

EAJS Conference The Hasidic Century: New Perspectives on Hasidism in the 20th and 21st Centuries

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Monday 20 June

Arrival

16:00-17:30 Kosher dinner (boxed)

17:30 City walk (optional; all welcome)

Tuesday 21 June

9:00-9:40 Coffee and snacks

9:40 **Opening remarks:** Marcin Wodziński, Wojciech Tworek, Uriel Gellman

10:00-12:00 Panel 1. Contemporary Hasidic Culture

Chair: **Gadi Sagiv**

Lily Kahn and Sonya Yampolskaya: Trilingual Hasidic children's literature in the 21st-century

Jessica Roda: Decentering and Expanding Creativity: Women's Agency and the Kol Isha Market in North American Hasidic circles

Yitzhak Melamed: The initiation of 'Ayems': musical rituals among Karlin Hasidim

12:00-12:30 Coffee break

12:30-14:30 Panel 2. Hasidic and neo-Hasidic narratives

Chair: **Ora Wiskind**

Chen Mandel-Edrei: Representations of Erets-Yisrael in Hasidic literature from the 1930s Satmar

Philip Schwartz: Khayim Yitskhok Bunin's Approach to the History of Judaism and Hasidism

Ariel Evan Mayse: The Poet's Corner: The Legacies of Hasidism and the Writings of Zelda Schneurson Mishkovsky

14:30-15:30 Lunch

15:30-17:30 Panel 3. Perspectives on Hasidic education in interwar Poland

Chair: **Daniel Reiser**

Wojciech Tworek: Student formation at a Hasidic yeshiva: the case of Tomkhe Temimim
Warsaw

Marta Dudzik-Rudkowska: Kalonimus Kalman Shapiro's kuntrasim as a testimony on Jewish
education in pre-war Poland

Naomi Seidman: How does Bais Yaakov fit into the history of Hasidism?

17:30-19:00 Dinner

19:00-20:00 Ada Rapoport-Albert Memorial Event

Monika Jaremków and Wojciech Tworek: presentation of Ada Rapoport-Albert's Collec-
tion from the Library of the Taube Department

Naftali Loewenthal and Lily Kahn: reflections on Ada and her scholarship

Wednesday 22 June

9:00-10:00 Coffee and snacks

10:00-12:00 Panel 4. Aspects of Hasidic Leadership

Chair: **Naomi Seidman**

Levi Cooper: Belzer rebetzen: models of Hasidic female leadership

Marcin Wodziński: How to marry charisma? Dynastic strategies of Hasidic leadership

Gadi Sagiv: Memoirs of the personal servants of tsadikim

12:00-12:30 Coffee break

12:30-14:30 Panel 5. Canonical texts across generations

Chair: **Don Seeman**

Naftali Loewenthal: Rabbi Shneur Zalman's Gate of Unity and Faith as a basis for spiritual
contemplation – then and now

Ora Wiskind: 'On the Way' – a return to the Sefat Emet

Eli Rubin: The Bati le-gani discourses: 20th-century Chabad's intertextual and intergenera-
tional garden

14:30-15:30 Lunch

15:30-17:30 Panel 6. New perspectives on interwar Hasidism

Chair: **Yitzhak Melamed**

Jonatan Meir: The Renaissance of Bratslav Hasidism in interwar Poland

Leore Sachs-Shmueli: The rebbe-painter: a study of a Hasidic Zionist homiletical work in Palestine between two world wars

Uriel Gellman: Beyond Ger and Piaseczno: varieties of Hasidism in interwar Poland

17:30-19:00 Dinner

19:00-21:00 Screening of *Divan*, a film by **Pearl Gluck**, followed by Q&A with the director moderated by Karolina Szymaniak

Thursday 23 June

9:00-10:00 Coffee and snacks

10:00-12:00 Panel 7. Hasidism between doctrine and social practise

Chair: **Leore Sachs-Shmueli**

Don Seeman: An Ethiopian Jew Goes to Uman: What we can learn about Hasidism from its collisions with others

Alla Marchenko: Local discourses connected to the Hasidic pilgrimages in Uman and Leżajsk during the outbreak of COVID-19

Daniel Reiser: The doctrine of tsimtsum in Hasidism and its contemporary social implications

12:00 Lunch and the conclusion of the conference

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16:00 End-of-the-year-party in the Taube Department (all welcome)

Welcome: **Marcin Wodziński, Katarzyna Liszka, Wojciech Tworek**

16:30 Keynote lecture: **Naomi Seidman:** Psychoanalysis for Diabetics:

Freud in the Popular Yiddish Press

18:00 Exhibition finissage: students of the Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art and Design in Wrocław, under the tutelage of **Marcin Czeski**

Party time!