

BEYOND INTERNAL PARADIGMS

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH LABOR BUND

A Workshop for Graduate Students and Junior Scholars, 31.5 – 3.6., Warszawa, Poland

Jewish Historical Institute, ul Tłomackie 3/5, Warszawa

THURSDAY, 31 MAY

- 17:30: opening of registration desk at the Jewish Historical Institute
- 19:00 **Welcome Address** by the organizers
- 19:30 **Keynote Lecture** Ezra Mendelsohn: The History of the Bund Now and Then

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

- 9:00-9:30 **Opening of the conference**
Gertrud Pickhan (Freie Universität, Berlin), Jack Jacobs (City University New York)
- 9:45-11:00 **PANEL I: PROGRAM MATTERS AND SOCIAL PRACTICES**
- Frank Wolff (IMIS, Osnabrück University): From Vilna to New York and Buenos Aires. The Bundist Doykeyt in the Age of Great Migrations
 - Roni Gechtman (Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax): A Solution that Would Benefit Only the Jews? The Bund's National Program and the East European Nationalities
 - Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
- 11:15-12:30 **PANEL II: BUNDISM AND EDUCATIONAL WORK**
- Magdalena Kozłowska (Jagiellonian University, Kraków): "In Sunshine and Joy"? - the Story of Medem Sanatorium in Miedzeszyn
 - Yuu Nishimura (Kyoto University): Bundist Educational Activities: Creating "New Culture" and "New People"
 - Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30-16:00 **PANEL III: THE BUND AND THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE**
- Rachel Feinmark (Univ. of Chicago): When 'here' is 'over there': The Jewish Labor Committee, the Bund, and the Preservation of the Jewish Labor Movement in Europe
 - Constance Pâris de Bollardièrre (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): The Jewish Labor Committee and the Bundist movement in France, 1944-1949
 - Commentary: Jack Jacobs
- 15:45-16:15 coffee break
- 18:00 – 19:20 **Public Film Screening:** *Bunda'im* (2011) by Erin Torbiner, discussion with Yaad Biran
- 19:30 **PUBLIC LECTURE:** Jack Jacobs: The Bund in Vilna in the Inter-War Years

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE

9:30-11:30 **PANEL IV: BUNDIST BIOGRAPHIES AS A RESOURCE FOR THE HISTORY OF THE BUND**

- Michał Trębacz, (University of Łódź): An archetypal bundist – Israel Lichtenstein, the leader of Łódź's Bund organization
- Jordana de Bloeme (York University, Toronto): Khayim Shloyme Kazdan and “International Yiddishism”
- Silvia Hansman (IWO, Buenos Aires): Pages from a life history: the radicalization process of Anne Rosenthal
- Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan

11:45-13:00 **PANEL V: LOCAL HISTORIES OR CENTRAL ISSUES?**

- Sandrine Mayoraz (Basel University): The Jewish Labor Bund in Switzerland
- Agnieszka Wierzcholska (Freie Universität, Berlin): “A Socialist Conscience and a Jewish Heart” – Bund, PPS, and Yiddishkayt from a Microhistorical Perspective
- Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn

13:00-14:30 lunch break

14:30-16:00 **PANEL VI: BUNDIST HISTORY AFTER 1945**

- Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat (Warsaw University): The Relationships of Bundists in Poland and Abroad in the Post-War Era: Poland and the United States
- David Slucki (Monash University): The Jewish Labor Bund after 1945: A Reappraisal
- Commentary: Feliks Tych (JHI, Warszawa)

16:00-16:30 coffee break

16:30: **RESEARCH ON THE BUND: DIFFERENT GENERATIONS - DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES?**

- A Round Table Discussion with Gertrud Pickhan, Jack Jacobs, Ezra Mendelsohn, Feliks Tych, (Introduction: Frank Wolff)

19:00 **PUBLIC LECTURE:** Feliks Tych: Rosa Luxemburg's standpoint towards the Bund

SUNDAY, 3 JUNE

10:00-11:30 **PUBLIC LECTURE:** Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University): Rising from the Rubble: Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. An Illustrated Program

11:30 Visit of the monument of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

12:30 Optional: Visit of the Jewish cemetery to pay respect to the fallen Bundists