

“Jews in Bulgaria – Bulgarians in Israel”

Monday, 30 April 2018 (15 Iyar, 5778)

Bar-Ilan University

Mintz Auditorium (Building 404)

09:30–10:00 Registration and Refreshments

10:00–11:30 Opening Session

Chair: **Dr. Shimon Ohayon**, Director of the Dahan Center

Greetings:

Prof. Amnon Albeck, Vice-Rector, Bar-Ilan University

Dr. Dimitar Mihaylov, Bulgarian Ambassador to Israel

Arch. Itzhak Lipovetzky, Chairman, Association for Israel Bulgarian friendship and cooperation

Lectures:

Prof. Rina Lapidus, Chair, Bar-Ilan University

Jews in Bulgaria prior to the Communist Era

Prof. Romyana Marinova-Christidi, Sofia University

The Jews in Communist Bulgaria

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-13:30 Second Session: Bulgaria in the 20th century

Chair: **Prof. Joshua Alcoloumbre**, Bar-Ilan University

Dr. Orly C. Meron, Bar-Ilan University

The Jewish-owned Economy in Bulgaria between the World Wars

Dr. Shlomo Shealtiel, Independent researcher

The Jews of Bulgaria 1939-1949: Between the Threat of Annihilation and National Revival

Adv. Aron Pappo, Independent researcher & Publicist

Bulgarian Jewry during the Holocaust

Dr. Joseph Conforti, University of Haifa

Early Stages of the Zionist Movement in Bulgaria (1896-1918)

13:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00 Third Session: Ladino

Chair: **Prof. Susie Gross**, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Ora (Rodrigue) Schwarzwald, Bar-Ilan University
The Ladino Haggadah from Sofia 1935

Dr. Mira Cohen Starkman, Bar-Ilan University

Pediatric Medical Literature in Ladino as a Reflection of Social Conflicts among Jews in Bulgaria in the Early 20th Century

Dr. Moshe Ovadia, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College and Wingate Institute, Israel

From Salonica to Sofia: Sephardic Rabbinical Leadership in Bulgaria, Rabbi David Ben-Avraham Pipano and his Traditional Leadership of the Sofia Jewish Community

16:00-16:30 Break

16:30-18:00 Fourth Session: Archeology and art

Chair: **Dr. Michal Ben-Horin**, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Emmanuel Moutafov, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences & **Ms. Ziv Bat Zion**, Haifa University

Bulgarian Pilgrimage and Characteristics of Artistic Development in Christian Orthodox Art in the Holy Land (15th – 19th centuries)

Ms. Fani Gargova, University of Vienna

The Central Synagogue of Sofia and the Modernization of Sofia's Jews

Prof. Veselka Toncheva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

The Jews in Bulgaria in the Studies of Bulgarian Ethnomusicologist Prof. Nikolay Kaufman

Dr. Michael Halévy, Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany

Bulgarian Jewish Literature as Published in the Juzmo Manuscripts

18:00-19:30 Fifth Session: My Bulgarian story

Chair: **Prof. Shmuel Refael**, Bar-Ilan University

Ms. Malka Adler, Bar-Ilan University

My Bulgarian Journey

Mr. Yaacov Elad, Salti Institute, Bar-Ilan University

The Jews from Bulgaria in Jaffa – a Community that Built Itself on its Own

Ms. Riva Solomon, Independent Researcher

“The Disgrace of the 20th Century – Zack Levy’s Protest through his Daughter’s Purim Costume at the WIZO Women’s Purim Party in Plovdiv

Dr. Moshe Mossek, SALVADOR – Bulgarian Jewish Heritage

The Mass Immigration from Bulgaria – A Story of Success

19:30-20:30 Artistic Program

Quartet Ermena

And the piper player Kustsdin Atanasov

From the Philip Kutev ensemble, Bulgaria



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