

# WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

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## PROGRAM

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**TUESDAY 10. 10. 2023.**

13:00 – 14:30 Coffee and registration

14:30 – 15:10 **Conference opening**

Address by Co-founders and Co-directors of WHISC Lily Zamir and Yaakov Asher, Director of IFDT Gazela Pudar Draško, Coordinator of ShoahLab Milovan Pisarri, representative of Haver Srbija Dragana Stojanović, Lee Beckman, Claims Conference, Ambassador of Israel in Serbia H. E. Mr. Yahel Vilan

15:10 – 15:40 **Keynote lecture** (video)

**Yehuda Bauer**, Professor Emeritus of History and Holocaust Studies at the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Academic Advisor to Yad Vashem

***Why is the History of Women in the Holocaust Important and the Necessity of Researching it***

15:40 – 15:50 Short break

15:50 – 16:30 **Keynote lecture** (video)

**Carol Rittner**, Distinguished Professor Emerita of Holocaust & Genocide Studies, and Dr. Marsha Raticoff Grossman Professor Emerita of Holocaust Studies, Stockton University of New Jersey, USA; Honorary President of WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center

***Women Shaping Holocaust Studies***

16:30 – 16:40 Short break

16:40 – 18:10 Parallel sessions:

**Panel I Women's Body** (fourth floor)

Chair: **Ljiljana Pantović**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

**Beverley Chalmers**, WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center (Canada) (video)

*Manipulating Birth to Implement Genocide*

**Sarah Valente**, Sandra Kahn Wasserman Jewish Studies Center, Baruch College, City University of New York (USA) and **Coral Katave**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (USA)

*Women in the Holocaust: The Abandonment of Medical Ethics*

**Angela Ford**, The University of Texas at Dallas (USA)

*Sex for Life: Conditions That Necessitated Sexual Barter in the Holocaust*

**Panel II Faith** (first floor)

Chair: **Dragana Stojanović**, Faculty of Media and Communications, Singidunum University; Haver Srbija (Serbia)

**Alex Kor**, Witham Health Services; Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (USA)

*Eva Kor: From Transylvania to Tel Aviv to Terre Haute – A Journey of Hope, Healing and Forgiveness*

**Shannon Quigley**, Weiss-Livnat Center for Holocaust Research and Education, University of Haifa (Israel)

*When Women Entered the Conversation: Post-Shoah Jewish-Christian Dialogue and the Religious Thought of Women*

Walking together to the Belgrade Jewish Community

19:00 – 21:00 **Evening Cocktail at the Gallery of Belgrade Jewish Community**

**WEDNESDAY 11. 10. 2023.**

9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and registration

10:00 – 10:40 **Keynote lecture**

**Krinka Vidaković Petrov**, Principal Research Fellow, Former Ambassador of Yugoslavia to Israel, Director of „Staro Sajmište“ Memorial Center, Republic of Serbia

***The Gender Perspective in the Writings by Jewish Women Holocaust Survivors in Yugoslavia***

10:40 – 11:00 Short break

11:00 – 12:30 Parallel sessions:

**Panel III Memories and Memoirs 1** \*Dedicated to the memory of Ruth Bondy (fourth floor)

Chair: **Krinka Vidaković Petrov**, „Staro Sajmište“ Memorial Center, Republic of Serbia (Serbia)

**Tal Bashan**, „Beit Terezin“ Holocaust Remembrance Center for the Czech Jewry, Kibbutz Givat Haim Ichud (Israel)

*Feminine Dilemmas in the Ghetto and Concentration Camp: The Testimonies of Ruth Bondy*

**Roseanna Ramsden**, School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, University of Leeds (UK)

*Reanalyzing Familiar Narratives: Representations of Queerness in Women's Published Testimonies of the Holocaust*

**Sara R. Horowitz**, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University in Toronto (Canada)

*„Since When Can't a Virgin be a Whore?": The Dynamics of Shame and Agency in Women's Accounts of the Shoah*

**Stanislava Barać**, Institute for Literature and Art (Serbia)

*A Possible Approach to the Holocaust Experience and Memory Activism*

**Panel IV Memories and Memoirs 2** \*Dedicated to the memory of Prof. Rachel Brenner (first floor)

Chair: **Lily Halpert Zamir**, David Yellin Academic College of Education, Jerusalem; WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center, Givat Haviva (Israel)

**Batya Brutin**, Beit Berl Academic College, Bar-Ilan University; WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center, Givat Haviva (Israel)

*Halina Olomucki: Art as Documentation*

**Pnina Rosenberg**, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa (Israel)

*„My War Adventures: 1 September 1939 – ?“: Dora Schaul’s Autographic Diary in Rieucros French Women’s Camp*

**Dana Mihăilescu**, University of Bucharest (Romania)

*Haunting Specters of Holocaust Perpetration and Victimhood Reconstituting a Young Child’s Memory Lens: On Miriam Katin’s Graphic Memoirs „We Are on Our Own“ and „Letting It Go“*

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee break

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel sessions:

**Panel V Resistance 1** (fourth floor)

Chair: **Sarah Valente**, Sandra Kahn Wasserman Jewish Studies Center, Baruch College, City University of New York (USA)

**Lily Halpert Zamir**, David Yellin Academic College of Education, Jerusalem; WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center, Givat Haviva (Israel)

*The Lily of Birkenau – The Writings of Lili Kasticher*

**Eva Fogelman**, Child Development Research (USA)

*Gender as a Dynamic in Women Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust*

**Joanna Sliwa**, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (USA)

*An Unlikely Rescuer: A Jewish Woman Who Saved Thousands of Poles During the Holocaust*

**Paul Kutner**, The American University (USA)

*Intersectionality: Female and Gay Resistance in Dieulefit*

**Panel VI Resistance 2** (first floor)

Chair: **Verena Meier**, Research Centre on Antigypsyism, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

**Bruna Lo Biundo**, Past/Not Past (France) and **Caroline François**, Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris (France)

*The Diverging Fates of Perla Golda and Mindla Diament: Two Polish Jewish Sisters in the French Resistance*

**Alessandro Matta**, Sardinian Shoah Memorial Association (Italy)

*Sardinian Jewish Women During the Holocaust – Between Resistance and Genocide*

**Sylwia Szymańska-Smolkin**, Södertörn University in Stockholm (Sweden)

*The Fabrics of Resistance: The Contribution of Female Jewish Couriers in the Second World War*

14:30 – 16:30 Lunch break

16:30 – 18:00 **Panel VII Motherhood** (fourth floor)

Chair: **Joanna Sliwa**, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (USA)

**Dalia Ofer**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel) (online)

*Mothers and Motherhood in the Ghettos: Re-considering the Images from Diaries and Testimonies*

**Micaela Procopio**, Gratz College (USA)

*Clandestine Abortions as Resistance During the Holocaust*

**Tiarra Cooper**, University of Massachusetts Amherst (USA)

*Gendered Bodies as Sites of Reproductive Investigation: Probing Female Holocaust Survivors' Fertility 1940–2022*

**Free evening**

**THURSDAY 12. 10. 2023.**

9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and welcome (meeting at „Staro Sajmište“ Memorial Center)

10:00 – 11:30 **Staro Sajmište tour** (led by historian Dr. Milovan Pissarri)

11:30 Organised bus to the IFDT

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 **Panel VIII Victims and Perpetrators** (fourth floor)

Chair: **Milovan Pissarri**, ShoahLab: Holocaust Studies Laboratory, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

**Verena Meier**, Research Centre on Antigypsyism, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

*The Genocide of Sinti and Roma From a Gender-Historical Perspective*

**Claire Topsom**, Royal Holloway University in London (UK)

*Female „Asocials“: The Unworthy Victim*

**Jesse Tannetta**, Gratz College (USA)

*Female Perpetrators Within the Concentration Camp System*

**Randi Becker**, University of Passau (Germany)

*Research Projects with Prospective Teachers on Local Women History in Gießen*

14:00 – 16:00 Lunch break

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions:

**Panel IX Art and the Holocaust** (fourth floor)

Chair: **Pnina Rosenberg**, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa (Israel)

**Roy Horovitz**, Bar-Ilan University; David Yellin Academic College (Israel)

*Actresses as Memory Keepers: The Stories of Lea Koenig and Miriam Zohar, Israel Prize for Theatre Laureates*

**Nevena Daković**, Faculty of Dramatic Arts, University of Arts in Belgrade (Serbia)

*Écriture Féminine of the Holocaust: Hilda Dajč and Diana Budisavljević*

**Jane Saginaw**, The University of Texas at Dallas (USA)

*Poetry of Women in the Holocaust*

**Tamara Plećaš**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

*Unveiling the Emotions of Love, Fear, and Hope: Women of the Holocaust*



## **Panel X Narratives and Politics** (first floor)

Chair: **Vera Mevorah**, ShoahLab: Holocaust Studies Laboratory, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

**Žarka Svirčev**, Institute for Literature and Art (Serbia)  
*Women Writers and the Holocaust in The Jewish Almanac*

**Katarzyna Taczyńska**, Institute of Slavic Studies, the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw (Poland)

*„Minsk, my Minsk, the old Bolshevik“: Sara Kagan’s Poetry as a Mirror of the Transformation and Development of Secular Jewish Culture in the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic*

**Natalija Perišić**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

*Implications of the Holocaust for a Woman – Experiencing the Post-Holocaust Migrant Integration with Sophie Zawistowska*

17:30 – 18:00 **Final words and farewell**

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