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# **From Rejection to Acceptance: To Be Jewish in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Germany**

The achievements and challenges of the Jewish community in Germany today; consequences of Jewish demographic changes; Jewish identities; Jewish culture and sub-cultures; German-Israeli relationship; antisemitism and attitudes towards 'the other'

**Sunday-Tuesday, 10-12 February 2013  
at Beit Hatfutsot (Tel-Aviv University Campus),  
Bnei Zion Hall**

The conference will be held in English

*Sunday, 10.2.2013*

- **17:00 Greetings**

- **Prof. Raanan Rein**, Vice President, Tel Aviv University;
- **H.E. Mr. Andreas Michaelis**, German Ambassador to Israel;
- **Mr. Walter Klitz**, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty, Israel;
- **Mr. Dan Tadmor**, CEO, Beit Hatfutsot;
- Chairperson: **Prof. Dina Porat**
  - Musical interlude

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>17:45 Opening session – Lights and Shadows: Modern History of Germans and Jews</b></li></ul> |
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- Chairperson: **Prof. Julius H. Schoeps** (MMZ, Potsdam University)
- **Prof. Moshe Zuckermann** (TAU) – Jewish Communities in Both German States, From WWII to Unification;
  - Musical interlude
- **Amb. (ret.) Yoram Ben Zeev** (Former Israeli ambassador to Germany) - The ‘Special Relations’ between Germany and Israel;

*Monday, 11/2/2013*

**• 09:30-11:30 The Politics of Shaping Contemporary Jewish Culture and Identity in Germany**

- Chairperson: **Prof. Maoz Azaryahu** (Haifa University)
- **Dr. Elke-Vera Kotowski** (MMZ, Potsdam University) - Jewish Culture in Germany: Generating New Identities;
- **Dr. Julia Metveev** (Haifa University) – 'Vaterjuden': Jews or Germans? Vladimir Vertlib and Eva Menasse Invite to a Dialogue;
- **Dr. Haim Ghiuzeli** (Beit Hatfutsot) – Back to Roots: Internet Access to Jewish Heritage in Germany;

**• 12:00-14:00 In the Wake of Common Identity: Contemporary Literature and Arts in Germany**

- Chairperson: **Dr. Simcha Goldin** (TAU)
- **Prof. Hanni Mittelman** (HUJI) – Reconceptualization of Jewish Identity as Reflected in Contemporary German-Jewish Humorist Literature;
- **Dr. Michael Elm** (BGU) – Memorial Culture and the Reception of the Holocaust in Contemporary German Films;
- **Mr. Karsten Troyke** (Berlin) – Reviving the Yiddish Culture in Contemporary Germany – Music and Vanguard;

• **15:00-17:30 Tolerance and Ethnic Diversity in German Society**

- Chairperson: **Mr. Walter Klitz** (FNF)
- **Prof. Julius H. Schoeps** (MMZ, Potsdam University) – The Stigma of Homelessness. Dealing with the German-Jewish Heritage;
- **Prof. Gilad Margalit** (Haifa University) – "Bio-Germans" and German Turks – Acceptance or Tolerance?
- **Dr. Julia Eksner** (FUB) – German Israelkritik and the Development of Politicized Identities among Muslim Youths in Germany;
- **Dr. Zsuzsa Breier** (The Hessian Secretary of State for European Affairs) – The Prospects of Minorities, Integration to Mainstream German Society;

• **18:00-19:30 Antisemitism in German Society Today**

- Chairperson: **Dr. Raphael Vago**
- **Dr. Günther Jikeli** (IIERA, Berlin/London): Antisemitism in the Extreme Right and Radical Islamists' Circles;
- **Prof. Monika Schwarz-Friesel** (Technical University Berlin), Antisemitism in the Main Stream of German Society: Empirical Findings;
- **Prof. Lars Rensmann** (John Cabot University, Rome) – Elite Discourse and Public Opinion on Antisemitism and Israel: The Case of Germany in Comparative European Perspective;

*Tuesday, 12.2.2013*

• **10:00-12:30 Jewish-Germans or Jews in Germany**

- Chairperson: **Dr. Haim Fireberg** (TAU)
- **Ms. Edna Herlinger** (Goethe University, Frankfurt) – Religious Self-Images and Identities among Young Russian-Speaking Women in Germany;
- **Dr. Julia Bernstein** (Goethe Uni., Frankfurt) – Paradoxes of Living in Contested “Social Worlds” of Ex-Soviet Jews in Germany;
- **Mr. Zachary Johnston** (Director, Berlin) – The Movie ‘Aliya LeBerlin’? An Inside Look at a New Diaspora (including the movie footages);

• **13:30-15:30 Jewish Education and Re-identification**

- Chairperson: **Prof. Shmuel Feiner**
- Prof. **Michael Wolffsohn** (Bundeswehr University, Munich) – Jewish Identity and Identification in Germany: Past, Present, Future;
- **Prof. Walter Homolka** (Abraham Geiger College, Potsdam) – Educating a New Generation of German Jewish Leadership;
- **Dr. Olaf Glöckner** (MMZ, Potsdam University) - Structures and Programs of Jewish Education in Germany Today;

• **16:00 Closing session - Jews in Germany: Looking Backwards, Looking Forward**

- Chairperson: **Prof. Shimon Yankielowicz** (Pro Rector, Tel-Aviv University)
- **Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger** (Haifa Uni.) – Jews and Germany, a Personal Perspective;
- **Dr. Roni Stauber** – Between Memory and Reconciliation: The “Other Germany” and the Painful Past;
- **Amb. (ret.) Rehuven Merhav** - (Chairman of the CC Executive Committee) – Reparation: Indulgences for Germany or Small Measures of Justice for the Jewish People?
- Closing remarks - **Prof. Eliezer Ben Rafael** (TAU).