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THE HERITAGE & CULTURE OF THE JEWS IN THE NORTH AND EAST CAUCASUS

Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Azerbaijan University of Languages

09:30-10:00

Arrival and Registration

10:00-11:45

OPENING SESSION

Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director, Dahan Center,
Bar-Ilan University

Greetings:

Prof. Kamal Abdullayev, Rector of Azerbaijan University
of Languages

Dr. Ravan Hasanov, Executive director of Baku
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Prof. Shimon Sharvit, Rector of the Ashkelon Academic
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Theology

Prof. Zehavit Gross, Dean of the Faculty of Education,
Bar-Ilan University

Opening Lecture:

Prof. Dan Shapira, Bar-Ilan University

Azerbaijan, Jews and Israel

11:45-12:00

Coffee Break

Session 2: Customs and Traditions

Hall 1

Chair: Prof. Meir Bar-Ilan, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Aviad Hacoen, President of the Academic Center for Law and Science

Spiritual heritage of the Jews of the Caucasus: Custom, 'halakha' and law

Dr. Yoel Rappel, Bar-Ilan University
Family synagogues in Caucasus

Ms. Frida Yusufova, Head of the Union of Writers of the Mountain Jews

Traditional costume of the Mountain Jew

Prof. Menachem Katz, University of Haifa
Rosh Hashanah customs in the Kuban [Uchkulan] at the end of the 19th century and their documentation by Shmuel Yosef Agnon

Session 3: Multiculturalism in Azerbaijan and in the Jewish Community

Hall 2

Chair: Dr. Ayten Gahraman, Counselor of the Baku International Multiculturalism Center

Greeting:

Aleksandr Sharovski, Head of the European Jewish Community in Baku

Dr. Urs Unkauf, Head of Baku International Multiculturalism Center, Berlin branch

Learning from Jewish life in Azerbaijan: Historical and political conditions of Azerbaijani multiculturalism as a possible model for international understanding

Dr. Bayim Abdulla, Azerbaijan University of Languages
The Jewish community of Dagestan in modern times

Mr. Said Musayev, Baku State University
Countering antisemitism and the Azerbaijani multiculturalism doctrine

Ms. Abbasova Yazgül, Azerbaijan University of Languages
Development of multiculturalism as a state policy in Azerbaijan

13:30-14:15

Lunch

14:15-15:45

Parallel Sessions

Session 4: National and Ethnic Identity

Hall 1

Chair: Dr. Zeev Levin, Research Center of Jews in Central-Asia and the Iranian Sphere, Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East, Jerusalem

Ms. Svetlana Amosova, The Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, Moscow / Institute for Slavic Studies RAS

Stereotypes and autostereotypes among the local groups of Mountain Jews

Mr. Said Omanov, Ben-Gurion University

Unraveling Diaspora: Mountain Jews and politics of national identity

Ms. Emilia Khudiyeva, Azerbaijan University of Languages
The Zionist movement in the Caucasus

Dr. Anatoly Mishaev, University of Haifa

Juhuro: Between ethnic and national identity, and the stereotype of Soviet Jews

Session 5: Zionist Activity and Immigration from the Caucasus

Hall 2

Chair: Prof. Aviad Hacoen, President of the Academic Center for Law and Science

Dr. Chen Bram, Hadassah Academic College, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Zionist role-model or marginalized Orientals? Kavkazi 'Mountain' Jews encounter the Zionist establishment and Israeli society

Prof. Avraham (Avi) Sasson, Ashkelon Academic College
The Jews of the Caucasus and the Baron's moshavot during the British Mandate period – the case of Binyamina

Dr. Malka Katz, David Yellin College / **Dr. Chen Bram**, the Hebrew University, Hadassah College

Association of the 'Mizrahi' "Mountain Jews" in the Land of Israel: Jews of the Caucasus and religious Zionism during the settlement period

Dr. Yitzhak Mualem, Ashkelon Academic College
The role of peripherality on Zionist movement attitudes toward immigration of Caucasian Jews during the Third Aliyah

15:45-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Session 6: Israel-Azerbaijan Relations Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Pinhas Haliwa, Director of the Ashkelon Academic College

Mr. Anatoly Rafailov, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan and Israel today

Prof. Zaki Shalom, Ashkelon Academic College
Israel-Azerbaijan relations and their impact on the local Jewish community

Ms. Leyla Rustamli, Azerbaijan University of Languages
**Israeli and Azerbaijani models of multiculturalism:
Old yet new challenges**

Dr. Eli Goldstein, Ashkelon Academic College
**Analysis of the economic ties between Israel and
Azerbaijan since 1992**

Ms. Günay Feyziyeva, Azerbaijan University of Languages
**The main directions of Azerbaijan-Israel military-
political cooperation after the Second Karabakh war**

Festive Reception

20:00-22:00

Four Seasons Hotel Baku



Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director of Dahan Center,
Bar-Ilan University

Greetings:

Prof. Kamal Abdullayev, Head of Board of Trustees of Baku
International Multiculturalism Center

Mr. Mubariz Gurbanli, Chairman of the State Committee on
Religious Associations of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Mr. Amichai Eliyahu, Minister of Israeli Heritage

Dr. Ravan Hasanov, Executive director of Baku International
Multiculturalism Center

Mr. George Deek, Ambassador of Israel in Azerbaijan

Dr. Pinhas Haliwa, Director of the Ashkelon Academic College

Dr. German Zakharyaev, Vice-president of the Russian
Jewish Congress & President of the International Charity
Foundation of Mountain Jews STMEGI

Dr. Zeev Levin, Research Center of Jews in Central-Asia and
the Iranian Sphere, Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish
Communities in the East, Jerusalem

Dr. Melikh Yevdayev, Head of the
Religious Community of Mountain Jews in Baku

Artistic Program

Singing and Dance in Azerbaijan

Thursday, 31 August 2023

Azerbaijan University of Languages

09:45-11:45

**Session 7: The Jewish Community in Baku:
History and Society**

Auditorium

Chair: Prof. Shimon Sharvit, Rector of the Ashkelon Academic College

Greeting:

Dr. Melikh Yevdayev, Head of the Religious Community of Mountain Jews in Baku

Prof. Orly C. Meron, Bar-Ilan University

Economic history of the Jews of Baku

Ms. Alisa Abramov, Bar-Ilan University

Characteristics of Jewish society in Baku in the early 20th century

Prof. Zehavit Gross, Bar-Ilan University

The feminine identity of Israeli women from Azerbaijan: Between tradition and modernity

Dr. Maya Melzer-Geva, Kinneret Academic College

The Mountain Jews - a global perspective

Rabbi, Shneor Segal, Rabbi of the Ashkenazi Jewish Community in Baku

The Jewish community in Baku today

11:45-12:00

Coffee Break

12:00-13:30

Parallel Sessions

Session 8: Language and Identity

Hall 1

Chair: Prof. Dan Shapira, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Tatiana Agranat, Institute of Linguistics, RAS
Linguistic loyalty to ethnic language in Mountain Jewish communities in the Moscow region: Field research experience commissioned by the STMEGI Foundation

Dr. Marietta Shuminova, Kosygin Russian State University
“Kol Tefila” prayer book as a written testament of the early 20th century, in the language of Juhuri Mountain Jews

Dr. Sabina Yakubova, Kosygin Russian State University
The modern Jewish languages Juhuri and Yiddish: A sociolinguistic comparison

Ms. Irina Mikhailova, Independent researcher
Proverbs associated with ancient customs

Session 9: Jews of the Caucasus in Modern Times

Hall 3

Chair: Dr. Afag Ramazanova, AMEA Folklor Institute

Prof. Rachel Sharabi, Ashkelon Academic College
“In the Caucasus I was proud to be a Jew. In Israel I am proud to be a Jew from the Caucasus”: Ritual dynamics in the dimensions of time and space

Prof. Hamida Jafarova, Azerbaijan University of Languages
Azerbaijani Jews: Immigration to Israel and integration into a new society

Dr. Idit Hazut, Hemdat Academic College
Educational involvement of ultra-Orthodox movements among immigrants from the Caucasus and Central Asia in the 1970s

Prof. Valery Dymshits, European University at St. Petersburg
The Mountain Jewish community of Piatigorsk: History, formation of ethnic business

Dr. Efrat Kedem Tahar, Ministry of Education
Traditional Jewish education, values, and achievements in the Jewish schools of Baku

13:30-14:15

Lunch

14:15-15:45

Parallel Sessions

Session 10: The Mountain Jews during World War II

Hall 1

Chair: Leyla Rustamli, Azerbaijan University of Languages

Dr. Ofer Muchtar, Ashkelon Academic College

"To be or not to be": The rescue of the Mountain Jews during World War II

Dr. Mateusz Majman, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

"No one is forgotten, nothing is forgotten": Remembrance and commemoration of the Holocaust in the Mountain Jewish community in Israel

Dr. Yossef Charvit, Bar-Ilan University

The Nazis and the Georgians in exile, and their interrelationship with the attempted rescue of Georgian Jews in France during the Holocaust

Dr. Belyanin Sergey & Zakrevskaya Ekaterina, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Mechanisms for the formation of folklore narratives about the Holocaust

Session 11: Culture and Art

Hall 2

Chair: Dr. Bayim Abdulla, Azerbaijan University of Languages

Dr. Giultekin Shamilli, State Institute of Art Studies
Moscow

The heritage of Caucasian Jews in the context of Middle East oral musical tradition

Ms. Gunay Safarova, Azerbaijan University of Languages
Azerbaijan in the works of Jewish authors

Ms. Nehama Lavi, Bar-Ilan University
Music of Caucasian Jews as an expression of multiculturalism and environmental influence

Mr. Arie David Scharnberg, The Geo-Museum of North African and Middle Eastern Jewish, U.S.A
Documentation and photography from the villages

Session 12: Jews in Azerbaijan

Hall 3

Chair: Prof. Hamida Jafarova, Azerbaijan University of Languages

Mr. Kamran Valizada, Nakhichevan State University Azerbaijan
The role of the Jews in the history of Azerbaijan

Dr. Shalala Bagirova, Azerbaijan University of Languages
The activity of Dr. Gindes in Baku's public sphere

Dr. Evgenia Nazarova, Russian State University named after Kosygin
Ethnopedagogy as a factor of preservation of the ethnocultural heritage of the nation: On the revival of the language of the Mountain Jews of Juhuri

Ms. Lyubov Solovieva, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences
The character of Krasnaya Sloboda in the 1970s: Based on materials of an ethnographic expedition

15:45-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Session 13: Sources for the Study of Caucasian Jews

Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Shalala Bagirova, Azerbaijan University of Languages

Prof. Meir Bar Ilan, Bar-Ilan University
The Sources of Geographical Knowledge in the 'Table of Nations'

Mr. Danilov Danil, STMEGI Foundation
Library, archive and museum of the STMEGI Foundation as a major source of knowledge on the heritage and culture of the Jews of the North and East Caucasus

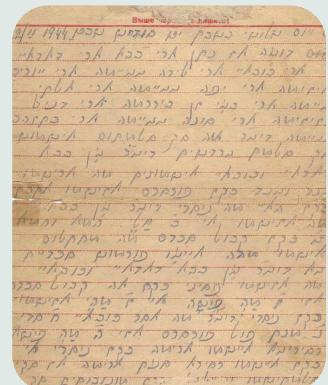
Dr. Afag Ramazanova, AMEA Folklor Institute
Mountain Jews in the SMOMPK collection

Mr. Moshe Yohanonov, Sapir College
The Juhuri language as reflected by stage and screen artists

Rabbi Zamir Isayev, Head of Sephardi Jewish Community in Baku
New discoveries from the ancient Jewish cemetery in the village of Myudzhyu



From the family collection of
Frida Yosefov



A letter from a mountain Jewish
soldier in World War II



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