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Histories, Memories and Legacies: Jewish Refugees and Evacuees in the Soviet Union during the Second World War

June 22-23, 2014

Abba Eban Hall – The Harry S. Truman Institute, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem, Mount Scopus Campus

Day 1 (June 22)

10:00 Registration

10:10 - 10:25 Greetings

Reuven Amitai, Dean, The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem

Jonathan Dekel-Chen, Academic Chairman, The Leonid Nevzlin Research Center
for Russian and East European Jewry

10:25 - 11-15

Organizational Action for the Recognition of Refugees and Evacuees

Ambassador Reuven Merhav, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Claims
Conference : *The Claims Conference Experience and the Recognition of Refugees and
Evacuees*

Alexander Berman, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hazit Ha-Kavod
Association: *Israeli legislation and recognition of Refugees and Evacuees*

Luke Gasiorowski, Vice President, Helping Hand Coalition: *Helping Hand Coalition
and the Survivors in Israel*

11:20 - 12:50 **Session 1: The Process**

Chair: Yaacov Ro'i (Tel Aviv University)

Ilia Altman (Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center, and Russian State University for Humanities/ Moscow): *A Transit of Jewish Refugees through Soviet Territory on the Eve of the War: New Documents*

Olga Aleksejeva (University of Latvia, Riga): *A Survey of Personal Record Files (Cards) of Jewish Evacuees from Latvia (June 1941)*

Kiril Feferman (Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center/ Moscow): *To Flee or not to Flee: Hesitations among Jews from Kiev*

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 2: In Evacuation, Part 1**

Chair: David Engel (New York University)

Zvi Zohar (Bar-Ilan University): *Two Halakhic Responsa Reflecting Wartime Realities, Qyzyl-orda, 5702 (1941/2)*

Arkadi Zeltzer (Yad Vashem): *Soviet-Jewish Soldiers' Reactions to Antisemitism in the Soviet Interior*

Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto): *Evacuation and Escape of Soviet Jewish Elders and Children in 1941*

16:00 - 17:30 **Session 3: In Evacuation, Part 2**

Chair: Yitshak Arad (Yad Vashem)

Shachar Beer (JDC Archive, Jerusalem): *Back to the USSR: JDC Relief for Refugees*

Marina Potemkina (Magnitogorsk State University): *Evacuees and Jews: Survival Strategies in Military Society*

Irina Rebrova (Technical University, Berlin): *Traumatic Childhood: Surviving in the North Caucasus*

Zeev Levin (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Refugees, Evacuees and the Host*

Day 2 (June 23)

09:00 - 10:30 Session 4: Evacuation and Gender

Chair: Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

Natalie Belsky (University of Chicago): *Proving One's Mettle: Transformed Gender Roles Within Soviet Jewish Evacuee Communities*

Eliyana R. Adler (University of Maryland): *Polish Jewish Women in the USSR: Changing Roles and Realities*

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts, Amherst): *Feminizing Evacuation in Soviet Films*

11:00 - 12:30 Session 5: The Aftermath

Chair: Robert S. Wistrich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Vadim Altskan (Holocaust Museum, Washington DC): *Unwanted Guests in their Own Home: the Return of Ukrainian Jews to Soviet Ukraine (1944-1945)*

Marcus Nesselrodt (Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg): *(Not) Remembering Soviet Exile in World War II: A Polish-Jewish Case Study*

14:00 - 15:30 Session 6: Sources and Archival Collections*

Chair: Anna Shternshis (University of Toronto)

Arkadi Tsfasman (Independent Scholar, Berlin): *Recollections of Holocaust refugees published in Germany*

Ester Voloshin (Yad Vashem): *Yad Vashem Evacuees' Names Indexing Project*

Leonid Terushkin (Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center/Moscow): *Letters and diaries of Soviet Jews on the life during evacuation*

Alexander Baron (Association Mitzva, Alma-Aty): *Kazakhstan Archives and community projects*

16:00 - 17:15 Session 7: Memories and Publications, Part 1*

Chair: Ефим Кипнис, Всеизраильское объединение беженцев, переживших Катастрофу

Александр Берман (Движение «Хазит хаКавод» и Союз ученых-репатриантов Израиля): *Доминантные темы в воспоминаниях беженцев Холокоста* (по книге «Эвакуация. СССР.1941-1945гг.», опубликованной в Израиле в 2009г.)

Семен Швейбиш (Независимый исследователь, Израиль): *Антисемитизм во время Холокоста на неоккупированных территориях СССР (1941-1945гг)*

Михаил Бейзер (Еврейский университет в Иерусалиме): *Тель-Авив – Москва – Томск: эвакуация глазами бывшей палестинской коммунистки Леи Трахтман-Пальхан*

Лев Слобин (Журналист, Израиль): *Воспоминания беженцев Холокоста, опубликованные в Минске (Белоруссия) в 2009 году*

17:30 - 19:00 Session 8: Memories and Publications, Part 2*

Chair: Александр Берман, Движение «Хазит хаКавод» и Союз ученых-репатриантов Израиля

Александр Кутузов (Мемориальный музей обороны и блокады Ленинграда): *Эвакуация из Ленинграда*

Игорь Коган (Журналист, Израиль): *Интернет-сайт www.lost-childhood.com*

Григорий Рейхман (Журналист, Израиль): *Воспоминания беженцев Холокоста, опубликованные в книге «Как хочется жить», 2011*

Макс Вексельман (Независимый исследователь, Израиль): *Воспоминания беженца Холокоста*

19:15 - 20:00 Concluding Session

Chair: Alexander Berman, Hazit Ha-Kavod Association

*The session will be conducted in Russian

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