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You are cordially invited to the international conference
**Jewish Historical Writing:
140 years to Heinrich Graetz's
"History of the Jewish People"**



Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Western Galilee College
Shamash Auditorium, Sir Harry Solomon School of Management

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Open to the General Public with Simultaneous Translation

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:00 Greetings

Prof. Dov Dvir, President, Western Galilee College, Israel
Prof. Yuval Wolf, Academic Head, Western Galilee College, Israel
Prof. Sara Imhoff, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
Dr. Haim Sperber, Head, Jewish History Division, Western Galilee College, Israel
Dr. Boaz Cohen, Head, Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College, Israel

10:00 - 11:30 Following Graetz

Chairperson: Dr. Eliezer Sariel,
Shanan College & Ohalo College, Israel

"Mendelssohn's Period"? Reconsideration of Jewish Periodization following Graetz

Prof. Shmuel Feiner, Bar Ilan University and the Leo Baeck Institute, Israel

The 'Great Confession' - Ze'ev Yavetz Answers his Critics

Dr. Asaf Yedidia, Efrata College, Israel

Graetz and Writing First Temple History before the Discovery of Cuneiform Script

Dr. Idan Breier, Bar Ilan University, Israel

11:30 - 12:00 Break

12:00 - 13:30 Middle Eastern Jewish Historiography

Chairperson: Dr. Ronen Yitzhak, Western Galilee College, Israel

Misleading Patterns in the Historiography of Moroccan Jews Pre-independence: an Imaginary Narrative in Contrast with Reality
Dr. Yigal Bin-Nun, Université de Paris VIII, France

Antisemitism in Colonial Algeria and France in the 19th & Early 20th Centuries

Prof. Sharon Vance-Eliany, Northern Kentucky University, USA

How and When was the Jewish Nation Invented in Palestinian Historiography

Eli Osharoff, Ph.D. candidate, Hebrew University, Israel

13:30 - 14:30 Break

14:30 - 15:45 The Holocaust and Jewish Intelligentsia

Chairperson: Dr. Miriam Offer, Western Galilee College, Israel

Continuity and Rupture in Jewish East-European Holocaust Historiography

Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College & Shanan College, Israel

The Strange Career of Ber Mark

Prof. Gabriel N. Finder, University of Virginia, USA

15:45 - 17:15 Reading of the Play "If the Whole Body Dies: Raphael Lemkin and the Treaty Against Genocide"

Robert Skloot, Prof. Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, USA
and Students From the Theater Studies Department of Western Galilee College, Israel

"If the Whole Body Dies" tells the astonishing story of Raphael Lemkin, the Polish-Jewish lawyer who was single-handedly responsible for the writing and ratification of the United Nations Treaty against Genocide.

In his imagination, Lemkin reviews his life and career on the day before his death (1959).

With humor and sadness, the audience comes to know the work of this extraordinary world citizen who changed forever the way the world thinks about and deals with the most catastrophic events in human history.

Monday, March 9, 2015

Workshops for Researchers – By Invitation Only

09:30 - 10:00 Opening Remarks

10:00 - 12:30 Gender Perspectives

Chairperson: Prof. Shulamit Reinharz, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, USA

Gender Studies - Not for Females Only

Dr. Haim Sperber, Western Galilee College, Israel

Thoughts and Observations on Writing of Jewish Women History during Roman Times

Dr. Ilana Beer, Western Galilee College, Israel

Home Making as a Zionist Narrative

Dr. Dorit Yosef, Independent Researcher, Israel

Heinrich Graetz and Women

Chairperson: Dr. Kateřina Čapková, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Graetz's Women: Suffering and the Narrative of Jewish History

Prof. Sara Imhoff, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

Exposing the "Sidelights" of Jewish Historiography: Lady Katie Magnus and Henrietta Szold Respond to Heinrich Graetz's History of the Jews

Amanda Sharick, Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Riverside, USA

12:30 - 13:30 Break

13:30 - 15:30 East and Central European Jewish Historiography

Chairperson: Prof. Carsten L. Wilke, Central European University Budapest, Hungary

History and Culture of Jews in the Academic Activities of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (from the mid-19th century to the outbreak of the World War II)

Dr. Małgorzata Śliż, Pomeranian University in Słupsk, Poland

"Six Narratives in Search of a Historian": Changes and New Trends in the Writing of Polish Jewish History in Recent Decades

Prof. Gershon Bacon, Bar Ilan University, Israel

Historical Writing as a Social Practice: On the Origins of Jewish Historiography in Russia

Alexander Valdman, Ph.D. candidate, Ben Gurion University, Israel

Jewish History Written from the Perspective of the Periphery: Historiography of the Jews in Postwar Poland and Czechoslovakia

Dr. Kateřina Čapková, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Workshops for Researchers – By Invitation Only

08:30 - 10:30 Tour of Ghetto Fighters House Museum

11:00 - 12:30 Whose Holocaust?

Chairperson: Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College & Shanan College, Israel

The Long Reach of History: Reassessing Jewish Responses to the Holocaust in the Context of Twentieth-Century East European Jewish History

Dr. Daniel M. Rosenthal, University of Toronto, Canada

The Narrative Integration of the Holocaust in the Autobiographies of Jewish Historians in the 20th Century

Vera Rachel Bronn, Ph.D. Candidate, Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main, Germany

What Motivated the Nazi Killers? The Old Question and a New Answer: A Preliminary Study

Prof. Michael Schuldiner, University of Akron, USA

12:30 - 13:30 Break

13:30 - 15:30 Modern Jewish Historians

Chairperson: Prof. Gabriel N. Finder, University of Virginia, USA

Raphael Mahler: Historian and Political Activist

Eyal Miller, Graduate Student, Hebrew University, Israel

The Historiographical Paradox of the Non-Jewish Jew: Some Belated Repercussions of Heinrich Graetz's Neologism "Marrano"

Prof. Carsten L. Wilke, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Not Only "Anti": a Re-examination of the Orthodox Series' "Dorot Rishonim" and "Toldot Israel"

Dr. Eliezer Sarel, Shanan College & Ohalo College, Israel

15:30 - 15:45 Break

15:45 - 17:15 Jewish Studies in America

Chairperson: Prof. Sara Imhoff, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

Against the Tide? Comprehensive Historical Narratives of American Jewish History

Prof. Kimmy Caplan, Bar Ilan University, Israel

Israel Studies as Part of Jewish History Studies

Dr. Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University, USA

"The Rothschilds' World with its Shylock Children are Laughing at us American Sheep": White Masculinities and Antisemitism in the US-South during Populism

Kristoff Kerl, Ph.D. candidate, University of Cologne, Germany

Conference Summary