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Here We Are!





Prof. Natalia Aleksion



Prof. 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. Marta Ansilewska-Lehnstaedt



Dr. Marta Ansilewska-Lehnstaedt works as a research associate at the Gedenkstätte Stille Helden in Berlin, which commemorates Jewish men and women who resisted National Socialist persecution, and those who helped them to do so. In September 2010 she earned a degree in Jewish studies, East European studies and religious studies at the University of Potsdam, Germany. She was awarded the degree with honours. She also held a doctoral scholarship as a member of the Walther Rathenau Graduate School at the Moses Mendelssohn Centre in Potsdam. Her dissertation at the Humboldt-Universität of Berlin examines the identity of Polish “Holocaust Children” who survived the Second World War in hiding, acting as Polish Catholics.

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. Avital Bloch



Dr. Avital Bloch is a Research Professor at the University of Colima, Mexico, since 1986. From 2005 to 2012 she directed its Center for Social Research. She holds a B.A. in history and sociology from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and an M.A. in history. She was a Fulbright Fellow graduate student at Columbia University, where she obtained M.A. (1980), M.Phil. (1981), and Ph.D. (1990) in American history. She specialized in intellectual and political history of the post WWI period and the 1960s.

She has published a large number of articles and a few books, primarily on 20th Century United States, some on European history, and others on comparative modern history topics. She has presented papers at major conferences and congresses in the USA, Europe, Israel, and many other countries. She participated in the Salzburg and the Stuttgart seminars, and lectured and taught in various universities. She has served on several committees and boards of academic organizations, such as the Organization of American Historians, American Studies Association, and International Federation of Research on Women's History. Recently she has begun researching her family's history in Poland between the wars. This includes involvement of family members in Zionist organizations: *Keren Kayemet*, *Tarbut* school network, *Dror* youth movement, and the General Zionist party. In the Warsaw Ghetto, the study focuses on *Oneg Shabat*, as well as social assistance groups, and civil leadership of the underground.

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.

Dr. Tomasz Cebulski



Dr. Tomasz Cebulski was born in Kraków, and holds an MA in International Relations and a second MA from the Department of Middle and Far East Studies at the Jagiellonian University. In October 2014, he received his PhD from the Department of Political Relations at the Jagiellonian University. In 2016 Dr. Cebulski published a book "Auschwitz after Auschwitz" on the contemporary patterns of the former camp memory. He is an author of numerous articles on the history of Polish Jews, genealogy, and politics of memory. He runs a regular blog at the Times of Israel.

Dr . Cebulski holds multiple state guiding certificates at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Kraków, and Galicia including the Second World War Museum at Schindler's Factory in Kraków and Polin Museum in Warsaw. He is an experienced genealogist and licensed tour leader in Poland and Central Europe. Since 2001 he directs the genealogy research and historical interpretation company called - POLIN TRAVEL and its 2020 visual rendition - Sky Heritage Pictures.

Dr. Krzysztof Czubaszek



Dr. Krzysztof Czubaszek is an independent researcher. He graduated Polish Philology in University of Warsaw, postgraduate studies of public relations and media in Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw and postgraduate studies for artists and managers of culture University of Warsaw. He received his PhD in history from Catholic University of Lublin.

As an independent researcher, he initiated the restoration of the memory of the Jews of Łuków and carries out various projects aimed at researching and commemorating the past of the Jewish community of his home town.

In 2007 he was a co-founder and consultant of two exhibitions at the Regional Museum in Łuków – the temporal one titled “The History of the Jewish Community in Łuków” (2007-2008) and the permanent one titled “We Used to Live Here. The History of the Jews of Łuków” (2017). In 2012 he founded a plaque commemorating the martyrdom of the Jewish population in this town.

In 2015, in place of a synagogue destroyed in 1944, a monument dedicated to the local Jewish community was built on his initiative. In 2017, with his support, the ohel of tzaddik Akiva Meir Torenheim was rebuilt at the local Jewish cemetery. He is the author of books and press articles devoted to the Jews of Łuków, He also wrote a novel “Patron” based on the wartime and contemporary fate of the Polish Jews (Warsaw 2007).

In 2011 he launched the website www.zydzi.lukow.pl where he publishes materials (texts, photos, documents and films) on the history of the Jews of Łuków. For his work on memory of the Jews of Łuków he was nominated for the weekly “Tygodnik Siedlecki” award – “Golden Wings – Man of the Year 2017”.

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 Kiriyyat Motzkin Municipality and the Ministry of Education, in 1994 she founded the Mashmout (Holocaust, Tradition, Values, Rebirth) Center in Kiriyyat 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 studies gender issues in the life of the Jewish of Wroclaw 1945-1957 and is the Poland Forum Senior Scholar and Coordinator.

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).

Ruth Weyl Geall



Ruth Weyl Geall was a Social Care professional for over 40 years, working as a senior planning, research and care manager for London local governments and children's and disability charities. After retiring she was an oral history interviewer, while volunteering on a number of oral history projects, recording interviews and developing exhibitions, documenting community projects and volunteering, about the lives and experiences of people with disabilities or from the LGBT community.

She has recently begun to explore the history and life stories associated with her family, on her father's side, German Jews from Reichenbach in Silesia, formerly Germany and now Dzierżoniów, Poland. There were never more than 150 German Jews living in the town before the War, while in the immediate post-War period, there were 17,500 Polish Jews and the town was called the Polish Jerusalem, with Yiddish theatres, schools and newspapers. There were also thousands of forced labourers from a concentration camp on the outskirts of town; the German population that was later forced to leave; refugee children from the Greek Civil War; and the current Polish population (displaced from the territories absorbed by the Soviet Union) who were moved into the town. By 1968 these multicultural communities had all but disappeared, and apart from the German architecture of the central town square, (and a surviving and restored Synagogue) it looks like any Polish town, with a population that is 98% Polish Catholic.

She is now involved with the town authorities, local schools and committed volunteers from around the world, who are helping to uncover the refugee and migration stories (with photographs) of the wide variety of people for whom Dzierżoniów was home in the 20th century.

Lili Haber



Lili Haber is a social activist promoting the commemoration of the Heritage of the Jewish communities in Poland and Eastern Europe. She is an active board member and head of numerous associations and NGOs, Chairperson of the Forum of Polish Immigrants in Israel, of the Association of Cracowians in Israel, of the Phoenixes Association; Member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Center of Holocaust Survivors Organizations in Israel; Active director of The Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (FODZ); Member of the Presidency of the International Auschwitz Committee; Secretary of the Israel-Poland Mental Health Association.

Born in 1947 in Cracow, Poland, first daughter of Holocaust survivors deported to the Cracow Ghetto and later incarcerated in the Plaszow concentration camp. Her father was saved by Oscar Schindler and her mother survived the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and the Death March to Ravensbruck and was liberated in Neustadt-Glewe, Germany.

In 1949 the family immigrated to Israel, settled in Holon. Served in an intelligence unit, studied Political Science and Sociology at the Hebrew University. Began a career in public relations serving as a senior aide to the spokesman of the Israeli National Insurance Institute. Later she completed professional training in programming and IT systems analysis and founded, with her husband, their own Software Company. In 2000 they sold their company to a large public conglomerate.

She is married Yehuda Haber since 1969 and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

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.

Kamil Kopera



Kamil Kopera is a PhD candidate in history faculty in the University of Rzeszów. He holds a master's degree in law and history from the University of Rzeszów.

He is a Research & Documentation Specialist in The Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II in Markowa,

As a researcher he is working in the field of Polish-Jewish relations in Subcarpathian region of Poland during the war. In Markowa he is responsible for gathering information about Jewish history in the area and Poles helping Jews. During his work he has initiated and coorganized lectures, meetings and exhibitions popularizing this topic and facilitating better understanding of complicated history.

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/> .

Eliyahu Klein



Eliyahu Klein is a doctoral student at Tel Aviv University under the joint guidance of Prof. Havi Dreyfuss and Dr. David Silberklang from Yad Vashem. His research topic is: "Relationships between Poles and Jews in various areas of the Wlodawa county (*Powiat*) during the Holocaust". It is, in fact, an extension of his MA thesis at the Hebrew University under the supervision of Prof. Daniel Baltman about "survival in the countryside of the Wlodawa county during the Holocaust". This work received a prize from the "Olivier Vodoz Fund for Scholarships and Research in the War Against Racial Discrimination", the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. During the writing he also received scholarships from Yad Vashem and the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew university.

His research interests are: The Holocaust in rural areas and small towns which have not received much research attention; Relations between Poles and Jews in the countryside during the Holocaust in the broad contexts of the struggle for survival of the persecuted Jews on the one hand and the rural Polish society under the oppression of the German occupation on the other; Relations between different ethnic groups in Poland before and during the Holocaust.

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 antysemitycznych 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.

Bezalel Lavi



Bezalel Lavi was born in Dzierżoniów, Lower Silesia in Poland. He is second generation of Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Israel in 1957.

He holds a B.A in Political Sciences and a M.A in International Relations, from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

For years he worked for the Israeli energy sector and researched its oil exploration policies which were brought to light in the book, "The Black Gold in the Land of Israel" (Hebrew), so far, the first part of a comprehensive study on the subject.

While researching his family roots, Poland's Jewish history and the bilateral relations between Israel and Poland he became a team member of the database project at the POLIN Museum in Warsaw. He interviewed dozens of Israelis of Polish origin, and delved into the history of the Jews in Poland, in general and Dzierżoniów, in particular. He published several publications related to the subject of Poland and the Jews

Dr. Stephan Lehnstaedt



Dr. Stephan Lehnstaedt (Dr. phil. 2008 LMU Munich, Habilitation 2016 TU Chemnitz) is since 2016 professor for Holocaust Studies and Jewish Studies at Touro College Berlin. He has lectured at LMU Munich, HU Berlin and the London School of Economics, and was a research associate at the German Historical Institute Warsaw from 2010 to 2016. In 2015 he received the medal “Powstanie w Getcie Warszawskim” (Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto) from the Polish Association of Jewish Fighters during WW2. Lehnstaedt is associated member of the Selma Stern Zentrum für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg and serves on the academic advisory boards of “Muzeum Getta Warszawskiego” and “Stiftung Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung” in Berlin.

Among his books are: *Der Kern des Holocaust: Belżec, Sobibór, Treblinka und die Aktion Reinhardt* (München: C.H. Beck, 2017 / 2nd ed. 2020 - Polish version 2018, French and Dutch 2020); *Occupation in the East. The daily lives of German occupiers in Warsaw and Minsk, 1939-1944*, New York/Oxford: Berghahn, 2016 / 2nd ed. 2019). In 2015 he received the medal “Powstanie w Getcie Warszawskim” (Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto) from the Polish Association of Jewish Fighters during WW2.

Anita Lewczuk vel Leoniuk



Anita Lewczuk vel Leoniuk is the Director of the Museum – Synagogues in Włodawa, connected with the institution since 2005, initially as a guide and employee of the Education and Promotion Department.

Since 2005 she has been coordinating and managing the Festival of Three Cultures - the most important artistic and cultural event in the region organized by the Museum. Since 2013 she has been its artistic director. Her tasks in the institution also included cooperation with foreign partners and obtaining extra-budgetary funds as part of cultural programs, as well as managing projects that the Museum carried out.

She graduated in management and marketing (specialization in international marketing) and postgraduate studies in project management at the Catholic University of Lublin. Coordinator of many cultural and social projects financed by the EU, implemented by the Museum, the County Office in Włodawa and the County Employment Office in Włodawa. Trainer of the National Center for Culture. She completed many trainings in the field of project implementation and management, budget accounting, and animation for children and youth.

Anita Lewczuk vel Leoniuk is a member of the board of the Włodawa-Sobibór Gate of Memory Association, editor of museum publications and author of a number of scientific articles.

In 2019, she became the Woman of the Year of the Lublin Province in the Culture category in a voting organized by KurierLubelski magazine.

Karol Madaj



Karol Madaj is as a historian and Holocaust researcher at the Pilecki Institute and the Director of Museum Dom - Rodziny Pileckich in Ostrów Mazowiecka.

He holds a master degree in Biblical theology and Jewish exegesis from John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. He is the author of "Proboszcz getta" a book about Roman-Catholic parish in the Warsaw ghetto and many educational board games including "Kolejka/Queue". He has designed games for the Polin Museum, Institute of National Remembrance, the National Centre for Culture and many others. In 2013, he was awarded Poland's Gold Cross of Merit for services in the development of historical awareness.

Dr. Hab. Eng. Witold Wojciech Medykowski



Dr. Hab. Eng. Witold Wojciech Medykowski earned his degree of habilitated doctor of humanities in History from the Casimir the Great University in Bydgoszcz. He wrote his Postdoctoral research at the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem. He got his Ph.D. from the Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, writing his dissertation on “Pogroms of 1941 in the Former Soviet Occupation Zone: Historical, Social and Cultural Context: Theory of Pogroms” (in Polish). He also received a Ph.D. from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, writing his dissertation on “Between Slavery, Extermination and Survival: Forced Labor of Jews in the General Government during the years 1939 - 1943”. His MA degree is from Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004 and he holds another MA degree in Life Sciences from University of Lublin.

Since 2010 he is the Head of Polish Material Acquisition Section, Yad Vashem Archives, where he manages and supervises numerous projects of archival queries, digitalization of archival material and acquisition from the National Archives in Poland, Institute of National Remembrance, National Libraries in Warsaw and Kraków as well as other institutions preserving important collections of the material from interwar period, Holocaust and postwar period. His areas of specialization are: History of Polish Jews, Polish History, Holocaust, World War II, Ethnic relations in the Central and Eastern Europe, Economic history, Political history of the Central and Eastern Europe Archival science. He published several articles and books and was involved in many projects that dealt with the History of Poland.

Dr. Joanna Beata Michlic



Dr. Joanna Beata Michlic is a social and cultural historian, and founder and first Director of HBI (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute) Project on Families, Children, and the Holocaust at Brandeis University. She is an Honorary Senior Research Associate at the UCL Centre for the Study of Collective Violence, the Holocaust and Genocide, UCL Institute for Advances Studies, and an Honorary Senior Associate at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) in London. Her research focuses on social and cultural history of Poland and East European Jews, the Holocaust and its memory in Europe, East European Jewish childhood and antisemitism and nationalism in Europe. She is a recipient of many prestigious academic awards and fellowships, most recently Gerda Henkel Fellowship, 2017 - 2020.

She has numerous publications about Jews in Poland before and after the Holocaust. Her latest book is *Jewish Family 1939 –Present: History, Representation, and Memory*, Brandeis University Press/NEUP, January 2017). The book made to the Ethical Inquiry list of the best books published in 2017 at Brandeis University:

[Her workshop proposal](#), “Representations of Polish Rescuers of Jews in a Comparative Perspective: Lessons from the Holocaust for Contemporary Europe”, with a participation of 15 academics from Poland and abroad, has been selected to the GEOP workshops summer program 2020 at the Polin Museum in Warsaw.

Michal Niezabitowski



Dr. Michal Niezabitowski is a Polish historian, museologist, activist of the museum community, university lecturer, He hold a Phd in history from the Jagiellonian University.

Since 2004 he serves as the Director of the Historical Museum of the City of Krakow. Board member of The International Committee for the Collections and Activities of Museums of Cities.

In 1998 he became a member of the Association of Polish Museologists, of which he became president in 2012. In 2012, he became a member of the Council for Museums at the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Between 2014-2016 he chaired the Program Committee of the 1st Congress of Polish museologists. He has been the curator of many exhibitions and author of museum catalogs.

Hana Oren



Hana Oren was born in 1969 in Israel to second generation Holocaust survivors from Poland who emigrated from Warsaw in 1968. Her first language was Polish. She speaks Hebrew, English, Polish.

Hana Oren holds BA in Jewish history from the Open University, and now she is M.A Student at Haifa University in Polish and East Europe Studies. She is writing a Thesis about "Young Jewish Communist girls during interwar period in Poland" under the supervision of Dr. Markus Zilber.

Since 2008 she has been working at the "Mashmaut" Center in Kiryat Motzkin, as a teacher and mentor. She conducts workshops and seminars about the Holocaust and Jewish heritage for elementary through high school students, university students, soldiers and commanders, and Polish students and teachers to whom she speaks Polish.

She is the project coordinator of students who are writing research papers with mentors from the "Mashmaut" Center, about the Holocaust in General and history of Jews in Poland in particular. She also constructs curriculum and supports activities related to the Holocaust at the Center.

As part of her work she keeps contact with Holocaust survivors on daily basis.

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.

Inbal Raz



Inbal Raz was born in Israel; a granddaughter to four Holocaust survivors from Poland. Her father was born during the war and her mother slightly after it ended. Both her parents arrived at Israel when they were young children, but the story of the Holocaust and the stories of their families were always there. She holds a BA in Psychology, The University of Haifa and MA in Work Relations studies, with a Thesis on Mothers and Daughters from Tel Aviv university.

Since 1996 she is the deputy director and associate in establishing the unique educational center – "Mashmaut" center (acronym in Hebrew for: Heritage, Holocaust, Tradition, Values and Rebirth) in Kiryat Motzkin. The Center operates in both the formal and unformal educational systems, to assimilate awareness of Holocaust Remembrance, Rebirth and Israeli Heritage.

She initiates, develops, and writes curriculum and study programs for a wide range of groups including students, teachers, soldiers, college students from Israel and abroad, new immigrants, adults, and more. Her work includes projects with Poland for students and teachers.

In addition, since 2005 she is a member and a content consultant in the National Gender and Equality unit of the Ministry of Education in Israel for assimilating gender equality perspectives and values in the general educational system. For this goal she is a partner in Initiating gender themed activities, writing curricula, and conducting teachers and educational seminars. She is interested in Gender Issues of Jewish Women from Poland during the war.

Dr. Weronika Romanik



Dr. Weronika Romanik has a PhD in Literature, Hebrew Studies at the Faculty of Oriental Studies (University of Warsaw), BA and MA in Cultural Studies with specialty Hebrew Studies (*summa cum laude*), MA student in Sociology and Anthropology with specialty Mediations and Negotiations. She also studied at the Hebrew University, Lund University, Tel Aviv University and Vilnius University. In 2013-2014 lecturer at the Department of Hebrew Studies, University of Warsaw; In 2015-2017 lecturer at the Taube Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław; between 2017-2019 lecturer at the Open University of Warsaw. In 2007 Romanik started to cooperate with Forum for Dialogue Foundation as the educator. Currently Postdoctoral Fellow at the Goettingen Institute of Advanced Study.

In her PhD dissertation Romanik analyzed Mordechai Tenenbaum's legacy within the context of Memory Studies combining Redaction Criticism, Narrative Analysis and Cultural Memory concept. She concentrated on the Hebrew editions of Tenenbaum's works and investigated the limits of the editors' influence on the published material.

Rivka Schiller



Rivka Schiller is a doctoral student at Touro Graduate School of Jewish Studies, concentrating on the pre-WWII, wartime, and post-WWII eras in Polish Jewish life. Her MA degree, also from Touro, focused on the history of Jewish life in the Polish town of Chmielnik. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree and has been a professional Yiddish and Hebrew translator for the past 20+ years. Her BA degree from the University of Chicago, which focused on Modern Hebrew language and literature, is in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

Formerly, she worked as an archivist at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and a reference librarian at the Center for Jewish History (NYC). She has also worked for a host of other libraries, archives, and book centers in the US and in Israel, including: the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies' Asher Library (Chicago), the National Yiddish Book Center (Amherst, MA), and Bar Ilan University's Wurzweiler Central Library (Ramat-Gan, Israel). A native of Chicago, she is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors from Poland. As such, her academic interest in the history of the Shoah – especially in Poland – is deeply rooted in her family's own personal history.

Dr. Adam Sitarek



Dr Adam Sitarek was, born 1985, studied modern Polish history at the University of Łódź (Poland) and received his PhD from the Institute of History at the University of Łódź. He serves as Head of the Center for Jewish Research at the University of Łódź, and teaches at the Marek Edelman Dialogue Center; HE is a tour guide at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Polin; a scholar of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research (2012-2013); a member of the European Association of Jewish Studies and Polish Association of Jewish Studies; author of: *Wire bound state. Structure and functions of the Jewish administration of the Łódź Ghetto* (2015); co-editor *David Sierakowiak Diary* (2016), *Encyclopedia of the Ghetto. The unfinished Project of the Łódź Ghetto Archivists* (2014), *The Chronicle of the Łódź Ghetto* (5 volumes, 2009).

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!).

Dr. Ewa Wiatr



Dr. Ewa Wiatr is an Assistant Professor at the Center for Jewish Research at the University of Lodz. She specializes in the history of the Jews of Central Poland, the history of national minorities in the region, and the history of the Lodz ghetto. In 2018 she received her PhD in humanities from the Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

She is among the editors of the *Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto* (5 volumes, Polish version), is a member of the team that edited the *Encyclopedia of the Ghetto. The Unfinished Project of the Łódź Ghetto Archivists*, along with Adam Sitarek, and has edited a number of volumes having to do with the history of the Jews in Lodz before, during and after the Second World War.

Dr. Paweł Wiczorek



Dr. Paweł Wiczorek is a historian who received his PhD at the Wrocław University. His research interests are: Jewish life after the second world war in Poland, with special focus on the microhistory of Jews from Nider Silesia. Cooperation: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, the Jewish Historical Institute, and the Social and Cultural Association of Jews in Poland. Winner of Jewish Historical Institute's Majer Bałaban contest for the best doctoral dissertation (2014). Participant of international research programme „Pogroms of Jews in the Polish lands in the 19th and 20th centuries” (2013-2016). Research interests: Polish-Jewish relations after 1945, Jewish social and political movements.

He specializes in the social, political, and cultural history of modern Polish Jewry and history of Polish-Jewish relations. He has written a book and a number of articles about various aspects of the history of Polish Jewry during after 1945. Last publications: „Pogroms of Jews in Poland in the 19th and 20th centuries, t. 4”. He is currently working on a new book (for Jewish Historical Institute): about the Jews on 1967 in Nider Silesian. He plans to write the history of religious Jews from Wrocław and Warsaw: 1945 – 1989.

Hannah Wilson



Hannah Wilson is a PhD student at the Department of History, Nottingham Trent University. The title of her thesis is “*Let My Cry have No Place, Let It Cry Through Everything: The Material Memory of Sobibór Death Camp*” She holds MA from University of Haifa at the Weiss-Livnat International MA program in Holocaust Studies. From 2014 to the present, she has participated as a research student at the archaeological excavations at Sobibór and Treblinka, and has published journal articles on the subject. She is currently working with the Imperial War Museum London to help develop their new Holocaust Galleries, and in 2019 received a scholarship from the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah in Paris.

Hannah has received a number of grants and fellowships, including a placement at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, funded by the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure. She conducted a placement in the art archives of the Ghetto Fighter’s Museum in Israel, and currently shares the role of web, blog and social media Coordinator for the British Association for Holocaust Studies. She has organised a number of conferences, workshops and events, and has co-curated several exhibitions, including the most recent online project: ‘*Sobibór on the Screen: Cinematic Representations of a Nazi Death Camp*’. She is dedicated to researching Holocaust memory in Poland, and working with victims and their families to help share their stories and experiences of the Shoah.

Dr. Iwona Zawidzka



Dr Iwona Zawidzka is an ethnologist, a graduate of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. The subject of her doctoral dissertation, defended at the Institute of Jewish Studies was “Change of Jewish traditions in the second half of the 19th and the first half of the 20th century on the example of the Jewish cemetery in Bochnia”. She works as curator in the Museum in Bochnia. She is interested in the history of the local Jewish community and Jewish cemeteries in Bochnia and the region. She is the author of exhibitions on the culture and history of local Jews: “Bochnia Jews” (1999 Bochnia; 2002 Kieżmark, Słowacja) and „Synagogue, sidur, tefila” (2008). While working in the museum, she gives lectures on various topics related to Jews in the town and region, as well as museum lessons on the Jewish cemetery and the Holocaust in Bochnia.

She is the author of publications: books (*Jewish Cemetery in Nowy Wiśnicz*, 1986; *Jewish Cemetery in Brzesko*, 2001; *Guide to the Jewish Cemetery in Bochnia*, 2019) and articles (among others, about the ghetto in Bochnia, 1993, about the Righteous of Bochnia region, 1996, about Judaica in the museum, 2000, about synagogues in Bochnia, 2008, about the tombstones in Nowy Wiśnicz from 17th century, 2013, about the diary of a Jewish girl from Bochnia (1917-1918), 2016).

Prof. Sławomir Jacek Żurek



Prof. Sławomir Jacek Żurek is a full professor and head of the Centre for Polish-Jewish Literature Studies and director of International Centre for Research of the History and Cultural Heritage of the Central and Eastern European Jews at The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. The coordinator of International Research Team (project “21st-Century Literature and the Holocaust. A Comparative and Multilingual Perspective” financed by The Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe; consortium of University of Antwerp, Bar Ilan University and the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin). Laureate of the “Preserving Memory” Award of Michael Traison’s Foundation for Poland, Jewish Community Centre in Krakow, Hotel Eden and the Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow. He is the author of numerous academic articles and books.

He is a member of the Polish Society for Jewish Studies, the Council of the Polish Episcopate’s Committee for Dialogue with Judaism, and the Polish Council of Christians and Jews, The Learned Society of The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (membership); School and Academic Educational Commission of Literary Studies Committee of the Polish Academy of Science, International Association of Polish Studies. Fulbright scholar at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana (USA, 2002-2003); visiting professor at The Catholic University in Leuven (Belgium, 2006-2007) and Università’ Degli Studi di Milano (Italy, 2016), Ariel University (Israel, 2018-2019) and Gordon Collage of Education in Haifa (Israel 2018-2019).