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April 5, 2016 | Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 14 Ibn Gabirol St. Jerusalem

9:00-10:00 Opening Session: The Middle East in the 1930s and 1940s: Characteristics and Major Developments

Chair: Haim Saadoun, Director of the Documentation
Center of North African Jewry During WWII, Ben-Zvi
Institute; The Open University, Ra'anana

Greetings:

Dan Michman, Head of the International Institute
for Holocaust Research and Incumbent of the John
Najmann Chair of Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem,
Jerusalem; Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan

Yaacov Yaniv, Director of Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem

Keynote Address:

Norman Stillman, University of Oklahoma
**Touched by the Winds of War: Middle Eastern
Jewry During World War II**

10:00-11:30 Session 1: Backgrounds

Chair: Dan Michman, Yad Vashem

Stefan Petke, Technical University, Berlin
**1941 As A Turning Point. Nazi Germany's Changing
Perception of the Middle East.**

Franck F. Salameh, Boston College
**Lebanese Jews Between Rootedness and Exile;
Braving World War II, the Holocaust, and Their
Aftermath**

Izzet Bahar, Independent Scholar, Pittsburgh
**Turkish Jews in France During WWII and a Curious
American Ambassador in Ankara: Laurence A.
Steinhardt**

Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 Session 2: Images of Jews

Chair: Haggai Erlich, Emeritus, Tel Aviv University
Denisa Nestakova, Comenius University in
Bratislava

**The Image of the Jews on Pages of "Die Warte
des Tempels" in Mandatory Palestine**

Joël Kotek, ULB & Sciences Po Paris
**Zionism and Palestine in Nazi Caricature
(1933-1944)**

Jean Laloum, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-
Sorbonne and Researcher at GSRL (EPHE-CNRS)
**Family Photographic Heritage of Jews from the
Middle East**

Edy Cohen, Bar-Ilan University
**Radio Berlin in Arabic: The First Nazi Radio
in Arabic**

Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Session 3: Jewish Experiences of Persecution

Chair: Tuvia Friling, Ben-Gurion University of the
Negev

Chen Bram, Truman Institute, The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem
**Memory and Commemoration: The Divided
Holocaust Experience of Caucasus 'Mountain'
Jews**

Jacqueline Semha Gmach, University of Southern
California, Shoah Foundation, The Institute for
Visual History and Education

**Four Iraqi Jews' Testimonies - Their Life Stories
Prior, During and After World War II**

Orly Rahimiyan, Ben-Zvi Institute
"Iran's children" in the Shadow of World War II

Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:30 Session 4: Responses of Jewish Communities to the Persecution in Europe

Chair: Eyal Ginio, Chairman of the Ben-Zvi Institute
for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

Esther Webman, Tel Aviv University
**Manifestations of Solidarity: The Egyptian
Jewish Community Responds to the Nazi
Persecution of German Jews**

Guy Bracha, Bar-Ilan University
**How to Translate 'Ghetto' into Arabic? The Coverage
of the Holocaust in a Lebanese Jewish Newspaper**

Corry Guttstadt, Hamburg University
**Reactions to the Holocaust by the Jewish
Communities in Turkey**

Discussion

18:30 Conclusion: State of Research and Challenges (Closed Session)

Chair: Iael Nidam-Orvieto, Yad Vashem

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