarians Again? The Northern Transylvanian Jews after the Second Vienna Award</i> <b>Dr. Attila Pejin</b> , Senta Municipal Museum <i>In a Double Diaspora with Triple Identity: Jews of Bácska after Trianon (1920–1941)</i>
14:00-15:00	Lunch

15:00-16:30	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
	<b>SESSION 4: The Shoah and its Consequences</b> <b>Chairman: Dr. Raphael Vago</b> , Tel-Aviv University <b>Dr. Ayala Nedivi</b> , Michalah Jerusalem College <i>The Palestine Office in Budapest Headed by Moshe Krausz, "a rescue institution for thousands of immigrants in 1944," – How Did it Work?</i> <b>Prof. Yechiam Weitz</b> , Haifa University and Bar-Ilan University <i>The Holocaust the Hungary's Jews – History and Historiography</i> <b>Dr. Natalie Náthón</b> , European Commission, Brussels <i>The Post-War Political and Legal System in Hungary and the Civil Procedures Initiated by Holocaust Survivors (1945 to 1948)</i> <b>Ms. Esther Farbstein</b> , Michlalah Jerusalem College <i>A "Gateway for Saving the Remnant of the Jewish People": The Orthodox Rescue Committee in Budapest</i>
	<b>SESSION 5: Hungarian Speakers in Israel</b> <b>Chairman: Ron Lustig</b> , Director, The Memorial Museum of Hungarian Speaking Jewry <b>Prof. Ilana Rosen</b> , Ben Gurion University of the Negev <i>The Poetry of 1.5 and Second-Generation Israelis of Hungarian Origin</i> <b>Dr. Anna Szalai</b> , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem <i>Once Upon a Time there was Hungarian Theatre in Israel</i> <b>Dr. Adina Stern</b> , Independent Researcher <i>Arpad Gut, Engineer – Construction Projects in Mandatory Palestine</i> <b>Dr. Ráchel Surányi</b> , ELTE University, Budapest <i>The Generation of "igen-migen" – Children of Hungarians who Made Aliyah to Israel after the Holocaust</i> <b>Dr. Zoltan Haberman</b> , The Jewish Theological Seminary, University of Jewish Studies, Budapest <i>The Ethos of the Hungarian-Israeli Newspaper Új Kelet</i>
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:30	<b>SESSION 6: Jewish Education in Hungary</b> <b>Chairman: Mr. Shay Felber</b> , Jewish Agency for Israel <b>Prof. Yitzhak Kashti</b> , Massuah - Institute for Holocaust Studies <i>Jewish Educational Tel-Aviv University</i> <b>Dr. Viktória Bányai</b> , Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Minority Studies, Center for Jewish Studies <i>Jewish Children and Jewish Schools in Hungary after the Holocaust (1945–48)</i> <b>Dr. Eszter Susán</b> , New York University, Education and Jewish Studies Program <i>Fostering Jewish Identity through Counter-Memory: A Case Study of a Site-Specific Informal Educational Project about Budapest's historical Jewish Quarter</i> <b>Dr. Balázs Tamási</b> , Jewish Theological Seminary, University of Jewish Studies, Budapest <i>The History of the Library collections of the Budapest Rabbinical Seminary from the foundation to the present time</i>
18:30-19:00	Coffee Break
19:00-20:00	<b>SESSION 7: Roundtable: Hungary Today: Immigration, Dramatic Changes and Hungarian Jews</b>  <b>Chairman: Shaul Meizlish</b> <b>Mr. András Heisler</b> , <b>Prof. Dina Porat</b> , <b>Prof. Gerald Steinberg</b> , <b>Mr. Shay Felber</b>

20:00-20:45 Artistic Program



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Tuesday, 23 Iyar 5776, 31 May 2016 Mintz Auditorium (Building No. 404) Bar-Ilan University

09:30-10:00 Arrival and Registration  
10:00-11:30 SESSION 8: Zionism and Identity

**Chairman: Dr. David Brixton**, Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization  
**Greetings:**  
**Mr. Tom Fogel**, coordinator, Ben-Zvi Institute  
**Tzila Miron-Ilan**, Head of Moreshet Dept., Ministry of Education  
**Dr. Miriam Neiger**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*“Herzl’s Moments of Rage”: Avigdor Hameiri’s Zionism and Hungarian Jewry in the Early Twentieth Century*  
**Mr. Yoav Sorek**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*Orthodoxy and Zionism: The Discussion in “Tel Talpiot”, 1898 and 1904*  
**Prof. Victor Karady**, Central European University, Budapest  
*Processes of Magyarisation in the Generations of Jewish Intelligentsia since Emancipation - Over Regime Changes and the Shoah (1867-1948)*  
**Dr. Zsolia Kata Vincze**, ELTE University, Budapest  
*Integration and Dissimilation of Jewish Hungarians, Hungarian Jews, or Jews from Hungary*

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-14:00 Parallel Sessions  
SESSION 9 : Art and Culture

**Chairman: Prof. Bracha Yaniv**, Bar-Ilan University  
**Prof. Judit Frigyesi**, Bar-Ilan University  
*“We wanted only to pray...” - Jewish Prayer under Communism in Budapest*  
**Ms. Olga Ungar**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Hungarian Jewish Sculptor Michael Kara in Yugoslavia and his Commissions for Local Jewish Institutions and Individuals*  
**Dr. Katalin Franciska Rac**, University of Florida  
*Paprika, Goose Fat, and the Jewish Role in the Modern Hungarian Cuisine*  
**Ms. Júlia Cserba**, Art critic, journalist, curator  
*Pàn Imre (Budapest, 1904 – Pàrizs, 1972)*  
SESSION 10: Rabbis and Rabbinic Literature  
The Session is sponsored by The Yekutiel and Hannah Klein Chair in the History of the Modern Rabbinate in Europe, Bar-Ilan University  
**Chairman: Dr. Shilhav Kest**, Bar-Ilan University  
**Rabbi Elli Fischer**, Tel Aviv University  
*Name, Language, and Dress: The Halakhic Afterlife of a Modern Hungarian ‘Midrash*

**Prof. Benjamin Brown**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Yitav Lev of Sziget – the Father of Hungarian Hasidic Zealotry*  
**Dr. Barak Shlomo Cohen**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Wilhelm Bacher: The Man and His Talmudic Research Methodology*  
**Prof. Yosef Salmon**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*Zvi Elimeleh of Dinow – His Attitude to Jewish Enlightenment*

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 SESSION 11: Figures from the Jewish World  
Chairman: Prof. Zehavit Gross, Bar-Ilan University

**Dr. Zvi Hartman**, Tel-Aviv University  
*Leo Szilárd – the Nuclear Scientist and Pacifist – A Political Barometer of Critical Times*  
**Dr. Jacov Sobovitz**, "Carmel" College  
*The Successes and the Decline in Sport Achievements by Hungary’s Jewish Athletes during the Interwar Period (1918-1940)*  
**Dr. Tamas Turan**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Center for Jewish Studies  
*Leopold Löw and Modern Judaism in the Hungarian Denominational Matrix*  
**Rabbi Dr. Yechiel Lash**, Orot Israel College of Education  
*Using Casting Lots to Select a Rabbi in Hungary Communities*  
**Dr. Menachem Keren-Kratz**, Tel Aviv University  
*Withstanding the Ultimate Test: Hasidic Rabbis in Hungary during the Holocaust*

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

1730-19:00 SESSION 12: Diaspora and Identity  
Chairman: Prof. jacob Klein, Bar-Ilan University

**Dr. Kata Bohus**, Georg-August, Universität Göttingen  
*Our Friends from the West: Contacts between International Jewish Organizations and the Hungarian Jewish Community in the 1960s*  
**Dr. Andrea Ritter**, Jewish Theological Seminary, University of Jewish Studies, Budapest  
*Emigration and Hungarian Jewish Identity after the Holocaust – The Basis for a Psychological Comparative Study*  
**Dr. Moshe Samet**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Humor formation and Hungarian Jewish Diaspora*

