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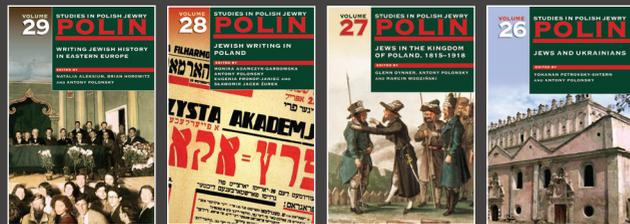
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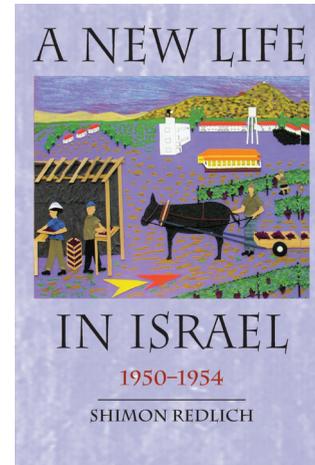
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Wednesday 23 May, 6.30pm – 8pm

2018

Shimon Redlich A New Life in Israel, 1950-54

Shimon Redlich, the noted historian of Russian and Soviet Jewish history, has reflected on his survival during the Holocaust in *Together and Apart in Brzezany* (2002) and about the immediate postwar period which he spent in Lodz in *Life in Transit, 1945-1950* (2010). His latest publication, *A New Life in Israel, 1950-54*, is an account of his arrival in Israel and his adaptation to and integration into Israeli society. The story revolves around three locations and contexts: Kibbutz Merhavia, the town of Afula, and the Israeli army. As in the earlier volumes, Redlich combines personal recollections with interviews and historical records.



We are delighted that Shimon Redlich has agreed to come to London to present his new book, and reflect on the successes and failures of becoming Israeli. The event will be introduced with a short video about revisiting Kibbutz Merhavia, a presentation by the author, and followed by a Q&A with the audience.

Registration available from 15 December 2017 at Eventbrite.

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*Cover illustration: 'Ezra Tzamri: Grape harvest in Merhavia (2002), with permission.



Sunday 17 June, 10am - 6pm

2018

Jewish Roots Workshop

The Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies is planning a Jewish Roots Workshop on the themes of Heritage, Memory, Genealogy, Travelling, Holocaust.

If you have been to Eastern Europe, or researching your family roots in the region, this is an opportunity to share your experiences with others. We will be joined by IPJS historians who specialize in the history of Jews in Eastern Europe. They will be able to offer new insights, enrich our experiences, and perhaps even inspire us to further developments.

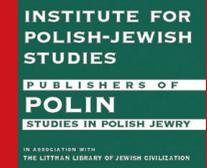
If you have not been to Eastern Europe, and would like to hear from those who have, this workshop is also for you. Perhaps such a trip has been in the back of your mind. This workshop might encourage you to put your toe in the water, and see what happens. Or you might simply want to hear about what is going on in Eastern Europe now.



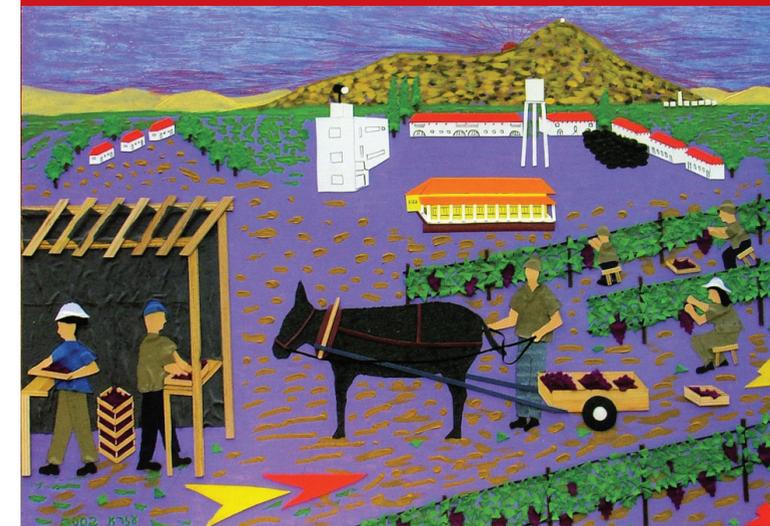
If you are interested, and think you would like to attend this exciting project, please email us at jewishrootsworkshopipjs@gmail.com. Please tell us briefly what prompted you, where you've been and what you've done – or where your Eastern European roots lie.

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Further information will be available at our website <http://polishjewishstudies.co.uk> and on Eventbrite in the New Year. www.eventbrite.co.uk



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2017–2018 Events Programme

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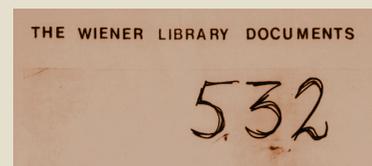
2017 EVENTS

Wednesday 25 October 2017

The Vilna Committee 1939 – 1941: The first link in the chain of documenting the Shoah

Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies in partnership with the Wiener Library

A group of journalists and academics, who had fled Warsaw in September 1939, decided to begin collecting the evidence of the destruction of Polish-Jewry from the start of the invasion of Poland, September 1, 1939. The Vilna Committee eventually comprised around sixty journalists, academics and public intellectuals. This collection is now regarded as the first link in the chain of documenting the Shoah. It includes the early insight that Nazi Germany was intent to destroy Eastern European Jewry.



The Wiener Library
for the Study of the Holocaust & Genocide



29 and 30 November 2017

7th Annual Litvak Days in London

Conference on the Litvak Impact on the Arts

The Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in London, University College London (UCL), Southampton University and the Parkes Institute with the support of The Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies

The impact of Lithuanian Jewry on the traditional fine arts of painting and sculpture music, photography, prose and poetry, theatre and architecture has been significant. We will examine its vibrant manifestations in the context of its complicated history and legacy. Our celebration begins with a performance by the noted Klezmer singer and musician Michael Alpert.



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Tuesday 16 January, 9.30am – 5:30pm

2018

Conference to launch Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry Vol. 30 – Jewish Education in Eastern Europe

Organised by the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies and the Institute of Jewish Studies, UCL. Co-organised and supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and the Polish Cultural Institute, London.

An emphasis on education has long been a salient feature of the Jewish experience, yet the majority of historians of East European Jewish society treat educational institutions and pursuits as merely a reflection of the surrounding culture. As the conference presentations will show, the essays in this volume seek to address this gap. They present education as an active and potent force for change, highlighting the interrelationship between Jewish educational endeavours, the Jewish community and external economic, political, and social forces.

Editors: Elyana Adler and Antony Polonsky. Published by the Littman Library of Jewish Civilization/ Liverpool University Press.

The volume will be available at the conference at a 25% discount.

This event is open to all. Registration is required.

Tickets £15/(£10 students) + £1.27 booking fee, and includes coffee/tea and a kosher lunch.

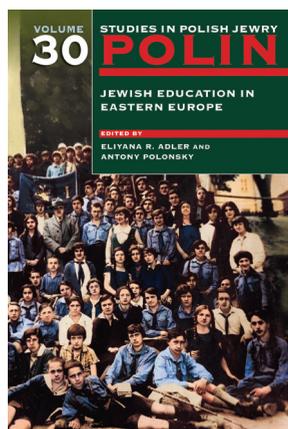
Registration online only, through Eventbrite:
<https://jewisheducation.eventbrite.co.uk>

Early registration is strongly advised

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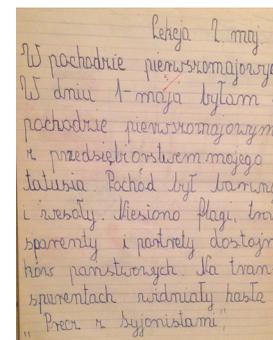


Sunday 25 March, 6:00pm

2018

Politics of Power – The events of March'68 in Poland

In collaboration with UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (UCL SSEES) and supported by a generous grant from Polonia Aid Foundation Trust and the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies.



The 1968 homework of a 7-yr-old girl from Kraków about her obligatory participation in the 1 May parade where she saw anti-Semitic banners among the banners and portraits of communist party dignitaries. Photograph: by K. Zechenter.

Lesson, May 2, 1968.

"I went with my daddy's work for a 1 May march demonstration. The march was colourful and fun. People carried portraits of the dignitaries and different banners such as 'Down With Zionism' and 'Long Live Workers Party'."

A Discussion of the March'68 events in Poland with Krystyna Naszkowska, Joanna Helander, and Dr. Katarzyna Zechenter

This event commemorates March'68 in Poland, when major protests against the communist government led to severe suppression of political freedoms, while the government's anti-Semitic campaign, called 'Anti-Zionist Campaign', culminated in the forced migration of 13,000 Polish Jews, many to asylum in Sweden, Denmark or the US.

Krystyna Naszkowska writes about those forced to leave Poland in her book, *Expelled to the Paradise*. Joanna Helander left Poland for Sweden in 1971. Her film *Returns* (co-directed with Bo Persson) is devoted to reconstructing the history of her Jewish family. Dr. Katarzyna Zechenter's major interests are studies of memory, and how the loss of Poland's Jews is reflected in Polish collective memory.

Registration is required – free and open to all – through Eventbrite:
<https://march68.eventbrite.co.uk>

UCL SSEES, Masaryk Room,
4th floor, 16 Taviton Street
London WC1H 0BW



Wednesday 9 May, 8.30pm – 10.30pm

2018

A Hero for Our Times: Alina Margolis-Edelman, Holocaust survivor and pioneer of humanitarianism

Film and discussion with Dr Joanna B Michlic (UCL Institute for Advanced Studies)

This event is dedicated to Alina Margolis-Edelman (1922-2008), a young nurse in a Warsaw Ghetto hospital who fought in the Warsaw Uprising of August 1944. After the War, she obtained a medical degree and specialized in paediatrics, becoming renowned for her innovative methods of treatment. Forced to emigrate during the anti-Semitic purge of 1968, she moved to France, working for *Medicins du Monde* in the most disadvantaged areas of the world, in addition to her regular medical practice. After the fall of communism, Margolis returned to Poland, and created the *Nobody's Children Foundation* devoted to the care of abused, abandoned and poor children.



Edyta Wróblewska, a graduate of the Andrzej Wajda Film School, created the 20-minute documentary *Ala z elementarza* ('Ala of the Reading Primer'), a testimony to Margolis' dedication to humanitarian causes. The film screening will be followed by a short lecture by Dr Joanna Beata Michlic and Q&A session.

Tickets £7.50/5.00 available in the New Year from Eventbrite.

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