MEMORY IN CONTEXT:
HOW TO READ EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH EGODOCUMENTS

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Monday, May 27
11:30-12:30 Registration
12:30-13:00 Opening & greetings

13:00-15:00 Session 1: EGODOCUMENTS IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD
Chair: Marcin Wodziński (University of Wrocław)

Avriel Bar-Levav (Open University of Israel):
The Emergence of the Printing Self: Egodocuments in Early Modern Paratexts of Polish Jewish Writers
Anat Vaturi (University of Haifa):
Jewish Autonomy from Within: Reading the Ethical Will of Abraham Horowitz
Maria Cieśla (Polish Academy of Science):
'Mnie wiele miłościwy Panie'. Correspondence between Magnate Patrons and their Jewish Advisors as a Special Type of Egodocument
Oren Roman (University of Haifa, Ben Gurion University of the Negev):
The First Person Narration in Early Modern Yiddish Poems

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 Session 2: EGODOCUMENTS AND GENDER
Chair: Barbara Pendzich (University of Wrocław)

Mirosława Bułat (Jagiellonian University):
'A Rose among Thorns?' Contextualizing the Egodocuments of a Yiddish Actress Performing in Russia and Poland
Katarzyna Czerwonogóra (Tel Aviv University):
Puah Rakovsky's "Memoirs of a Jewish Revolutionary" as a Source for Reconstructing the Development of a Jewish Feminist Orientation

16:45-18:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE: Michael Stanislawski (Columbia University)
How to Read Diaries as Egodocuments: The Case of Isaac Babel

18:00 Reception

Tuesday, May 28
9:00-11:00 Session 3: EGODOCUMENTS AND LITERATURE
Chair: Joanna Lisek (University of Wrocław)

Eugenia Prokop-Janiec (Jagiellonian University):
Letters Written by Jews to Polish Writers as Nineteenth Century Jewish Egodocuments
Magda Sara Szوابowicz (Jagiellonian University):
A Hebrew Writer in Interwar Poland in the Light of Personal Documents
Dorota Burda-Fisher (University of Haifa):
What Happened and What Could Have Happened – Between History and Dreams. The Lieberman House in Nahariyah in Beno Lieberman's Letters
Samuel Barnai (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Sholem-Aleichem’s Oeuvres as Egodocuments

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 4: EGODOCUMENTS OF JEWISH YOUTH
Chair: Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

David Assaf, Yael Darr (Tel Aviv University): What Kind of Ego Can a Pupil’s Letter Reveal? The Case of the Tarbut School in Nowy Dwór
Neta Shapiro (University of Haifa):
Egodocuments of Members of Hashomer Hatzair in Poland 1919-1939
Kamil Kijek (University of Wrocław): Autobiography’s Strange Afterlife. YIVO Autobiographies of Jewish Youth as a Source for Research on Polish-Jewish History after the Holocaust

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session 5: EGODOCUMENTS IN THE 20TH CENTURY
Chair: Marcos Silber (University of Haifa)

Joanna Nalewajko-Kulikov (Polish Academy of Science):
Editing Unpublished Ego-Documents. The Case of Emanuel Ringelblum’s Ghetto Notes
Noam Leibman (University of Haifa):
How Did Jewish Policemen Tell Their Story in Memoirs from Their Time?
Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):
In and Out of Poland: The Memoirs of One Jewish Emigrant

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15 Tour of Jewish Wrocław

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, May 29
10:00-11:30 Session 6: BETWEEN TWO WORLDS
Chair: Anat Vaturi (University of Haifa)

Marcos Silber (University of Haifa): Between Two Worlds? Discourse, Argumentation, and Biographical Narrative: The Example of Apolinary Hartglass
Agnieszka Jagodzińska (University of Wrocław):
How Can We Read Egodocuments Written by Jewish Converts?
Uriel Gellman (Bar Ilan University):
Between the Communal and the Individual. An Unknown Autobiography by Arie Leib Feinstein (1821-1903)

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-12:45 Closing remarks & discussion:
Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Michael Stanislawski (Columbia University),
Marcin Wodziński (University of Wrocław)