

# NEWSLETTER

## The Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research

### Remembering

The Institute strengthens Holocaust memory through research, conferences, symposia, and creating communities of Holocaust researchers and public activists



### Researching

The Institute has created multi-disciplinary frameworks which research the Holocaust and its aftermath. Research results are published as books and articles in international journals

### Commemorating

The Institute holds conferences and symposia to commemorate Holocaust-related events throughout the year such as the anniversary of "Kristallnacht", International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and "Yom Hashoah"



### Creating Communities

The Institute creates "communities" of researchers and Holocaust activists including the "Spiegel Fellows", "Bar Ilan Holocaust Forum", "Researchers Remember", and "Women Recall the Holocaust"

### Building a Bridge Between Generations

The Institute strengthens Holocaust memory among the younger generation through events that include researchers, survivors, media specialists, authors and public figures



**Director: Prof. Judy Tydor Baumel-Schwartz**

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## ***From the Director of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research***



***Prof. Judy  
Baumel-Schwartz***

***Dear Friends,***

Another year has past and despite the continuing threat of COVID-19, we have continued with our various activities at the Finkler Institute. Most of our projects have moved onto a Zoom platform giving us a wonderful opportunity to include scholars from all over the world, to further our international activities, and to reach a large audience both in Israel and abroad who under the circumstances would not have been able to participate in our activities had they been held face-to-face. We indeed had numerous activities in 2021-2022 and plan to continue them throughout the rest of the year. Symposia, conferences, and of course, publication of numerous books that are outgrowths of the various "forums" that the Finkler Institute has developed.

We began the 2021-2022 academic year with an international Zoom symposium together with Florida State University on October 25, 2021, to launch the book *Women Defying Hitler: Resistance and Rescue Under the Nazis*, London: Bloomsbury, 2021, that Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz edited together with Dr. Mordecai Paldiel and Prof. Nathan Stoltzfus. The three spoke at the symposium together with Prof. Ann Nelson of Columbia University.

The next event took place on November 9, 2021, and commemorated the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Kristallnacht* – a Zoom book launch together with the Library and Information System at Bar-Ilan University, for our book: *All Our Brothers and Sisters: Jews Saving Jews During the Holocaust*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Alan Schneider, Director of the Bnai Brith World Center, Jerusalem. After Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz spoke about how the idea for the book was conceived, there was a round table discussion with speakers that included Prof. Gideon Greif, Alan Schneider, Dr. Tzilla Herschco, Prof. Dalia Ofer and Prof. Yitzhak Kerem.

The Finkler Institute held a joint Zoom symposium together with the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary

Jewry at Bar-Ilan University to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, the "General Day of Kaddish". The main speaker was a Spiegel Fellow of the Finkler Institute, Dr. Racheli Berger, who spoke about "Returning to Life, the Study of Artists in Israel and the Memory of the Holocaust 1933-1955".

On December 16<sup>th</sup> the Finkler Institute held an International Zoom event together with the **Second Generation Network** in London, following the publication of another Finkler Institute book: *Researchers Remember: research as an Arena of Memory Among Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, a Collected Volume of Academic Autobiographies*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Shmuel Refael. This was the outcome of a three year project of the "Researchers Remember" Forum of the Finkler Institute that included numerous meetings of three focus groups of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors in Israel and abroad. In her lecture, Prof. Baumel-Schwartz discussed the ways that the Holocaust influenced professional choices of the Second and Third Generations.

The next group of Finkler Institute events were centered around the International Holocaust Memorial Day (January 27<sup>th</sup>). On January 26, 2022, Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz delivered a talk on **Praxis**, a radio program on the Austrian National Radio (01) about religious life in Nazi camps during the Holocaust. That same day she spoke at a Zoom conference held by the Lobby to fight Antisemitism and BDS that was devoted to "The State of Holocaust Memory in Israel and Abroad and of using the Holocaust as a Tool to Delegitimize the State of Israel". Prof. Baumel-Schwartz spoke about "Holocaust Denial Today".

On January 27, 2022, International Holocaust Memorial Day, the Finkler Institute together with Habima – Israel's National Theater, sponsored discussion groups following four plays about the Holocaust, in which Institute Forum members participated. The joint event was planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Researcher of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum.

On February 23, 2022, the Finkler Institute sponsored an international virtual symposium together with Towson University in Maryland, entitled **Evidence Against Intolerance: A Virtual Symposium on Teaching the Holocaust in the Digital Disinformation Era**. Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz gave the keynote address about "Teaching the Holocaust in This Contemporary Climate".

On March 2, 2022, to mark the opening of the second teaching semester of the academic year, the Finkler Institute held a Zoom symposium about the Circassian town of Beslany that saved Jewish children during the Holocaust. After a moving opening by the Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Prof. Shmuel Refael, Mr. Zohair Tchaucha, founder of the Circassian museum at Kafar Kama, spoke about how the inhabitants of Beslany saved Jewish children during the Holocaust.

The Finkler Institute plans a number of events that will take place in April, May, and June of 2022. The first is the annual joint symposium for Yom Hashoah together with the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry and the annual prizegiving in memory of the author Sara Flager-Ziskind and her husband Eliezer Ziskind. The event, which will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will focus on a lecture by Martin Herskovitz, founder of "Creating Memory" and member of the Spiegel Forum, who will speak about "The Silent Memory of the Holocaust: Distinguishing between Holocaust History and Holocaust Memory".

That same day in the morning and the next evening after the official end of "Yom Hashoah", the Finkler Institute will co-sponsor discussion groups following a number of plays that will be put on by Habima – Israel's National Theater. The joint event is being planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Researcher of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum.

On Sunday, May 15, 2022, the Finkler Institute and the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Institute for the Study of Women in Judaism, together with the Library and Information system at Bar-Ilan University, will hold a book launch for the Hebrew book: *Eretz, Moledet [Country, Motherland]: Fifty years of American-Jewish Women's Aliyah to Israel, a Collective Autobiography 1967-2017*, Haifa: The Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism, 2022, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Barbara Getzoff Schoenfeld. Speakers will include Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz who will speak about how the book was created, Dr. Michal Ben Ya'akov, Spiegel fellow and book participant, Rochel Sylvetsky, Aura Hammer, Barbara Getzoff Schoenfeld, Dr. Naomi Ferziger, Aviva Groen and closing remarks by Dr. Mira Katzburg-Yungman, Spiegel Fellow of the Finkler Institute.

In addition, on May 31, 2022, the Finkler Institute will sponsor a joint lecture with Prof. Maxim D. Schrayer of Boston College who will speak at a symposium held by Prof. Roman Katzman of the Joseph and Norman

Berman Department of the Literature of the Jewish People, about "Judgement at Krasnodar and the Trials of Ilya Selvinsky's Poetic Reportage". We also plan a book launch for the Hebrew version of *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory, Descendants of Holocaust Survivors at the Memory Front*, Rishon LeZion: Yediot Books and Sifrei Hemed, 2022. We will end the academic year with a virtual conference on June 8, 2022, about **Daily Life During the Holocaust**.

Throughout the year the Spiegel Forum has held an ongoing event every Wednesday evening where Forum members give Zoom lectures about their research. Dr. Itzik Pass, Spiegel Forum coordinator and coordinator of the Finkler Institute initiated these lectures and is in charge of the weekly mini-symposium.

The Poland Forum had held and is holding an ongoing zoom conference in four parts throughout the autumn of 2021 and the spring of 2022, initiated by Dr. Lea Ganor, the Forum's coordinator.

Meanwhile, even during the pandemic we have added new members to almost all of our forums, bringing their numbers to a combined 600 research and public fellows who are now associated with the Finkler Institute. The Institute's Media Coordinator, Aliza Adelman, is responsible for our website and Youtube channel, which are our gateway to the public and are bursting with new activity.

Much of the Finkler Institute's activities this year were in the field of publications.

1. *Women Defying Hitler: Resistance and Rescue Under the Nazis*, London: Bloomsbury, 2021 (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, Dr. Mordecai Paldiel and Prof. Nathan Stoltzfus)
2. *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory Among Descendants of Holocaust Survivors*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021, (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Shmuel Refael). The book was published with the assistance of the Rector's Interdisciplinary Research Group, the Salti Institute for the Study of Ladino, the Sal Van Gelder Center for the Teaching of the Holocaust, the Dr. Zorah Warhaftig Institute for the Study of Religious Zionism, and the Izaak Akaviyahu Fund in the Joseph and Norman Berman Department of the Literature of the Jewish People.

3. *Goodbye America: Fifty Years of American-Jewish Women's Immigration to Israel, a Collective Autobiography (1967-2017)*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021. (Edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Barbara Getzoff Schoenfeld).
4. *The List: The Making of an Online Transnational Second Generation Community*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2022 (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel Schwartz). The book was published with the assistance of the Koschitzky Fund at the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University.
5. *Eretz, Moledet: Fifty Years of American Jewish Women's Aliyah to Israel, a Collective Autobiography (1967-2017)* [in Hebrew], Haifa: the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism, 2022 (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Barbara Getoff Schoenfeld). The book was published with the generous assistance of the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism.
6. *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory, Descendants of Holocaust Survivors at the Memory Front* [in Hebrew]. (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Shmuel Refael). Generously supported by the Rector's Interdisciplinary Research Group, the Salti Institute for the Study of Ladino, the Sal Van Gelder Center for the Teaching of the Holocaust, the Dr. Zorah Warhaftig Institute for the Study of Religious Zionism, the Koschitzky Fund of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, the Izaak Akaviyahu Fund in the Joseph and Norman Berman Department of the Literature of the Jewish People and Prof. Shulamit Michaeli, Vice President for Research, all at Bar-Ilan University.

In addition, we have several books planned for the next two years. The first is *Psychoanalytic and Cultural Aspects of Trauma and the Holocaust: Between Postmemory and Postmemorial Work*, London: Routledge, forthcoming 2023, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Dr Rony Alfandary. The second is *Holocaust Literature and Representation: Their Lives, Our Words*, London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2023, edited by Prof. Phyllis Lassner and Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz. The third is the *Routledge International Handbook of Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Descendants of Holocaust Survivors*, London: Routledge, forthcoming 2024, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Amit Shrira. We are also at the first stages of putting together a collected volume of essays by members of the "Poland

Forum" that will be edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Dr. Lea Ganor, the forum's coordinator and senior scholar.

### A. The Forums

In addition to the various symposia and conferences that have earned us very positive press coverage throughout the world and has introduced the Institute's existence into public consciousness, we have had tremendous success in expanding our Forums to reach activists, researchers, and Holocaust commemorators throughout the world. Through these forums we are carrying out the Institute's motto: "Remembering, Researching, Commemorating: Creating Communities; Building Bridges Between the Generations". Today we have close to 600 participants in our Forums worldwide, and they include researchers, activists in the Holocaust field, heads of organizations that deal with Holocaust and antisemitism, etc.

**1) Bar-Ilan Holocaust Forum** – A 42 member forum that includes all Bar-Ilan University academic staff members whose work is connected to the Holocaust and its aftermath, the study of Antisemitism, Hatred of Israel, the study of the 2nd and 3rd generation of children of Holocaust survivors, etc. The forum holds two meetings a semester, and also includes an internet discussion platform. The Forum's purpose is to connect the various staff members at the University who deal with the Holocaust and to encourage inter- and intra-faculty joint research initiatives. **Dr. Mor Presiado Coordinates the Forum.**

**2) "Researchers Remember" Forum** – an international forum of offspring of Holocaust survivors who chose a research profession in various fields. These include history, political science, sociology, communications, psychology, languages, literature, Jewish Studies, music, art, education, natural and life sciences, engineering, aeronautics, computer science, mathematics, robotics, law, and medicine. The forum's purpose is to examine the nature of the connection between the researcher's personal background, their decision to choose a research career, and their attitude towards the legacy of the Holocaust. Children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors often grew up with unanswered questions and those they were afraid to ask, or anxieties linked to these questions and the fear of asking them. Did this have any impact upon their choosing a profession that mandated asking questions and seeking answers, looking to illuminate



dark areas of their field through probing and often difficult assignments and queries?

The forum examines this question through three interdisciplinary focus groups that include a total of 30 members. The second framework includes over 220 "Second Generation" and "Third Generation" researchers throughout the world, many of whom play an active role in the forum. **Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz coordinates the forum.**

3) **"Spiegel Fellows" Forum** – the 99 member forum includes "research fellows", "public fellows", "student fellows" and "postdoctoral fellows" who study various aspects of the Holocaust and its aftermath or who are involved in a-political public activities connected with Holocaust education or commemoration. **Dr. Itzik Pass coordinates the forum.**

**The Post-Doctoral Track in the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum** – The Forum includes a separate track for post-Doctoral candidates who are writing about various facets of Holocaust research under the supervision of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz as Institute Director. At present we have nine post-Doctoral candidates in this track. Additional potential post-Doctoral candidates have requested to join this track and if they pass the admissions interview and board, they will be allowed to become members of the forum.

"Spiegel Fellows" and post-doctoral track members do not receive a financial stipend or grant from the Finkler Institute, but are permitted to use the university library and its databases. In addition, they have a "Fellows Room" complete with tables and chairs, a small library, and a refreshments corner at their disposal and are permitted to use the university library services and databases.

4) **"Women Recall the Holocaust" Forum** – an international forum that was created in cooperation with the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism at Bar-Ilan University. The forum is composed of 33 major women researchers worldwide who deal with the topic of Women During the Holocaust. **Dr. Sharon Geva Coordinates the Forum.**

5) **The "London Forum"** – includes 33 members, a geographical forum of researchers, active contributors to Holocaust education and commemoration, and members of the "Second Generation" and "Third

Generation" in Britain who deal with Holocaust research, education and commemoration. **Dr. David Clark is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.**

6) **The "Poland Forum"** – includes 42 members and is both geographical and topical. It includes researchers and educational\commemorative activists both inside and outside of Poland, including members of other Finkler Institute forums, who deal with the history of Polish Jewry right before, during and after the Holocaust. **Dr. Lea Ganor is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.**

7) **The "Swiss Forum"** – includes 11 members: researchers, activists in the field of Holocaust commemoration, communications experts who work on the war against antisemitism and Holocaust commemoration in Switzerland. **Dr. Daniel Gerson is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.**

8) **The "Romania Forum"** - includes 23 members. The Forum was created during late 2019 and is coordinated by Mrs. Sylvia Hershcovitz, an Institute Fellow and doctoral candidate at the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University. Dr. Sarah Rosen, a specialist in the history of Romanian Jewry, is the forum's historical consultant.

9) **The "Jews Saving Jews" Forum** – includes 30 members. The Forum was established during the summer of 2019 with the cooperation of the World "B'nai Brith" Organization in Jerusalem and the "Committee to Honor the Heroism of Jews who Rescued Jews During the Holocaust". The Forum has published a book in cooperation with the World "B'nai Brith" Organization. The Forum continues to function together with its internet group, as a platform to collect information about Jews who saved Jews during the Holocaust and commemorative events in this field worldwide. **Alan M. Schneider, Director of the B'nai B'rith World Center, Jerusalem, coordinates the Forum.**

10) **Holocaust Literature and Representation Forum** – includes 32 members. The Forum was established as an international forum in February 2020 and **Prof. Phyllis Lassner, who has written extensively on the subject, is the Forum's Senior Scholar and coordinator.**

In summary, I would like to thank everyone who supported our activities during this year and enabled us to accomplish so much! First and foremost, our Forum members in Israel and abroad; Dr. Itzik Pass, coordinator of the Finkler Institute and of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum, in addition to being a researcher dealing with the Holocaust and the Zionist right-wing; Mrs. Aliza Adelman, who coordinates our media projects and website and is completing her doctorate in information science.

I also wish to thank everyone at Bar-Ilan University who assisted us at various junctures and especially Bar-Ilan University President, Prof. Arie Zaban and his administrative staff, the University Rector, Prof. Amnon Albeck and his administrative staff, the Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Prof. Shmuel Refael, who has been a marvelous co-editor and research partner for many of our endeavors and has given us incredible support, the Chair of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, Prof. Emmanuel Friedheim, and his administrative staff.

You can read more about each of our forums and projects in this newsletter and we look forward to you following our activities in the future. If you wish to join the Institute's mailing list please write to: [machon.shoah@gmail.com](mailto:machon.shoah@gmail.com). I also invite everyone to visit our website: <https://jewish-faculty.biu.ac.il/InstituteOfHolocaustHomePage> and our youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpzlWJ5j0k9duaZiwJ6Eg4A>.

Wishing us all health, safety, and success during these difficult times,  
Sincerely,



Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, Director, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research; The Abraham and Edita Spiegel Family Professor in Holocaust Research; The Rabbi Pynchas Brenner Professor in Research on the Holocaust of European Jewry

## Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz



**Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz** is the Director of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, the Abraham and Edita Spiegel Family Professor in Holocaust Research, the Rabbi Pynchas Brener Professor in Research on the Holocaust of European Jewry, and Professor of Modern Jewish History in the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry.

Born in New York in 1959, she immigrated to Israel with her parents in 1974 and completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Bar-Ilan University (PhD History 1986). In 1980 she joined the staff of the Institute for the Study of Diaspora Jewry and after its inception in 1981, she worked in the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research until 2002. She directed the Institute for the Study of Religious Zionism (2009-11), the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism (2011-17), and the Helena and Paul Schulmann School for Basic Jewish Studies (2013-18), all at Bar-Ilan University.

She has written and edited numerous books and articles about gender, Holocaust, memory, commemoration, State of Israel, and descendants of Holocaust survivors. She is married to Prof. Joshua Schwartz and together they have a blended family of children and grandchildren.

## **Dr. Itzik Pass, Finkler Institute Coordinator and Coordinator of the Spiegel Fellows Forum**



**Dr. Itzik Pass is the coordinator of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, and coordinator of the "Spiegel Fellows" forum.**

Dr. Pass is also a researcher of the Institute. He completed his doctoral studies in the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University and wrote his dissertation on the "Lehi's Legacy between the Radical Right and the Radical Left: Israel Eldad and Nathan Yalin-Mor", under the supervision of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.

He has published articles on the history of Israeli right-wing activity early in in research journals such as *Iyunim Betkumat Yisrael*. His book *Lehi's Legacy: Yisrael Eldad, Nathan Yalin-Mor and the Battle for Identity, History and Memory* [in Hebrew] was published by the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism at the University of Haifa. He is married to Orya (former Zerbiv) and has five children.

## **Bar-Ilan Holocaust Forum**

In early 2019 the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research initiated the creation of the Bar-Ilan Holocaust Forum, a university forum for Bar-Ilan University staff members who teach or research fields connected to the Holocaust, antisemitism, Nazism, Fascism, the Second World War, DPs, the "Second Generation" and "Third Generation". Staff members come from various disciplines in the Humanities, Jewish Studies and Social Sciences such as History, Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, Literature of the Jewish People, World Literature, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Music, Education, French, Talmud, Communications, Yiddish, Land of Israel Studies and Archeology, Criminology and Social Work.

The Forum was created to act as a "Research Community" under the auspices of the Finkler Institute, enabling researchers in similar fields but different disciplines to meet with each other, learn about each other's activities, and enter into cooperative ventures.

Dr. Mor Presiado coordinates the Forum.

## Bar-Ilan Holocaust Forum Members:

### **Dr. Mor Presiado (Jewish Art) Forum Coordinator**

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## Dr. Mor Presiado



**Dr. Mor Presiado** is a lecturer in the Department of Jewish Art at Bar-Ilan University. Since 2018 Dr. Presiado has also served as deputy chairperson of the *Association of Women's Art and Gender Research in Israel*, which aims to encourage research on women artists in Israel and to establish the discipline of gender studies in the arts. She also serves as Forum Coordinator.

She has a BA and MA from the Department of Art History at Tel Aviv University and a Ph.D. in The Department of Jewish Art at Bar-Ilan. She teaches and researches Holocaust art, modern and post-modern art, feminist art, and trauma art. Dr. Presiado's publications examine women's art during and after the Holocaust, the influence of feminism on Holocaust art and war art.

In December 2018, she launched the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) "Fixing the World: Feminist Art and Jewish Identity", which tells the story of Jewish feminist artists in Israel and the United States and their struggle for equality and justice in and outside of the art world.

Course Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKR-tASVon4>



# Researchers Remember Forum

## Second and Third Generation Researchers and the Legacy of the Holocaust

The groups known as the "Second Generation" and the "Third Generation", children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, have produced a long list of researchers in various scientific fields. These researchers can be divided into two basic groups: those who chose to devote their professional lives to researching topics pertaining in some way to the trauma of the Holocaust, their family background or communal or national history, and those whose fields of research have no direct connection to the Holocaust. There are those about whom one can state that their entire field of research is driven by the trauma that their parents experienced, which they translated into an almost therapeutic force that propelled their research. And there are others who don't see any connection between their professional choices and their personal past, yet the Holocaust often appears to accompany their professional life like a shadow that follows them everywhere.

Many members of the "Second Generation" faced unanswered questions as children, questions that they feared to ask. Others asked, but found it difficult to continue raising queries as a result of their parents' and grandparents' responses. Is there a connection between their background and their choice of a research profession where they are taught to use various analytical tools and encouraged – or at times even forced - to ask questions and discuss difficult issues in depth? That is one of the issues that the "Researchers Remember" Forum discusses, as its members examine the connection between professional choices made by researchers of the "Second Generation" and "Third Generation", and their Holocaust legacy.

The idea behind the Forum is based on a combination of time, place, and interpretation. Most "Second Generation" members were born between the mid 1940's and the end of the 1970s. Most "Third Generation" members were born between the 1980s and beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They were raised in various locations throughout the world, and their parents and grandparents had different Holocaust experiences. However, the ones we focus on in this forum all have an additional common denominator, their choice of a research profession. The forum serves as a

framework to discuss, examine, and probe the connection between these three factors.

Among the questions asked are: How do "Second Generation" and "Third Generation" researchers of the various research groups deal with Holocaust memory? Did their "Second Generation" and "Third Generation" background influence their professional choices and if so, in what way? How does their research, and the research tools that they constantly employ, impact upon the way that they deal with the Holocaust and its influence on their lives and that of their families? These are the initial questions that were asked in forum discussions.

The project consists of three focus group that include 30 members in Israel and abroad, and a larger forum of 220 descendants of Holocaust survivors.

The forum sponsors studies and publication dealing with descendants of Holocaust survivors.

The forum is coordinated by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.

## Focus Group Members - Who We Are:



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**Dr. Ariel Zellman** (Political Science, BIU)

# The "Spiegel Fellows" Forum

In November 2018 the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum was founded at the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar-Ilan University. The forum, named after Holocaust survivors and philanthropist Abraham and Edita Spiegel, created a community of over 90 researchers and activists in fields connected to antisemitism and Holocaust.

The researchers, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows connected with the program are all conducting active research projects about the Holocaust and its aftermath, or those dealing with historical and contemporary Antisemitism. The activists are all involved in public projects to combat Antisemitism and strengthen the memory and commemoration of the Holocaust. The forum is coordinated by Dr. Itzik Pass, coordinator of the Finkler Institute and the post-doctoral candidates work directly under the guidance of the Institute's Director, Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, conducting research into various aspects of the Holocaust and its aftermath.

None of the fellows receive a salary from the Institute. Instead, they are part of a warm and active Institute community where they can access the library databases, have a "Fellows' center" where they can sit and work, and hold monthly meetings where they can present their research and activities. As word of the Spiegel Fellows forum spread through the academic community, additional candidates – researchers, activists, and post-doctoral candidates, have approached the Finkler Institute's Director and asked to join the forum.

The Institute holds a yearlong Spiegel Fellows Virtual Conference that includes weekly lectures on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM. The endeavor is run by Dr. Itzik Pass who is the forum coordinator. Lectures are then posted on the Institute's youtube channel by the Institute media expert, Mrs. Aliza Adelman.

## List of "Spiegel Fellows"

Institute Coordinator and "Spiegel Fellows" Coordinator: Dr. Itzik Pass

### Research Fellows:

Dr. Lior Alperovitch  
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 Dr. Racheli Berger  
 Dr. Mooli Brog  
 Dr. Batya Brutin  
 Dr. Hava Eshkoli  
 Dr. Miriam Farber  
 Dr. Atarah Fisher  
 Dr. Ronit Fisher  
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 Dr. Tsilla Hersheo  
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 Prof. Yael Katzir  
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 Dr. Nir Mann  
 Prof. Yehuda Moraly  
 Dr. Amos Nevo  
 Dr. Gila Oren  
 Dr. Francoise (Simcha) Ouzan  
 Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar  
 Itamar Levin  
 Dr. Yechezkel Lichtenshtein  
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 Dr. Joel Rappel  
 Dr. Daniel Reiser  
 Dr. Pnina Rosenberg  
 Udi Rothschild  
 Adi Rubinstein  
 Dr. Ada Schein  
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 Orit Argaman Fadida  
 Ruti Glick  
 Nurit Grossman  
 Sylvia Hershcovitz  
 Nir Itzik  
 Dani Lerner  
 Aaron Leshem  
 Emmanuelle Moscovitz  
 Tilly Moshe  
 Rami Neudorfer  
 Eliot Nidam-Orvieto  
 Elisha Peles  
 Shai Saban  
 Naama Seri-Levi  
 Tatiana Takchenko  
 Noam Wreshner  
 Miri Yahalom

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**Rabbi Dr. Chanan Yitzchaki**  
**Dr. Mira Yungman**  
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**Tilly Moshe**  
**Rami Neudorfer**  
**Eliot Nidam-Orvieto**  
**Elisha Peles**  
**Shai Saban**  
**Naama Seri-Levi**  
**Tatiana Takchenko**  
**Noam Wreshner**  
**Miri Yahalom**

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**Dr. Roni Mikel-Arieli**  
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**Dr. Daniela Ozacky-Stern**  
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**Dr. Rachel-Shelley Levy-Drummer**

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**Varda Meidar**

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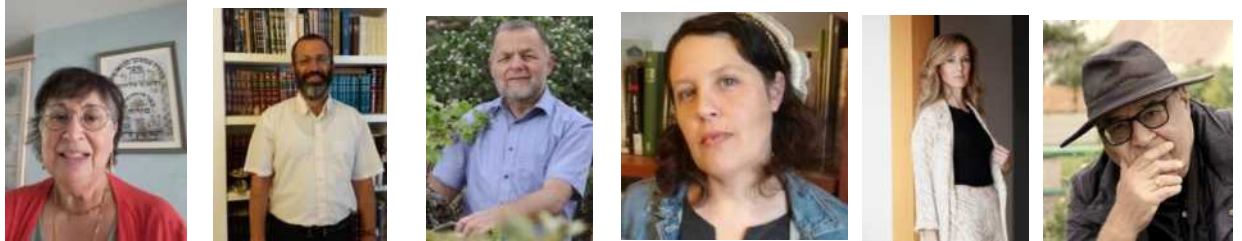
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**Simcha Stein**



## Here We Are!





## **Dr. Itzik Pass, Finkler Institute Coordinator and Coordinator of the Spiegel Fellows Forum**



**Dr. Itzik Pass is the coordinator of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, and coordinator of the "Spiegel Fellows" forum.**

Dr. Pass is also a researcher of the Institute. He completed his doctoral studies in the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University and wrote his dissertation on the "Lehi's Legacy between the Radical Right and the Radical Left: Israel Eldad and Nathan Yalin-Mor", under the supervision of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.

He has published articles on the history of Israeli right-wing activity early in in research journals such as *Iyunim Betkumat Yisrael*. His book *Lehi's Legacy: Yisrael Eldad, Nathan Yalin-Mor and the Battle for Identity, History and Memory* [in Hebrew] was published by the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism at the University of Haifa. He is married to Orya (former Zerbiv) and has five children.



## **"Women Recall the Holocaust" Forum**

There is little doubt that the Holocaust was a watershed event of the twentieth century. Even as it occurred, scholars were already studying its causes and various aspects of its development. During the first post-war decades they focused upon what they felt were its major facets: Nazi policy towards the Jews, Jewish leadership, resistance, rescue attempts, and the Nazi camp universe. By the 1970s, academic Holocaust scholarship had expanded to include social and cultural topics such as daily life under Nazi rule, the plight of refugees, and the fate of children under the Nazis. Almost all were treated as worthy research topics that helped us better understand the dynamics of this catastrophic period.

One topic continued to elicit great debate among scholars and laypersons alike: Gender and Women during the Holocaust. Initially viewed as an outgrowth of "Second Wave" feminist study, for years, many scholars studying this aspect of the Holocaust faced a lack of understanding and acceptance of their topic among their peers. Some were warned that their choice would marginalize them professionally. Others were told that they were playing into the hands of Holocaust revisionists. Not only was the focus of their research delegitimized; their professional standing was often challenged, or they were warned that their research choice would affect their possibilities of career advancement.

And yet, most persevered. As time passed, more and more scholars in various disciplines of the Humanities and the Social Sciences began examining different facets of Jewish women's lives during the Holocaust and its aftermath. The articles and books that they published became the source material for courses on the topic, and the existence of these courses encouraged graduate students to specialize in the topic. Thus, a new scholarly topic emerged, one that often challenged existing beliefs within the discipline of Holocaust studies.

Some of the scholars dealing with the topic advanced in rank. Others became pivotal members of Holocaust research institutes and Holocaust memorial. A third group chose to continue researching and writing on the topic as independent scholars while pursuing a different career. Today, over three and a half decades after the path-breaking conference about "Women Surviving the Holocaust" that took place in New York in 1983, dozens of scholars throughout the world have devoted years of their lives

to write about what some had once called a marginal, insignificant, or even dangerous facet of Holocaust research. Almost all these scholars are women. Each came to the topic in her own way; each faced different sets of challenges on that journey; each then chose to focus on a different aspect of women's lives during the Holocaust; each has her own story.

We believe that these stories deserve a voice and that together they tell a broader story, one that charts not only how a topic was born but how it developed over almost two generations of scholarship. It is the story of academic challenge and courage. It is the story of perseverance. For some, who were mentored by older women scholars who encouraged them on their journey, it is the story of sisterhood. For others, who fought the establishment on their own, it is the story of professional loneliness and personal strength. For all, it is the story of an unconventional, courageous, and promising choice in Holocaust research.

These stories are at the crux of the forum entitled "Women Recall the Holocaust". The forum's first project was to publish of a volume of essays written by forum participants. All participants in the volume have devoted a significant part of their professional lives to writing about aspects of Jewish women's experiences during the Holocaust. We believe that this choice was not random, and in many cases was rooted in the personal history and professional experiences of each scholar which later affected the fruits of her scholarship.

Each participant wrote an autobiographical-academic essay about the journey she underwent while working on the topic and her experiences while conducting her research. Essays will also relate to issues of identity, personal choice, religious, political, or cultural affiliation, and the connection between these issues and the focus of their research. The essays were published by Peter Lang Publishers in a volume entitled ***Her Story, My Story? Writing About Women and the Holocaust*** co-edited by Judy Baumel-Schwartz of Bar-Ilan University and Dalia Ofer of The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in March 2020. The volume is a joint project of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research headed by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, and the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Institute for the Study of Women in Judaism, headed by Prof. Yael Shemesh, both at Bar-Ilan University. It was dedicated to the memory of Holocaust Survivor Fanya Gottesfeld Heller (her daughter, Dr. Jacqueline Heller Kahane, has written the volume's preface).

The forum second project is to develop and maintain an internet discussion group for its members, and for all those who will join the forum in the future. The discussion group will act as a virtual platform to disseminate information to its members worldwide about new research, conferences, publications and events having to do with Women in the Holocaust and during the Second World War.

## Women Recall the Holocaust Forum List of Participants

**Sharon Geva** (Kibbutzim College of Education; Tel Aviv University) – forum coordinator

**Natalia Aleksion** (Touro College)

**Judy Baumel-Schwartz** (Bar-Ilan University)

**Pascale Rachel Bos** (U. of Texas at Austin)

**Batya Brutin** (Bar-Ilan University)

**Dr. Beverley Chalmers** (Independent Researcher)

**Sarah M. Cushman** (Northwestern University)

**Insa Eschebach** (Ravensbrück Memorial Museum)

**Esther Fuchs** (University of Arizona)

**Dorota Glowacka** (University of Kings College)

**Myrna Goldenberg** (Montgomery College - emerita)

**Atina Grossman** (Cooper Union)

**Sonja M. Hedgepeth** (Middle Tennessee State University)

**Esther Hertzog** (Zefat Academic College; Beit Berl – emerita)

**Sara R. Horowitz** (York University)

**Yehudit Kol Inbar** (Retired from Yad Vashem)

**Janet L. Jacobs** (U. of Colorado, Boulder)

**Marion Kaplan** (NYU)

**Bozena Karwowska** (University of British Columbia)

**Phyllis Lassner** (Northwestern University - emerita)

**R. Ruth Linden** (Tree of Life)

**Lilly Maier** (University of Munich)

**Dalia Ofer** (Hebrew University - emerita)

**Lisa Pine** (London South Bank University)

**Melissa Raphael** (University of Gloucestershire; Leo Baeck College, London)

**Joan Ringelheim (of blessed memory)** (retired from USHMM - United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

**Rochelle Saidel** (Remember the Women Institute)

**F. K. Schoeman** (University of South Carolina)

**Naama Shik** (Yad Vashem)

**Louise Vasvari** (NYU)

**Zoe Waxman** (University of Oxford)

**Lenore Weitzman** (George Mason University)

# Here We Are!





## Sharon Geva



**Dr. Sharon Geva** is a lecturer at the History Department at the Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology, and the Arts (Seminar Hakibbutzim), and a teaching fellow at the NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University. Her research interests are: women in the Holocaust, Holocaust and gender, Holocaust commemoration in Israeli society, women survivors of the Holocaust, and the history of Israeli women. Her book, *To the Unknown Sister: Holocaust Heroines in Israeli Society* (Hakibbutz Hameuchad Publishing Group, Israel) was awarded the *2011 Mordechai-Ish Shalom Prize* by the Yad Itzhak Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem. She gives lectures at various women's forums, and her writings often appear in the daily press. She also runs a blog about Jewish women in Israeli history, entitled "[Towards the History Bookshelf](#)". She is the Forum coordinator of the "Women Recalling the Holocaust" Forum.

# "Jews Saving Jews" Forum"

## List of Forum Members – Jews Saving Jews

**Alan M. Schneider**, Director, B'nai B'rith World Center, Jerusalem, Forum Coordinator

**Dr. Marta Ansilewska-Lehnstaedt**, research associate, Gedenkstätte Stille Helden in der Stiftung Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand, Berlin

**Aryeh Barnea**, independent researcher

**Dr. Noah Benninga**, Postdoctoral Fellow, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Alain Blitz**, Kibbutz Hasolelim

**Prof. Steven Bowman**, University of Cincinnati

**Dr. Ben Braber**, University of Glasgow

**Prof. Nathan Bracher**, Texas A&M University

**Dr. Lonke Geerlings**, independent researcher

**Noa Gidron**, independent researcher, member of the "Jews Rescuing Jews" committee of B'nai Brith

**Netta Goldman**, independent researcher

**Prof. Gideon Greif**, "Spiegel Fellow", the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research; Machon Shem Olam

**Prof. Silvia Guetta**, University of Firenze

**Prof. Patrick Henry**, Emeritus, Whitman College

**Dr. Tsilla Hershcovitz**, "Spiegel Fellow", the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research; BESA, Bar-Ilan University

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**Prof. Joel Kotek**, Free University of Brussels, Institute of Political Studies of Paris

**Nancy Lefenfeld**, independent researcher

**Dr. John Löwenhardt**, independent researcher

**Dr. Rafael Medoff**, the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies

**Lilly Meier**, University of Munich

**Prof. Dalia Ofer**, Emeritus, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; "Women Recalling the Holocaust" forum, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research

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**Dr. Avinoam Patt**, University of Connecticut

**Dr. Hans Schippers**, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands

**Dr. Laurence Schram**, Kazerne Dossin Memorial, Museum, and Documentation Center on Holocaust and Human Rights, Mechelen Belgium

**Dorien Styven**, Kazerne Dossin Memorial, Museum, and Documentation Center on Holocaust and Human Rights, Mechelen Belgium

**Prof. Raymond C. Sun**, Washington State University

**Lawrence Tallentire**, Independent researchers

**Prof. Laurie Weintrob**, Wagner College, Staten Island

## Here We Are!



## Alan M. Schneider



**Alan M. Schneider** is Director of the B’nai B’rith World Center in Jerusalem, since 1989. He immigrated to Israel from Brooklyn NY in 1972, served in the IDF and studied law at Bar-Ilan University. A member of the Israel Bar since 1985 and the New York Bar since 1988, he was a law associate at the office of O’Connor and Hannan in Washington and Assistant Director of the New York Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith. He is the 1996 recipient of the B’nai B’rith Bisno Award for Outstanding Professional Excellence.

He initiated innovative projects in Israel and collaborative efforts with B’nai B’rith affiliates around the world, with organizations and academic institutions. These include an award for excellence in Diaspora reportage in the Israeli media, a ceremony commemorating Jews who rescued fellow Jews during the Holocaust, a survey of Israeli attitudes towards Diaspora Jewry and sustained cooperation with humanitarian organizations to expand the scope of Israeli international humanitarian projects. He serves as coordinator of B’nai B’rith’s delegation to the National Institutions and is a founding member of “IsraAID” - The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid - under which he has participated in missions to humanitarian hotspots including Myanmar, Chad, Kenya, Georgia, Haiti, Japan and Sri Lanka.

He publishes articles and reports in B’nai B’rith’s international magazine and web-based publications, and has addressed numerous international B’nai B’rith gatherings on issues pertaining to Israeli foreign and internal policy, Israeli humanitarian activities and Diaspora-Israel relations. Schneider is a founding member of two international Holocaust memorial projects: “Unto Every Person There is a Name” and of “The Committee to Recognize Jews who Rescued Jews During the Holocaust” and initiated the “Jewish Rescuers Citation” and the “Jews Rescuing Jews” Forum at Bar- Ilan University’s Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research.

# Poland Forum

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**Dr. Avital Bloch**, University of Colima, Mexico

**Dr. Batya Brutin**, "Spiegel Fellow", the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University.

**Dr. Tomasz Cebulski**, Historical interpretation company – "POLIN TRAVEL"

**Dr. Krzysztof Czubaszek**, Independent researcher, Warsaw, Poland

**Dr. Glenn Dynner**, Chair of Religion Department, Sarah Lawrence College and Co-Editor of Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies

**Dr. Yaacov Falkov**, Research Fellow at the International Institute for Counterterrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel

**Gil Faran**, "Spiegel Fellow", the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University.

**Maria Ferenc**, Zydowski Instytut Historyczny (Jewish Historical Institute), Warsaw; Ph.D Candidate, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.

**Dr. Edyta Gawron**, Director, Center for the Study on the History of the history and culture of Krakow Jews, Jagiellonian University, Krakow.

**Ruth Weyl Geall**, Independent Researcher

**Lili Haber**, Chairperson, Forum of Polish Immigrants in Israel.



**Dr. Agnieszka Haska**, University of Warsaw, Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.

**Dr. Tamir Hod**, "Spiegel Fellow", the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University; Tel-Hai Academic College.

**Dr. Kamila Klauzinska**, Independent Researcher.

**Eliyahu Klein**, Doctoral student, Tel Aviv University

**Dr. Grzegorz Krzywiec**, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.

**Dr. Persak Krzysztof**, Muzeum Historii Żydów Polskich POLIN, Warsaw.

**Kamil Kopera**, Doctoral student University of Rzeszów, the Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II in Markowa.

**Bezalel Lavi**, Independent Researcher

**Prof. Stephan Lehnstaedt**, Touro College Berlin.

**Anita Lewczuk vel Leoniuk**, Museum – Synagogues in Włodawa

**Karol Madaj**, Pilecki Institute and Museum Dom - Rodziny Pileckich in Ostrów Mazowiecka.

**Dr. Hab. Eng. Witold Wojciech Medykowski**, Yad Vashem Archives, Jerusalem

**Dr. Joanna Beate Michlic**, Senior Honorary Research Fellow, University College, London.

**Dr. Michal Niezabitowski**, Historical Museum of the City of Krakow.

**Hanna Oren**, Mashmout Center, Kiriya Motzkin.

**Rivka Schiller**, Doctoral student and Yiddish Translator, New York, NY

**Dr. Karolina Panz**, Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.

**Dr. Katarzyna Person**, Żydowski Instytut Historyczny (Jewish Historical Institute), Warsaw.

**Inbal Raz**, "Mashmout" Center Kiryat Motzkin

**Dr. Weronika Romanik**, Goettingen Institute of Advanced Study.

**Dr. Adam Sitarek**, Director, Center for Jewish Research, University of Lodz.

**Prof. Eli Tzur**, Director, Institute for the History of Jewish Youth Movements, Givat Haviva.

**Dr. Ewa Wiatr**, Center for Jewish Research, University of Lodz.

**Dr. Pawel Wieczorek**, Warsaw Ghetto Museum, Warsaw.

**Hannah Wilson**, Doctoral student, Nottingham Trent University

**Dr. Iwona Zawidzka**, Bochnia Museum, Bochnia

**Prof. Sławomir Jacek urek** Director, Centre for Polish-Jewish Literature Studies; International Centre for Research of the History and Cultural Heritage of the Central and Eastern European Jews, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

## Here We Are!





## 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 Mashmaut (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 studies gender issues in the life of the Jewish of Wroclaw 1945-1957 and is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.

## London Forum

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**Ben Barkow** (Former Director, The Wiener Library, London)

**Tania Barnett**, (Second Generation Network)

**John Bentall**, ACJR (Association of Children of Jewish Refugees)

**David Bier**

**Dr. Rebecca Ann Cifford**, (Swansea University)

**Lucy Ettinger**, ACJR (Association of Children of Jewish Refugees)

**Ruth Weyl Geall**, Independent researcher

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**Dr. Jackie Kohnstamm**

**Prof. Tom Lawson**, Northumbria University, Newcastle

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# Here We Are!



## Dr. David Clark



**Dr. David Clark** is an active member of Second Generation Network, UK, Both his parents were child refugees from Berlin. He led a nomadic existence until the age of 27, going to schools in Rome, Vienna and London and studying Anthropology in Montreal, Nairobi, Brandeis and London.

He carried out research on housing and employment of ethnic minorities in Britain, taught Sociology of Work, Leisure and Tourism at undergraduate and MA level at London universities, and completed a PhD on Jewish museums in Italy.

He has been on the editorial boards of *Jewish Renaissance*, a London-based arts and cultural magazine, *Second Generation Voices* and currently of *Exiled Ink*, a magazine devoted to works by exiled and refugee writers based in the UK. His poems have been published in *Contemporary writers of Poland*, *Flying Between Words* (2015), *Second Generation Voices*, *Exiled Ink* and in *Voices Israel Poetry Anthology* (2019). He has also edited a book on the emotional impact of visits to places and sites connected with family history. He is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.

# Swiss Forum

## List of Members

**Dr. Daniel Gerson** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Bern and Second Generation Member), Forum Senior Scholar and Coordinator

**Prof. Jacques Eherenfreund** (Dean. Faculty of Theology, University of Lausanne)

**Prof. Muriel Katz** (Psychology, University of Lausanne)

**Prof. Hans-Lukas Kieser** (University of Zurich; University of Newcastle, Australia)

**Dr. Bianca Matzek** (Publishing director, Peter Lang Publishers, Bern)

**Fabienne Mayer** (Lucern, Bern, Researcher of Swiss Holocaust Memorials)

**Prof. Jacques Picard** (Prof. Emeritus University of Basel)

**Prof. Christina Spaeti** (University of Fribourg)

**Dr. Walter Stoffel** (University of Fribourg)

**Urs Urech** (Education Foundation for Tolerance)

**Anita Winter** (Director, Gamaraal Foundation, Zurich, and Second Generation member)



## Here We Are!



## Dr. Daniel Gerson



**Dr. Daniel Gerson** was born in Zurich in 1963. In 1989 he received his Lizentiat / Master in History at Basel University. In 2004 he received his PhD. at the Center for Research on Antisemitism (Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Benz), Technical University Berlin. Between 2007-2011 he was a Scientific Assistant at the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Basel. Since 2011 he has been a scientific assistant and lecturer in Modern Jewish History at the Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Bern. His main fields of interest: European-Jewish History after the Holocaust; Swiss-Jewish History; French-Jewish History; Modern Antisemitism.

**Dr. Gerson** is the Forum's Senior Scholar and Coordinator.

# Romania Forum

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**Dr. Anna Maria Barbulescu**, The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania-Elie Wiesel, Bucharest; University of Bucharest.

**Paula Greta Barak**, Independent Researcher

**Dr. Liviu Carare** United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Library and Research orientation.

**Adrian Cioflanca**, The Center for the Study of Jewish History in Romania, Director; a member of the Collegium of the National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives; Researcher with the „A. D. Xenopol” Institute of History (belonging to the Romanian Academy) PhD Candidate.

**Ionela Dascultu**, Doctoral Candidate, works at the USHMM

**Dr. Diana Dumitru**, Associate Professor of History at Ion Creangă State University of Moldova.

**Dr. Ronit Fisher**, University of Haifa

**Emanuel-Marius Grec**, University of Heidelberg, Germany, Ph.D candidate.

**Dr. Radu Ioanid**, Romanian Ambassador to Israel

**Dr. Sonia Katrina** "Holocaust Memoryscapes", Research Director, The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania-Elie Wiesel, Bucharest

**Dr. Natalya Lazar**, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

**Dr. Dana Mihailescu** Associate Professor of English/American Studies at the University of Bucharest.

**Eugenia Mihalcea** University of Haifa, Israel, PhD candidate

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**Kamila Palubika**, NGO Kultureben Germany Ph.D. candidate

**Dr. Veronica Rozenberg**, Independent Researcher

**Astrid Rottman**, Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, Romania, PhD candidate

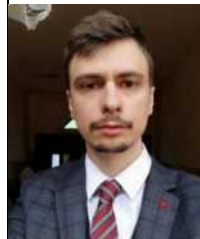
**Olga Stefan**, Independent Researcher

**Dr. Felicia Waldman**, Center for Hebrew Studies, Department of Letters, University of Bucharest, Center Coordinator.

**Dr. Avi Weber**, Lawyer

**Pninah Zilberman**, Fundatia Tarbut Sighet- Cultura si Educatie Iudaica” – Tarbut Foundation- Culture and Iudaica Education” FTS; a member of AEJP- European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture & Heritage.

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## Sylvia Hershcovitz



**Sylvia Hershcovitz** has submitted her PhD dissertation to the Israel and Golda Koschitsky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University, which was written under the supervision of Prof. Moshe Rosman. She is also the coordinator of the Institute's "Romania Forum".

Her research is about the missing link: The Jewish Women and their Organizations in Romania during the First Part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. She concentrates on the daily life of these women, their identity, activities and their unique contribution to the women and children's lives during this period of time in Romania. In addition, the research illuminates the role of Jewish women role as part of the Zionist movement and their participation in the Nation building process.

The dissertation also includes the challenges the women met while trying to carry on their activities during the Holocaust in Romania and the part they took in rescuing thousands of children and orphans including the Transnistria orphans.

## Dr. Sara Rosen



**Dr. Sara Rosen** is a historian dealing with the Holocaust in Romania. She wrote her MA at the Institute of Contemporary Judaism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on "The Survival of the Jews in the Shragorod Ghetto in Transnistria", under the direction of Prof. Dalia Ofer. Her PhD dissertation was written under the direction of Prof. Ofer on the topic of "Public and Individual, Organization and Family, The Lives of the Jews in the North Transnistrian Ghettos (Mogilev, Schrogorod, Djurin, Murfa and Bershad) 1944-1941.

During her research, she attended numerous conferences in Israel and abroad in her research, and published articles on the fate of Transnistrian Jews in the Holocaust. Along with Prof. Dalia Ofer, she was the scientific editor of the Diary of Limpens Konstad Ghetto in Transnistria, which should be published in early 2020. Dr. Rosen also served as a historian in Boris's film imploring "Beyond Nistro" about Transnistrian Jews.

Dr. Rosen was a part of the Yad Vashem's team that researched and published the open ghettos report in the Regat, Romania.

Dr. Rosen investigates the history of Appeldorn - Ilania: the children's village in the Netherlands for rescuing children from Romania and bringing them to Israel, as well as the Holocaust events in Romania (in the Regat) 1941-1944.

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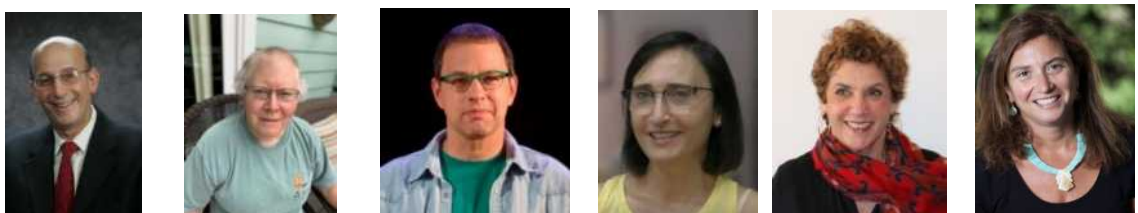
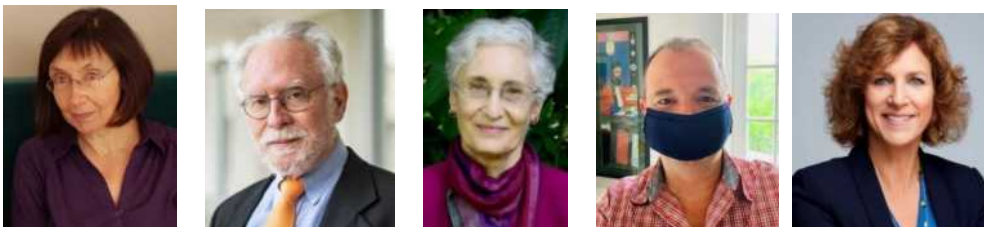
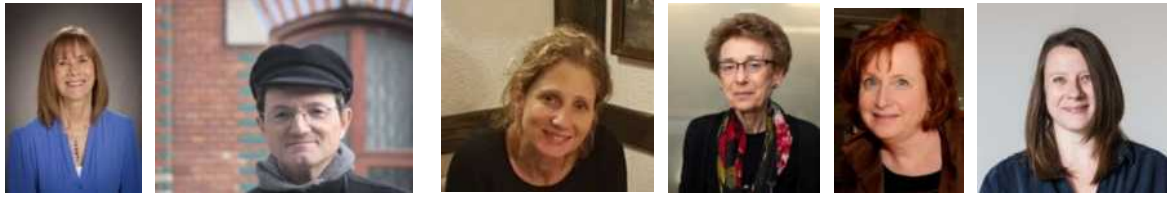
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## Prof. Phyllis Lassner



**Phyllis Lassner** is Professor Emerita at Northwestern University. Her publications include studies of Holocaust literature, film and art, and of women writers of the 1930s to the present. In addition to many articles, her books include *British Women Writers of World War II*, *Colonial Strangers: Women Writing the End of the British Empire*, and *Anglo-Jewish Women Writing the Holocaust*. Her most recent book is *Espionage and Exile: Fascism and Anti-Fascism in British Spy Fiction and Film*. She co-edited the volumes *Antisemitism and Philosemitism in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries* and *The Palgrave Handbook of Holocaust Literature and Culture*. She also co-edited the new edition of Gisella Perl's memoir, *I Was a Doctor in Auschwitz*. Her current publications include essays on Polish post-Holocaust film and intermarriage in the Third Reich. She was awarded the International Diamond Jubilee Fellowship at Southampton University, UK and serves on the Education and Exhibition Committees of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

## Symposia and Conferences 2021-2022

- 1) International Book Launch held by Florida State University and the Finkler Institute (virtual event): *Women Defying Hitler: Resistance and Rescue Under the Nazis*, London: Bloomsbury, 2021 (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, Dr. Mordecai Paldiel and Prof. Nathan Stoltzfus), held on October 25, 2021.
- 2) Virtual Book Launch for *All Our Brothers and Sisters: Jews Saving Jews During the Holocaust*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021 (edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Alan Schneider), held by the Library and Information Science Systems, Bar Ilan University to commemorate the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, November 9, 2021.
- 3) Joint Zoom symposium of the Finkler Institute and the Golda and Israel Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, the "General Day of Kaddish", Dec. 15, 2021.
- 4) International Joint symposium of the Finkler Institute and the Second Generation Network, London, with Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz as keynote speaker, following the publication of *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory Among Descendants of Holocaust Survivors: A Collected Volume of Academic Autobiographies*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2021, Dec. 16, 2021.
- 5) Virtual Lecture by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz on **Praxis**, A program on the Austrian National Radio (ö1) about Religious Life in Nazi Camps, Jan. 26, 2022, to commemorate International Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 6) Prof. Judy Tydor Baumel-Schwartz spoke about "Holocaust Denial Today" at the Second Conference of the Lobby Against Antisemitism and the BDS Movement about "The State of Holocaust Memory in Israel and Abroad and Using the Holocaust as a tool to Delegitimize the State of Israel".
- 7) On January 27, 2022, International Holocaust Memorial Day, the Finkler Institute together with Habima – Israel's National Theater, sponsored discussion groups following four plays about the Holocaust, in which Institute Forum members participated. The joint event was planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Researcher of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum.
- 8) On February 23, 2022, the Finkler Institute sponsored an international virtual symposium with Towson University in Maryland, entitled **Evidence Against Intolerance: A Virtual Symosium on Teaching the Holocaust in the Digital Disinformation Era**. Prof. Judy Baumel-



Schwartz delivered the keynote address about "Teaching the Holocaust in this Contemporary Climate".

- 9) On March 2, 2022, the Finkler Institute sponsored a Zoom symposium about the Circassian town of Beslany that saved Jewish children during the Holocaust. Speakers included Prof. Shmuel Refael, Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies and Mr. Zohair Tchaucha, founder of the Circassian museum at Kafar Kama.
- 10) On April 27, 2022, the Finkler Institute will hold a joint annual event for Yom Hashoah together with the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry and the annual prizegiving in memory of the author Sara Flager-Ziskind and her husband Eliezer Ziskind. Martin Herscovitz, founder of "Creating Memory" and member of the Spiegel Forum, will speak about "The Silent Memory of the Holocaust: Distinguishing Between Holocaust History and Holocaust Memory".
- 11) On April 27, 2022, in the morning and on April 28, 2022, in the evening, before and after the official opening and closing of Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah), the Finkler Institute will co-sponsor discussion groups following a number of plays that will be put on by Habima – Israel's National Theater. The joint event is being planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Research of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum.
- 12) On May 15, 2022, the Finkler Institute and the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Institute for the Study of Women in Judaism, together with the Library and Information system at Bar-Ilan University, will hold a book launch for the Hebrew book: *Eretz, Moledet [Country, Motherland]: Fifty year of American-Jewish Women's Aliyah to Israel, A Collective Autobiography 1967-2017* [in Hebrew], Haifa: The Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism, 2022, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Barbara Getzoff Schoenfeld.
- 13) On May 31, 2022, the Finkler Institute will sponsor a joint lecture with Prof. Maxim D. Schroyer of Boston College who will speak at a symposium held by Prof. Roman Katzman of the Joseph and Norman Berman Department of the Literature of the Jewish People, about "Judgement at Krasnodar and the Trials of Ilya Selvinsky's Poetic Reportage".
- 14) On May 1 2022 we will hold a book launch for the Hebrew version of *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory, Descendants of Holocaust Survivors at the Memory Front*, Rishon LeZion: Yediot Books and SifreiHemed, 2022.
- 15) We will end the academic year with a virtual conference on June 8, 2022, about **Daily Life During the Holocaust**.
- 16) During the entire academic year, the Spiegel Fellows held an ongoing symposium with Zoom lectures on Wednesday evening by members of

the Forum. The ongoing symposium was initiated by Dr. Itzik Pass, Spiegel Fellows Forum Coordinator and Coordinator of the Finkler Institute.

- 17) During the autumn of 2021 and the spring of 2022, the Poland Forum held four mini-conferences where forum members spoke about their research. The mini-conferences were initiated by Dr. Lea Ganor, Poland Forum coordinator.