

# 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,***

After almost three years of upheaval the world, or at least our world, that of the Finkler Institute, is slowly returning to a more normal direction. While continuing to maintain constant programs on our Zoom platform, allowing us the opportunity of including scholars from all over the world and reach a large audience, we have also begun to hold face-to-face events on the Bar-Ilan campus. Our Zoom and in-person events include symposia, films, conferences, book launches, and Forum talks.

This year we expanded our Forums and now, in addition to our ten existing ones, we also have a "Hungary Forum" that will be detailed in the "Forums" section of this newsletter. In addition, we are privileged to have Dr. Yoel Rappel as both our Senior Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities.

Even before the official beginning of the academic 2022-2023 year, on September 6, 2022, we held our first Zoom event of the year together with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, where we launched our book *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory for Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, A Collected Volume of Academic Autobiographies*, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz together with Prof. Shmuel Refael. In addition to the editors, participants included Prof. Dan Carter, Dr. Eva Fogelman, Prof. Dorota Glowacka, Prof. Zehavit Gross, Prof. Jackie Heller, Prof. Samuel Juni, Prof. Abraham Peck, and Prof. Liat Steir Livny.

Then came our official opening Zoom event of the academic year on October 31, 2022, "Remnants Tell the Story". After greetings by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz, Director of the Finkler Institute, Dr. Tamir Hod interviewed Yoram Haimi, a doctoral candidate at Tel Aviv university who spoke about the excavations at the Sobibor extermination camp, the artifacts that were uncovered, and how our knowledge of the camp's physical structure, scope, and functioning changed as a result of the excavations. Gil Faran and Dr. Itzik Pass also spoke at the event.

The next event, taking place on November 9, 2022, commemorated the 84<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Kristallnacht* – a Zoom book launch together with the Library and Information System at Bar-Ilan University, for our book: *The List: The Making of an Online Transnational Second Generation Community*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2022, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz. After greetings by Prof. Shmuel Refael, Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz spoke about how the idea for the book was conceived, Prof. Motti Neiger spoke about Second Generation and the internet, and book participants Dr. Ruth Samuel Tenenholtz, Dr. Eva Fogelman, and Marty Herskovitz spoke about their Second Generation experiences and what *The List* meant to them.

The Finkler Institute assisted in the support of an in-person conference entitled: "Reflective Culture of Holocaust Remembrance: Education, Global Perspectives and Challenges" held under the joint auspices of Yad Vashem, Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Education, the Sal Van Gelder Institute for Holocaust Instruction and Research, UNESCO, The World Zionist Organization, The Israel Academy of Sciences, The Dahan Institute, and the Finkler Institute. The conference was held in Jerusalem and Ramat Gan on October 14 – 16, 2022.

The Finkler Institute held a joint in-person 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. Rachel Levy-Drummer, who spoke about "The Reawakening of the Memory of the Bitoula-Monastir Community in Macedonia".

On January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 the Finkler Institute held an in-person event in which Dr. Avraham Huli's film "Jews Rescuing Jews During the Holocaust" was shown, after which there was a discussion panel. Speakers included Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz's opening remarks, the history behind the film by Dr. Avraham Huli, and a round table discussion led by Prof. Gideon Greif that included the director, Shoshi Ben-Hamu, remarks by Alan Schneider, Director of the World Center Bnai Brith, Jerusalem, and by Aryeh Barnea, Director of *Amcha*.

The next group of Finkler Institute events were centered around the International Holocaust Memorial Day (January 27<sup>th</sup>). On January 24, 26, 27, and 28, 2023, the Finkler Institute together with Habima – Israel's National Theater, sponsored in-person discussion groups following four plays about the Holocaust, in which Institute Forum members participated. These included Prof. Gideon Greif, Dr. Rachel Levy-Drummer, Prof. Zehavit Gross, Itamar Levin, Rado Ionid, Dr. Mali Eisenberg, Dr. Lea Ganor, Dr. Arie Yagoda, Iris Lifschitz-Klieger, Dr. Nili Keren and Prof. Shmuel Refael. The joint event was planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities.

The Finkler Institute plans a number of events that will take place in April, May, and June of 2023. The first is the in-person 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will focus on a lecture by Gititi Hozeh, a member of the Spiegel Forum, who will speak about "The Holocaust Writings of Yitzhak Meir".

On May 7, 2023 the Finkler Institute will host a Zoom book launch for *Psychoanalytic and Cultural Aspects of Trauma and the Holocaust: Between Postmemory and Postmemorial Work*, London: Routledge, 2023, edited by Dr. Rony Alfandary and Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz. In addition to the book's editors, speakers will include Prof. Shmuel Refael, Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Dr. Eva Fogelman, Dr. Naomi Shmuel, Dr. Na'ama Reshef, and Michelle Lissez Topaz.

We will end the academic year with an in-person conference on June 7, 2023, about **New Research About the Holocaust**.

In addition, throughout the year the Finkler Institute is in the process of hosting or co-hosting five series of ongoing lectures connected to various forums or cooperative ventures with other bodies or institutions.

- 1) Six lectures are being held in conjunction with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, based on the new core exhibition for which Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz served as historian\curator on the curatorial team.

- 2) Five lectures are being held in conjunction with the "Poland Forum", coordinated by Dr. Lea Ganor.
- 3) Bi-weekly lectures are being held within the framework of the "Spiegel Forum", coordinated by Dr. Itzik Pass
- 4) Three lectures are being held within the framework of the new "Hungary Forum", coordinated by a board consisting of Dr. Ayala Nedivi, Dr. Jehuda Hartman and Biniamin Avrahami
- 5) Four lectures on women in the Holocaust are being held together with the Gender Studies program and the Fanya Gottesfeld-Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism at Bar-Ilan University.

Dr. Yoel Rappel, our Senior Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities at the Finkler Institute, has organized several courses both inside and outside of Bar-Ilan University, in which members of the Spiegel Fellows lecture on their fields of specialization. The courses include a course on Holocaust-related topics at the ***Beit Ha'edut Holocaust Comemorative Center*** in Moshav Nir Galim, and a Holocaust course offered by ***Machon Avshalom***.

We also continue to add new members to many of our forums, bringing their numbers to over 630 research and public fellows who are now associated with the Finkler Institute. The Institute's Media Coordinator, Aliza Adelman, is responsible for our website, facebook page, 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. Phyllis Lassner and Judith Tydor Baumel-Schwartz (eds.), *Their Lives, Our Words: Holocaust Literature and Representation*, London: Bloomsbury, 2023.
2. Rony Alfandary and Judith Tydor Baumel-Schwartz (eds.), *Psychoanalytic and Cultural Aspects of Trauma and the Holocaust: Between Postmemory and Postmemorial Work*, London: Routledge, 2023.

In addition, we have several books planned for the next two years. The first 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. The second is *Holocaust History, Holocaust Memory: Jewish Poland and Polish Jews, During and After the Holocaust*, London: Routledge, forthcoming 2024, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Dr. Lea Ganor. The third is *Heroines of the Holocaust: New Frameworks of Resistance*, London: Routledge, forthcoming 2025 edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Lori Weintrob.

## 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 some 630 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 108 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 24 members. The Forum was created during late 2019 and **is coordinated by Dr. 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 31 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.**

11) **The "Hungary Forum"** – was established in 2022 and is coordinated by a committee consisting of Biniamin Avrahami, Dr. Jehuda Hartman and Dr. Ayala Nedivi. The forum includes 21 scholars and activists in the field of commemoration and study of Hungarian Jewry before, during, and after the Holocaust. This is an extremely active forum with scholars and public activists and commemorators for whom this topic is an important part of their lives. Just recently I participated in an educational activity in "Beit Haedut" in Nir Galim that was founded by Hungarian survivors where the facilitator was a fellow in the Hungary Forum, Zehava Kor, that allowed me to experience firsthand some of its members vibrance and dedication to commemorating the Holocaust in Hungary and in general and keeping it alive among the younger generation.

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; Dr. Yoel Rappel, Senior Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities; 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 a safe and successful spring and summer,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Judy Baumel-Schwartz', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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 Brener Professor in Research on the Holocaust of European Jewry

## Prof. Judy Tydor Baumel-Schwartz



**Prof. Judy Tydor 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.

## **Dr. Yoel Rappel, Senior Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities**



**Dr. Yoel Rappel** is a Senior Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities. He holds a BA from Bar-Ilan University, an MA from the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY and a Ph.D. from Boston University. For many years he anchored and edited radio programs for the Israeli Broadcast Authority. He also lectures at Beit Berl College, at the Avshalom Institute and at the Center for Geographic Studies. He established and managed for seven years the late Noble Peace Prize laureate, Elie Wiesel's archive at Boston University.

For eight years he was the editor of the Masua yearbook. Rappel is the editor of the Hebrew edition of Wiesel's writings, including among fifteen others, five books on the holocaust. He edited 'Moreshet Derech' the professional Israeli tour guides magazine.

Dr. Rappel has written and edited many books dealing with Jewish heritage, the history of the Land of Israel, and Judaic Studies mainly on the Jewish Prayer Book (Siddur) as well as writing and publishing numerous articles on the same topics in journals and various newspapers and magazines. His current research, collaborating with Dr. Tzuriel Rashy from the School of Communication, deals with the journalistic writing of Professor Wiesel about the Holocaust in four languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, French and English. In these languages Wiesel published more than two hundred articles. Dr. Rappel is a senior research fellow at the German Center for Elie Wiesel Writings, a collaboration of Postdam and Tubingen universities.

## **Aliza Adelman, Finkler Institute Media Coordinator**



**Aliza Adelman** is the Media Coordinator for the Finkler Institute, responsible for its website, Facebook page, and youtube channel. She is also the Chief Archivist of the Religious Zionist Archives at Bar-Ilan University. Mrs. Adelman has an MA in Jewish History and another MA in Information Science at Bar-Ilan University where she is presently completing her Ph.D.

Mrs. Adelman is also Media Coordinator for the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University.

She is married to Dr. Aaron Adelman.

## 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**

Ms. Malka Adler (Educational Guidance)  
 Prof. Sylvia Adler (French)  
 Prof. Theirry Alcoloumbre (Comparative Literature)  
 Dr. Efrat Aviv (General History)  
 Dr. Doron Avraham (General History)  
 Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz (Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry)  
 Dr. Michal Ben-Horin (Comparative Literature)  
 Dr. Yosef Charvit (Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry)  
 Prof. Nati Cohen (Literature of the Jewish People)  
 Prof. Rachel Dekel (Social Work)  
 Dr. Shira Diamond (Jewish Art)  
 Dr. Mali Eisenberg (Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry)  
 Prof. Adam Ferziger (Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry)  
 Dr. Yaniv Goldberg (Yiddish)  
 Dr. Keren Goldfrad (EFL)  
 Prof. Zehavit Gross (School of Education)  
 Dr. Susy Gruss (Salti Center for the Study of Ladino)  
 Dr. Roy Horovitz (Comparative Literature)  
 Prof. Yossi Katz (Geography emeritus)  
 Dr. Rachel Kollender (Music)  
 Dr. Dov-Ber (Berl) Kotlerman (Yiddish)  
 Dr. Einav Karniel Lauer (Social Work)  
 Dr. Yechezkel Lichtenstein (School of Basic Jewish Studies)  
 Dr. Zohar Maor (History)  
 Prof. Orly C. Meron (Interdisciplinary Department of Social Sciences)  
 Prof. Motti Neiger (Communications)  
 Prof. Hilda Nissimi (General History)  
 Prof. Chaim Noy (Communications)  
 Dr. Avi Picard (Land of Israel Studies and Archeology)  
 Prof. Shmuel Refael-Vivante (Jewish Literature)  
 Dr. Miriam Reiner (Jewish Art)  
 Dr. David Schwartz (Political Science)  
 Dr. Ran Shauli (Asian Studies, Humanities)  
 Prof. Amit Shrira (Interdisciplinary Department of Social Sciences)  
 Prof. Claude B. Stuczynski (General History)  
 Prof. Ilan Tamir (Communications)  
 Dr. Pirchi Waxman (School of Education)  
 Prof. Jeffrey Wolff (Talmud)  
 Prof. Gal Yadid (Life Sciences)  
 Dr. Ada Yurman (Criminology)  
 Dr. Daphna Markman Zinemanas (Jewish Art)

## 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.

## **Contributors to *Researchers Remember***

**Prof. Judy Tydor Baumel-Schwartz** (Director, Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, BIU)

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**Prof. Dov Dori** (Industrial Engineering and Management, Technion)

**Prof. Yehudit Dori** (Faculty of Education in Science and Technology, Technion)

**Dov Eichenwald** (CEO Yediot Publishing House)

**Prof. Emmanuel Friedheim** (Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University)

**Prof. Dorota Glowacka** (Humanities, Contemporary Studies, Kings College)

**Prof. Zehavit Gross** (Director, Sal Van Gelder Institute for Holocaust Education, BIU)

**Anita Grosz** (Juris Doctor; doctoral candidate, Aberystwyth University)

**Dr. Jacqueline Heller** (Psychiatrist)

**Prof. Susan Jacobowitz** (English, Queensboro College)

**Prof. Sam Juni** (Psychology, NYU)

**Ela (Elzbieta) Karpowicz** (Canadian Govt. Microbiologist)

**Rina Krautwirth** (Information Science, Stern College)

**Naomi Levy** (Former Solicitor, couples therapist, independent researcher)

**Prof. Hilda Nissimi** (History Department, BIU)

**Dr. Daniela Ozacky-Stern** (Director Moreshet Archives, Postdoc Fellow, Finkler Institute, BIU)

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**Dr. Katalin Pesci-Pollner** (Genealogy; Independent researcher)

**Prof. Shmuel Refael-Vivante** (Director, Salti Institute for Ladino Studies, BIU)

**Prof. Abraham Reznick** (Technion, Medical School)

**Dr. Ruth Samuel Tenenholtz** (Research Fellow, Finkler Institute, BIU)

**Prof. Dov Schwartz** (Director Institute of Zionist Research, BIU)

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**Prof. Haim Taitelbaum** (Pro-rector, BIU, Physics, Council of Higher Education)

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**Anita Winter** (Director, Gamaraal Foundation)

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# 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 bi-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 (of blessed memory)  
 Dr. Batya Brutin  
 Meir Bulka  
 Batya Dvir  
 Dr. Hava Eshkoli  
 Dr. Miriam Farber  
 Dr. Atarah Fisher  
 Dr. Ronit Fisher  
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 Dr. Lea Ganor  
 Dr. Yossi J. Goldstein  
 Prof. Gideon Greif  
 Dr. Jehuda Hartman  
 Dr. Tsilla Hersheo  
 Dr. Sylvia Hershcovitz  
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 Dr. Nadav Kaplan  
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 Prof. Yitzchak Kerem  
 Dr. Nili Keren  
 Gadi Kfir  
 Dr. Ben-Tsiyon Klibansky  
 Dr. Rachel Kolender  
 Prof. Ruth Landau  
 Prof. Yehiel Limor  
 Dr. Nir Mann  
 Prof. Yehuda Moraly  
 Meir Nachshon  
 Dr. Amos Nevo  
 Dr. Gila Oren  
 Dr. Francoise (Simcha) Ouzan  
 Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar  
 Itamar Levin  
 Dr. Yechezkel Lichtenshtein  
 Dr. Leah Praiss  
 Dr. Joel Rappel  
 Prof. Daniel Reiser  
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 Adi Rubinstein  
 Dr. Ada Schein  
 Alexander Schneidmesser  
 Dr. Chaim Shalem  
 Arie Shoham  
 Prof. Arie Sover  
 Dr. Lillian Steiner  
 Dr. Liat Steir Livny  
 Dr. Ruth Samuel Tenenholtz  
 Dr. Michal Unger  
 Prof. Limore Yagil  
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 Nurit Grossman  
 Gitit Hoze  
 Nir Itzik  
 Dani Lerner  
 Aaron Leshem  
 Emmanuelle Moscovitz  
 Tilly Moshe  
 Rami Neudorfer  
 Eliot Nidam-Orvieto  
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**Dr. Roni Mikel-Arieli**  
**Dr. Tirza Markovitz**  
**Dr. Ayala Nedivi**  
**Dr. Daniela Ozacky-Stern**  
**Dr. Sarah Rosen**  
**Dr. Moshe Tarshansky**

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**Biniamin Avrahami**  
**Ruth Cohen-Dar**  
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**Chaim Fischgrund**  
**Lili Haber**  
**Martin HersHKovitz**  
**Iris Lifschitz Klieger**  
**Billie Laniado**  
**Tova Leshem**  
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**Boris Maftsir**  
**Varda Meidar**  
**Debbie Morag**  
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**Yael Peri-Dvir**  
**Simcha Stein**

## **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

**Dr. Sharon Geva** (Kibbutzim College of Education; Tel Aviv University) –  
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 Dr. Batya Brutin (Bar-Ilan University)  
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 Prof. Esther Fuchs (University of Arizona)  
 Prof. Dorota Glowacka (University of Kings College)  
 Prof. Myrna Goldenberg (Montgomery College - emerita)  
 Prof. Atina Grossman (Cooper Union)  
 Prof. Sonja M. Hedgepeth (Middle Tennessee State University)  
 Prof. Esther Hertzog (Zefat Academic College; Beit Berl - emerita)  
 Prof. Sara R. Horowitz (York University)  
 Yehudit Kol Inbar (Retired from Yad Vashem)  
 Prof. Janet L. Jacobs (University of Colorado, Boulder)  
 Prof. Marion Kaplan (NYU)  
 Prof. Bozena Karwowska (University of British Columbia)  
 Prof. Phyllis Lassner (Northwestern - emerita)  
 Dr. R. Ruth Linden (Tree of Life)  
 Lilly Meier (University of Munich)  
 Prof. Dalia Ofer (Hebrew University - emerita)  
 Prof. Lisa Pine (London South Bank University)  
 Prof. Melissa Raphael (University of Gloucestershire; Leo Baeck College, London)  
 Dr. Joan Ringelheim of blessed memory (Retired from USHMM - United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)  
 Prof. Rachel Rojanski (Brown University)  
 Dr. Rochelle Saidel (Remember the Women Institute)  
 Prof. F.K. Schoeman (University of South Carolina)  
 Dr. Naama Shik (Yad Vashem)  
 Prof. Zoe Waxman (University of Oxford)  
 Prof. Louise Vasvari (NYU)  
 Prof. Lori R. Weintrob (Wagner College)  
 Prof. Lenore Weitzman (George Mason University)

## 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

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**Dr. Noah Benninga**, Postdoctoral Fellow, The Hebrew University in 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. Lonneke Geerlings**, independent researcher

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

**Ido Gilad**, independent researcher

**Netta Goldman**, independent researcher

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

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**Dr. John Löwenhardt**, independent researcher

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**Meier Lilly**, University of Munich

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

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## 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

## Members of the "Poland Forum"

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**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.

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

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## 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 Kiriya Motzkin Municipality and the Ministry of Education, in 1994 she founded the Mashmaut (Holocaust, Tradition, Values, Rebirth) Center in Kiriya 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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## 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

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**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)

## 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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**Paula Greta Barak**, Independent Researcher

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

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

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

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

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**Dr. Avi Weber**, Lawyer

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## Dr. Sylvia Hershcovitz



**Dr. Sylvia Hershcovitz** completed her PhD dissertation at the Israel and Golda Koschitsky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University, 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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## 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.

## **Hungary Forum**

During 2022, through the initiative of Binyamin Avrahami, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research created its "Hungary Forum". Binyamin Avrahami is the forum coordinator and its steering group includes Dr. Ayala Nedivi and Dr. Yehuda Hartman. The forum includes researchers and educational\commemorative activists who deal with the history of Hungarian Jewry right before, during and after the Holocaust. It was conceived as a framework for sharing information about publications, symposia, conferences, and workshops that deal with these topics, and to foster cooperative ventures between forum members and others in various countries. In addition to its meetings, the forum also has an internet list that is used to share information with other forums of the Finkler Institute.

## Hungary Forum Members

**Biniamin Avrahami**, Forum coordinator, independent scholar, Member, Hungary Forum Committee

**Dr. Jehuda Hartman**, independent scholar, Member, Hungary Forum Committee

**Dr. Ayala Nedivi**, Spiegel Fellow, Finkler Institute, independent scholar, Member, Hungary Forum Committee

**Yuval Alpan**, independent scholar

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**Agnes Shemesh**, Jewish Studies Library, Bar-Ilan University

## Biniamin Avrahami



**Biniamin Avrahami** was born in Transylvania, then part of Communist Romania to Holocaust survivor parents. He is familiar with Yiddish, Hungarian and Romanian cultures. He made *aliyah* in 1958 with his parents and sister, and grew up in Rehovot. He studied biochemistry for a bachelor's degree at Bar-Ilan university and a MSc degree at the Hebrew University. He was a lecturer, an educator and a board member of the Academic College "Givat Washington".

In 1987, he joined Bar-Ilan University as Assistant Head of the Department of Life Sciences, accompanying the development of the department. Upon the department becoming a faculty, he became its first Head of Administration, a post he held until his retirement.

He has been interested in and has studied Yiddish literature for a better understanding of the Jewish world before the Holocaust.

For the past six years he has been an active member of the board of directors of "Testimony House" for the heritage of religious Zionism and the commemoration of the Holocaust, located in Nir Galim.

Biniamin's main concern is the characterization of local leadership in the Dej and the Maros-Vasarhely communities, during the Holocaust. Particularly, the connections with the National Rescue Committee, the treatment of refugees from Poland and Slovakia, the attitude towards the Zionist youth movements, the connection with the forced laborers from their community and other questions that can teach us about their functioning at such a crucial time for our people.

## Dr. Jehuda Hartman



**Dr. Jehuda Hartman** specializes in the history of Hungarian Jews in modern times. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish History from Bar Ilan University and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of California in Los Angeles. Was associated with several universities and research institutions in Israel, the US and Canada. Hartman developed computerized mathematical systems for an international consortium, which were implemented in Europe, Japan and the US. He founded an Israeli company for developing industrial optimization systems and was its chief scientist. Hartman is a recipient of the Israel national defense prize. His book 'Patriots without Homeland: Hungarian Jewish Orthodoxy from Emancipation to Holocaust' appeared in 2020.

Dr. Hartman wishes to further his study of Hungarian Jewry since the Emancipation. He is also collecting material on Holocaust Heroine Mala Zimetboim.

## Dr. Ayala Nedivi



**Dr. Ayla Nedivi** taught history and civics in high school, and as a teaching supervisor. At the same time, she studied at the University of Haifa in the departments of Jewish History, Hebrew Literature and Eretz- Israel Studies. The subject of her dissertation was **"The Palestine Office in Budapest: Its actions in saving Jews from 1943-1945 and their formulation in the collective memory"** (2009).

She worked at the Jerusalem College, at the Institute for Holocaust Studies, and has been involved in a variety of issues related to the Holocaust and its inclusion in the education system, such as writing quiz books and questions for a bi-annual Holocaust quiz. She also participates in research on various subjects, most of them related to Hungary, such as the project on introductions in the books of rabbis that constitute a historical document on the Holocaust, as well as diaries and memoirs

She published various articles and the book **"Between Krausz and Kasztner - The Struggle for the Rescue of the Hungarian Jews"** (2014), and the book **"Rescue from Tangier"** (2017), which she wrote with Rebbetzin Esther Farbstein.

Dr. Nedivi continues to explore the rescue program known as the **"Kasztner Train"**. Among the questions that she explores are: When, how, and why was the program developed? What was the train's real destination? What were the politics conditions when the train departed? What happened during the three days that the train stopped at the Hungary-Austria border and why? Who were struggled for the release the passengers from Bergen-Belsen and in which conditions? How did the implementation of the rescue program affect the efforts of the rescue of Hungarian Jewry? And more.

## Symposia and Conferences 2022-2023

- 1) Sept. 9, 2022 - Book Launch together with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, *Researchers Remember: Research as an Arena of Memory for Descendents of Holocaust Survivors, A Collected Volume of Academic Autobiographies*, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz together with Prof. Shmuel Refael.
- 2) October 31, 2022, "Remnants Tell the Story". Dr. Tamir Hod interviewed Yoram Haimi who spoke about the excavations at the Sobibor extermination camp, the artifacts that were uncovered, and how our knowledge of the camp's physical structure, scope, and functioning changed as a result of the excavations. Gil Faran and Dr. Itzik Pass also spoke at the event.
- 3) November 9, 2022, the 84<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Kristallnacht* – a Zoom book launch together with the Library and Information System at Bar-Ilan University, for our book: *The List: The Making of an Online Transnational Second Generation Community*, Bern: Peter Lang, 2022, edited by Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.
- 4) October 14 – 16, 2022 The Finkler Institute assisted in the support of an in-person conference entitled: "Reflective Culture of Holocaust Remembrance: Education, Global Perspectives and Challenges" held under the joint auspices of Yad Vashem, Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Education, the Sal Van Gelder Institute for Holocaust Instruction and Research, UNESCO, The World Zionist Organization, The Israel Academy of Sciences, The Dahan Institute, and the Finkler Institute. Jerusalem and Ramat Gan.
- 5) January 4, 2023 joint in-person 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. Rachel Levy-Drummer, who spoke about "The Reawakening of the Memory of the Bitoula-Monastir Community in Macedonia".
- 6) January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 an in-person event in which Dr. Avraham Huli's film "Jews Rescuing Jews During the Holocaust" was shown, after which there was a discussion panel.
- 7) On January 24, 26, 27, and 28 2023, the Finkler Institute together with Habima – Israel's National Theater, sponsored in-person

discussion groups following four plays about the Holocaust, to commemoration International Holocaust Memorial Day. The joint event was planned by Dr. Joel Rappel, Senior Forum Researcher and Senior Advisor on Enrichment Activities.

- 8) April 19, 2023 in-person 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.
- 9) May 7, 2023, Zoom book launch for *Psychoanalytic and Cultural Aspects of Trauma and the Holocaust: Between Postmemory and Postmemorial Work*, London: Routledge, 2023, edited by Rony Alfandary and Judy Baumel-Schwartz.
- 10) June 7, 2023, End of year in-person conference - **New Research About the Holocaust.**
- 11) Six Zoom lectures are being held in conjunction with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, based on the new core exhibition for which Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz served as historian\curator on the curatorial team.
- 12) Five Zoom lectures are being held in conjunction with the "Poland Forum" coordinated by Dr. Lea Ganor.
- 13) Bi-weekly Zoom lectures are being held within the framework of the "Spiegel Fellows Forum", coordinated by Dr. Itzik Pass.
- 14) Three Zoom lectures are being held within the framework of the new "Hungary Forum", coordinated by a board consisting of Dr. Ayala Nedivi, Dr. Jehuda Hartman and Biniamin Avrahami.
- 15) Four Zoom lectures on women in the Holocaust are being held together with the Gender Studies program and the Fanya Gottesfeld-Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism at Bar-Ilan University.