

International Conference



Schocken Library Book Hall, photo Alfred Bernheim, Jerusalem

Cultural Restitution and National Reconstruction:

The Jewish Case after WWII

Wednesday, 19 March 2014
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9:00–9:15

Greetings

Reuven Amitai (Dean of the Humanities,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Uzi Rebhun (Head, Institute of
Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem)

Yfaat Weiss (Director, Franz Rosenzweig
Minerva Centre, The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem)

9:15–10:45

Session I: Early Efforts

Chair: **Stefan Litt** (The National Library
of Israel, Jerusalem)

Stefanie Mahrer (Rosenzweig Fellow,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*"Much more than just another private
collection" – The Rescue of Jewish Books
in the '30s*

Ben Barkow (The Wiener Library, London)
*From Amsterdam to London: The Journey
of the Wiener Library*

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:30

Session II: Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Natan Sznajder** (The Academic
College of Tel Aviv–Yaffo)

Dov Schidorsky (The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem)
*Books as Agents of Cultural Memory:
Hannah Arendt's Rescuing of Jewish Culture
Goods after the Holocaust*

12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–16:15

Session III: American Interventions

Chair: **Eli Lederhendler** (The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem)

Dana Herman (The American Jewish
Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio)
*Heirless Jewish Cultural Property:
The American Government's Policy After
World War II*

Elisabeth Gallas (Minerva Fellow,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*Saving the Remnants of Jewish Culture –
American and Jewish Restitution Initiatives
in Post War Germany*

Gish Amit (Mandel Leadership Institute,
Jerusalem)
*Common Past, Competing Futures:
Redistributing Holocaust Victims' Books*

16:15–16:45 Coffee break

16:45–18:15

Session IV: The Aftermath

Chair: **Guy Pessach** (The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem)

Anna Kawalko (Research Student,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*Between Breslau and Wrocław: Disputing
the Saraval Collection after World War II*

Markus Kirchoff (Saxonian Academy
of Sciences and Humanities, Leipzig)
*Questioning Provenances – Jewish Lost
Books in Germany since the 1990s*

18:15–18:30

Concluding Remarks

Dan Diner (The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem)

18:30 Reception

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