



# THE FIRST ANNUAL FORUM FOR YIDDISH STUDIES

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**08:30 Gathering & Coffee**

**09:00 Opening Remarks & Welcome**

**09:15-09:45 KEYNOTE**

*Yiddish Press and the Archive: A Complementary Research Picture*  
Rachel Rojanski, Brown University

**09:45 PANEL I: Yiddish Archives & Collections at the National Library**

*"I Think of You Often": Exploring the Yiddish Archival Collections of the National Library*

Vardit Lightstone, The National Library of Israel

*Letters Across Continents: Reconstructing the Global Reach of Di goldene keyt*  
Jowita Pańczyk, Tel Aviv University

*The Yaakov Leshchinsky Archive*

Maria Kaspina, The Central Archive for the History of the Jewish People

*Yiddish Song in the Archives: Zamlers and Their Collections at the National Library of Israel*

Gila Flam, Jewish Music Research Center, Hebrew University

**11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:45 PANEL II: Personal Archives of Yiddish Writers**

*An Unknown Yiddish Version of a Homeric Scene Discovered in the Sutzkever Archive*

Donna Shalev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Chaim Grade: Confessions of a Tormented Writer*

Yehudah Zirkind, Tel Aviv University

*"Blossom in Ash": On the Notebooks of Rivka Basman Ben-Haim (In Yiddish)*

Roy Greenwald, Ben-Gurion University

**13:00 Lunch Break**

**13:45** **PANEL III: Yiddish in the United States – Press and Beyond**

*Leyb Rochman and the Eichmann Trial in the Forverts*

David Stromberg, Independent Scholar

*The Yidisher Kultur-Gezelshaft and Cultural Autonomy*

Hagit Cohen, The Open University of Israel

*“The Heir of East Broadway”:* Multilingualism and Cultural Exchange in J.L. Teller’s Work

Shahar Levanon, Independent Scholar

**15:00** Coffee Break

**15:15** **PANEL IV: The Politics of Yiddish Across Borders**

*Yiddish Printing in Rome after World War II – Preliminary Remarks*

Claudia Rosenzweig, Bar-Ilan University

*Orthodox Yiddish Press in Warsaw (in Yiddish)*

Dan Weinstock, The Open University of Israel

*Yiddish as a Language of Revolution in the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter, 1917-1920*

Olga Petrova, Central European University

**16:45** Coffee Break

**17:00** **PANEL V: Yiddish and the Arts**

*Image Unavailable: The Exhibition Catalogue as a Site of Reconstructing Yiddish Art*

Noa Tsaushu, Columbia University

*“To Make Childhood Sing”:* Music Teaching in TSISHO Schools in the Light of Press Publications

Agnieszka Jeż, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw

*Prompting Notebooks in Yiddish Theater*

Einat Tamir, Tel Aviv University

*One Discovery Led to Another: Reconstructing the Lost Yiddish World of Georgia*

Lasha Shakulashvili, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

**18:30** **Closing Remarks**

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