



# 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
  - **Ramojus 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 Makovskaya**, 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 Zeltser**, 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 Makovskaya**, 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 of the Lithuanian Special Archives
  - **Pavel Cherny**, Director of the State Archives of Gomel Region, Belarus
- 12:30 – 13:30**      **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)

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 Giricyte**, 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 Drobitskiy Yar, Kharkov: “The Website of the Drobytsky 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”
  - **Yuri Radchenko**, Yad Hanadiv/Beracha Foundation post-doctoral Fellow: “Auxiliary Police, Self-Government and the Holocaust in Memories of the Gentile Population in Donbas (analyzing Yahad In Unum Testimonies)”
- 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)**

**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**