Writing the Unwritable – an Inter-disciplinary Approach to Holocaust Postmemory

On-line conference to be held on January 24th, 2021

19.30-21.30 Israeli Time

The memory of the Holocaust continues to preoccupy and haunt millions around the world. The impact of the experience of having survived the Holocaust or being relatives of people who were alive during that time, is being transmitted from generation to generation as Postmemory. To keep this transgenerational postmemory from becoming poisonous, it metamorphoses into a positive enterprise: postmemorial work.

The conference is held under auspices of The Finkler Institute for Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University in partnership with the School of Social Work of the University of Haifa and the Louis & Gabi Weisfeld School of Social Work, Bar-Ilan University.
19.30-19.40 - Opening: Greetings: Rector – Prof. Amnon Albeck

19.40-19.50 - Opening Remarks - Rony Alfandary, PhD

**19.50- 20.35 - Session 1**

**Post- Trauma in History, Psychology and Memory**

**Moderator: Prof. Atina Grossmann**

Participants: Bella Sagi, PhD - "Lounging in memories that were never mine":

  Bibliotherapeutic processes in the "Creating Memory" venture,

  Prof. Laura Hobson Faure - The Historian, the Survivor and Family Narrative: A Complicated Story

Holli Levitsky, PhD - ‘Every Family Saved a Jew’: and Other Challenges to Polish Post-Memory

Yael Shalom-Zedak, MA - “Between Language and Silence” - A Psychoanalytical Perspective on Writing and Erasing Trauma

Adelheid Schmitz - History and Holocaust Education on a Campus

Mooli Brog, PhD - The Yellow Star of Valor: The IDF and Holocaust Memory
20.35 – 21.15 - Session 2

Post-Trauma in Literature, Art, and Representation

Moderator: Prof. Phyllis Lassner

Participants: Prof. Sara Horowitz Zayde - In the Archives

Prof. Victoria Aarons - The Intergenerational Transfer of Memory and Trauma in Holocaust Graphic Narratives

Erga Heller, PhD - Let the Monster in? Illustrations of Autobiographical Memories and the Question of Historical Accuracy in Contemporary Holocaust Hebrew Children’s Literature

Nitsa Dori, PhD - Games and Toys of the Holocaust period as reflected in five Children Books

Naama Reshef, PhD - From Silent Memory to Emotional Memory in Nava Semel's book 'And the Rat Laughed'.

Oshri Bar-Gil, PhD candidate - Never Forget - The Net Will Remember

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Registration

The conference will be held by Zoom on January 24th, 2021 between 17.00-20.00 Israeli Time

Participation is free but only by pre-registration. The papers will be delivered in English. Abstracts will be available nearer the time and will be sent to registered participants only.

Please register at this link by December 30th, 2020, stating your name, profession, affiliation country of residence and email address.

You will receive a Zoom link for the conference nearer the time. Looking forward to meeting you!