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**From Rejection to Acceptance:**
**To Be Jewish in 21st 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, Bnei Zion Hall, Tel Aviv University

The conference will be held in English
Sunday, 10.2.2013

• 17:00 Greetings
  o Prof. Raanan Rein, Vice President, Tel Aviv University;
  o H.E. Mr. Andreas Michaelis, German Ambassador to Israel;
  o Mr. Walter Klitz, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty, Israel;
  o Mr. Dan Tadmor, CEO, Beit Hatfutsot;
  o Chairperson: Prof. Dina Porat
    ➢ Musical interlude

• 17:45 Opening session – Lights and Shadows: Modern History of Germans and Jews
  o Chairperson: Prof. Julius H. Schoeps (MMZ, Potsdam University)
  o Prof. Moshe Zuckermann (TAU) – Jewish Communities in Both German States, From WWII to Unification;
    ➢ Musical interlude
  o 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
  o Chairperson: Prof. Maoz Azaryahu (Haifa University)
  o Dr. Elke-Vera Kotowski (MMZ, Potsdam University) - Jewish Culture in Germany: Generating New Identities;
  o Dr. Julia Matveev (Haifa University) – 'Vaterjuden': Jews or Gentiles? Vladimir Vertlib and Eva Menasse Invite to a Dialogue;
  o 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
  o Chairperson: Dr. Simcha Goldin (TAU)
  o Prof. Hanni Mittelmann (HUJI) – Reconceptualization of Jewish Identity as Reflected in Contemporary German-Jewish Humorist Literature;
  o Dr. Michael Elm (BGU) – Memorial Culture and the Reception of the Holocaust in Contemporary German Films;
  o 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) – Biodeutsche Majority and Almanci Minority – 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);

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**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).