BEYOND INTERNAL PARADIGMS

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH LABOR BUND

A Workshop for Graduate Students and Junior Scholars, 31.5 – 3.6., Warszawa, Poland

Jewish Historical Institute, ul Tłomackie 3/5, Warszawa

THURSDAY, 31 MAY

17:30: opening of registration desk at the Jewish Historical Institute
19:00 Welcome Address by the organizers,
19:30 Keynote Lecture Ezra Mendelsohn: The History of the Bund Now and Then

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

9:00-9:30 Opening of the conference
Gertrud Pickhan (Freie Universität, Berlin), Jack Jacobs (City University New York)

9:45-11:00 PANEL I: PROGRAM MATTERS AND SOCIAL PRACTICES
- Frank Wolff (IMIS, Osnabrück University): From Vilna to New York and Buenos Aires. The Bundist Doykeyt in the Age of Great Migrations
- Roni Gechtman (Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax): A Solution that Would Benefit Only the Jews? The Bund’s National Program and the East European Nationalities
- Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

11:15-12:30 PANEL II: BUNDISM AND EDUCATIONAL WORK
- Magdalena Kozłowska (Jagiellonian University, Kraków): "In Sunshine and Joy”? - the Story of Medem Sanatorium in Miedzieszyn
- Yuu Nishimura (Kyoto University): Bundist Educational Activities: Creating "New Culture” and “New People”
- Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan

12:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00 PANEL III: THE BUND AND THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE
- Rachel Feinmark (Univ. of Chicago): When 'here' is 'over there': The Jewish Labor Committee, the Bund, and the Preservation of the Jewish Labor Movement in Europe
- Constance Pâris de Bollardièrè (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): The Jewish Labor Committee and the Bundist movement in France, 1944-1949
- Commentary: Jack Jacobs

15:45-16:15 coffee break

18:00–19:20 PUBLIC FILM SCREENING: Bundâ’im (2012) by Eran Torbiner
Discussion with Eran Torbiner (director) and Yaad Biran

19:30 PUBLIC LECTURE: Jack Jacobs: The Bund in Vilna in the Inter-War Years
**Saturday, 2 June**

9:30-11:30  **Panel IV: Bundist Biographies as a Resource for the History of the Bund**
- Michał Tębs, (University of Łódź): An archetypal bundist – Israel Lichtenstein, the leader of Łódź’s Bund organization
- Jordana de Bloeme (York University, Toronto): Khayim Shloyme Kazdan and “International Yidlishism”
- Silvia Hansman (IWO, Buenos Aires): Pages from a life history: the radicalization process of Anne Rosenthal
- Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan

11:45–13:00  **Panel V: Local Histories or Central Issues?**
- Sandrine Mayoraz (Basel University): The Jewish Labor Bund in Switzerland
- Agnieszka Wierczolska (Freie Universität, Berlin): "A Socialist Conscience and a Jewish Heart" – Bund, PPS, and Yidnishkayt from a Microhistorical Perspective
- Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn

13:00-14:30  lunch break

14:30-16:00  **Panel VI: Bundist History after 1945**
- Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat (Warsaw University): The Relationships of Bundists in Poland and Abroad in the Post-War Era: Poland and the United States
- David Slucki (Monash University): The Jewish Labor Bund after 1945: A Reappraisal
- Commentary: Feliks Tych (JHI, Warszawa)

16:00-16:30  coffee break

16:30:  **Research on the Bund: Different Generations - Different Perspectives?**
- A Round Table Discussion with Gertrud Pickhan, Jack Jacobs, Ezra Mendelsohn, Feliks Tych, (Introduction: Frank Wolff)

19:00  **Public Lecture:** Feliks Tych: Rosa Luxemburg’s standpoint towards the Bund

**Sunday, 3 June**

10:00-11:30  **Public Lecture:** Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University): Rising from the Rubble: Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. An Illustrated Program

11:30  Visit of the monument of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

12:30  Optional: Visit of the Jewish cemetery to pay respect to the fallen Bundists