International Conference:
Holocaust Documentation in the Territories of the FSU
Current Issues of Mapping, Accessibility and Usage
October 18-20, 2015

Sunday, October 18
Constantiner Hall, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

8:30-9:00 Gathering

9:00-9:45 Session 1: Opening
Moderator: Haim Gertner, Director, Archives Division, Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation, Yad Vashem
Greetings:
Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate
Anna Perelman, Regional Director, Genesis Philanthropy Group, Israel
Masha Yonin, Director of the Archival Acquisition Department, Yad Vashem Archives: Presentation of the Program

9:45 – 11:00 Session 2: Current Archival Legislation and the Accessibility of Documents on the Holocaust (round table)
Moderator: Haim Gertner, Director, Archives Division, Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation, Yad Vashem

- Tatiana Baranova, Director of the State Archival Service, Ukraine
- Olga Biriukova, First Deputy Director of the Department for Archives and Records Management of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus
- Ramojuš Kraujelis, Chief Archivist, Office of the Chief Archivist, Lithuania
- Ihor Kulyk, Director, Security Service Archives (SBU), Ukraine
- Larisa Rogovaya, Representative of the Russian Federal Agency, Deputy Director of the State Archives of the Russian Federation
- Mara Sprudza, Director of National Archives Management in Latvia

Discussion with the participation of:
- Zholnerkevich Grigori, Head of the scientific exploitation of documents and information of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus
- Travnikova Anelia, Deputy Director of the Russian State Archives of the Social Political History, Chief Keeper of the Archival Stock
- Ingune Slaidina, Deputy Director of the National Archives Management in Latvia

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Sessions 3: Identification of Holocaust Documentation in General Archival Collections in the FSU (round table)
Moderator: Efim Melamed, Coordinator and Scientific Editor of the International Archives Project Judaica in Ukraine

- Ilya Altman, Head of the Holocaust Educational Centre, Russia
- Benjamin Lukin, Head of the Eastern Europe Department In the Central Archives of the History of the Jewish People, Israel
- Yuri Radchenko, Yad Hanadiv/Beracha Foundation post-doctoral Fellow Israel/Ukraine
- Natalia Makorskaya, Director of the Central State Archives of the Supreme Bodies and Government of Ukraine, Kiev
- Evgeni Rozenblat, Assoc. Professor of History, State Brest University, Belarus
- Arkadi Zeitser, Director of the Center for Research of the Holocaust in the USSR, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

Discussion with the participation of:
- Natalia Makorskaya, Director of the Central State Archives of the Supreme Bodies and Government of Ukraine, Kiev
- Elena Kushnova, Deputy Director of the National Archives of the Republic of Belarus
- Ovidius Liveris, Director of the Lithuanian Special Archives
- Pavel Cherny, Director of the State Archives of Gomel Region, Belarus

12:30 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Visit to the Visual Center and presentation by Haim Gertner: “The Yad Vashem Archives: Facts and Figures” Visit to the Children’s Memorial

14:30 - 15:45 Session 4: Joint Projects for Improving Accessibility to Holocaust Collections
Moderator: Wesley Fisher, Director of Research, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Head of the Claims Conference - World Jewish Restitution Organization Looted Art and Cultural Property Initiative

- Veerle Vanden Daelen, Coordinator of “Data Identification and Integration”, European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI), CEGESOMA, Brussels, Belgium: “The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI)’s work on the former Soviet Union: A digital infrastructure and a human network connecting archives, archivists and researchers”

- David Fishman, Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Director, Jewish Archival Survey in Russia and Ukraine, New York: “Holocaust Findings of the Jewish Archival Survey in Russia and Ukraine”

- Vadim Altskan, Senior Project Director, International Archival Programs Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM, Washington: “New US Holocaust Memorial Museum Archival Projects in the Former Soviet Union”

- Masha Yonin, Director of the Archival Acquisition Department, Yad Vashem Archives: “Yad Vashem Acquisition Projects in FSU Archives as an Engine for Improving Accessibility to Holocaust-related Documentation”

Discussion

15:45 – 16:00  Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00  Session 5: Access to Holocaust Digital Collections – Challenges and Open Questions
Moderator: Sigal Arie-Erez, Director of the Cataloguing Department, Yad Vashem Archives

- Kyrylo Vyslobokov, Director, Archival Information Service, Kiev: “Towards the Open Access Strategy: Digitization of Holocaust Related Holdings in Ukrainian Archives and Libraries”

- Larisa Rogovaya, Deputy Director of the State Archives of the Russian Federation, Moscow: “New Metadata on the Record Group of the Extraordinary Commission for Investigation of Nazi Crimes (ChGK) – New Achievements and Possibilities”

- Olga Tolokonsky, Head of Data Integration Section, Yad Vashem Archives Division: “Accessibility through Automation: Data Integration of Archival materials”

Discussion with the participation of:

- Anatoli Lvov, Cross border E-archive Project Digitalization, the National Archives in Latvia
- Ala Poletajeva, Cross border E-archive Project Digitalization of the Lithuanian Central State Archives

19:00  Dinner in the Restaurant “Noya” (by invitation)

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Monday, October 19
Room 212, International School for the Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

8:30-9:00  Opening Lecture
Moderator: Anat Kutner, Deputy Director of the Archival Acquisition Department, Yad Vashem Archives
Alexander Avram, Director of Hall of Names, Archives Division, Yad Vashem: “What Do We Know Today about Holocaust Victim’s Names from the FSU”

9:00 – 10:00  Session 6: Challenges in Identifying the Missing Names of the Holocaust Victims in FSU Archives
Moderator: Alexander Avram, Director of Hall of Names, Archives Division, Yad Vashem

- Vitalija Gircyte, Director of the Information Service Department, Kaunas County Archives: “Records on Kaunas Jews of 1919-1940 - Challenges of Identifying People”

- Johannes Ibel, Head of Historical Department. Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Memorial: “Identifying Soviet POWs in Concentration Camps by Matching SS Records with Wehrmacht Card Files in the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defense (TSAMO)”

- Dalius Zyzis, Director of the Central State Archives of Lithuania, Vilnius: “Using of the Database Created in the Lithuanian Central State Archives for Searching Jewish Names and Documents”

Discussion

10:30 – 10:15  Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:30  Session 7: Updates on the Research into Jewish Refugees and Evacuees
Moderator: Vadim Altskan, Senior Project Director, International Archival Programs Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM, Washington

- Ilya Altman, Head of the Holocaust Educational Centre, Moscow: “On the Issue of Refugees from Lithuania - Mapping the Documentation on Ch. Sughikhara in the Russian and Foreign Archives.”

- Vyacheslav Selemenev, Chief Archivist of the National Archives of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk: “The Documentation of the National Archives of the Republic of Belarus on the Issue of the Refugees from Poland, September 1939 - June 1941”

- Zeev Levin, Coordinator of Central Asian research group at the Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: “Jewish Refugees in Their Hosting Environment in Central Asia”

- Esther Voloshin, Head of Names Indexing Project, Yad Vashem Archives Division: “Yad Vashem Evacuees’ Names Indexing Project”

Discussion
11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:45 Session 8: Pre- and Post-War Documentation as a Source for Holocaust Research
Moderator: David Fishman, Professor of History, Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Director, Jewish Archival Survey in Russia and Ukraine, New York
- Virginia Cijunskiene, Director of the Lithuanian State Historical Archives, Vilnius: “Utilizing the Birth Death/Deportation Records for the Creation of the Personal Stories of the Lithuanian Jews”
- Lyudmila Sholokhova, Head Librarian, Acting Chief Archivist, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York: “Resolving the Puzzle: the YIVO Archives Pre-War Collections at the Crossroads of Modern Holocaust Studies”
- Karina Barkane, Executive Director, Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Latvia, Riga: “Documents of the State Archives of Latvia on Jewish Religious Life in Latvian SSR (1944-1953)”

Discussion

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Session 9: Use of Digital Collections in Online Research Projects: Test Cases
Moderator: Lital Beer, Director, Reference and Information Services, Yad Vashem Archives
- Irina Ferentseva, Director of the Memorial Drobitsky Yar, Kharkov: “The Website of the Drobitsky Yar Memorial as a Joint Project for Accessing Data Related to the Holocaust in Kharkov”
- Vladimir Barskiy, independent researcher, Kharkov: “Using Modern Information Technology for the Presentation of Holocaust-related Archival Data in a Multilingual Format”
- Shlomit Shulkhani, Project Coordinator, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem: “The Untold Stories. The Mass Murder of Jews in the Occupied Areas of the Soviet Union during WWII – Methodology and Sources”

Discussion

14:30 – 15:00 Mid-Conference Summary Discussion
Chair: Haim Gertner, Director, Archives Division, Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation, Yad Vashem, Israel

15:00 – 17:30 Tour of the Holocaust History Museum (in Russian) guided by Masha Pollak-Rozenberg, Director, Study Seminars Department, The International School for Holocaust Studies

Tuesday, October 20
Room 209, International School for the Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

8:30 – 9:30 Session 10: Latest Discoveries Pertaining to the FSU in Archives
Moderator: Masha Yonin, Director of the Archival Acquisition Department, Yad Vashem Archives
- Kestas Remeika, Vice-Director of the Lithuanian Special Archives, Vilnius: “The Collection of Displaced Persons Files in Lithuanian Special Archives as a Source for Studies of the History of the Holocaust”
- Gintaras Druckus, Director of the Kaunas County Archives: “Involvement of New Archival Document Record Groups within the Context of Holocaust Research”
- Neringa Latvite-Gustaitiene, Head of the History Research Department, the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, Vilnius: “The Documents of the Vilnius University Archive as a Source for Holocaust Research”

Discussion

9:30 – 9:45 Coffee Break

9:45 – 11:00 Session 11: From Archival Document and Testimony to Current Research – New Investigations Regarding the Holocaust in the FSU
Moderator: Arkadi Zeltser, Director of the Center for Research of the Holocaust in the USSR, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem
- Diana Dumitru, Assoc. Professor of History, Fulbright Scholar, Georgetown University: “Glimpses from the Secret Police Files: Antisemitism in Romania and the Soviet Union Before the Holocaust”
- Christoph Dieckmann, researcher, Fritz-Bauer-Institut, Frankfurt am Main: “Learning about Lithuania under German Occupation in Archives in the former Soviet Union”
- Evgeni Rozenblat, Assoc. Professor of History, Brest State University, Belarus: “Passport Questionnaires of Jewish Residents as a Statistical Source for the History of the Brest Ghetto”

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:30  
**Session 12: Jews in the Red Army**  
*Moderator: Daniel Uziel*, Head of the Photo Archives, Yad Vashem Archives  
- **Pavel Polian**, Professor, Moscow/Freiburg: “Documents on the Holocaust, Death Camps, Concentration Camps and POW Camps in the Fonds of the Military Medical Museum”  
- **Anna Volkovich**, Cultural Studies, Saint Petersburg: “Health Care Workers’ Memoirs in the Fonds of the Military Medical Museum as a Source on the History of Holocaust”  
- **Arkadi Zeltser**, Director of the Center for Research of the Holocaust in the USSR, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem: “Jews in the Red Army: Online Biographical Accounts as an Archival Project”  
- **Aron Shneer**, Hall of Names, Yad Vashem: “Antisemitism in the Red Army”  

**Discussion**

12:30 – 13:15  
**Lunch Break**

13:15 – 14:00  
**Closing Session – Round Table**  
**Chair: Masha Yonin**, Director of the Archival Acquisition Department, Yad Vashem Archives

14:00 – 17:30  
**Tour to the Old City (in Russian)**

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**Wednesday, October 21**  
**Tour of the Dead Sea and Region**

8:30 – 9:00  
**Gathering in the lobby of the hotel**

9:00 – 18:00  
**Tour**