

## חברי "פורום פולין"

ד"ר נטליה אלקסיון (Aleksiun), טורו קולג' ניו יורק; פורום "נשים מספרות שואה" במכון לחקר השואה ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר.

ד"ר ליאור אלפרוביץ (Alperovitch), "עמית שפיגל" במכון לחקר השואה ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר; בצלאל; המכון הטכנולוגי חולון.

ד"ר בתיה ברוטין (Brutin), "עמיתת שפיגל" במכון לחקר השואה ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר.

ד"ר לאה גנור (Ganor), "עמיתת שפיגל" במכון לחקר ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר; מרכז "משמעות", קריית מוקצין.

ד"ר אדיתה גברון (Gawron), ראש המרכז לחקר תולדות יהודי קרקוב ותרבותם, האוניברסיטה היאגלונית, קרקוב.

ד"ר תמיר הוד (Hod), "עמית שפיגל" במכון לחקר השואה ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר; המכללה האקדמית תל-חי.

ד"ר אגנייז'קה הסקה (Haska), אוניברסיטת וארשה, המרכז הפולני לחקר השואה, האקדמיה הפולנית למדעים, וארשה.

ד"ר קרולינה פאנז (Panz), המכון ללימודים סלאביים, האקדמיה הפולנית למדעים, וארשה.

גיל פארן (Faran), "עמית שפיגל" במכון לחקר השואה ע"ש ארנולד וליאונה פינקלר; יו"ר עמותת מדריכי משלחות לפולין.

ד"ר קטרז'ינה פרזון (Person), המכון ההיסטורי היהודי ("ז'יד"), וארשה.

מריה פרנץ (Ferenc), המכון ההיסטורי היהודי, וארשה; דוקטורנטית, המכון לסוציולוגיה, אוניברסיטת וארשה.

פרופ' אלי צור (Tzur), ראש המכון לחקר תנועות הנוער, גבעת חביבה

ד"ר קאמילה קלזינסקה (Klauzinska), חוקרת עצמאית

ד"ר ז'גורז' קשיביץ' (Krzywiec), האקדמיה הפולנית למדעים, וארשה.

ד"ר פרזק קשישטוף (Krzysztof), המוזיאון להיסטוריה יהודית פולנית "פולין", וארשה.

# מי אנחנו?



## Prof. Natalia Aleksion



**Natalia Aleksion** is a Professor of Modern Jewish History at Touro College, Graduate School of Jewish Studies, New York. She specializes in the social, political, and cultural history of modern East European Jewry and has written extensively on the history of the Jewish intelligentsia in East Central Europe, Polish-Jewish relations, modern Jewish historiography, the history of medicine, and of the Holocaust. She studied East European and Jewish history in Poland, where she received her first doctoral degree at Warsaw University, as well as Oxford, Jerusalem and New York, where she received her second doctoral degree at NYU. She published a monograph titled *Where to? The Zionist Movement in Poland, 1944-1950* (in Polish) and numerous articles in *Yad Vashem Studies*, *Polish Review*, *Dapim*, *East European Jewish Affairs*, *Studies in Contemporary Jewry*, *Polin*, *Gal Ed*, *East European Societies and Politics*, *Nashim* and *German History*.

Dr. Aleksion coedited two volumes of *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, devoted to the memory of the Holocaust and to the writing of Jewish history in Eastern Europe. Her book titled “Conscious History: Polish Jewish Historians before the Holocaust” will be published with Littman in 2019. She is currently working on two new books: about the so-called cadaver affair at European Universities in the interwar period and on a project dealing with daily lives of Jews in hiding in Galicia during the Holocaust.

## Dr. Lior Alperovitch



**Dr. Lior Alperovitch** received his BA, MA and PhD Degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in General History, Jewish History and International Relations. He is presently completing a second MA in Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew University. He wrote his doctoral dissertation with Prof. Moshe Zimmerman about "The Influence of the Relationship between Israel and the German Federal Republic on the Shaping of Holocaust Commemoration in Israel between 1948-1965".

Dr. Alperovitch's research focuses on three topics: the influence of Holocaust consciousness in Israeli society on forms of Holocaust commemoration; the uniqueness of the Holocaust as an unprecedented example of genocide; teaching Jewish law and keeping the commandments during the Holocaust. His articles have been published in academic and semi-academic publications.

Dr. Alperovitch teaches courses on the Holocaust and its commemoration at Bezalel, the Holon Institute of Technology, and he has a position in the Mandel Center for Educational Leadership.

Dr. Alperovitch studies "Teaching Jewish Law and Keeping the Commandments during the Holocaust" with focus on Polish Jewry

## Dr. Batya Brutin



**Dr. Batya Brutin** is an art historian researcher of art during and after the Holocaust and Holocaust monuments in Israel and worldwide. From 2000 to September 2018 she was the director of the Holocaust Teaching in Israeli Society Program at Beit Berl Academic College in Israel.

She published academic essays and educational materials on these subjects mentioned above. She is the author of the books *Living with the Memory: Monuments in Israel Commemorating the Holocaust*, (Beit Lochamei Hagetaot, 2005). (Hebrew); *The Inheritance, The Holocaust in the Artworks of Second Generation Israeli Artists*, (Jerusalem: Magnes and Yad Vashem 2015). (Hebrew); and a co-editor with Sroka Lukas, *Polish-Israeli cooperation experience, From Zionism to Israel*, (Pedagogical University, Kraków 2017).

Dr. Brutin is a research associate at the Chair for Holocaust Research Abraham and Edita Spiegel, Bar-Ilan University. She received the Yad Vashem award of lifetime achievement in the field of Holocaust education 2018.

## Gil Faran



**Gil Faran** holds a Masters degree in public administration from Bar-Ilan University. He served in the Israeli army for 25 years. During a mission to Poland as part of "Witnesses in Uniform" (Nov. 2005) he decided to become a guide for educational groups travelling to Poland. In 2009 he completed the guide course and since then he has accompanied dozens of educational missions to Poland. He is a member of the "third generation", a grandson of Holocaust survivors and a "second generation" educational guide to Poland. His mother, Ruth Farbman is a veteran educational guide.

In 2010 he began a series of studies commemorating Holocaust victims. In his first study – "victims of the mass grave in Brzeszcze – the first victims of the Auschwitz Death March" he identified the victims buried in this grave, most of whom were Jewish. Consequently, a new memorial stone was set in July 2012 listing the victims. Since then he has been active in commemoration, and together with Polish groups and individuals, has been instrumental in establishing memorial for Holocaust victims in mass graves throughout Poland. His desire to give victims back their names led him to organize a project in the Auschwitz luggage room where visitors can obtain personal and family information about 20 owners of suitcases on view in Block 5.

He is the chairman of the Organization of Educational Mission Leaders to Poland and fosters Israeli-Polish cooperative commemorative ventures. In 2018 was awarded the "goodwill ambassador" award from the Polish Institute in Israel for his contribution to the Polish-Israeli dialogue.

## Maria Ferenc



**Maria Ferenc** is a PhD candidate at the University of Warsaw. She is currently completing her PhD dissertation entitled “Sources and meanings of information in the Warsaw ghetto”. She works in the Research Department of the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, where she coordinates research project *Encyclopedia of the Warsaw Ghetto*.

Mrs. Ferenc specializes in social and cultural history of Polish Jews under Nazi occupation. She has published, among others, in: *Zagłada Żydów*, *Gal Ed*, *Media History*, *Annales de démographie hisotorique*. She had co-edited and prefaced three volumes of documents from Ringelblum Archive (The Underground Archive of the Warsaw ghetto) pertaining to Jewish Social Self-Aid, radio monitoring and Hashomer Hatzair youth movement.

She had received fellowships from the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure, Yad Vashem, Polish Ministry of Higher Education and National Science Centre. Her MA thesis received the Majer Balaban Prize.



## Dr. Lea Ganor



**Dr. Lea Ganor** was born in Israel to Holocaust survivors from Poland who immigrated from Wroclaw in 1957. She speaks Hebrew, English, Yiddish and has a partial command of Polish, Russian and French.

Together with the Kiriyat Motzkin Municipality and the Ministry of Education, in 1994 she founded the Mashmout (Holocaust, Tradition, Values, Rebirth) Center in Kiriyat Motzkin.

Dr. Ganor holds a BA in History and Bible, an MA in Education from the University of Haifa, and an MA from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where she wrote about "The Holocaust and Heroism as seen in the army newspaper Bamahaneh 1948-1973". She has a PhD from Bar Ilan University about "The IDF's attitude towards Educational Trips of Soldiers to Poland 1987-2004" that she wrote with Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Dalia Ofer. She did her post-doctorate at the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism at the University of Haifa where she examined the history of Holocaust survivor air crews in the IDF.

Dr. Ganor is very involved in cooperative ventures with various institutions in Poland regarding the history of Polish Jewry and the state of Polish Jewry today. She will study gender issues in the life of the Jewish of Wroclaw 1945-1957.



## Dr. Edyta Gawron



**Dr. Edyta Gawron** is a historian and an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University in Krakow. For several years she served as the director of the Centre for the Study of the History and Culture of Krakow Jews (2009-2017). Dr. Gawron also lectures at Cracow University of Economics.

As a specialist in the 20th century history of Polish Jews and Holocaust studies Dr. Gawron cooperates with various academic institutions and museums in Poland and abroad. Dr. Gawron has been lecturing internationally (in Israel, US, Australia, Germany, Italy, France, Czech Republic, Russia, South Africa) and served as the consultant and advisor for academic programs and projects worldwide (EHRI, EACEA, Erasmus+, JCC Global Amitim, Taube Jewish Heritage Tours). She has been active in the organizations and associations promoting and developing Jewish studies (EAJS, AJS, PTSŻ / Polish Association for Jewish Studies, Alef Foundation for the Promotion of Jewish Studies).

Dr. Gawron is the author of several publications on wartime and post-war history of Jews in Poland, in particular Krakow. She has also worked on exhibitions and museums promoting Jewish history in Poland and serves as the president of the Management Board of Galicia Jewish Heritage Institute Foundation (Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow). Dr. Gawron has been a member of the team that designed the historical museum in Oskar Schindler's Factory in Krakow and the co-author of the book "Krakow under Nazi occupation. 1939-1945" (Krakow, 2011). She has also co-authored the exhibition and publication "The History of the Jews of Krakow. Sources from the collection of the National Archives in Krakow" (Krakow, 2018).

## **Dr. Agnieszka Haska**



**Dr. Agnieszka Haska** was born in Olsztyn, Poland in 1980. She wrote her thesis about "Hotel Polski in Warsaw, 1943" at the University of Warsaw and her dissertation about "Collaboration with the Third Reich in the Public Discourse of the Polish Underground Press, 1939-1945" at the Graduate School for Social Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Today Dr. Haska is an academic lecturer at the Artes Liberales Faculty at the University of Warsaw and a member of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She has collaborated with various Polish institutions and NGO and her knowledge and experience covers not only the academic but the educational fields.

Dr. Haska has written and edited several books and a number of articles about various aspects of the history of Polish Jewry during the Holocaust.

## Dr. Tamir Hod



Dr. Tamir Hod is a historian and educator who specializes in the Israeli society and Holocaust remembrance and teaches at Tel Hai college, the Western Galilee College and the Kinneret Academic college. Dr. Hod is a member of the "Spiegel Fellows" and the "Polish Forum". His PhD research investigated the Demjanjuk Affair in Israel between the years 1986-1993. The research was written at Ben Gurion University under the guidance of Prof. Hanna Yablonka. For many years he worked as an educator in high-schools. His proximity to the educational world is expressed in his academic research that studied the educational system's coping mechanisms vis a vis Holocaust remembrance and the effect of this tragic event on the national identity of students in Israel.

Dr. Hod is writing several articles based on his doctorate. These include "The Demjanjuk Affair in Israel - why did we remember to forget?" that focuses on repressing historical events that are seen as a failure and "The Demjanjuk Affair - first prove, then educate" focusing on the way the educational system dealt with the Demjanjuk affair in Israel.

In addition to research and education, he is a musician who performs in different bands all around the country and lectures about famous Jewish musicians' lives and their compositions. These include Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Simon & Garfunkel, Meir Ariel and others.

Dr. Hod is now investigating everyday life of the Ukrainian collaborators who were stationed at the Reinhard camps: Belzec, Sobibor, and Treblinka. His research tracks the perpetrators' actions and conversations and he examines the incentives and the circumstances that brought about this collaboration or in rare cases caused the refusal to collaborate.

## Dr. Kamila Klauzinska



**Dr. Kamila Klauzinska** has an MA in Ethnology from the University of Lodz and a PhD from the Department of Jewish Studies, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Her PhD dissertation focused on Modern Jewish genealogy for which she received a research prize from the International Institute for Jewish Genealogy and Paul Jacobi Center (IIJG) in Jerusalem.

Dr. Klauzinska was a Visiting Scholar in a number of prominent institutions, including the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA (2011). She was awarded a number of prestigious scholarships and was co-leader of the Photographic and Topographic Census Project in the Jewish Cemetery of Zdunska Wola (2002-2008). She cooperated with the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw – “Virtual Shtetl” project (2008-2009)” and is the author of the exhibitions: “The Jews in Zdunska Wola. History and Memory” (2003); “Special Features: none” (2012) in a cooperation with the State Archives in Lodz and the Museum of the History of Zduńska Wola; and “The Main Thing is Not to be Afraid” (2015) dedicated to Rabbi Isaac Neuman. She initiated the [First National Conference for the Volunteers Who Take Care of Jewish Heritage in Poland](#) – MEMORY KEEPERS (2008) which is one of the project led by the Forum for Dialogue in Warsaw.

In 2005 she earned a Prize of Ambassador of Israel in Poland for caring for the Jewish cemetery in Zdunska Wola and for educational work related to the history of Jews in the town. In 2008 she was awarded the Golden Cross of Merit by the Polish President for disseminating knowledge about the multicultural Polish heritage and taking care of the Jewish heritage in Poland. In 2010 she was awarded the Bronze Medal for Merits to Culture “Gloria Artis” by the Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage. She is an independent researcher. For last few years she launches her own genealogy business <http://jewishrootsinpoland.pl/> .

## Dr. Grzegorz Krzywiec



**Dr. hab. Grzegorz Krzywiec** is a Researcher at the Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences (Polska Akademia Nauk, PAN). He holds a Masters degree in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Journalism and Political sciences at the University of Warsaw, and a PhD. From the Institute of History at the Polish Academy of Sciences, from which he also holds a Habilitation.

He has published largely on Polish anti-Semitism, Polish-Jewish relations, right-wing and fascism in Poland in Central and East European context. Among his publications: *Polska bez Żydów. Studia z dziejów idei, wyobraźni i praktyk antysemickich na ziemiach polskich, 1905-1914*, (Instytut Historii, Warszawa 2017); *Chauvinism, Polish style. The Case of Roman Dmowski. Beginnings (1886-1905)* (Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main 2016). With Kamil Kijek, co-editor of the special volume of *Jewish History Quarterly* (Kwartalnik Historii Żydów), 2, June 2016 on Polish anti-Semitism in the 1905-1939 period. He is now running a project on cultural history of Polish fascism.

Dr. Krzywiec is now in Berlin and will be a Senior Researcher at the Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung in Technische Universität Berlin, and then at the Freie Universität Berlin.

## Dr. Karolina Panz



**Dr. Karolina Panz** is a sociologist who received her PhD at the Institute of Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw. Her research interests are: Jewish life and the Holocaust in Poland, with special focus on the microhistory of Jews from Podhale region (southern Poland) where she lives and Polish-Jewish relations.

She works at the Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences as the post-doc/co-investigator in the project “The Kraków Pogrom of 11 August 1945 against the Comparative Background”, under the supervision of Prof. dr hab. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir.

In 2016 she received the inaugural Israel Gutman Award, presented by the Polish Center for Holocaust Research, for the best research paper on the Holocaust and Polish–Jewish relations for the article “Why Did They, Who Had Suffered So Much and Endured, Have to Die?": The Jewish victims of armed violence in Podhale (1945-1947). Her latest publications are: *Powiat nowotarski* [Nowy Targ County] in „*Dalej jest noc. Losy Żydów w wybranych powiatach okupowanej Polski*” [NIGHT without END. The Fate of Jews in Selected Counties of Occupied Poland] (ed. Barbara Engelking, Jan Grabowski, 2018) and “The Children are in a state of true panic' Postwar Anti-Jewish Violence in Podhale and Its Youngest Victims" (*Yad Vashem Studies*: vol. 46(1) (2018).

## Dr. Katarzyna Person



**Dr. Katarzyna Person** is a historian of Eastern European Jewish History at the Żydowski Instytut Historyczny (Jewish Historical Institute), Warsaw. After completing her PhD at the University of London in 2010 she held postdoctoral fellowships from the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem, the Center for Jewish History in New York City, and La Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah. She has written a number of articles on the Holocaust and its aftermath in occupied Europe and edited three volumes of documents from the Underground Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto. A book, based on her PhD thesis which deals with assimilated, acculturated and baptized Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, was published by Syracuse University Press in 2014.

During her tenure at the Institut für Zeitgeschichte she worked on a project exploring relations between Polish and Jewish Displaced Persons in postwar Germany, focusing in particular on Bavaria. The aim was to explore what happens when the two groups meet in an unfamiliar, largely hostile environment and to what extent their relations were shaped both by the past and by the events happening at a time in postwar Poland.



## **Prof. Eli Tzur**



**Prof Eli Tzur** is a member of kibbutz Zikim, which is situated on the Gaza strip border. He joined the kibbutz after his military service in 1965. He studied at Tel Aviv University and the London School of Economics, receiving his Ph.D from the Tel Aviv University. He taught at Ben Gurion University, Tel Aviv University and at the Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts.

As a historian he studies the Jewish youth movements in Poland before, during and after the Second World War. He published books about the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement in Poland between 1930 and 1939, and about Zionist youth in Poland after the liberation (1944-1950). His book on the Young Halutz and Freiheit during the interwar period will be published in the near future. Today he is an academic CO of the Yad Ya'ari Research Insitute.

Prof. Tzur is married to Anat and has three children and six grandchildren (none of whom are historians!).