Women and the Holocaust

The Sixth International Conference

"Her Story"

Transference Methods of Women's Biographies and Autobiographies from the Holocaust

Simultaneous Translation To Hebrew and to English

March 4-5-6, 2013

Registration at
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Beit Berl College

March 4, 2013, (Library Auditorium)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration
09:30 – 09:45 Conference Opening
Dr. Batya Brutin, Chairperson of the Conference
Prof. Yitzhak Greenberg, Chairman of Academic Council, Beit Berl College
Ms. Colette Avital, Chairperson of the Center of Holocaust Survivor Organizations in Israel
Mr. Chaim Feder, Claims Conference

09:45 – 11:15 Opening Session: My Story… Her Story
Chair: Dr. Batya Brutin

- **My Life Story: the Path to Survival**, Ms. Batsheva Dagan, Israel
- **A Young Girl in the Ghetto and in Wanderings,** Ms. Irit Kuper,Israel
- **A Tunisian Woman in the Holocaust and After: The Extraordinary Story of Gisèle Braka,** Dr. Nina Lichtenstein, USA
- **"The Hidden Cross," Unjustified Guilt Feelings,** Dr. Aaron Seidenberg, Israel

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session A: Transference Methods of the Holocaust Story among Women in the Family
Chair: Prof. Haim Knobler

- **Am I "Second Generation"? The Influence of Generational and Gendered Consciousness on Transference of the Female Story,** Prof. Esther Hertzog, Israel
- **Documentary Film: Past Forward, Journeys to Transnistria,** Ms. Ornit Barkai, USA
- **"In Two Different Landscapes, My Roots…,"** Ms. Tali Shner, Israel

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:15 Session B: Studies Following the Story of Unknown Female Figures
Chair: Ms. Hadas Laor Ashur

- **Not Lost! Margit Bartfeld-Feller's Stories of Deportation from Czernowitz and Siberian Exile,** Prof. Sonja Hedgepeth, USA
- **The Unknown Story of Leah Perlstein - a Leader and Fighter who was Killed during the January 1943 Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto,** Mr. Simcha Stein, Israel
- **Sister Klara Jaroszyńska, a Polish Nun, Righteous among the Nations,** Dr. Margalit Shlain, Israel
- **Pesia Sharshevski – An Ultra-Orthodox Holocaust Survivor Who Broke the Barriers of Gender and Sector,** Dr. Michal Shaul, Israel
- **Gender Aspects in Post-War Haredi Newspapers - The Case of the 'Beit Yaakov' Monthly,** Dr. Mali Eisenberg, Israel

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Session C: A Picture and an Album – 'Other' Representations of the Female Holocaust Story
Chair: Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel

- **Revealed Biographies - Concealed Biographies: the Personal Story in Family Photographs,** Ms. Aiala Wengrowicz Feller, Israel
- **Frieda's Story Woven in a Photograph, Imagination, and in Longing,** Dr. Aliza Florenthal, Israel
- **Mourning and Commemoration in Photo Albums - Memory Work of the Former Hakoah Swimmer Fritzi Lowy (1910-1994)**, Ms. Vida Bacondy
- **littlebird: The Story of a Poem,** Dr. Diti Ronen, Israel

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:00 Panel Session
Were the House Still Standing: Women's Holocaust Testimony: Exploring a Topography of Memory through Digital, Visual, and Oral Storytelling.
Chairs: Prof. Robert Katz and Dr. Douglas Quin, USA
Panel: Dr. Audrey Brunetaux, USA, Dr. Ellen Taylor, USA, Dr. Smadar Sheffi,Israel, Dr. Yvonne Kozlovsky Golan, Israel

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Beit Theresienstadt

March 5, 2013

09:00 – 09:30 Registration
09:30 – 09:45 Opening
Mr. Oded Breida, Director of Beit Theresienstadt

09:45 – 11:15 Session A: Women at the Center of Help and Rescuing
Chair: Dr. Margalit Shlain

- **Hanah Steiner – She Helped Thousands of Jews to Escape in Time, but She Herself Went to Her Death in Auschwitz,** Ms. Ruth Bondy, Israel
- **Resi Weglein - A Glimmer of Light in the Darkness? The Tale of a Nurse in the Theresienstadt Ghetto and Her Help to the Elderly Inmates in Need,** Ms. Tamy Kinberg, Israel
- **Cultural Activity of Hungarian Jewish Women Prisoners in the Camp of Oberhohenelbe**, Dr. Chava Baruch, Israel
- **Women at the Frontier of the Jewish Medical Services in the Ghettos during the Nazi Occupation**, Dr. Miriam Offer, Israel

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:15 Session B: Who is Telling the Story? The Diary, the Youth Movement Member, the Letter, and the Granddaughter
Chair: Ms. Tamy Kinberg

- **Theresienstadt Ghetto Diary by Camilla Hirsch - The Strength and the Necessity to Survive,** Ms. Ruth Elkabets and Ms. Miriam Prager, Israel
- **The Story of One of the Girls from Room 28 in Theresienstadt,** Ms. Hana Drori-Pollak, Israel
- **Etty Hilessum: an Avant-Garde Woman during the Holocaust. A Diary of a Woman in Love,** Prof. Gideon Greif, Israel
- **The Silence of Yearnings - a Unique Story about Three Generations' Correspondence,** Ms. Uzit Dagan, Israel

13:15 -14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:45 Session C: Sexual Violence against Women during the Holocaust: Ways to Consolidate and to Reveal the Personal Narrative
Chair: Prof. Sonja Hedgepeth

- **Manya Horowitz's Testimony: Making Sexual Violence Part of Holocaust History,** Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel, USA and Israel
- **"I didn't know what he was doing to me?",** Dr. Esther Dror and Prof. Ruth Linn, Israel
- **No "Statements" of their Own. Prisoner and Camp Staff Memories Create a Discourse on Forced Prostitutes in Auschwitz-Birkenau,** Ms. Agnieszka Wesel, Poland
- **Representations of Rape and Sexual Abuse in Women's Holocaust Art from 1945 to the Present,** Ms. Mor Presiado, Israel

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session D: "Her Story" through the Group Story in Various Places
Chair: Prof. Esther Hertzog

- **Holocaust Survivor Women Interviewers of the National Relief Committee for Deportees in Hungary, 1945-1946,** Dr. Kinga Frojimovics, Israel
- **"Whose Story/Voice is It?" Women Concentration Camp Survivor Testimonies Given in Groups,** Dr. Rita Horvath, Israel
- **Strategies of Survival: The Experience of the Krakow Ghetto as Remembered and Described by the Jewish Girls and Young Women,** Dr. Edyta Gawron, Poland
- **Slovakian Jewish Women at Auschwitz Camp - Reflections on a Historical Event, Trauma, and Memory,** Dr. Na'ama Shik, Israel

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Beit Lohamei Haghetaot

March 6, 2013

09:00 – 09:30 Registration
09:30 – 09:45 Opening
Dr. Anat Livne, Director of Beit Lohamei Haghetaot

09:45 – 11:15 Session A: Women in the Underground Organizations, Stories from Pages that have Not Yet been Revealed
Chair: Prof. Yael Katzir

- **In Her Voice: The Story of Surika Braverman from the Eretz Israel Paratroops Group,** Prof. Yael Katzir, Israel
- **Rachel Hertz-Roos: Heroine of the Dutch Anti-Nazi Underground,** Dr. Esther Carmel Hakim, Israel
- **"A Personal Commitment from the Heart," My Mother - Ruzka Korchak – Marle,** Ms. Yonat Rotbain Marle, Israel
- **One Woman against Evil: Chaya Lazar from the Vilnius Ghetto to the Partisans' Ranks and from the Bricha Roads to Eretz Israel,** Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar, Israel

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:15 Session B:Women from Warsaw: Known Figures, Less known Stories
Chair: Dr. Anat Livne

- **Zivia Lubetkin: Private Story, Public Story,** Dr. Sharon Geva, Israel
- **"Who is Tosia Altman?" - The Story of a Gestapo Interrogation,** Mr. Ronnen Harran, Israel
- **Forgotten Sister: Shoshana Kossower ("Emilka"), a Liason-Courier in the Warsaw Ghetto,** Mr. Lior Inbar

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Session C: Mothers and Daughters – Between Separation and Reuniting
Chair: Ms. Anat Bratman-Elhalel

- **Kindertransport from Vienna: Alisa and Her Mother's Story,** Ms. Alisa Tennenbaum, Israel
- **The Struggle of a Jewish Mother to Reunite with her Daughter after WW2 – The Story of Rachela Igenfeld Besserman,** Dr. Emunah Nachmany Gafny, Israel
- **Else Dobkowsky - A Heroic Mother. The Story of a Mother Willing to Part from her Children for their Survival,** Dr. Judith Reifen-Ronen, Israel
- **Patching my Biography with Letters from The Drawer,** Ms. Mirjam Bruck-Cohen, Israel

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 Session D: Child, Girl, Woman – the Gendered Story of Adolescence
Chair: Ms. Sippy Adi-Naveh

- **Holocaust Adolescence: Malka Pasternak and Vulnerable Girlhood in the Polish Countryside,** Dr. Jennifer Lewin, USA
- **Simone Lagrange Kadoshe, Guilty to Be Born; a Teenager at Auschwitz,** Prof. Anna Norris, USA
- **"This Is Your Life": Hanna Block Kohner,** Ms. Marcia Reines Josephy, USA

17:15 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30 Closing Session: "Her Story": between Research, Memories, and Literature
Chair: Ms. Tzippi Tal

- **Vlasta Schonova was Left Behind: Memoir of Nava Shean,** Ms. Michal Fram Cohen, Israel
- **"Tattooed on the Flesh":Michal Govrin's "The Name" and Masha Waisel's"Letters to Martha",** Dr. Nitza Keren, Israel

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