

# TELLING THE STORY: TEACHING THE CORE- HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

## Conference Program

### Monday, June 18, 2012

- 13:00-17:00 Optional  
-Guided tours of Holocaust History Museum  
-Guided tours of Holocaust Art Museum  
-The Reflections Center  
-The Visual Center
- 18:00 Buses will take the participants from the hotels to Yad Vashem
- 18:30-20:00 SUPPER at Yad Vashem
- 20:00-21:30 Opening Ceremony will take place at the Valley of the Communities

Opening Remarks:

**Rabbi Israel Meir Lau**, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council

Musical Interlude: **Chava Alberstein**

- 21:30 Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to the hotels

### Tuesday, June 19, 2012

### Learning Day

- 8:30 Buses will take the participants from the hotels to Yad Vashem
- 9:00-10:30 Plenary Session
- 9:00-9:15 Greetings:  
**Dorit Novak**, Director, the International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem  
**MK Gideon Sa'ar**, Minister of Education, Israel
- 9:15-9:45 Opening Plenary Session  
**Avner Shalev**, Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate

*Title of the presentation:* **The Educational Challenges We Face in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

9:45-10:30 Keynote Lecture  
**Michael R. Marrus**, Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus of Holocaust Studies, University of Toronto

*Title of the presentation: "Lessons" of the Holocaust and the Ceaseless, Discordant Search for Meaning*

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 Breakout Session I – The conference participants will be assigned to 1 of 3 sessions of core topics of the Holocaust.

Lectures:

**1. Professor Dina Porat** – Yad Vashem Chief Historian, The International Institute for Holocaust Research

*Title of the presentation: Antisemitism and Nazi Racial Ideology*

**2. Professor Dan Michman** – Head of the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Incumbent, John Najmann Chair of Holocaust Studies

*Title of the presentation: New Research on Ghettoization*

**3. Dr. David Silberklang**- Senior Historian, International Institute for Holocaust Research; Editor, *Yad Vashem Studies*

*Title of the presentation: New Research on the Final Solution*

12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30 Breakout Session II –Each participant will choose to participate in one of the following presentations:

- 1. Pre-War Jewish Life 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> century Germany**- Professor Guy Miron
- 2. Modern Antisemitism 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century** – Professor Rafi Vago
- 3. Nazi Ideology and the Jews**- Dr. Yaacov Lozowick
- 4. Armed Resistance in the Ghettos and Forests**- Dr. Yitzhak Arad
- 5. The Final Solution/ Killing Sites and Death Camps**- Dr. Gideon Greif
- 6. The Vatican and the Jews**- Dr. Iael Nidam-Orvito
- 7. Righteous Among the Nations/ Jews saving Jews**- Irena Steinfeldt
- 8. The Eichmann Trial** – Gavriel Bach
- 9. WWII and the Holocaust**- Dr. Daniel Uziel
- 10. Jewish Women in Auschwitz-Birkenau**- Dr. Naama Shik

- 11. Literary Responses to the Holocaust-** Dr. Alan Rosen
- 12. Nazi Medicine in the Holocaust-** Dr. Benjamin Gesundheit
- 13. Art and the Holocaust-** Yehudit Shendar
- 14. Jewish Children and the Holocaust-** Shulamit Imber
- 15. Faith and Philosophical Issues during the Holocaust-** Rabbi Dr. Pesach Schindler

15:30-16:00 BREAK

16:00-17:30 Breakout Session III – Each participant will choose to participate in one of the following presentations:

- 1. Antisemitism Today-** Professor Rafi Israeli
- 2. Nazi Germany and the Jews– 1933-1939-** Dr. Doron Avraham
- 3. The Allies and the Holocaust-** Dr. Rob Rozett
- 4. The Holocaust in North Africa-** Dr. Irit Abramski
- 5. The Final Solution/ Who gave the order?-** Dr. Daniel Uziel
- 6. Righteous Among the Nations/ Jews saving Jews-** Irena Steinfeldt
- 7. Pursuing Nazi War Criminals-** Dr. Efraim Zuroff
- 8. Survivor Testimony in a Post-Survivor World-** Dr. Haim Getner
- 9. Literary Responses to the Holocaust-** Dr. Alan Rosen
- 10. Jewish Doctors in the Holocaust-** Shulamit Imber
- 11. The Dilemmas of Religious Jews in the Holocaust-** Shani Lurie
- 12. Art and the Holocaust-** Dr. Rachel Perry
- 13. Music and the Holocaust-** Tamar Machado
- 14. Motherhood in the Face of Extermination -** Dr. Frumi Shchori
- 15. The Holocaust as Represented in Film-** Liat Benhabib

17:30-18:00 COFFEE BREAK

18:00-19:00 Lecture

**Professor Yehuda Bauer-** Academic Advisor, Yad Vashem

*Title of the presentation: Teaching the Holocaust in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*

19:00 Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to the hotels

**Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

**Pedagogical Day**

8:30 Buses will take the participants from the hotels to Yad Vashem

9:00-11:00 Plenary Session:

Topic: **Challenges in making the Holocaust Relevant in a changing world**

Chairperson: **Dorit Novak**, Director, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Greetings: **Zvi Inbar**, Senior Consultant on Allocations

Speakers:

**Shulamit Imber**, Pedagogical Director, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

**Professor Michael Berenbaum**, Director, Sigi Ziering Institute of Jewish Studies, American Jewish University, USA

**Dr. Wolf Kaiser**, Educational Director, House of the Wannsee Conference, Germany

**Professor Robert Wistrich**, Neuburger Professor of European and Jewish History and Director of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-13:00 Session I – educational workshops  
15 classrooms  
2 presentations in each classroom- each presentation will be 45 min

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30 Session II – educational workshops  
15 classrooms  
2 presentations in each classroom- each presentation will be 45 min.

15:30-16:00 BREAK

16:00-17:30 Session III – educational workshops  
15 classrooms  
2 presentations in each classroom- each presentation will be 45 min

17:30 Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to the hotels

FREE IN EVENING

**Thursday, June 21, 2012**

**Special Interest Groups Day**

8:00 Buses will take the participants from the hotels to Yad Vashem

9:00-11:30 Plenary Session:

Topic: **Challenges in Holocaust education today- Where are we going?**

Chairperson: **Dr. William Shulman**, President, Association of Holocaust Organizations

**Speakers:**

**Professor Alvin Rosenfeld**- Director, Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana University, USA

*Title of the presentation:* **The End of the Holocaust? Holocaust Memory in the 21st Century**

**Professor Deborah Dwork** – Director, Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, USA

*Title of the presentation:* **Teaching the Holocaust at the University- the Challenges**

**Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen**, Professor of Jewish Thought and Director of the Hasidic Text Institute at Hebrew College, USA

*Title of the presentation:* **The Place of the Holocaust in Jewish Education**

**Dr. Piotr M. A. Cywiński**, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, Poland

*Title of the presentation:* **Holocaust Education at a Memorial Site- the Challenges**

11:30-12:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30-14:30 Session I – break up into 3 special interest groups (each participant will be assigned to an interest group according to their workplace.

**1. Directors and Educational Directors of Holocaust museums and centers and Jewish museums worldwide**

**Topic: Holocaust Education- Parallels and Distortions**

**Members of the Panel:**

Avner Shalev	Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate	Israel
Peter J. Fredlake	Director, National Outreach for Teacher Initiatives, USHMM	USA
Jacques Fredj	Executive Director, Memorial de la Shoah	France
Richard Freedman	Director, South African Holocaust & Genocide Foundation	South Africa
Zvi Civins	Director of Education, Jewish Holocaust Center – Melbourne	Australia
Graciela Nabel de Jinich	Executive Director, Museo del Holocausto de Buenos Aires	Argentina
Ilya Altman	Executive Director, Russian Holocaust Foundation- Moscow	Russian Federation

**2. Jewish educators in both formal and informal Jewish Education**

**Topic: The Challenges of teaching the Holocaust in Jewish education- within formal and informal institutions**

**Members of the Panel:**

Rabbi Nochum Kaplan	Director, Central Education Office for Chabad in the Gola	USA
Dr. Marc Kramer	Executive Director- Ravsak	USA
Prof. Leonard Saxe	Brandeis University – Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies	USA
Rabbi Kenneth Brander	Dean, Yeshiva University- The Center for the Jewish Future	USA
Rabbi Shlomo Riskin	Chancellor, Ohr Torah Institutions	Israel

**3. Educators teaching a Holocaust curriculum on the college/university level and in public/ private and parochial high schools**

**Panel Moderator: Mark Weitzman, Director of Government Affairs  
Simon Wiesenthal Center, USA**

**Members of the Panel:**

Prof. Marcia Littell	Stockton College- NJ- Prof. of Holocaust and Genocide Studies	USA
Prof. Konrad Kwiet	Sydney University -. Prof. in Jewish Studies and Roth Lecturer in Holocaust	Australia
Ian Jones	Principal, Milton District High School, OT	Canada
James LaMacchia	St. Mark's School, Southborough, MA	USA
Paula Cowan	University of the West of Scotland, Senior lecturer in the School of Education	Scotland

14:30-15:00 BREAK

15:00-16:00 Session II- break up into 10 groups- Holocaust Survivor Testimony

16:00-16:45 COCKTAIL BREAK

16:45-18:00 The closing session will take place in the Auditorium of the International School for Holocaust Studies

Chairperson: Leonard Asper, CEO of The Fight Network

Keynote Lecture in memory of Izzy and Babs Asper

**Dr. Samuel Pisar**, International Attorney, Author, Holocaust Survivor,  
Honorary Ambassador UNESCO Special Envoy for Holocaust Education

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