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The Diana Zborowski Center for the Study of the Aftermath of the Shoah

International Conference on

The Aftermath of the Holocaust: Poland 1944-2010

Sunday - Wednesday, 3 - 6 October 2010

The conference proceedings will be in English with simultaneous translation into Hebrew

Yad Vashem Auditorium, Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem

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Sunday, 3 October 2010

Opening Session

16:00 – 18:30

Introductory Remarks

Zeev Mankowitz, Head of the Diana Zborowski Center
Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate, Jerusalem,
Israel

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau Shlit" a, Chairman of the Yad Vashem,
Jerusalem/ Council and Chief Rabbi of Tel-Aviv, Israel

Eli Zborowski, Founder and Chairman, American Society for Yad
Vashem, New York, USA.

Lilly Zborowski Naveh, M.D., Jerusalem, Israel

Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska, The Ambassador of the Republic
of Poland to Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Presentation**

Feliks Tych, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland
Introduction to the Project: The Aftermath of the Holocaust: The Polish Case, 1944-2010

Keynote Address

Jan Tomasz Gross, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA
The Record of the Wartime Years and Cardinal Questions in Researching the Aftermath of the Holocaust in Poland

Respondent

Israel Gutman, Yad Vashem; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Monday, 4 October 2010**Session 1****09:00 – 10:15****Chair****Survivors' First Encounters with Post-War Polish Society**

Havi Dreifus, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Alina Skibińska, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, USA; Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), Warsaw, Poland
The Return of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and the Reactions of the Polish Population

Andrzej Żbikowski, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH) and Warsaw University, Poland
The Post-War Wave of Pogroms and Killings

Sara Bender, Haifa University, Israel
Reverberations of the Kielce Pogrom in Polish Society

10:15-10:45**Break****10:45-12:15**

Witold Medykowski, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel
Difficulties in Returning to Life: Survivors and the Process of Adaptation After the Holocaust

Ewa Koźmińska-Frejlik, Independent scholar, Warsaw, Poland
The Immediate Post-War Condition of Survivors: Adaptation to the Reality of 1944-1949

Edyta Gawron, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
The Post-War Emigration of Jews from Poland: The Case of Krakow

Discussion**12:15-13:30****Lunch Break**



Session 2
13:30–14:45
Chair

The Immediate Memory

Dalia Ofer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Joanna Michlic, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA
What Can We Learn From Subjective Sources? Representations of Rescuers and Relationships Between Rescued and Rescuers in Light of Letters to the Central Committee of Polish Jews, 1945-1949

14:45-15:00

Break

15:00-16:45

Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College, Acco, Israel
Acting and Filming Children's Testimonies in the 1940s: 'Undzere Kinder' (Our Children) in Historical Context

Discussion

Tuesday, 5 October 2010

Session 3
09:00-10:15
Chair

Polish Attitudes Toward the Remaining Jews, 1948-1968

Sever Plocker, Yedi'ot Aharonot, Tel Aviv, Israel

Eleonora Bergman, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland

Jan Jagielski, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland
Traces of Presence: Synagogues and Cemeteries Since the Holocaust

Feliks Tych, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland
"March 1968": The Origins and Results of the Communist Regime's Antisemitic Campaign in Post-War Poland

Anat Plocker, Haifa University, Israel
From Zionist Conspiracy to Żydokomuna: Framing the Anti-Zionist Campaign in Poland, 1967-1968

Discussion

10:15-10:30

Break

Session 4
10:30 – 12:30
Chair

Rebuilding Jewish Public Life: First Steps

Shimon Redlich, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel

Grzegorz Berendt, Gdańsk University, Poland
Living Anew: Jewish Institutions and Organizations in Poland, 1944-1950



Albert Stankowski, Museum of the History of Polish Jews (MHŻP),
Warsaw, Poland

August Grabski, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland
Jewish Religious Life in Poland After the Holocaust, 1944-2009

Joanna Nalewajko-Kulikow, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), Warsaw,
Poland

Magdalena Ruta, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
Yiddish Culture in Poland After the Shoah

Tamar Lewinsky, The University of Basel, Switzerland
Jewish Displaced Persons from Poland in Occupied Germany

Discussion

12:30-12:45

Break

Session 5
12:45–14:00
Chair

Commemoration and Traces of Presence

Dan Michman, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Monika Adamczyk-Garbowska, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University,
Lublin, Poland

Magdalena Ruta, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
Responses to the Holocaust in Polish and Yiddish Literature

Robert Kuwałek, State Museum at Majdanek, Lublin, Poland
Concentration and Death Camps as Places of Commemoration

Hanna Węgrzynek, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland
The Subject of the Holocaust in Polish History Textbooks, 1945-2009

Discussion

14:00 – 15:15

Lunch Break

Session 6
15:15–17:15
Chair

Polish-Jewish Relations: Questions of Conscience and Consciousness

David Silberklang, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Ewa Koźmińska-Frejłak, Independent scholar, Warsaw, Poland
Gratitude and Oblivion: The Attitudes of Poles and Jews Towards the Righteous, 1944/5-2007

Bożena Szaynok, Wrocław University, Poland



The Catholic Church in Poland on Jewish Issues Since World War II, 1944-1989

Antoni Sulek, Warsaw University, Poland

Ordinary Poles Look at Jews: Attitudes of Polish Society Towards Jews in Light of the Public Opinion Polls, 1967-2007

Joanna Tokarska-Bakir, Warsaw University; Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), Warsaw, Poland

The Consequences of the Holocaust in Jewish Testimonies and in the Memory of Inhabitants of Small Polish Towns and Villages: An Ethnographic Perspective

Discussion

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

Session 7
9:00 – 10:45
Chair

What Has Remained?

Zdzisław Mach, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Monika Adamczyk-Garbowska, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

Magdalena Ruta, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
From Jewish Culture to Culture About Jews

Monika Krawczyk, Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (FODŻ), Warsaw, Poland

The Legal Status of Jewish Property in Post-War Poland and Its Influence on Polish-Jewish Relations

Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Consciousness of the Holocaust Among Polish Youth After the Political Transformation of 1989

Helena Datner, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland

The Jewish Community in Present Day Poland and the Holocaust

Discussion

10:45-11:00

Break

Concluding Lecture

11:00 – 12:30

Chair

Marcos Silber, Haifa University, Israel



Antony Polonsky, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA
Where Are We Now? Where We Should Be Going?

Respondent

Feliks Tych, Jewish Historical Institute (ŻIH), Warsaw, Poland

**Concluding
Remarks**

Zeev Mankowitz, The Diana Zborowski Center, International Institute for
Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel